

ENCOURAGES DEMOCRATS

The personnel of the audience of the Opera House in Westminster on Monday evening of this week at the Democratic meeting ought to be an encouragement for Democratic workers and candidates. The stage decorations, the general appearance of the people in the audience, the ensemble was more like a holiday gathering than like a political meeting, taking the cue from the days before women were admitted by amendment to full suffrage rights and privileges. Each of the fourteen Election Districts in Carroll county was represented by from four to ten men and women. We do not say that our opponents, the Republicans, cannot get together as representatives of a meeting of Republican men and women but we do say that, if the Republicans compel equal representation from all shades of its party membership, the Opera House will look very different from the stage point of view. This meeting proved that the rank and file of Democratic workers are not one bit interested in the individual man or woman, who happens for the time being to be in position of leadership, but that the party itself has a hold strong enough to bind its workers together, if those in temporary positions of leadership only work and ask for help. Carroll County is normally a Democratic County and will return to that fold if the former men, who delegated to themselves leadership and position and office and profits of office, will now get behind the Democratic Band Wagon and each push a little. There is fun in winning and we believe that the Democratic Party can elect a good part of its ticket this November, if each party man and woman helps a little more, some have done more than their part already and some have not done anything to speak of so far. We want everybody to help a little and we have a right to expect help for the ticket from each and every Democrat in Carroll County, who has seen the recipient at the hands of his party at any time of favors and profits from his association with the party and we have a right to demand now the active work and help from each man who was a candidate in the Primaries for nomination, at any time heretofore, because a defeated candidate owes it to his successful rival to help elect him. We do not look for miracles, we are trying to improve local and State Government and we believe that this can best be done by electing the candidates of the Democratic Party. Come along all good Democrats, work, push, help and you will find that there is as much fun to be had in a political campaign as the folks usually get out of another woman's wedding and, if the candidate is lucky enough to win too, see his face beam like that of a bride for a while anyway. It is worth while!

CHARLES O. CLEMSON.

Deductions.

First Boy: "You're afraid to fight, that's what."
 Second Boy: "No, I ain't; but if I fight you my mother'll lick me."
 First Boy: "How'll she find it out, eh?"
 Second Boy: "She'll see the doctor goin' to your house."

The price of soft coal suggests that it will be a hard winter.—Detroit News.

BALTIMORE LETTER.

Hotel Rennet, Baltimore, October 27th, 1921.
 The campaign is progressing here in Baltimore in a manner thoroughly satisfactory to the Democrats, and indications are not lacking which point to a decided victory in all four of the legislative districts. Even the 14th district which has been the one strong hold of the Republicans, is said to show many signs of a victory for the white man's ticket, owing to the disgust of a very large number of the Republican themselves at the nomination of two colored men by their party, as candidates for the House of Delegates.
 Reports from the counties in all parts of the State, are of an encouraging character. In several of the counties, Republican candidates are openly working for themselves regardless of their obligations to the other man on their ticket. All sorts of trading propositions are reported around, and there is no doubt as to the fact that in many of the counties the Republicans are ready and anxious to exchange votes and for Senators and Delegates for votes for Clerk of the Court, Register of Wills and other long term offices, to which are attached considerable salaries. As one Republican said a short time ago: "It would be a misfortune to elect a Republican House. It would not only be of no use to our party, but would cause us all sorts of trouble without any returning compensation. We could do nothing. The Democrats have the Governor and are certain to have a majority in the Senate as they already have ten hold-over Senators and therefore need only four more to give them control of that body, and the chances are that they will elect six more, and possibly seven or eight."
 "With the House on our hands, we would have a great amount of trouble. For the few places to give out in the way of patronage, we would have an army of applicants, and make a host of enemies. In addition to these reasons, there are many others which would make it especially unfortunate for us to have a majority in the House. The Democrats have the Governor and control the State administration, let them have all, and thus take the responsibility for everything without any division. Our fight will come next year when we hope to elect a United States Senator and possibly six members of the House of Representatives. Then you will see a fight worth looking at."
 There have been no general mass meetings here, and the chances are there will be none. The program seems to be to hold a series of small meetings in every precinct, and these meetings are now going with vigor and enthusiasm. Every night meetings are going on in all sections of Baltimore and the attendance is large in the gatherings of both parties.
 Governor Ritchie is arousing much enthusiasm in the counties, and large crowds of people are going out to hear him. He has taken a large part of the burden of the campaign on his shoulders, and is determined to give the people a chance to have a thorough understanding of the real issue to be settled at the election on November 8th. The Republicans have apparently given up all idea of making the question of the increased

representation for Baltimore City a real issue, and Mr. Metzgerott has quitted down on that subject out in Western Maryland, where nine out of every ten voters, both Republicans and Democrats, are really opposed to any increase whatever in the number of the General Assembly allotted to the city.
 PAUL WINCHESTER.

A Controversialist.

Tommy ran in excitedly from the garden, where he had discovered a truffle. "Come quick, mother, and see—see a something."
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