

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT:

ALTON B PARKER OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

HENRY G. DAVIS OF WEST VIRGINIA.

For Congressman, 13th District: EDWARD ROBB.

STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Governor:

JOSEPH W. FOLK, of S. Louis.

For Lieutenant-Governor:

THOMAS L. RUBEY, of Macon County.

For Secretary of State:

SAM. B. COOK, of Audraia County.

For Auditor:

ALBERT O. ALLEN, of New Madrid Co.

For Treasurer:

JAMES COWGILL, of Jackson County.

For Attorney-General:

ELLIOTT W. MAJORS, of Pike County.

For Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner:

H. R. OGLESBY, of Johnson County.

IRON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Representative:

JOHN C. HORN.

For County Judge—Southern Dist.:

MARION LEWIS.

For County Judge—Western Dist.:

WARREN C. JOHNSON.

For Collector of the Revenue:

P. W. WHITWORTH.

For Prosecuting Attorney:

CHAS. P. DAMRON.

For Assessor:

JAMES LEWIS.

For Sheriff:

JOHN W. POLK.

For Treasurer:

J. N. LEWIS.

THE G.-D. complains that this is "a mud-throwing campaign." Great Scott!

ALL good Democrats will heartily support the ticket, from President down to Constable, but I don't think I am unreasonable in insisting that the ticket also support itself clear through. And in the open daylight, too.

Who of all the late contestants for the Governorship shows up in the round-up better than Harry Hawes? Whoever may be doubtful in loyalty to the ticket, he stands pat in obedience to the decision of the Democratic party. If success be dependent upon worth and good faith, Mr. Hawes' political career is but well begun.

WHEN the editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat on March 21, 1895, wrote the following editorial on Walbridge's administration as mayor, he had no idea that the Bell Telephone president would ever be a candidate for governor. It said:

It is an open secret that franchises of all kinds are obtained by bribery, and there is reason to believe that fellows with itching palms do not confine their dishonesty to that or any other particular class of ordinances. When bills are introduced, they are closely scanned to see if they offer any chance for the levying of tribute, and those which seem to present such an opportunity are "held up" until a certain amount of money is paid on their passage. This is not a matter of idle assertion or malicious surmise, but of common understanding; and the victims submit to the robbery because that is the only way in which they can secure what they want.

With Walbridge for governor the "hold up" system would reach its highest state of perfection at Jefferson City—arguing from the strictly Republican point of view.

In the '50s, the State of Missouri, then under Democratic administration, granted \$36,000,000 aid to railroads then building, taking a first mortgage upon them as security for the re-payment of the amount so advanced. The properties thus mortgaged were worth double the money loaned them. In the '60s, the Republicans then being in power, the roads, saving the Hannibal & St. Joe, were sold for default in payment of interest—sold at a tithe of their value, to favored purchasers—sold at a time when chances for "grafting" were exceptionally good and never disregarded. The Hannibal & St. Joe also, defaulted, but before the Saints could get at it, the Democrats came again into power and under their administration that road was sold, paying every cent of its indebtedness, principal and interest. The other roads, sold to favored investors, went for a song, and the State was saddled with an interest-bearing debt of about \$23,000,000—a souvenir of Republican rule. This is the true story of the debt which subsequent Democratic administrations finally extinguished; yet some of my Re-

publican contemporaries have the adamantine "cheek" to assert that was only "a Democratic debt," after all.

THE truth as to the "Indian outrages" alleged to have been perpetrated in St. Louis in connection with the late Democratic primaries is being judicially developed. According to the reports given out at the time, no man's life was safe within a hundred yards of the polls unless he wore a Hawes badge. The 28th ward was cited as the place where the "Indians" wore their fullest war-paint and massacred the innocents with an atrocity known only to the utmost of diabolical savagery. Blood-curdling tales were scattered broadcast over the State by the McLeod bureau for the edification of the rural voters. These stories were supplemented by indictments against prominent St. Louis Democrats, charged with the commission of crime at the polls. This of course gave the color of truth to the lying assertions, made for political effect, and those of us who were skeptical were denounced or sneered at because of our natural depravity or lack of perception. "The Francis boys" incident was made much of and honest credulity was horrified. One John J. Lavin was pointed out as the chief offender, and the rural mind pictured him as a savage bespattered with the gore of his victims—with tomahawk upraised and the devil's own fire in his eyes. Lavin was one of the indicted, with the names of Perry Francis and David Francis, Jr., endorsed on the indictment as witnesses. Well, his trial came up one day last week. A dozen witnesses for the State gave their evidence under oath. The defense introduced no testimony. I give that of "the Francis boys" in full from the official record:

D. R. Francis, Jr., being duly sworn in behalf of the State, testified as follows:

Direct examination by Mr. Williams.

Q. State your name? A. D. R. Francis, Jr.

Q. You are connected with the D. R. Francis Commission Co.? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were you present at the polling place, at Delmar and Taylor avenues, in this city, on the afternoon of March the 12th of this year? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you see John J. Lavin, the defendant, there? A. No, sir.

Q. Did you not see him at all? A. No, sir.

No cross-examination.

J. D. Perry Francis, being duly sworn in behalf of the State, testified as follows:

Direct examination by Mr. Williams.

Q. State your name? A. J. D. P. Francis.

Q. You are connected with the firm of D. R. Francis & Bro. Commission Co., of this city? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were you present at the polling place, at the corner of Delmar and Taylor avenues, in this city, on the afternoon of March the 12th, of this year? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you see John J. Lavin, the defendant, there? A. I did not.

Q. Did you not see him at all? A. No, sir.

When the State "rested," the judge ordered the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal, the prosecution having failed utterly to substantiate the charge made against the defendant. I am happy that my own judgment is again vindicated, but I ask my more credulous brethren: what have you to say about the "outrages" now?

Glover Items.

The people of Glover have enjoyed a good rain. The farmers of this vicinity have been very busy putting away hay.

The protracted meeting closed Sunday with three conversions.

We had an electric storm last Wednesday afternoon. It struck so near the school that the teacher and pupils received a slight shock.

There was a man in Glover looking for a location for a dairy.

E. Miller of Hogan was the guest of Miss Mayme Sutton Sunday.

Joel B. Holloman was able to be in Glover on business last week.

Drue Smith was the guest of Miss Gussie Gilmer Sunday.

Mert A. Scoggin attended the picnic at Sabula, and reported a pleasant time.

Those that attended the picnic at Hogan report a pleasant time.

Mrs. Sumpter is visiting her sister, Mrs. Tims, in Ironton.

Miss Ellen Vickery called on Miss Cura Scoggin last Wednesday.

Fred. Berry was in town last Saturday.

Prof. O. J. Buford of Ironton visited Mirt. A. Scoggin last week.

Miss Jennie Pyrtle of Bismarck was seen on the streets of Glover last Saturday afternoon.

Several of the young people attended church on Carver the past week.

George Sutton was in town last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. G. W. Scoggin went to Marble creek Saturday and returned Sunday.

Miss Mayme Sutton called on Miss Gussie Gilmer Sunday.

Mrs. Scoggin visited her son, W. L. Scoggin, Sunday.

GLOVER CHUMS.

For 90 days a 16x20 portrait at Perkins', one dollar.

Goodland Items.

A glorious old ground-soaker has made farmers rejoice, and we no longer see the hanging lip and the halting step. All nature is revived; also our drooping spirits.

Mrs. Hoskins, of Elvins, came last week for her two little brothers, Jesse and Lijah, who were staying with W. H. Smith and M. Anderson.

R. Hughes, of Black, and Mr. Harrington, of Elvins, each drove off a bunch of fat cattle from Goodland last week.

Rev. Sam Crocker attended the funeral of the little daughter of James Helms, at Goodwater, last Wednesday.

Anderson and Smith made some cider lately. Whoopee!

W. H. Smith is plowing for F. M. Adams.

G. G. Adams has repaired his buggy until it looks like a new one.

N. W. and F. M. Adams have remodeled the interior of the Oakdale school house at Goodland, adding materially to the convenience of both teacher and pupils.

Little Raymond Troutman is still very ill.

Mrs. Faulkner has about recovered.

Maggie Beeman, of Graniteville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Florence Brooks at Goodland.

We learn of the death of David Latham, an aged citizen of Edge Hill, who has spent the last few years with sons in California.

Misses Love and Snyder spent a couple of days with friends on Brushy.

Miss Love is now visiting her aunt, Mrs. Salome Woods, who is ill with fever.

Rev. Crocker preached at Clayton school house to-day.

Mrs. Minnie Adams and daughter, Thelma, were guests of Dr. Adams lately. The Dr. accompanied them home and spent several days in Bellevue.

A croquet party at the home of N. W. Adams was given last Saturday in honor of Mrs. Minnie Adams. PAULINE.

Sabula Items.

We are having plenty of rain at the present. One of the hardest rains fell here Sunday night that was ever known in this part of the country. No damage was done.

Mrs. F. B. Beard, son and little daughter of Piedmont have been spending a few days with her parents. They returned home Tuesday.

Mr. George Gay of Ironton was seen on our streets Monday.

Born, to Mrs. Viola Campbell, a ten pound girl.

Budd January of Centerville was seen on our streets Tuesday on his way from the fair.

Mrs. M. J. Shy and Mrs. Jackson of St. Louis were guests of Mrs. A. E. Shy of Sabula.

Miss Mattie Sheldon of Annapolis came home on a visit and suddenly became very sick.

Mrs. T. I. Huggins, our agent, has a vacation for thirty days. She will visit the World's Fair and many old friends. Mr. Will Keithley of Des Arc is our agent at present.

The roads are much better at the present than they have been for some time.

Mr. Tom Jackson has moved into town from Annapolis.

Wm. Reinger of Farmington visited his sister, Mrs. Hughes, a few days last week.

Tom Jackson went to Bismarck Tuesday on business.

Miss Julia Counts has been on the sick list for some time. We are glad to say she is on the mend.

Jim Rayfield of Centerville was in town Monday.

Miss Letta Rood and Mr. Hull of De Soto spent a few days at the fair this week.

Alex. Miley was in town Sunday.

Miss Hattie Shriver of Flat River passed through here on her way to Centerville to visit homefolk.

We had quite a nice time at the picnic here Saturday.

Several of the youngsters are talking of attending the Hogan picnic.

We are hoping to report a wedding soon. SNOWFLAKE.

Weather Report.

Meteorological report of Voluntary Observer at Ironton, Iron county, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, August 23, 1904:

Table with columns: Days of Week, Days of Month, Temp. Max., Temp. Min., Precipitation.

NOTE—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation.

W. H. DELANO, Observer.

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MILLINERY. A clean-up of our entire stock of Ready to Wear and Trimmed Hats at just One-Half the regular price.



Shirt Waists and Skirts.

Beautifully Embroidered White Shirt Waists \$1.00. Elegant Pleated Waists with Embroidered Fronts, that sold for \$2.50, now 50c.



Big Reductions in Dress Goods, Lawns, Calicos, Gingham, etc.

Special. One lot of Lawn, 15 different patterns, that sold from 8 1-3 to 15c a yard, now going at 6 1-2c. All remaining patterns of Lawn of regular 15 and 20c grade, cut to 12 1-2c a yard.

Men's Underwear.

One lot 200 Men's Undervests, worth 35c, at 15c or two for 25c. One line Men's Underwear, Shirts and Drawers, an excellent value at 25c per garment.

Clothing.

We are overstocked on Clothing and propose to unload, if price reductions will do it. We have a very large assortment of Boys', Youths' and Men's Clothing in the newest patterns and latest style, which for the next thirty days we propose to make a straight discount of 20 per cent on every \$1.00 worth in the store.



Shoes!

We are always right on Shoes, and during this sale we aim to make this a "Bumper" Shoe Clearance, and to that end have proceeded to cut the price practically one-half.

Groceries.

Our Grocery Department is up-to-date and completely filled with nice Fresh Groceries. We are prepared to make prices that cannot fail to command attention.

Call and see us, you are always welcome at the big store.

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