

**POLITICAL POT-POURRI.**THE SEASON FOR SPECULATION  
FULLY OPENED UP.County and City Affairs Receiving  
Some Consideration—The Slates That  
Are Being Made and Proposed on the  
Quiet by Interested Parties.

The ball is open.

It may have been the rains which have  
brightened the earth's green bouquet,  
filled the pools and ponds to overflowing  
and caused the trees to weep with every  
passing breeze.It may have been the cessation of outdoor  
and indoor business that made people  
talk.It might have been the springtime  
which turns young men's fancies to  
thoughts of love, and which turns older  
men's fancies to thoughts of love for  
office.No matter what it was, people are thinking,  
and when people think they will talk,  
and when people talk the walls and newspaper  
reporters have ears.

The Dorch bill may be to blame.

That measure is regarded as being problematical in its effects upon the various  
interests concerned, both partisan and personal. Inspired by these feelings and impelled by these considerations, opinions differ both as to fundamental principles and matters of detail.

Among Democrats the question of a convention is being discussed. Some claim that a convention is unnecessary, that matters should go on as they have gone heretofore, and that a sort of an agreement could be made by mass-meeting or otherwise. There are other Democrats who claim that a convention is necessary in order to harmonize all differences in the Democratic party. They claim that the only way out of the difficulty is for the County Executive Committee to call a meeting and appoint a City Executive Committee, which will have the power to arrange for the selection of a city ticket by convention or primary. They argue that under the Dorch bill, only one candidate for each political party can secure a place on the new election tickets, and that if the Democrats do not select their standard bearers and go into the contest united and full armored they will be defeated by a possible solid Republican phalanx.

The election in January is of more than usual importance. This will be a sort of political leap-year, when a majority of the two boards—the Police and Fire Commissioners and Public Works—together with the President of the Taxing District, must be elected, something that occurs only every four years. It is claimed that the Democratic party stands partly pledged to a convention; that a convention would have been held last time were it not for the fact that a Democrat acceptable to the party, Maj. Pettit, was announced to contest with the opposition candidate and thus the matter was pretermitted for the time being.

The candidates for President of the Taxing District are numerous, but airy, insubstantial beings outside of one. The Hon. David Park Hadden, the present incumbent, is about the only one who is confessedly in the field and, like Kirkin, he will claim the champion belt until some more powerful gladiator comes forth and wins it. The Hon. David is not going around telling people that he is a candidate, of course, but everybody knows that he is a candidate by force of habit, if for no other reason, and that he belongs to that class who seldom die, and never resign. The others are merely superficial possibilities. Their names are mentioned with frequency and their praises are being sung with artistic variations by their respective friends. Like Barkis, many of them "are willin'," but few care to make the announcement until comfortably certain of a probable success. The friends of Dr. Porter will urge his acceptance of the place, which, it is understood, he has declined most positively.

The friends of Judge Galloway will marshal their forces in his behalf, and while it is feared that he will decline, it is hoped that he may be induced to accept.

The friends of Mr. John K. Speed would like to see that gentleman at the head of the city government, and will make a strong effort to induce him to consent to make the race, but he, too, is claimed, will decline.

Then there are others among whom may be mentioned Maj. Pettit, and perhaps other members of the city government who, being Prince of the house of David, will lay low and think mainly of the chances for President Hadden's re-election are gone gimmering, while they will endeavor to glorify themselves either in Elijah's mantle or in one of their own.

The office of President of the Taxing District is a popular dialogue, and a contemplation of it makes many mouths water for the luscious sweets. Not only is the place one of great power and honor (and profit) (Hail!), but the fortunate winner of the prize can make a stepping-stone of the position and glide smoothly into the Gubernatorial seat, providing the chances thereto should open toward West Tennessee. Interest, therefore, in this election is great and growing, both on sec-

count of the importance of the position and the comparative nearness of the election.

But city affairs are not the only ones occupying the attention of the politicians and people. The county elections are far off to be sure, but distance lends enchantment to the view, and already the air is filled with rumors about possible candidates, the interest principally centering in the office of County Clerk.

It is understood that the present incumbent, Mr. Quigley, will stand for re-nomination. Outside of this, the rest are known only through rumor. That omnivorous and voracious personage known among the sons of men as "They Say," has been talking. They say that the jovial Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, Mr. Tony Walsh, will be in the ring; they say that Squire J. J. Barry will also be there; they say that Mr. James Reilly will surely come to the front, and it is not improbable that Squire Garvin may be found throwing down the gauntlet to any knight willing to take it up.

They say other things in this connection, and among them is that, under the operation of the Dorch bill, the country will have the city in its inside pocket, as it were, and may demand from the Democracy, and compel the city to accede, more of the fat offices than ever were given to the bucolic brethren before.

People are figuring on these questions all over town, and at more than one point in the county, and just what the result is going to be is what all would like to know and which no one can divine. The ball is fairly opened, however, and there will be a scramble to see who can get to dance on the head set.

**NALL-GODBEY.****Marriage of a Worthy and Popular Couple Yesterday.**

Mr. William H. Godfrey and Miss Lillian Nall were married at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. H. C. Nall, No. 66 Exchange street.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. J. Dickinson, of the Central Baptist Church.

It was a quiet affair, witnessed only by the relatives and a few intimate friends of the couple, to which no cards were issued. One hour after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey left over the Charleston Road for a month's visit to the groom's relatives in Virginia, in and about Christiansburg. It is almost superfluous to add that no bridal couple of Memphis has been entered upon the new and blissful future with more genuine wishes of friends that it may be a matron dimmed by adversity or sorrow as a beneficent Providence will permit. Mr. Godfrey has been, for a long time, a clerk in the general office of the Memphis &amp; Charleston Railroad, attained to an exalted rank in the esteem of his employers and associates, and this because of his eminent capabilities and gentlemanly deportment. Miss Nall, from her rich possession of womanly charms and virtues, will bring an influence into their home that will tend to ornament and bless it so long as their lives endure.

As an evidence of the strong and abiding friendship felt for the couple, the following partial list of presents is submitted:

China tea set, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Barnes.

Silver water pitcher, Willie Ray, Greenville, Miss.

Coffee set, Miss Laura Ray, Carrollton, Miss.

Butter dish, O. Stacox.

Fruit knives and nut pickers, Miss Minnie Hanna.

Half dozen silver knives, Miss Belle Latting.

Half dozen silver forks, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Latting.

Two ornamental mantel pitchers, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith.

Bronze ornamental pitcher, Miss Emma Latting.

Salad service, J. Baer.

Napkin ring, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Latting, Jr.

Album, T. A. Clarke.

Water service, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. McNeed.

Handkerchiefs, Miss Cynthia Latting.

The Brownsville Carriage Works To Be Removed to Memphis.

Mr. A. Pracht, of Brownsville, Tenn., appeared before the Legislative Council yesterday and applied for permission to erect a corrugated iron building with metal front at No. 32 Main street. Mr. Pracht stated to the Council that he was able to put up a better building, but that the lot was the property of minors and he was unable to secure more than a five year's lease, which would not justify the outlay.

Mr. Pracht said that his works would give employment to eighteen hands, and he was anxious to locate here. The permission to build was given upon condition that the building have a brick front and be removed at the expiration of the five years' lease.

Mr. Pracht will begin work at once, and the new carriage factory will be in full operation by next fall.

FINE watches at Thayer's.

The members of Grace Church Guild are requested to meet in the rectory this (Friday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Business of importance.

BARGAINS in diamonds—Thayer's.

**AMUSEMENTS.**

Defer the Benefit.

It isn't the arrangement of wisdom to have the Johnstown benefit at Jackson Mound Park next Monday night. Not as a matter of preference, but of necessity, if at all, that is the occasion of one performance in the great music festival. Music-loving Memphians are going to attend the latter in force, and the relief fund will suffer. On the other hand, some patronage might be detracted from the theater, and that should not be. The festival can only be given one day, open at the park has several weeks to run, and some other night might well be selected. Give both the greatest possible chance.

**JACKSON MOUND.**

A fair audience gathered at Jackson Mound Park last night to witness the presentation of "Pinafore" by the Deshon Opera Company. The opera was well presented and the audience departed well pleased. Now that the clouds have rolled by (at this writing) it is to be hoped the public will patronize the park liberally, as the company playing there are in every way worthy of patronage. "Pinafore" tonight and Saturday matinee. "Chimes of Normandy" Sunday night.

On Monday night the Johnstown sufferers' benefit takes place, and a grand bill, including the second acts of "Mascotte," "Mikado" and "Chimes of Normandy," will be presented on the occasion. Tickets on the door at the principal stores and at box office under Peabody Hotel.

**The Musical Festival.**

The music-loving public of Memphis are vitally interested in the success of the Musical Festival which is to take place next Monday afternoon and night at the New Memphis Theater, for upon the financial success of that entertainment will depend future enterprises of a similar character.

There is no musical organization on the road now, and there has been none for years which begins to compare in individual merit and collective excellence with the Juch-Perrotti combination which is to appear at the New Memphis Theater as above announced.

It is not every day nor every year that the opportunity comes to hear Emma Juch, Jules Perrotti, Adele Aus Der Ohe, Mme. Herbert Foerster, Max Bodanz, Helene Von Doenhoff, Giuseppe Campanini and Fletcher Herbert. Those in attendance would ordinarily be considered a formidable array of musical genius, but even their eminent natural endowments and cultivated skill are many than balanced by the superb orchestra of forty musicians which they bring with them, selected from the best players in New York and Boston and directed by the famous chef, Carl Zershan. The program presents an embarrassment of riches. The orchestral pieces for the matines will be "William Tell," "Nocturne—Angels Whisper," "Fifth Symphony of Beethoven," "Valse Lente and Pizzicato, from Sylvia," to say nothing of the aria from "Ermanni, by Sig. Campanari; aria, "Ocean, Thou Mighty Monster," by Mme. Foerster, concerto for piano and orchestra in "P.E." flat; "Lizst," by Mme. Aus Der Ohe; grand duo from "Flying Dutchman" Wagner, by Mme. Foerster and Sig. Campanari.

The evening program includes "Tannhauser," "Largo," aria from "Orpheus" by Miss Von Doenhoff, romance from "Les Huguenots," "Di Quilla Pira," from "Il Trovatore," by Signor Perrotti; a solo solo by Mr. Herbert; cavatina, from "Queen Sheba," by Miss Juch, and the entire second act of "Faust" by Miss Juch, Signor Perrotti, Miss Helene Von Doenhoff and Signor Campanari, altogether a program to make your true musician's mouth water.

There are still plenty of good seats for both performances, and those who neglect the opportunity will miss a rare treat.

**A NEW MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.**

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Lodge notices

JOHNSON—At residence of R. E. Johnson, No. 228 Main, with wife, June 14, Robert Augustus, aged 3 months and 14 days, son of Robert L. and the late Emma M. Johnson, (St. Louis [Mo.] papers please copy.)

General will take place from residence this (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family invited to attend.

**LODGE NOTICES.**

SOUTH MEMPHIS LODGE NO. 118, F. &amp; A. M. will hold their annual meeting on the 14th instant this (Friday) evening, 8 o'clock, for the election of officers.

All M. M.'s good standing are cordially invited to attend.

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