

JUST BEFORE THE ELECTION IN BELMONT.

The Republicans Are Active, and Expect to Hold Their Own in the Face of the

BITTER CAMPAIGN OF BOODLE

Which Has Been Waged by the Desperate Democracy—Republicans Should Not

FEAR TOO BIG A MAJORITY.

The Campaign in Belmont Closed With the Weems Meeting at Bellaire Saturday.

The Republicans over in Belmont county are confident of a splendid majority as a result of the balloting tomorrow. They have one of the cleanest and strongest county tickets ever offered to the voters.

The Senatorial District.

Frank B. Archer, the Republican candidate for state senator, has in the joint district the four counties of Belmont, Columbiana, Harrison and Jefferson, every one of them reliably Republican from 800 to 2,500, so that his election is as certain as it is that the balloting will be done.

The Congressional District.

The sixteenth Congressional district, with Hon. J. G. Gill as the candidate, embraces Belmont, Harrison, Jefferson and Monroe counties, reliably Republican from 3,500 to 5,000. The candidate being an especially strong man with the industrial and agricultural elements that compose the various communities, gives strength to the whole ticket in the district.

THE WEEMS MEETING

At Bellaire Saturday Evening Closed the Campaign in Belmont County. A Masterly Plea for Patriotism and Prosperity.

The close of the campaign in Bellaire Saturday evening, by Hon. C. L. Weems was a fitting one by an able leader for the cause of patriotism and prosperity.

He began by saying that a full vote at Tuesday's election meant a phenomenal victory in Ohio, and expressed his confidence in the judgment of the people in a great industrial community like Bellaire and all the Ohio valley in taking no chances on the slightest disturbance of the present hum of industry that carries plenty, peace and contentment to the homes of the thousands of working people.

He had driven over the hills to the meeting, and he drew a beautiful picture of the marvelous lights from the mills and the furnaces and factories illuminating the skies and dispelling the darkness from the hillsides and the gloom from the homes of the valley, and contrasted this with the dark and dismal situation only a few years ago.

"CAPITAL AND LABOR ARE BOTH DOING WELL NOW, BUT A LITTLE WHILE AGO NEITHER DID." Here he referred to the heroes of war, and then gave some personal knowledge he had of heroes in Bellaire and elsewhere in the valley, who had endured trials and hardships in the years from 1893 to 1896, when their families were poorly clothed and half fed, and in a splendidly rounded period asked them how they felt now as compared with them, and attributed the great change in a large measure to the confidence restored by the election of President McKinley and to the policies of the Republican party.

here he forcefully reviewed some of the acts of the Democratic party, and compared these acts with the loud proclamations of that party. George H. Pendleton and Darbin Ward were presented to the Ohio legislature when the Democrats had control, as two honest and capable men, deserving well at the hands of their party, the one worthy of re-election to the United States senate and the other a good Democratic successor if he failed.

Again in 1889, they had another senatorship to award. A dozen capable Democrats of Ohio were candidates, but they imported Calvin S. Brice from New York, another multi-millionaire, and honored him. And this is the party that talks about Mark Hanna, an Ohio man who was made senator by the Republicans, but who is not in issue this year.

In 1896 another multi-millionaire from Washington City wanted the support of the Ohio Democracy. He had not voted in Ohio for ten years as the register records in Cincinnati show, but he came that year and registered, and this year he wanted the nomination for governor and he got it. Mr. Weems said that the whole history of the Democratic party was just as odious, but he had not time to go farther, and simply referred to indisputable facts of recent years to show the difference between the acts and the professions of that party.

In a graceful and easy way, Mr. Weems described how for twenty years great pools had been formed: allying many different interests in the conduct of business. Later they discovered the plan of forming one great company and buying out other companies and these were denominated trusts for political effect.

"I am here to admit," said he, "that the success of the Democratic party would hurt these companies called trusts. The success of that party now will hurt every business in the land, and when the business of the country is impaired do you and I, do all of us suffer our full share? Do you want another trial of that kind and so soon? I am sure you do not."

"They tell us prices are higher than they were, that building material and everything else has gone up. Well, in 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896 building materials were lower. Was there any building done then? Why didn't people build in Bellaire and Martin's Ferry when these things were lower? They are doing it here now and MARTIN'S FERRY HAS NOT HAD AS MANY NEW BUILDINGS IN A DECADE AS DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND IT IS STILL GOING ON. That is true of your own town. THE PEOPLE HAVE THE MONEY NOW AND THEY ARE SPENDING IT. EVERYBODY IS PROSPEROUS AND THE MEN WHO ARE DOING THIS WILL TAKE NO RISK AS TO WHAT A CHANGE MIGHT BRING."

At this point some fellow asked about '73, and Mr. Weems, with keener sarcasm, said he had almost forgotten "the crime of '73," and with telling effect he recited what a wave of prosperity had swept over the entire country since the delusion of that "crime" was dispelled by the victory of '96, and how it had grown in volume ever since under the guidance of the safe and sound policies of the Republican party. His well rounded points were received with enthusiastic cheers.

EVANGELIST RANDALL

At the Workhouse—He Will Begin a Campaign on Alley C.

Evangelist Randall held services at the city workhouse yesterday morning. There were twenty-one prisoners there, all of them young men, and none of whom he had found at the hill-side institution when he was working there three years ago.

He said last night that he would inaugurate another crusade of extermination on Alley C's disreputable resorts, beginning New Year's day, and believes he will meet with success this time. On his last crusade there he stirred up things considerably, and every time he made his appearance the madams kept every piano on the alley going at their loudest. In order to drown the accusing truths the evangelist was giving with so much force. It was another case of the truth hurting. In his coming movement against the alley he will preach from the Gospel wagon.

CITY LIFE'S EVILS

Discussed Last Evening by Rev. Joseph Speers, Pastor of

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

That These Evils Exist More Generally in Cities Than in Smaller Communities He Says Cannot be Controverted—The Fault More Largely Rests With the People Than With the Authorities, Who Are Often Hampered.

Last night at the Second Presbyterian church, the pastor, Rev. Joseph Speers, preached on the topic, "The Evils of City Life." In discussing the question, he advanced the liberal proposition, which is often truthful, that the authorities are sometimes hampered in the discharge of their duties by the failure of the people themselves—the juries—to bring to a successful issue what the authorities initiate.

That evil exists in Wheeling we cannot deny, for we see it, unless, by a process of reasoning, contrary to all the laws of logic, we deny our own existence. That it does exist I am sure no one will deny, and it exists in as great a degree to the size and population of the city, as is to be found anywhere.

It will be remembered our city is very cosmopolitan; we have many nationalities represented, and many religious beliefs, and that which may appear evil to a Christian might and has the approval of the Hebrew. That which might seem sacrilegious to a Protestant might not seem so to a Roman Catholic, and vice versa. Now our city is established on the principles of the constitution of the United States of America.

Our claim is that we are a Christian people, observing the principles of Christian teaching, and this teaching is primarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments, which enumerates some of the glaring evils rampant in our city; and these evils are the result of the over-colonization in cities in general, and the struggle for existence, for place, prominence and gain.

This struggle begins in the home of the workman and reaches to the palace of the millionaire. It is found in the business world, the political and religious, and the grave question which presents itself to us is, "How may we cure the evils of city life?" But do not think that the quiet life of the farmer or woodsman is free from these evils. They have their temptations and struggles, but not in as great a measure as in the city, for the home life which is the foundation of a nation's stability is simpler, purer and closer than that which is found in the city.

The first step then in the cure of the evils of city life, I would say, is in the reorganization of the home life, in which parents will command the company of their children, if they are unable to have it by the attraction of that love which can say "Be it ever so humble, There's no place like home."

There is no question but that the house life has much to do with the evil which prevails. Let wives and mothers make the home the dearest place on earth and there will be no need for the curfew ordinance, nor the anxious watching at the window for the husband or son, coming home at the midnight hour. Let parents manifest their love and care of the children as they should, guarding them, instructing them in the dangers and disgrace of evil habits, and there will not be such a multitude walking in the way of death, moral, social and spiritual.

The second step in the cure of the evils of city life, I would say, is in the business relations between man and man. The old motto of "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you," has changed, and the paraphrase seems to have a strong hold upon a goodly portion of the business world. Honest business principles are necessary on the part of the employer, if he expects honest service from his employees. Can the business man who will purchase a large quantity of inferior goods and put a label on the package warranting the goods to be superior, expect that his salesman will deal honestly with him when he is compelled to lie about his goods? Can the business house that buys in a large stock on credit and then fails, and pays twenty cents on the dollar, expect that the community will respect or trust it in any transaction? It may be a smart trick, but it is a dishonest one and can only be termed, in plain language, stealing, or fraud, and is worse than pocket-picking, for it encourages the evil; yes, I will say crime, for it is a crime which often destroys a host of those whose savings for years of hard work, are filched from them.

The third step in the cure for the evils of city life, I would say, is in the faithfulness of those who are entrusted with the carrying out of the laws governing the peace and purity of the city. There is no question but that there is much evil in our city. Why this is so I cannot say, but it is a fact which every citizen can see if he but so desires. The laws of the state are broken, the ordinances of the city are disregarded, and evil runs riot to such an extent that men who have not the highest regard for things which are true and pure and holy are asking, "what is to be the end of all this?"

The Sabbaths are broken by many business men and yet there seems to be an indifference to it that is appalling even among Christians. I ask, whose business it is to see that all stores shall be properly closed on the Christian Sabbath. The law says they shall not sell their wares on that day, yet you or I may go into any saloon in this city and purchase all the beer or whiskey we desire. Is it the duty of the citizen to go before a judge and swear out a warrant for the arrest of the offender? Certainly not. We pay our taxes, and thereby are qualified

to vote men into office for this purpose, and if they will not perform their duty then let us impeach them and punish them for their neglect, if they can show cause for their inability to perform their duty.

Why have the slot machines been allowed to return to the saloon when the law says they are illegal implements of trade? The law is plain on these things and the law should be enforced. But, brethren, in this there must be the co-operation of the law-abiding and law-loving people; for if the law officers do their duty and bring to justice the offenders, and "twelve good and true men" after hearing the acknowledgment of the offense from the offender, shall declare him not guilty, then we cannot hope, nor expect the authorities to cure the evils.

This leads me to the last thought in "How we may cure the evils of city life," which, I would say, is in the observance of the religious duties which man owes to God, and thereby he qualifies himself to speak for that which makes for holiness, justice, goodness and truth. The church of Jesus Christ, no matter by what name it may be called, if it professes to teach the religion and principles of Jesus Christ, must observe the command inculcated in the text, and "preach the preaching" the Lord Jesus Christ has sent forth: that preaching which Paul and Peter and James and John so grandly, fearlessly and faithfully preached "warning every man," "reproving, rebuking, exhorting with all long-suffering and doctrine."

I know there are divisions in the church respecting non-essential questions in the work of Christ, but the church of Jesus Christ, and I include every shade of creed and doctrine, is agreed on the one essential point, the mediatorial work of "Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world," and on the basis of a Saviour who died for all mankind. We can unite and accomplish the cure of the evils of city life. If seeking the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and guided by the love and wisdom of God we preach Jesus Christ, evil will be rooted out, pulled down, destroyed, and thrown down, in the individual, in the homes, in the business world, in the political world. Our city will be made to "blossom as the rose," the kingdom of Christ will be built up and righteousness planted, so that the peace and blessing of God will rest upon us, and the pleasure of the Lord shall fill our city with songs of praise to Him who is God over all and blessed forevermore.

"FOREFATHERS DAY"

Services held at the First Christian Church Last Night.

In accordance with the custom prevailing among churches of the denomination, the congregation of the First Christian church celebrated "Forefathers' Day" at last evening's services. The exercises, which were exceedingly interesting, were in charge of the Christian Endeavor society, President Frank Gratton presiding.

"Forefathers' Day" commemorates the work of the pioneers of the Disciples' or Christian church, among them Alexander Campbell, Walter Scott, Barton Stone and Isaac Everitt. There were four appropriate addresses made last evening. Rev. C. M. Oilphant told why the day was observed. A brief history of the movement of the movement of the Christian church in West Virginia and Pennsylvania was given by John Gillespie. "Our Work and Early Workers" was the title of a paper read by Gay Pryor, and Homer Simmons had a paper on "Our Work and Present Workers." The choir rendered special music.

A SWEDENBORGIAN SERVICE

Held in This City Sunday by a Missionary From Canada.

At varying intervals, a minister of the Swedenborgian faith visits Wheeling and holds a service for the benefit of the forty or more adherents of the denomination living in this vicinity. Yesterday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Bowers, of Canada, a Swedenborgian missionary, held a meeting in this city which was well attended. There is not a sufficient number around Wheeling to organize a congregation and an occasional visit from one of the traveling ministers is gladly received.

At the German M. E. Church.

The twentieth century thank offering services at the German M. E. church were a success yesterday. Four services had been held recently to prepare the congregation for this day. The Rev. George Wahl, of Cleveland, Ohio, preached two enjoyable sermons yesterday, and also addressed the Sunday school and Epworth League. The thank offering contributed before Sunday amounts to about \$500, but the sum added yesterday is not known yet, but seems to be quite satisfactory. The choir, under the guidance of Mr. Albert Metzner, added largely to the enjoyment of the day. These German Methodists seem to know how to give.

The thin baby You always expect to see a baby plump and rosy, don't you? Thinness in a baby is a disease. If not corrected serious results follow. The first year often determines the health for the whole of a long life. Scott's Emulsion is a true and tried friend to the little ones. It gives them just the plumpness all healthy babies should have.

McFadden's Good Wearing Shoes. Men's \$2.50 Water Proof Shoes for \$1.98. Men's Water Proof Shoes, the high top winter shoe with double soles, the best \$2.50 shoe for only \$1.98. Men's Vicl Kid Shoes, that are leather lined and have double soles for winter, the best \$2.50 shoes, for only \$1.98. Men's Enamel Leather Shoes, a double sole, handsome dress shoe for winter, the best \$3.00 quality, for only \$2.48.

PARLOR SUITES. During this week we offer great bargains in Parlor Suites, Couches, Lounges, Chairs and Rockers. \$18.00 SUITES go at \$9.50. \$20.00 COUCHES sold at \$12.75. \$14.00 Lounges sacrificed at \$8.25. WE SELL WHEELER & WILSON SEWING MACHINES.

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MRS. HORKHEIMER DEAD.

Mother of the Horkheimer Brothers. Occurred in Denver.

Saturday night at 9 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Felscher, in Denver, Colorado, occurred the death from the ailments of old age of Mrs. Regina Horkheimer, widow of Mr. Benjamin Horkheimer, long deceased. She was the mother of Messrs. Morris, Bernhard, Julius and Louis Horkheimer, and of Mrs. Henry Baer, Mrs. Charles Steinhauser, all of Wheeling, and of Mrs. Jacob Felscher, of Denver. She was in the seventy-seventh year of her age, and had been ill for some time.

The body will be brought to Wheeling, and is expected to arrive on Thursday morning, and it is likely the funeral will occur that day.

Death of Mrs. Hubbard.

Mrs. Sarah Pallister Hubbard, widow of the late Hon. C. D. Hubbard, died at her home on South Chapline street, yesterday morning, in the eightieth year of her age. Mrs. Hubbard was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pallister, who came to this country from England and settled in this city. Her mother becoming a widow married the late John List, father of Henry K., D. C. and R. H. List. The children who survive Mrs. Hubbard are William P. C. R., Mrs. J. C. Brady and Mrs. Tyler. Mrs. Hubbard was a woman of rare Christian character, and was a communicant of Chapline Street M. E. church. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mrs. Susan Thurston Dies.

On Saturday afternoon occurred the death of Susan T., wife of James M. Thurston, master mechanic of the Wheeling Terminal railway. The deceased was in her fifty-eighth year. The funeral will occur from the family residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment at the Peninsula cemetery.

George Magers Dead.

George Magers, of this city, died yesterday at Spencer, this state, aged thirty-five years. The deceased's mental faculties became impaired a few years ago, and he was removed to the state asylum for treatment, which, however, was not so beneficial as hoped for. The deceased at one time was in the saloon business in Wheeling.

Death of Squire Haberfeld.

Squire John G. Haberfeld died Saturday afternoon at his home, 7 First street, at 4:15 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks, although it was not considered critical until quite recently, and the news of his death will be received with surprise and profound regret. Mr. Haberfeld was in his sixty-fourth year and one of North Wheeling's prominent citizens nearly all his life. He was a mill man by occupation until his retirement, and at the last general election he was elected justice of the peace from Washington district. In Pythian circles he was quite prominent, being one of the pioneers of the order in this city, and he held many responsible offices in Baltimore lodge No. 6, and the organization in general. Baltimore lodge, K. of P., Dahna temple, D. O. O. K., and Wheeling lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F., have been called to attend the funeral, which will occur this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Mt. Wood cemetery.

MUSICAL WHEELING.

The winter season for Musical Wheeling was opened Saturday afternoon in Odd Fellows' hall by the Woman's club with an especially fine concert. The membership now embraces nearly 200 prominent women, and the large audience called forth in response to the invitations assures the continuance of this only organized club tending to the higher intellectual culture of the city. The programme arranged for the first recital was brilliantly carried through with one exception, caused by the absence of Mrs. Guy R. Wagner, but the hearing of her numbers is a pleasure deferred until later in the season, as Mrs. Wagner is one of the club's most interested workers.

The vocal solo work of the afternoon was in the keeping of Mrs. Herbert M. Riheldaffer and Miss Texie Jordan, daughter of Judge Jordan. Miss Jordan on this occasion made her first appearance before a Wheeling audience as a singer, after having graduated with distinction in the east. Her voice is sweet and strong and her stage presence good. Her selection was charmingly heard. Mrs. Riheldaffer has one of the best voices in the city, and the beauty of its clearness and power was fully demonstrated in the work she did in connection with the Choral club proper and the Quartette.

Choral club did splendidly.

Abt's "Ave Maria" being rendered with great taste. As this feature of the organization stands, it is one of the best balanced choruses gotten together during the five years of the club's existence. The work, after only a month's practice, reflected the highest credit on the personnel and on Mrs. Flora Williams, its conductor. A quartette chosen from it, composed of Mrs. Riheldaffer, Miss Mary Vardy, Mrs. A. H. Sisson and Miss Theresa M. Phillips, finely rendered, without accompaniment, a concert waits by B. Dudley-Buek.

The instrumental work of the day was above the average usual t- local concerts. A Brahms' selection, arranged for two pianos, was effectively interpreted by Miss Emma Forbes, daughter of Mr. Hannibal Forbes, and Miss Emma Reymann, daughter of Mr. Anton Reymann. These young ladies are new members of the club, whose work proves them valuable acquisitions to the instrumental portion of the organization, as well as important additions to the Choral club, in which they also are enrolled.

The solos of the concert were played by Miss Kate McHenry, one of the city's most talented and prominent musicians. Her renditions of the Schubert and Chaminade selections were thoroughly artistic, as were also the accompaniments to the vocal numbers, which work has been assigned her by the club management for this season.

The next afternoon concert will be given Saturday, December 2, with Mrs. Nellie Warren Holloway as soloist, and a treat is again anticipated. During the second week of December arrangements have been perfected for an evening song in the Carroll club auditorium, with Mrs. Frederic Dean, of New York, as outside attraction, and special concerted work by the club, with two of its prominent members as soloists.

Event of the Week.

The event of the week open to society at large will be the supper and doll show in the basement of St. Matthew's P. E. church, Thursday afternoon and evening, in charge of Mrs. Charles Howard Simpson.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Pittsburgh...BEN HUR, 7 a. m. Sistersville...LEROY, 7 a. m. Pittsburgh...KANAWHA, 5 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Marietta...URANIA, 8 a. m. Newport...ELOISE, 11 a. m. Parkersburg...BEN HUR, 9 p. m. Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Clarinton...LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville...T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Marietta...URANIA, 8 a. m. Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Clarinton...LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville...T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

Along the Landing.

The Catherine Davys passed down with a tow of coal, Sunday, at 1 p. m. The Leroy made her usual Sunday trip to Sistersville and return yesterday. The Eloise arrived from below yesterday, and will depart this morning for Newport. The Urania resumes in the daily Wheeling-Marietta trade this morning, departing at 8 o'clock. The Ruth will be here this morning to resume in the daily Wheeling-Sistersville trade, departing this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

River Telegrams.

BROWNVILLE—River 6 feet 9 inches and stationary. WARREN—River 1 foot 5 inches. Weather cloudy and cool. PITTSBURGH—River 5.2 feet and falling. Weather clear and cold. OIL CITY—River 2.5 feet and stationary. Weather cloudy and cool. GREENSBURG—River 7 feet 8 inches and falling. Weather pleasant. MORGANTOWN—River 7 feet 6 inches and stationary. Weather clear and cool. STEUBENVILLE—River 5 feet 4 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and cold. Passed up: Ben Hur, Down: Catharine Davis and J. C. Fisher. PARKERSBURG—Ohio river 6 feet 2 inches and rising. Weather cloudy. Locals resumed traffic. The Little Kanawha is rising. SUGAR and Cream Sets from 15 cents to \$5, at the Wedgewood, 1503 Main street.