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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce J. CAMPBELL CANTRILL, of Scott county, as a candidate for Congress, subject to the Democratic convention, September 3.

We are authorized to announce W. P. KIMBALL, of Fayette county, as a candidate for re-election to Congress from the 7th Congressional District, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention, September 3.

"I would rather have the business which goes to Louisville than the business done in Frankfort."

This significant remark was made by a Frankfort merchant the other day and expressed concisely the condition which exists in Frankfort. Louisville gets the cream of the business transacted by Frankfort people. They have the idea that they can get things better and cheaper in the city than they can in Frankfort. Therefore they go to Louisville when they want to buy anything other than Irish potatoes or some such commodity. The women are no worse than the men. The woman who wants a fine gown goes to Louisville to buy it. If she wants a pair of shoes she goes to Louisville and gets them there. The man buys his clothes in Louisville and gets his hats there. This applies, of course, to the better trade. That is the men and women who buy the more expensive articles of wear. The great common people, who can not get passes on the railroads, buy in Frankfort, because they have no do so. If they could go to Louisville for nothing they would do as do their more fortunate neighbors.

Why buy in Louisville? That is the question. The invariable answer is that they can buy cheaper. But can you? You go into a fine store on Fourth avenue. Everything is elaborately arranged and articles of beauty, and also great price, are shown attractively. Some few bargains are also shown. Did you ever stop to realize what the rent is, on the building which is occupied by that fine store? One store room in Louisville at Fourth and Green streets, rents for \$12,500 a year. It is not a large store, either. Before the owners of that business make any profit they must clear that \$12,500 and each article that they sell must be taxed to pay that rent bill. The Frankfort dealer does not have to pay rent like that and can afford to sell lower. He and the Louisville dealer buy from the same wholesaler at the same prices, but the Frankfort dealer can sell cheaper as his expenses are less and his business just as large, proportionately. Another thing. The Frankfort dealer, say in clothes, can carry his last summer stock over to this summer and sell it, but the Louisville dealer must clean up each season, and can carry nothing over. The result is simply this: The Louisville dealer must sell out his stock, each season, at a loss. To make up for this loss he must sell the first stock at a higher rate than he would if he could carry over the stock from one season to the next.

All of which means, buy in Frankfort. One can buy cheaper and get the same goods, and in Frankfort the cash need not be handed out, but the Frankfort dealer will carry your account for from one to six months, where the Louisville dealer, who never saw you before, wants to see the "Joe Dav's" before the goods are delivered.

Louisville police certainly have a lively time guessing whether or not they are reformers. William Marshall Bullitt is firing some for too much activity in politics and in person ordering others to take an active part in politics.

The Optimist.

By A. R. D.

What is the fascination about a circus? Why will a small boy get up in the early hours of the morning, hang around a railroad station for two hours and then spend the morning watching the unloading of numerous wagons? Why will the grown man leave his business, get in a crowded street car, where he is shoved and stamped on while he hangs to a strap and then sit in a badly ventilated and hot tent, breathing the odor of wild animals, doubled up like a grasshopper, for two hours, while his bones cut through his flesh, watching sundry persons do more or less startling things?

It is no use to ask why. The fact exists and must be recognized as a fact. It is a disease. It is called circuisitis and the attacks are intermittent. Circuisitis is a peculiar disease. It attacks persons in all walks of life, usually beginning in childhood and never being entirely eliminated. A child frankly admits that he or she is suffering from an attack of the disease but the grown person will deny vigorously that he or she has it.

"Going to the circus?" "Oh, no, I have outgrown circuses long ago. I will stay at the office this afternoon and work." But he don't. The parade comes along and the blaze of the band wakes up those circuisitis microbes and they get so active that the patient usually has a very severe attack of the disease and the only remedy for such an attack is to buy a ticket and go through the agonies of "bleacher" seats.

The Optimist is going to the circus. He is not one who is ashamed of being possessed of a desire to go to a circus. He frankly admits that a circus has the same fascination for him now that it had when he was some ten years old. The Optimist will not have that tent to himself, either. Some several thousands of other grown persons will go to the circus, too. Some of them may adopt the expedient of taking their own children or some nephews or nieces or cousins to excuse their attendance. They will pretend that they are bored but are they? If they are any part of human beings their blood will flow more quickly as soon as the scent of the circus gets into their nostrils and they will feed peanuts to the elephants and return to their youth and when the performance is over and they have returned to their homes they will sigh, swear they will never go to another circus, but down in their hearts they will know that they are not telling the truth, for the circus has restored their youth, like that mythical spring for which the Spanish searched in the days of yore. And to be young again, even for two or three hours, is worth the money.

"Did you ever put your hand in an elephant's mouth?" the Optimist asked a man the other day.

"No, by the eternal, and I never will," was the emphatic reply.

It is a queer sensation and worth while, if the elephant is gentle and the trainer happens to be around. Barnum had an elephant called "Queen" that could not throw her trunk over her head, on account of its unusual development. To feed an elephant peanuts one usually has only to make a motion and the trunk goes over the head, leaving a cavern into which the nuts can be tossed. But to feed peanuts to Queen one had to stand against her side and push in the nuts with one's fingers. It was perfectly safe but did not look safe. The Optimist tried it and Queen's lips closed down on his fingers, which did not injure the fingers in the least, as the lips were soft, but it was an odd sensation.

The best part of a circus is missed by the average person. That is the putting up of the tents and the unloading of the wagons from the train. When Barnum's show was on its tour through Europe, at the first performance, several British army officers

were present. They saw those enormous tents and all that heavy baggage, and when they were told that the circus would give a night performance in one town, take all their acres of tents down, move them to another town, put up the main and give a performance in the afternoon, they said it was impossible. They were invited to stay and watch them do it. They did so and their eyes in surprise at the work which it was done. After several army officers traveled with the circus for weeks, studying the methods of handling heavy baggage, and putting into practice in the army the lessons learned from the circus. The work of putting up the tents was done early in the morning and was done so quickly and with so little ease as to be far more interesting than anything done on the trapeze or horizontal bars. Go out and see one and you will be surprised and entertained.

Punch Wheeler, who is press agent for the circus for many years, was entertaining a bunch of newspaper men one day and told this story:

"We used to have a lecturer with the circus who would tell the people about the animals in the menagerie tent. The dens were all placed the same way, every day, no matter where we showed. One day the cages were mixed up and the lecturer, who had learned his talk according to the regular program, stopped at the first cage and said:

"Now, ladies and gentlemen, we have here one of the queerest of all birds. It is a native of the desert and is so stupid that it will hide its head in the sand—"

"I pulled his coat and said: 'You fool you that's not the ostrich. That's the tapir.'"

"Can't help it," he replied. "If they mix up the cages it is not my fault. I learned this talk that way and I have to say it the way I learned it, whether it fits the cages or not." After that we had to see to it that the cages were always arranged in the regular order or he would have been describing the lion as a monkey."

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Miss Mary Lee Warren, of Louisville, is expected early during May for a visit with Governor and Mrs. Augustus E. Willson.

Mrs. Stephen Trabue and her daughters, Miss Virginia and Marian Trabue, spent the week in Louisville, the guests of Mrs. Katherine Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian P. VanWinkle, who were residents of Danville, and who recently removed to Louisville, will make their home at Anchorage during the summer.

Miss Alice Griffin has returned from Louisville, where she spent several weeks as the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Cronin.

Secretary of State Dr. Ben. L. Bruner has returned from Hart county, where he spent several days with relatives.

Miss Marian Gaines has returned to her home, at Crescent Hill, after a visit of several weeks with her cousin, Mrs. Edw. Fry, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. Thos. B. McGregor, of Benton, arrived here Monday to join her husband, who is an Assistant in the Attorney General's office. They will go to housekeeping at once in the O'Hara cottage, on Capitol Avenue.

Capt. Jackson Morris has returned from Louisville, where he spent several days during the week inspecting several sites for the First Regiment Rifle Range on which options are held.

In Gov. Augustus E. Willson's box at the Masonic Theatre, in Louisville, on Monday evening to see the High School boys in "The Prince and the Pauper" were Suzanne Henning, Miss Letitia McDonald, Marquis de Charrette, of Paris; Mr. Thomas Gaither.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Weathers, who have leased Tatham Springs for the coming season, left Thursday morning to assume charge and the springs will be thrown open to guests about May 15.

Mrs. Isaac Franklin Starks, of Louisville, passed through here Tuesday evening en route to Midway, where she will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Cannon, at their country home, "Elkwood."

Mrs. Augustus E. Willson, who has had apartments at the Seelbach, in Louisville, for several weeks past, arrived here Thursday to join Governor Willson. They will be with Mrs. Robert Crittendon for the next two weeks, when they will take up their residence at the "Mansion," which is now undergoing repairs.

Advertisement for 'the Public' dated 1877 and 1908. The text is partially obscured by a large ink blot. Visible text includes: '1877', '1908', 'the Public:', '1877, just thirty-one years', 'commenced a modest business', 'exertions have been', 'the best values and', 'straightforward business', 'has shown a gratifying', 'of these efforts by the general public', 'as the patronage of the store has steadily increased.', 'To-day it is my pride to number among my customers many who have given me their patronage since my opening year. This firm is probably the oldest established in Frankfort operating under the original ownership and management, having never changed either during the entire period.', 'My sincere thanks are due to my many patrons and friends for their continuous remembrances. I hope to hold their patronage and will strive to please in every manner. In fact, with some changes to be shortly inaugurated, this business will be in far better position to serve our friends and add many new customers.', 'Again thanking the public, I am Respectfully, I. DAVIS.', 'Frankfort, Ky., May 1, 1908.'

AMONG THE SICK.

Mrs. S. W. Howell, Jr., who has been quite ill for several weeks at her home on Kentucky Avenue, in Bellepoint, was yesterday said to be lightly improved.

Mr. Henry Ellwanger, Jr., who had a growth removed from under his left eye on Tuesday afternoon, was yesterday reported to be doing very nicely.

Mrs. John D. Griffin, who was at St. Joseph's Infirmary in Louisville for several weeks and later spent a week with her mother, Mrs. Mary Cronin, has returned home improved in her health.

Mr. Louis H. Finnell continues to improve at the Norton Infirmary, in Louisville, and in a letter to Mr. M. D. Coyle yesterday he says he will be able to return home Sunday evening.

Mr. John Will Johnson, who has been confined to his home on Fourth street for several weeks continues to grow weak and but slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Miss Annie Redding, who has been seriously ill with tuberculosis at her home on Holmes street for several weeks past, was reported yesterday evening to be in a dying condition.

Miss Mary Harrison's many friends in Frankfort regret to hear that she is ill with an attack of appendicitis at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Simrall on east Fourth street in Lexington.

Miss Margaret Finnell Coyle, who has been quite ill during the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Coyle, was vedy much improved last evening.

Judge Wm. L. Jett, who has been confined to his home with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism in his right knee and ankle was able, with the aid of crutches, to be at his office in the Confederate Record Department yesterday.

Mr. John E. Miles continues quite ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Guy Emmett and last night was reported as gradually growing weak with but slight chances for his recovery.

The many friends of Mrs. Jackson Morris in Frankfort will regret to learn that she has been quite ill at the home of her parents in New Jersey, but was greatly improved yesterday and will be able to return home at an early date.



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