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## THE VOTING BEGINS.

SEVERAL WELL KNOWN LADIES ENTERED—A LIVINGSTON COUNTY LADY IN THE LEAD.

AN INTERESTING CONTEST ASSURED.

The voting contest to determine the most popular lady in Crittenden and Livingston counties is on in earnest. The balloting has begun. The contest promises to be an interesting one from the start until the final count is made.

Work for your favorite. Don't wait and let others get far ahead. An early start is a great advantage.

The prize is a worthy one. The elegant suit of dining room furniture to be awarded the winner is valued at Seventy-Five Dollars. Every piece is beautifully made and of the best material.

The first count of the ballots was made Wednesday morning, six days after the inauguration of the contest. Mrs. Harley D. McChesney, of Salem, received the highest number of votes during the first days of the friendly struggle. The other contestants are well known ladies. The following is the report of the first count:

Mrs. H. D. McChesney.....	20
Mrs. E. M. Duvall.....	12
Miss Ada Franks.....	10
Miss Lillie Flanary.....	4
Miss Ida Bebout.....	4

## MINES AND MINING.

The Blue & Nunn output of carbonate for the past two weeks, amounting to several hundred tons has been purchased by the Mineral Point Zinc company. Shipping was commenced on Monday.

Col Bartlett, the general manager of the Pitcher Lead company of Joplin, Mo., was in town several days last week, looking over the lead ore producing capacity of our mines, with a probable view of installing an ore purchaser here.

The first Saturday of each month is the pay day for the Old Jim, Marion Mineral company, and one or two other minor companies. Last Saturday came in sunshiny and very pleasant, after the long rain, and was doubly welcome to the many employees, who "hoofed" it in to the city to receive their greenbacks.

President Porter of the Columbia Mining company reached the city on Saturday. Mr. Porter's energetic methods of business are somewhat jarred at the slowness of the machinery contractors on the Columbia property. The last we saw of Mr. Porter he was looking for a 'live' wire to apply where it would do the most good.

The strike of the workmen on the Lucile Mining company's working on the new shaft at the Bigham mine was not of long duration. The men after careful consideration decided that they were receiving the full wages paid elsewhere in the district for the same class of work, and after one day of idleness returned to work. As water is reached it is probable that Manager Finley may make the usual advance for such mining.

Subscriptions will be received at the Press office to purchase a car of Kentucky coal to be shipped to the mining man of the Press at Chicago. Most of the coal left in that city has been made up in diamond ornaments and placed in safety vaults. The only method left of keeping warm in Chicago is to breathe on your hands; but that leaves your feet cold. In order to avoid domestic troubles Kentucky offers the only solution; bring on your coal.

A suggestion has been made for a grand mining banquet some time along towards Thanksgiving day. It would seem especially appropriate at the close of this two year old mining district to have a celebration of some kind and bring together the gentlemen who are interested in various ways throughout our Western Kentucky Mining section. Messrs Pierce & Baird of the New Marion hotel, would no doubt put up something in the way of a menu that would make everybody wish they were miners. Fully two hundred covers would be necessary to include the representatives of this great industry.

The price paid for lead ore will soon be of interest to the miners of this district. The computation is made from the selling price of pig lead in New York. At present it is \$40 per thousand pounds, lead alone being the exception, so far as the price is based in tons. A discount is made from this \$40 of 10 per cent. for loss in smelting; the smelting charge of about \$8 is also subtracted and the freight from the mine to the smelter is deducted.

At the date of this issue the Pitcher Lead Co. of Joplin, Mo., will pay for an 80 per cent. lead ore \$23 per thousand pounds, or \$46 per ton, delivered at Joplin.

Major Clement, of Crittenden county, the gentleman who has a specific for clearing out choked up drains and creeks of rocks and logs happened to own a small section of land—a good big building lot in area, situated on the Columbia vein near Crittenden Springs. He cleared the refuse soil from the surface, uncovering a magnificent body of sulphide of zinc, matted with galena. The Marion Bank's mineral cabinet has a fine specimen of the Clement ore. The 300 feet of land on the vein that the Major owns would in any other country be accounted enough for a big working company, as the ore is of splendid character and the body large.

The installment of the 10-inch cornish pump at the Columbia mine is taking about as much time as the building of the post office at Chicago. The Chicago post-

office was commenced two years ago and they have finally roofed it. In about two more years they expect to move in, the interior work will then, it is hoped, be completed.

This cornish pump is the means by which the Columbia shaft will be freed from water, and this great mine be put in productive shape. Naturally we are anxious to see such a consummation, and if we can prod the contractors into getting a hustle on themselves we shall feel distinctly proud.

For the benefit of mine owners and those interested in this district the following announcement is made. The Press is published weekly at one dollar a year in advance. The edition published is limited to the subscription list and only subscribers are served. This statement is made on account of numerous telegrams and letters received at this office for copies of back dates containing some special article. We can not supply back dates. We shall always be pleased to have you on our list and you will secure the paper promptly provided you are a subscriber. The only exception is that of the Illustrated Mining issue, of which we still have a few copies at ten cents each.

There has been some considerable prospecting for ores of manganese in this section, so far without success. Probably two-thirds of the states in the Union have more or less of this ore. Vermont ores are low grade, in fact nearly all of the Northern states ores of manganese will grade low, too low for the production of ferro manganese except where iron is also a large portion of the ores makeup. Virginia has produced a large tonnage of first class manganese as has Arkansas and Colorado. The fatal drawback to ores of this character lies in the phosphorus which they carry. Anything above one tenth of one per cent. or ten lbs. of phosphorus to the ton of ore is a decided drawback. One half of one per cent. or 10 lbs to the ton is practically a fatal bar to its use. Phosphorus makes steel brittle, or as termed, "short."

At the present time Cuba is furnishing the steel works of America with manganese of a superior character, the price having been reduced to some 22 cents per unit based on a 50 per cent. ore with low phosphorus, making its value \$11 per ton.

The Marion Mineral company's opening on the Flanary dike, near the Holly mine, bids fair to be one of the great producing properties of the district. The carbonate of zinc raised up to the present time will, from its looks, average a higher percentage of zinc than from any other section of the district. The ore is nearly all of that high grade crystallization that assays show run up in the vicinity of 48 to 50 per cent. Mining men will find a shaft that is a model in both sinking and timbering, while the drift timbers are in their way perfect. Mr Jno. Clark, the Superintendent of the company at this property, has set a high standard for others to follow, both in the neatness which characterizes the workings above and below and in the care for the safety and comfort of the men employed.

A horse whim is used for raising the ore from the 40 foot drift, two buckets being used. It works admirably.

The breast of ore 25 feet from the shaft shows a width of 11½ feet, the lump carbonate being disseminated through the zinc dirt. But one wall has so far been determined, the great extent of the

vein's width is as yet unknown, but 11 feet ought to satisfy almost any one. Water will be obtained at a further depth of some 25 feet and will be utilized in washing what is known as the "waste dirt." This Flanary dike will in all probability develop some magnificent properties at various points along its course.

The Crittenden County Lead, Zinc and Spar company have uncovered sulphide of zinc or "Jack" in calcite on their property near the Memphis mine. It appears to be characterized by large crystals and should be a first-class milling proposition. It is a little early to determine the quantity or size of the vein; yet the samples shown are much better and more compact than is usually found.

Mr John Moore, the superintendent and one of the directors, of this company was advised of the determination of the men employed to insist upon more wages or quit work. Mr. Moore called the men out and discharged them.

It seems that at this time it would be well for both employes and employers to understand that to a certain extent they are dependent one upon the other. Summary methods on the part of either is not good business. While most of the men employed can not without a great stretch of the truth be called miners, in the proper sense of the term, yet they do fair work and are gaining experience daily. Neither are the wages paid excessive in any instance yet compared to two years ago the advance is large, fully 60 per cent. A little heart to heart talk will generally bridge over any difficulties, either fancied or real, and such a course will prove much wiser for both sides than the "I wills and I wonts."

### BRYAN'S SAYINGS.

Anthracite coal is still rising, but be patient. Republicans, the President may get his amendment through in four or five years, and you ought to be willing to freeze a little for your party's sake.

A man named Durham, equipped with a dress suit case, \$7 in cash and a lot of nerve, established a bank in Elnora, Ill., and was soon able to disappear with \$10,000 belonging to a too confiding people. Durham seems to have anticipated the Fowler banking law by a year or two.

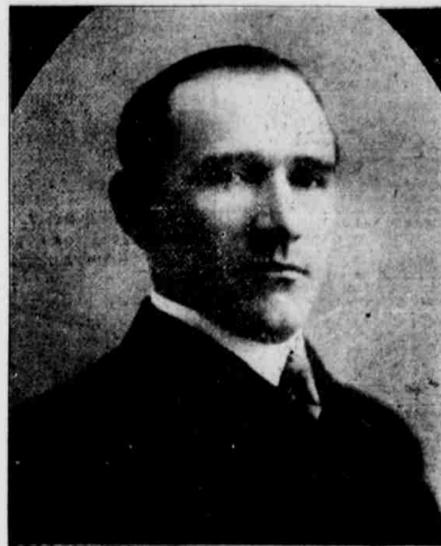
The money wrang from the people by unjust taxation is loaned by the government, without interest to favored banks and the act is called "relieving the money famine." And the wonder is that there are so many people who believe it.

The directors of Northwestern University, who refused to admit a negro girl to the school are the same Republican gentlemen who objected to certain political doctrines because men who profited by Republican favors put up the money to support the school.

If governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, then it follows that we have no more right in the Philippines now when they yield a sullen submission to superior force than we had when they were able to stand up and defend their inalienable rights.

The famous "Old Farmer Hopkins" company will positively be at our opera house one night only, Thursday, Oct. 16th. This attraction is of the highest class, carrying all of its own elaborate outfit of scenery, mechanical effects, music and all the other details necessary to a finished performance. A crowded house is assured.

## CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.



HON. H. V. MCCHESENEY.

The present Superintendent of Public Instruction and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State.

### RICE CULTURE A BIG THING.

Glowing reports are coming from the Texas rice country from farmers who have gone there from this State. They say that they are making big money raising rice and claim it to be the most profitable crop grown in America; the same machinery and practically the same methods are used in raising rice as in raising wheat. One man can handle two hundred acres of rice at a clear profit of \$40 per acre can be made by almost any kind of a farmer. Renters clear enough the first year to buy land the second year. Land can now be purchased near Houston, Texas, from fifteen to thirty dollars per acre, according to improvements. It has only been known a short time that rice culture could be successfully carried on in Texas, and if immigration continues as rapidly as at present it will only be a year or so until these rice lands will be bringing fabulous prices.

From a letter written by a former resident of this section, now living in the rice belt of Texas, we take the following estimate of cost etc. of rice growing.

This estimate is made upon the basis of the farmer doing all the work himself, that he can do, and hiring done just such work as he can not do:

Seed used, imported rice, 50 lbs. per acre,	\$3 00
Harvesting, two men to shock ten acres daily,	50
Threshing, 13 sacks average, at 10c each,	1 30
Sacks (less rebate 3 cents each when returned) or 6c each,	78
Total cost,	\$5 58

YIELD.	
13 sacks per acre, 186 lbs. per sack,	2,431 lbs
Deduct two bbls, 165 lbs each, water rent,	334
Net lbs per acre	2,107
2,107 lbs, or 13 bbls, of 162 lbs each, sell at the average price of \$3.50 per acre, or	\$45 50
Deduct expenses as above indicated,	\$5 58
Net income yearly per acre,	\$39 92

One man can farm one hundred acres the first year, on raw prairie sod ground, build his own levees, and each year thereafter he can farm 150 acres, with the above as the average result.

### Forty Years Torture.

To be relieved from a torturing disease after forty years of torture might well cause the gratitude of any one; and that is what DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve did for C. Haney, Geneva, O., he says: "DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me of piles, after I had suffered forty years. Cures cuts, burns, wounds, skin diseases. Beware counterfeits, At Haynes,

## Real Estate Bargains!

### City Property.

Dwelling of 3 rooms, centrally located, good lot, good water. Price low.

A two-story frame house of 7 rooms, two lots, in the city of Marion. Two good wells and outbuildings. Offered at a price that will sell it.

House of 5 rooms, pantry, double veranda, two wells, good stable, buggy house and smoke house; nearly 3 acres of ground, 155 feet front; ground lays well; good fences and property in splendid repair; situated just outside of the corporate limits of Marion. Price low. Terms one-third cash, balance one, two and three years, at 6 per cent. interest.

House and lot on Belleville street, in East Marion. Lot 60x250 feet. House of five rooms, good well, cistern, large stable, smoke house and everything convenient. This is desirable property and is located in the growing part of Marion. Price reasonable.

### Farming Lands.

146 acres good land, 1 mile east of Sheridan, Ky., well timbered, good spring, ponds and wells, stables, 3-room house. In mining district, near LaRue lead. Fine wheat land. Price \$1600.

90 acres 1½ miles south of Marion, on Marion and Princeton road. Fine tobacco and wheat land. Small dwelling, plenty of water, good orchard, large new tobacco barn, land in splendid condition. Well worth the price asked.

171 acres, lying on the waters of Crooked creek; 35 acres in timber, 126 acres in good state of cultivation. Frame house of four rooms, plenty of stock water, good orchard and stables. This is a desirable farm, 1½ miles from Marion, close to school house and church. Price low; terms easy.

200 acres, more or less, in Marion precinct No. 3, six miles from Marion, 11-4 miles from Mattoon. Two-story house of 4 rooms; good stables and barn; 120 acres cleared; all in good state of cultivation; 70 acres in timber; good well and stock water; two small tenant houses. This can be made one of the best farms in Crittenden county. Price exceedingly low; easy terms.

227 acres of fine farming land on the Tradewater river in Crittenden county, near Rodney, and 1½ miles from Sullivan; 100 acres cleared, balance in fine timber; 60 to 80 bushels of corn to the acre raised on this land. Two splendid, everlasting springs; three comfortable tenant houses; will sell on easy terms. Persons desiring a fine farm at a low price will do well to see this land. For further particulars call on Bourland & Walker.

250 acres, 1 mile south of Sheridan, on Wallace Ferry road. Will be sold as a whole or divided into two farms; 140 acres on West side of Wallace Ferry road and 110 acres on East side of road. The West side has two-story log house of 6 rooms, everlasting water; 7 acres timber, remainder in good state of cultivation; 2 springs and cistern. East side 3 room house, stable, cistern, 80 acres tillable, 30 acres timber. This farm is located in the mineral belt, only 1½ miles from the "Old Jim" zinc mine. It is worth the price for agricultural purposes.

For further information call on or write to

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