

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT:

ALTON B PARKER OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

HENRY G. DAVIS OF WEST VIRGINIA.

For Presidential Elector—13th District: HON. M. R. SMITH.

For Congressman, 13th District: EDWARD ROBB.

The Dunklin Democrat has about "sized up" the situation: "In Iron county a few sore-head Democrats, aided by the Republicans, have out a ticket against the Democratic nominees. One Louis Miller is leading the bolters. He is sour on the world because he can not control it, and is making war on men who have been his friends for a quarter of a century."

The Missouri State Tribune: "The new engine for the binder twine factory at the State penitentiary has been installed and was in operation Monday as a test. The big engine, which develops 250 horse power, ran as smooth as a watch. The power was supplied from the power house on the outside of the walls, where the binder twine boiler is located. The new factory is now ready for business just as soon as the belting is adjusted to the machines, which will likely require a few days, when the manufacture of twine can begin."

To the "Reformers," or to any one else asking for an apology from the REGISTER for its course in this campaign, we tell you right now, once and for all, you won't get it. You have forced the fight. And we know the REGISTER is on the side of right and honor, and truth and justice. In the political history of all Southeast Missouri there is nothing more contemptible and unprincipled than that of this so-called "reform" movement in Iron county. It is rotten to the core. We are not apologizing for what we say, either.

BRO. DEGGENDORF: In your Journal of October 5th, is an item as follows:

Some citizens down in Iron county are calling upon Eli D. Ake of the Iron County REGISTER to render a synopsis of his political career covering a period of his life they are not familiar with. Mr. Ake is an ardent Democrat, as ardent, apparently as they make 'em. Old citizens here in Potosi tell us that Bro. Ake once lived in this town when his politics were also quite ardent. He was then a Republican and was so rambunctious that he advocated lining up the worn-out ex-Confederate soldiers as they came home from the war and shooting them as their just deserts.

Will you give me the names of the "old citizens" of Washington county who gave you the foregoing misinformation? The only time I was a resident of Washington county was during the year 1873 while publishing a Democratic paper there. Ask the Longs, the Caseys, and others of the older generation. As for my wanting to line up the "returning ex-Confederates" for the pleasure of shooting them down, that is a falsehood so preposterous that I can afford to laugh at it. My own brother was one of the "returning ex-Confederates." Will it be taxing your credulity too much (as well as that of the malicious liar who gave you your "information") to ask you to believe that I would have made at least one exception to the wholesale slaughter?

Your item is copied into the Republican paper here so promptly that it gives rise to the suspicion that said item was furnished you by some one here in order that the fabricator might avoid responsibility and at the same time give the lie a standing it could not obtain here, where my home has been since 1856, excepting only the three years and a few months I was in the Federal service, a thousand miles distant.

Yesterday evening I received the following from Bro. Degendorf, which will appear in the Journal this week. I accept the amende and beg to assure my brother of my continued distinguished consideration:

We tender Bro. Eli D. Ake, of the Iron County REGISTER, an unsolicited apology for the statement we made recently, that during his residence in Potosi shortly after the close of the Civil War he was a Republican and so "rambunctious" that he advocated shooting the returning ex-Confederate soldiers as their just deserts. Some of our older and most reliable citizens, who are well acquainted with Brother Ake's career here, say that, although the story has been current for two or three decades,

he never gave any evidence of possessing the blood-thirstiness attributed to him. That he was at one time a Republican is true enough, and while we hold that in changing his politics he made the greatest mistake of his life, we feel that we have done him an injustice in giving publicity to a story that seems never to have had a real foundation.

The Milk in the Coconut.

Sabula is not riding the crest of the wave of prosperity at present. The lumber industry, which gave it a vital impulse for several months, has gone glimmering, on account of the closing down of most of the small mills because of lack of orders. I understand the local members of the g. o. p. explain this, to their own satisfaction, at least, by alleging the fear of the "business interests" that the people are likely to let the country go to the dogs and elect Parker.

Local interest in politics seems languid. Prior to the Democratic primaries there was considerable expression of enthusiasm for Folk. Since the Republican State Convention I have heard nothing of it; that, you will understand, is a way of saying that the proportion of Republicans in Sabula is considerable.

The discussion I have heard as to county politics does not seem favorable to the agglomeration presented on the "Republican Ticket" or "The Ticket." I am not one of those Democrats who feel bound to vote a ticket without looking or thinking. I believe the Democratic party makes mistakes. I know there are men who pose as leaders of Democracy in the state and nation who know and care nothing about the Democracy. I am not an unqualified admirer of everything done by the Democrats in Missouri. But I have no proof that the Republicans would do better, while I have plenty that they did worse, both in state and local matters. I am not familiar with the past history of Iron county politics, having but recently become a resident of the county. I suppose mistakes have been made; for aught I know, wickedness may be rife at the court house, as is charged; but I have seen no evidence. If wrong has been done by officials who are candidates for re-election, it seems to me that any person who has knowledge of the facts should give them to the people in concise, perceptible form; in such a manner that a question of veracity might be raised between accuser and accused. That the contractors should be a few days late in constructing a bridge is not extraordinary. Such occurrences not infrequently transpire with railroads and other private corporations, who are notoriously exacting. I do not believe it is unusual for a county, or individual, to have in a bank a few hundred dollars, subject to call, without interest. If an official who is not now a candidate has made a small mistake in reckoning his commission, and he was corrected by officials who are candidates, as is admitted, that does not seem a reason for voting against these men.

That some person, or persons, claiming to be "life-long Democrats," but giving no proof—not even a name, or names—of his or their Democracy, persist in wanting citizens of Pilot Knob to be asked what has been said about certain candidates is no evidence of evil deeds, public or private, against the men named. It does suggest a desire, however, on the part of "Committee" to throw mud from behind a screen. Many foolish and untruthful things might be said, and frequently are said, about most people, and in most places inhabited by frail and erring humanity. If anything that is true is said, at Pilot Knob, against these men that would make them undesirable as public officials, why does not "Committee" give it to the public? Inuendo and insinuation are neither evidence nor argument, but are the frequent weapons of those who have neither to offer.

The condition of the roads appears to be the principal grievance of the leaders of the opposition to the local Democratic ticket. I can fully sympathize with them in their dissatisfaction with the condition of the roads; but what would they do about it if they had the direction of affairs in Iron county? Would they put them in such condition as would meet the approbation of visitors from the level, prairie districts, where the population is numerous and wealthy, and there are no hills to level or cut, and few streams the difference between whose low and high water is more than a few inches? Why not tell the people what they would do?

When strangers find fault with the condition of the roads, instead of sitting down to shed sympathetic tears with them, or telling them that it is the fault of a lot of rascals in office, or the idiocy or incompetence of the people, would it not be wiser to point out to them that though the country is but sparsely settled, the people not overburdened with wealth, and the condition of the country makes road-construction difficult and expensive, yet its natural resources and attractions are such that when they become more generally known the county will be rapidly populated and developed?

But I have frequently noticed that in these combinations between dissatisfied members of a majority party and a party hopelessly in the minority, unless it be for some definite principle, it usually happens that the success of the movement will forward the personal interests of the promoters. I fear this in Iron county is no exception. It has too many of the usual earmarks. Take the men who were candidates at the Democratic primary last summer; did they then know how wicked the party was, locally? Or, if they made the discovery since, would they have withdrawn from the ticket had they

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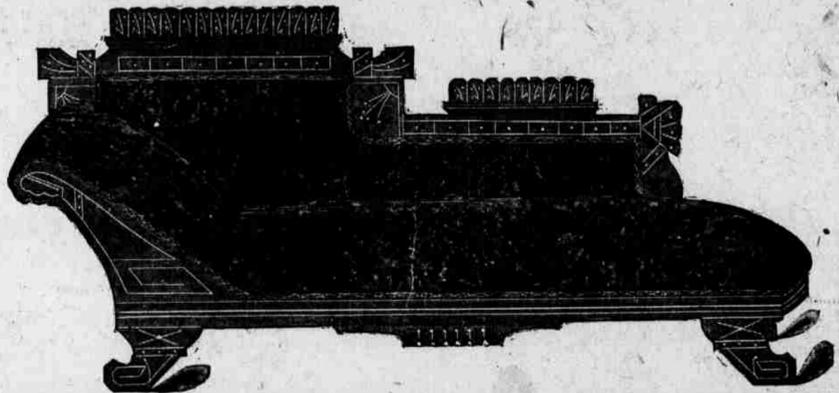
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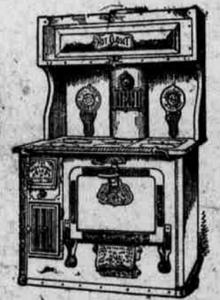
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been nominated? They wanted office then; is not that chiefly what they want now?

In the paper that advocates the election of "The Ticket" appeared recently a lengthy article from a merchant, a few miles up the railroad, who is somewhat in competition with the merchants at Sabula, and an ardent supporter of "The Ticket," complaining bitterly of the mismanagement of the present county administration. His chief grievance appears to be a proposed change in, what he calls, the Sabula road. The petition for this change, signed by more than the requisite number of citizens of the district, has been regularly submitted to the county court, who have taken some action in the matter. A road runs west from Sabula into Reynolds county. Another road runs from Annapolis, and below it, to stations up the railroad. This latter road now crosses the former at Sabula, on the opposite side of Big Creek. From it a branch comes into Sabula from below, about a mile from the crossing of the road to Reynolds county. By making the change, the work which would be put on that mile of road can be applied elsewhere. The traffic over this road from Annapolis north is infinitesimal—probably not five per cent. of that on the Reynolds county road—but this is the optic of the gentleman who complains is apparently so absorbingly fixed on his own individual-

ty that his little road is the only road Sabula has. He certainly could not be so selfish as to ask that a road that runs forty or fifty miles to get to the railway should be cut off a quarter of a mile from the station, that a little business might be deflected in his direction! Sabula, Mo. H. S. LAW.

There was no mistake and consequently no correction. The years that Mr. O'Neal charged 6 per cent. commission, he was entitled to under the Attorney-General's opinion. But two years ago, the revenues ran above \$25,000, and he of his own motion presented to the court his bill for 5 per cent. as the law directs. The "correction" is but a figment of the brain of people who would rejoice to find evil where good is.—Ed. IRONTON.

Des Are Items.

We have had the finest weather for business I ever saw, but not much doing. And as to politics, I never hear a word said. I don't believe there will be a hundred votes polled at Des Arc. I spent Saturday night and Sunday with our brother-in-law, C. Collins, one of the best business men the county. He has a large farm above Sabula; over 1000 acres, 400 in cultivation. He will gather 1000 bushels of corn, besides other grain. He has just finished a fine two-story house of eight rooms, which will cost him \$2000. His mother is on a visit to him. She is 84 years old and has fifty-four grandchildren and fifty-six great-grandchildren. She is the widow of the late Moses P. Collins, who was well known in this county.

Mrs. Brainard arrived safe at Gainesville, N. Y., with the remains of her husband, which were buried on the 12th.

Ray Stamp, Mrs. Chas. Williams and daughter, Nellie, and several from Coldwater, went to the fair to-day.

Elijah Myers and family are staying with home folk here. He will prospect for lead.

Business has picked up considerably with the railroad company. I was from 2 o'clock Friday till 11 o'clock at night getting here. Jas. Farr, brother of Dr. N. S. Farr, was here Saturday for the first time in sixteen years. He left here when a boy. He expected to stay ten days, but received a telegram from the State of Washington that his oldest boy was sick, and he had to return without seeing his old friends. ISAAC.

Marble Creek Items.

Health is generally good around and about this place.

W. L. White has resigned as postmaster, John J. Young was appointed his successor.

There was a box supper at the blue school house Friday night, the 14th, which was fairly well attended. The boxes were all sold and the young people report a good time.

Thomas Matkin is up from Gravelton visiting relatives. B. F. Matkin has returned from Gravelton, where he has been visiting his brother, Ira.

H. Dunn and James Orr are up from Saco, where they have been at work.

I see that Bill Simons has got his foot in the rope. Guess he wishes he had not said anything. I think he was just in fun. He will vote the Democratic ticket straight. Maybe he had a little booze and felt pretty good, so thought he would try his luck. Come again, Mr. Simons.

I don't think any of the thorough Democrats will vote anything but the straight Democratic ticket. We don't mix in politics; just go to the polls, vote and return to our place of duty.

O, yes, I came near forgetting what Bill had to say about Mr. Whitworth. He was just in fun, Mr. W. He just wanted something to write and could think of nothing worse or better.

This leaves the Marble Creek boys all O. K. for the Democratic ticket in November. Hurrah for Whitworth and Polk. BUSTER.

Ministers and Members Meeting.

Franklin Baptist Association, Bismarck, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 28, 29 and 30.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—2:30, Devotional Exercises; 3:00, Aim and Purpose of Meeting; 3:30, How to Enlist the Sympathy of the Churches; 4:00, Miscellaneous Business; 7:15, Sermon.

SATURDAY—9:00 A. M., Devotional Exercises; 9:30, Essay; The Sunday School; 10:00, The Church

and the Sunday School; 11:00, Young People's Meetings; 12:00 M., Dinner; 2:00 P. M., Mission Board Meeting; 2:30, Our District Field; 3:00, Co-operation with State Board; 4:00, Finances; 7:15, Sermon.

Bill Simons.

As for Bill Simons, I thought everybody knowed him. Why he run onst fur rode master, and the voters failed to elect him; they liked the other feller best, and the made Bill mad, and he sed would not work the rode. So left that destrict and went to other destrict. Som or the puffed him up to try it again; his side; so he did, and got beat than ever. That made him mad agin, to think he was on, both sides. As to Joe Joe Bill's brother, he is all mad. The wimmen say, he sed, he went work on BIKES.

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