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PEACE!  
PROSPERITY!!  
UNION!!!

## REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET

Representative in Congress—  
CHAS. N. PRAY of Choteau County

For Asso. Justice of Supreme Court—  
HENRY C. SMITH of Lewis and Clark County

## Republican Legislative Ticket

For Representatives—  
MOSES ROOT  
JOHN WENDEL  
E. D. WEED  
DR. C. B. MILLER  
LEON SHAW  
DR. G. H. BARBOUR  
J. H. FARMER

## The Way of the Transgressor is Hard

We note that in the First Congressional District of Kansas that the former Judge of the District Court from Atchison has been named as the Prohibition Democratic Candidate for Congress against the peerless Charles Curtis Republican. Of course Curtis will be elected by more than 10,000 majority; but it is a long way from the leading judicial position of the District to a political nonentity, leading a forlorn and hopeless cause. But thereto hangs a tale,—a parallel to what we confidently believe will be the doom of the Hon. Leon LaCroix, erstwhile County Attorney of Lewis and Clark County. As our meeting with Judge Webb of Kansas, and LaCroix of Montana in a journalistic way were very similar in character. Although he was Judge of the District Court, and a staunch Republican elected, and had a normal majority to figure on of more than 1,000 votes. We had the temerity to call upon him in the course of our travels, as publisher of the Topeka Call, and such a reception we got! About the same that LaCroix gave us, as publisher of THE MONTANA PLAINDEALER. That was his inning; but we went back to the people for ours; we told them what a narrow, bigoted, and cheap man he was; we went to the records, backed up our assertions, and threw the searchlight of public opinion thereon, and the Judge woke up and asked for an armistice; he even called on the State Central Committee to come to his rescue, and call us off. He wired us, and visited our sanctum, 51 miles from his home; but we had kindled the fire, and it could not be put out, and while the entire Republican ticket was elected, he alone went down to ignominious defeat by a majority of more than 300. This is a matter of history and the poor old Judge is butting around now, catching on the tail of any old party in a futile attempt for political prestige. His case so far is an exact parallel to that of LaCroix's, and the two will drink the bitter dregs of defeat, and the more so because administered by the great organ which has for its motto: "Peace, Prosperity, and Union," the MONTANA PLAINDEALER.

Last week there was such a demand for THE PLAINDEALER, notwithstanding the large number of extras we printed that we had only one left for filing purposes.

All indications point to a triumphant endorsement of Roosevelt at the polls on November 6th.

Voting for Democratic members the Legislature is a vote indirectly for one-eyed Tillman of South Carolina and Vardaman of Mississippi.

Rev. Osborne who takes charge of St. James Church comes to this charge well recommended as a faithful and energetic churchman, having served in nearly all the foremost charges of the North Missouri Conference. We sincerely hope that with him at the helm, the Church will take on new life, and continue on its mission for the saving of souls, and the uplift of the race, and that all citizens who stand for progress and Christianity will lend a helping hand to the pastor in his undertaking.

The attitude of some of the Republican candidates for local positions indicates that they do not care a rap as to the colored vote. Sure as the colored votes have nothing at stake they can say likewise to them.

We note with sorrow the death of the Hon. G. C. Clemens of Topeka, Kan. His death is a distinct loss to not only Kansas, but the nation as well, he, aside from being one of the greatest legal forces in the country was at all times the friend of the humble and oppressed, in his death the colored race have lost a true and tried friend, as with him there was no pretense his friendship was sincere, knowing him personally as we do, and having been in his employ we can truthfully say that the oppressed of the land and especially the colored race have lost indeed a friend and advocate.

J. Ralph Burton

We have also had some experience along the line with the convicted senator of Kansas. We always found him narrow, bigoted, and strictly for Burton, others may reach out and assist a struggling people or enterprise, but not for Burton. He rode into the U. S. Senate, on the popularity, and astuteness of D. W. Mulvane, and when he gets this high position prostitutes it and humiliates his friends. But it is the same old story in the same old way, and when you meet a man who is in possession of those two attributes, narrowness, bigotry and cheapness, sooner or later he will strike his level as in the case of J. Ralph Burton.

## DEATH OF BISHOP ARNETT

In the death of Bishop Arnett the race has lost one of its leading lights. He has set a living example of thrift and industry, the heights to which we may go. As a theologian, scholar, author and statesman he has at all times acquitted himself with honor and glory. We first met him at the Republican Convention in that memorable contest between T. B. Reed and Wm. McKinley for the presidency, and as everyone knows his election depended largely on the vote of the colored delegates to that Convention. The Bishop was one of McKinley's trusted Lieutenants; he always held the lamented President's esteem, and was one of his trusted advisers. In his death the race loses one of its brightest stars.

## CAPT. J. M. ADAMSON

Popular Candidate For Constable



Everybody knows Capt. J. M. Adamson, the popular candidate on the Republican Ticket for Constable. He is a staunch friend of the colored people, and they know it, and such men at all times can command their united support.

## SOWING THE WIND REAPS THE WHIRLWIND

The Plaindealer had no more than said that some crime would be committed and someone else would in all probability be blamed than it happened; and it was fortunate that it was no more serious than the alleged robbery of some drunken Austrian. The FREE AND EASY REGIME breeds crime, and the only antidote is remove the cause, put the IDLERS AND LOAFERS TO WORK, and the danger of crime will be reduced to the minimum. Or SOWING the WIND we shall only reap a WHIRLWIND.

## HURLED IN ITS TEETH

Will Call Upon Them to Prove It.

On last Tuesday there was in the Independent a deliberate LIBEL, calculated to injure and prejudice the community against this publication, wherein they unequivocally made the statement that L. V. Gray was the proprietor of this journal. In our long experience as a newspaper man we have never been called upon, and, in fact, have never lived in a community which would tolerate such a lying, deceptive, and vile sheet to exist, and which does not hesitate to blacken the character of any citizen, and which can be likened unto the Evening News of Atlanta, which inspired the recent deplorable race war in that city. Not satisfied with crushing Gray anking his name odious in this community, they seek to connect him with one who has spent his life in the work of promoting the interests of a struggling race, and they would with the tongue of a liar and hypocrite injure and destroy his business if it were possible to do so. We have an abiding faith, however, that the broad-gauged, intelligent men of Montana will hesitate to accept as truth anything that emanates from this seducer of character, this sly vengeful, who, like the buzzards fight for carrion, endeavor to ape Tillman, Vardaman, Dixon, et al, especially where a colored man is concerned.

Demand Retraction or Will Seek Redress in Courts  
Copy of Communication Sent to Independent, Oct. 16, 1906

Hon. Jno. S. M. Neill,  
Proprietor Helena Independent  
Helena, Mont.

Dear Sir:  
With near a score of years in the harness as a newspaper man  
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## WERE NO COWARDS

So Says Calvin Chase, Editor of Washington Bee.

The Associated Press dispatches from Atlanta, Ga., to the effect that dozens of colored citizens were killed and wounded, and but a few of the mob that attacked them. This report is false. There were at least twenty-six of the mob killed, and more would have been killed had the militia remained in. The colored man in the South is no coward, and the white mob is realizing the fact.

The colored citizens of Georgia are no cowards, and if the Georgia people think so, furnish the colored with a sufficient number of guns and they will soon convince the nation. There is no use in hiding the fact, the colored man has got to fight when he is attacked without cause. All of this talk, "don't retaliate," is bosh. No man but a coward will remain silent and see his wife and children murdered by a mob. Why should we expect less from those innocent colored people in Georgia? It is asserted that the bad white and colored element in Georgia were the cause of the recent riot. If this be true, some of the so-called best white people in the city of Atlanta were seen leading the mob against innocent colored citizens. It is so strange that the good (?) white people of Atlanta, Ga., should order the editor of the Augusta Baptist to leave for the publication of an article that appeared six years ago and permit John Temple Graves to remain, who, by his firebrand editorials incited the riot. Dr. White's son, in his absence six years ago published an excerpt from The Washington Bee. This excerpt justified a young man for defending himself from the attack of two young white roughs who assaulted him and his colored lady whom he was escorting. Dr. White of the Augusta Baptist was ordered at that time to leave the city of Augusta but when he explained that he knew nothing about the article, and was not present when it was published, the crackers of Augusta accepted the explanation and permitted him to remain. Now, because some persons had visions that a few colored men had attempted to assault several white women of Atlanta.

No greater falsehood could have been circulated by the vile pen of John Temple Graves. He telegraphed the lie to the Washington Post of this city, which, no doubt, had been prepared several weeks before its publication. It didn't have the effect that Graves thought it would have upon the minds of the good and sensible white people in the North. The result of the whole business was, the white mob started a riot, and before it was ended twenty-six white crackers were killed.—Washington Bee.

## Political Snapshots

T. W. Richardson, the Republican candidate for the four-year term as County Commissioner, is a clean-cut and broad-gauged man whom all our people can support. He is a successful business man, and if elected to this important position he will discharge the duties thereto in a highly creditable and able manner, and recognize all regardless of party, class, or race. He believes in enterprises conducted by our people, and does not hesitate to encourage them. We advise all of our people to keep their minds on Richardson, and give him their undivided support.

The people of Lewis and Clark County, regardless of party, may well congratulate themselves on having so excellent a citizen and capable business man as Mr. J. H. Carmichael for the important position of one of the three County Commissioners. He is a stalwart Republican, and stands for the right and a square deal for all. He is a pleasant and affable gentleman to meet, and not one of those who have one way to meet you during a campaign, and another way at other times, but the same man all the year around, so the people of Lewis and Clark County will make no mistake in voting for J. H. Carmichael for County Commissioner.

One of the most genial public officials which we have ever met is the present Coroner, S. S. Bennett. He has so faithfully filled that position that the people think of no other, and everybody will of course support him for a reelection, and when the votes are counted we predict his election by an increased majority.

Some of our supposed Republican friends, who by their actions are loathe to patronize this journal, should be equally as loathe, and with as much precaution admonish the colored voters against supporting them.

Last week we spoke of Miss Maggie V. Smith's running qualities, and for the same our Republicanism has been challenged. We did not conceive that the test of Republicanism was for County Superintendent, although we have spoken well of her; why shouldn't we? Ever since THE PLAINDEALER was born she has always and at all times been a consistent friend to this publication and a liberal patron. She takes a great interest in the progress of our race, and in all matters for the uplift of our people Miss Smith has been present to aid and assist. We appreciate the same, and the highest compliment we could pay ourselves or the race with which our destiny is linked forever is to say a kind word complimentary, if you please, just a word.

There will be a Grand Smoker and Entertainment at the Manhattan Club Rooms, Friday evening, Oct. 26th. Every colored voter in Helena is urgently requested to be present.—(Continued on fourth page)

## YOU CAN FURNISH YOUR HOME COMPLETE

For Half the Money

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Arthur D. Curtin,

Reliable Housefurnisher, Grand Street.