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REPUBLICANS MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP IN THE STATE OF MAINE

AUDITOR DARST SHOWS WHAT THE PEOPLE'S MONEY BUYS FOR THEM IN THE WAY OF EFFICIENT SERVICE

Exhaustive Analysis of the Business Affairs of the State

STRIKING CONTRASTS

Would People Want To Go Back To Slip-Shod Democratic Days?

MADISON, W. Va., Sept. 12.—John S. Darst, state auditor, who is a candidate for re-election, opened the Republican campaign here last night with a speech which, while it was largely analytical of the business management of the state, was decidedly interesting and well received by his auditors. When, after comparing conditions today with those that existed in the days when the Democratic party controlled the state government Mr. Darst asked if the people wanted to return to the earlier practices the answer was a thunderous "No!"

Auditor Darst said in part after quoting from a speech made at Clarksburg in April of this year in which the Democratic candidate for governor said: "Your taxes since 1904 have rapidly gone up, up, until in many cases properties are assessed seven, ten and fifteen times as much as they were assessed in 1903. They have now laid a levy of 14 cents, and many a man who has property is paying today five times as much as he paid with a 35 cent levy under the old plan."

The tax laws were passed some twelve years ago. At that time the state tax was twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars valuation, making a total of thirty-five cents for state and school purposes. The assessments, as made in counties on real estate, were so unequal, some counties having a valuation of twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars and running up, in other counties, to sixty and seventy cents on the hundred dollars. Under these valuations, some counties contributed much more than their fair share to the running expenses of the state, while others paid much less than their fair share. The new law, however, contains provisions for the re-assessment of all real estate at its true value, in order to secure a more uniform assessment. This was done with a much nearer approach to uniformity than was ever had before.

The assessors in each county assess all the property, both real and personal, in their respective counties, with the exception of the public service corporations, which are railroads, pipe lines, telegraph and telephone companies, etc. This property is assessed by the Board of Public Works, and the auditor collects the tax and pays it over to the counties, districts and municipalities.

I submit the following tables showing the receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, and the receipts for the fiscal year, 1897, the last year that the Democratic party held power in this state.

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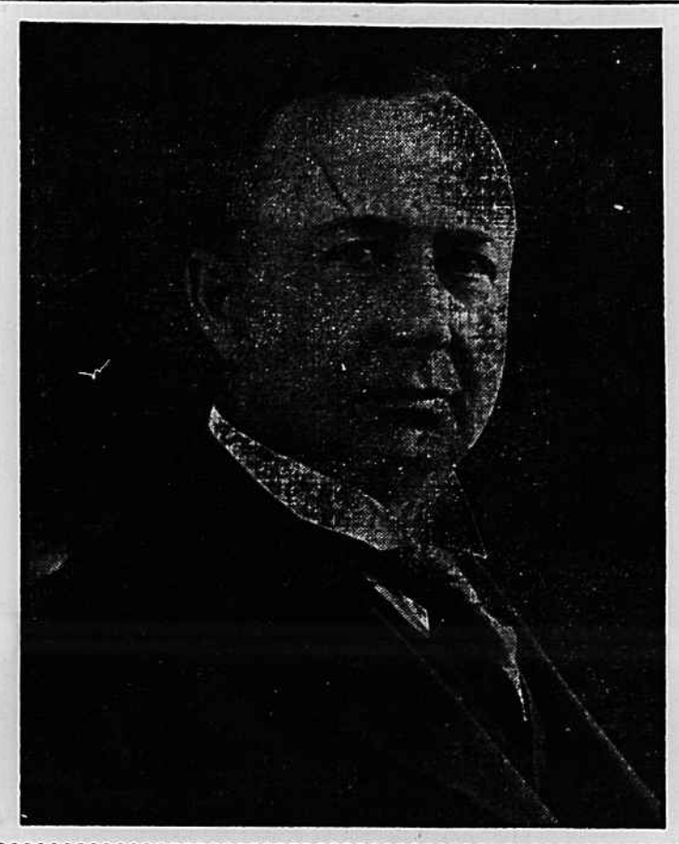
State Auditor Darst



NOTICE

Bids will be open for the new school building at Monongah, W. Va., until 21st of September. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of T. G. Price, City Building, Monongah, W. Va. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Signed, Board of Education, Grant District, Marion county, West Virginia.

T. G PRICE, Sect'y.

RUMORS OF MORE PARALYSIS FALSE

Case On Newton Street Improving and Quarantine Is Rigid

No new cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in Fairmont today and this disease is as yet confined to the case on Newton street where the little girl of Mrs. John Holt is said to be recovering quickly with little danger of serious or permanent results.

A number of rumors of other cases have filled the city one of which proved to be only a child with a sprained arm. This was the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Willey of View street. Dr. Howard, who is attending the patient reported today that the child was rapidly recovering from a fall she received some time ago and has not developed the slightest symptom of paralysis. Another rumor of a case on Fifth street near Locust avenue, at the home of M. J. Comuntzis proved to be false as the little girl at this place is now almost recovered from an attack of pneumonia from which she has been suffering for the past three weeks.

The City health board has the situation well in hand and is vigorously enforcing all the canitary and quarantine regulations so that the possibility of a further spread of the epidemic is very slight.

ELKS AT BLUEFIELD.

W. D. Evans, Bert Leopold and Charles Barry left yesterday for Bluefield where the B. P. O. E. is holding a convention today and tomorrow. Several others are expected to leave tonight to spend the last day in joyous reunion with their brothers in the city at the bottom end of the state. Bluefield is prepared to handle the thousands of visiting Elks and will send some of them to Bedford City, Va., to see the new Elks' home there which was lately erected at a cots of half a million dollars.

SOME DEFECTIVE WIRING FOUND BY FIRE INSPECTORS

But On the Whole Fairmont Is a Pretty Safe Town

Fire Marshal John S. Horan and Deputy Fire Marshal Mose Kindleberger, after investigating the origin of the two fires which kept southern Fairmont awake during the morning hours yesterday were unable to arrive at any conclusion and will spare a few hours from their inspection work here to look further into the matter during the week.

The two state officers in company with Fire Chief Okey J. Watkins went about the city this morning trying to get a working basis from which to start the fire prevention inspection of the city. They will take in the business section and streets chiefly, looking at all times for piles of rubbish, loose papers, fire traps and wires hanging too close to buildings.

The inspectors started at Bert Leopold's store and worked from there to and including the Watson building this morning. They left the Court house for a later date. Stores and buildings in this section were found wanting in fire prevention respects in some cases, but on the whole the inspectors feel that every person in the city is doing all possible to prevent fires.

Wiring in several places was ordered taken out and put in properly, which owners agreed to do. Little rubbish was found, a few bundles of papers were discovered in places where owners of stores did not know of their existence and these were cleaned out.

The inspectors will go to Quincy street and Main today and start back working from Quincy to Cleveland on the left hand side of the street. From this corner they will start down Cleveland toward Jackson.

$50,000 Fire In Parkersburg

(By Associated Press)

PARKERSBURG, Sept. 12. — Fire early today destroyed the plant of the Ideal Corrugated Box company. The Parkersburg Upholstering company, the Parkersburg Chair company and the Creighton Lumber company, adjoining the box plant, sustained heavy losses.

The blaze originated in the box plant and gained considerable headway before discovered. The loss is estimated at $50,000.

The Weather

West Virginia — Probably fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly warmer in east tonight.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS.

Temperature at 8 a. m. today, 53.

Yesterday's weather, clear; temperature, maximum, 89; minimum, 49; precipitation, none.

Notice!

(1) On and after this date, it is hereby ordered that all confectioners and dealers in produce shall keep their merchandise within their store-rooms for both display and sale; and shall keep their merchandise screened and protected from dust and flies.

(2) No one will be allowed to peddle from vehicles or otherwise, confections, fruits, milk products or produce of any kind without having it properly screened or covered.

(3) It is not the purpose of the Department of Health to work hardship on anyone; but it is the desire to secure the co-operation of all in this and other health measures to prevent disease, believing in view of recent investigation and for sanitary reasons the people aid in every way possible to guard the health of the citizens.

C. M. RAMAGE, M. D.
Health Officer.

Approved—
C. R. WEIRICH, M. D.
Director of Division of Preventable Diseases.

SCENE IN COUNTY COURT WHEN LOW BIDDER LOSES OUT

Glover Loses His Temper But Taxpayers Are Heavier Losers

A. M. Glover, county commissioner and Democratic candidate for sheriff engaged in a wordy dispute this morning with a designer of the Luden Bridge company of Clarksburg, during the session of the county court at which the contract for the construction of the new bridge at Everson was let go to the Meredith Construction company of Marietta, Ohio, their bid being $17,988 on the plans submitted by County Engineer Wilfong. The bid of the Luden Brdge company of Clarksburg, who built the new Clarksburg and Grafton bridges, was but $16,991, but made on their own plans which they submitted with the bid.

The court's refusal to consider this was the cause of the heated discussion, the Clarksburg man saying "I am surprised at the action of this court, which could have saved the county a considerable sum on this work. As to the submission of our own plans, you have not even looked at them. Why did you not give us a fair chance?"

Mr. Glover took it upon himself to answer the bridge designer and said, "Your bid was not upon the advertised plans upon which bids were asked. These other men submitted bids upon our plans so why should we consider you?"

The Clarksburg man replied: "The submission of their own plans by construction companies who bid on such work is customary and their plans are carefully compared by county and city authorities in all progressive communities where the officials wish to save the taxpaywers money. We have followed this custom in Ohio and Indiana and even in other counties in West Virginia. But here you seem to have the affair all arranged and have not given us a chance to compete."

At this point Mr. Glover arose and paced back and forth behind the desk in the court room, saying: "Do you mean by that statement that we are not progressive and that we are using unfair methods? I will have you understand, sir, that we resent that implication and that we consider ourselves second to none! Second to none! Sir,; I repeat that we consider this county second to tnone!"

County Clerk A. G. Martin at this point interposed and led the Clarksburg gentleman out of the room attempting to explain to him just how it happened that his bid had not been considered. Mr. Glover also left the room and the meeting was over. The bid of the Meredith Construction company was the lowest of the three bids considered, the other two being Monongahela Valley Enginering company, $25,000, and Cole Brothers, $22,675.

The concrete steel company also bid on the new bridge and their bid was but$17,500, being lower than that of the Meredith Construction company. Their bid however was not considered by the court as they also submitted their own plans. The design offered by the Luden Construction company was for a three arch bridge with solid reinforced concrete construction while that of Wilfong is a five span bridge with three piers or columns in the river. The Luden bridge called for but two piers in the river. Wilfong's plan is similar in type to the bride now in use in the West End on the country club road.

Rivesville High School In Class

The high school at Rivesville was yesterday classified as one of the first class high schools of the state and will this year give the full four year high school course which fills the entrance requirements at West Virginia University. One new teacher was also added to the staff at this school this being Miss Josephine Clark, who is a graduate of Wesleyan College at Buckhannon. Fifty-five students are enrolled now at the Rivesville high school and a successful year is anticipated.

County superintendent of schools, Homer C. Toothman, visited all of the high schools in this section of the county yesterday and reports them all in good condition. A new principal is now in charge of the Thoburn high school, G. B. Nicholson having succeeded N. G. Matthews at that place. Fifty students are enrolled in this school.

Six Killed at Fairchance Mill

(By Associated Press)

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Sept. 12.—The press mill and charge house of the Du Pont company at Farichance let go this afternoon. Six men are repotred killed and a number of persons injured.

CHAMPION SHEEP RAISER.

GRAFTON, W. Va., Sept. 12.—L. A. Smith lays claim to the championship of Taylor county in raising spring lambs, having just sold to G. E. Bailey, of Flemington, 16 lambs which weighed 1,615 pounds, or more than 100 pounds each.

Same Old 'Coon Again Exults at Republican Headquarters

At Republican headquarters this morning the old Republican 'Coon that was formerly the talk of the city made his appearance. From a vantage point over the door he now stands exultantly among a group of small flags and overlooks all of the visitors and workers who congregate in the local offices. His long bushy tail curls gaily over his back and in his mouth he holds a card lettered "Maine Results—Thank God For Wilson."

The older Republicans who gather in the local offices tell a marvelous story of the history of this coon and the many sore troubles that have beset him since he last appeared on the streets of Fairmont in the parade after the fall election in 1908.

Some enterprising young Republican at that time had gone out to the country and captured this coon and brought him to Fairmont where he was carried triumphantly in the parade in 1908. He was then carefully cared for by various local party workers until the fall of 1912. Shortly after Wilson inauguration, however, and before the war began he was neglected and starved to death.

His history after death is rather obscure but some one took his body to a taxidermist and had it mounted. Some person wh oowned the mounted animal either died or got into legal difficulties and the coon was sold in front of the Marion county court house one day at public auction. Luke Cordray purchased him at this sale for the ridiculous sum of $2.20, and yesterday presented him to the local headquarters force.

Once more the same identical coon is back with his friends and smiling with all his old time glee. He was identified by many of the part members by the peculiar markings which were noticed during the parade in 1908.

PORCELAIN MAKING IS NEW INDUSTRY IN UNITED STATES

War Deprived American Manufacturers of Imported Clay Supply

(The European war brought a shortage in the United States of many manufactures which hitherto had been imported. Americans immediately set to work to remedy the lack—with striking success. This is the second of series of articles showing that "America can!" —Editor West Virginian.)

BY FREDERICK M. KERBY.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Two years ago nobody in America thought that it was possible to manufacture porcelain in the United States from American clays.

AMERICA CAN!

England, Germany and France have always supplied the clays from which porcelain and other fine clay products and crucibles have been made in this country.

Today, Secretary of Commerce Redfield is very proud of samples of porcelain vases made in his own department, which equal anything from the finest porcelain manufacturing establishments abroad.

When the European war restricted imports of clay from abroad, the U. S. bureau of standards at its Pittsburg laboratory undertook a series of experiments with American clay to see if it could produce the fine glaze which distinguishes the imported product. This glaze is produced by burning the clay.

The experiments of the bureau were entirely successful, and American manufacturers were advised of the results, and of the fact that American clay could be obtained which, with slight treatment, could be made equal to any of the imported clays.

Many of these are found in the south, and are now being produced for commercial use.

Today there are two establishments making the best type of chemical porcelain from these American materials, and others are expected to follow in their footsteps.

Samples of this American-made porcelain ware are already beginning to find their way to market, and a new American industry on a permanent scale has become an accomplished fact.

Prohibitionists To Certify Candidates

THEY BELIEVE THEY WILL BE ON MANY TICKETS IN STATE.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 12.—Holding that he had no legal right to receive and certify the candidates nominated by the Prohibition party on June 7, Secretary of State Stuart F. Reed returned to Squire Halstead, chairman of the Prohibition Party State Convention, the list of nominees for Presidential electors and judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

The Prohibitionists will now certify their Presidential electors and candidates for Judges to the clerk of the Circuit Court in each county, and unless objections are raised in the courts believe the names will be on many of the ballots in the State. They base their contention on the ground that the legislators did not intend to deprive them of their party.

REV. R. T. WEBB RETURNS HERE

Many Changes Made in M. E. Church, South, Appointments

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 12.—Bishop J D Kilgo read the list of 1916 appointments yesterday and brought to a close the five days' sessions of the Western Virginia conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. More than 100 preachers were provided with pulpits for the coming year, and many changes were made from last year's assignments. The principal appointments for the five district follow:

Fairmont District—F S Pollitt, presiding elder. Boothsville circuit, P L O'Dell; Burnsville and Flatwoods, H H Pawnall; Camden-on-Gauley circuit, C C Jarvis; Elkins circuit, A J Walton; Fairmont station, R T Webb; Fairview circuit. C N Coffman; Farmington circuit, I S Tyler; Clarksburg station, W I Canton; Parson circuit, W J Richar son; Philippi circuit, O E Thorn; Richwood station, W H Perkins; Rivesville circuit, J B F Yoaks; St. George circuit, W A Low; Sutton and Gassaway, R J Yoak; Webster Springs, A E Odell.

Bandit Harrison's Trial Began Today

(By Associated Press)

MARTINSBURG, Sept. 12.—Jefferson and Eugene Dies were placed on trial in the United States District court here today charged with train robbery. The men are alleged to be two of three that held up a aBltimore & Ohio train at Central station. West Virginia, last October and made away with more than $100,000 in unsigned banknotes. Hnry Grady Webb, of Birmnigham, Ala., said to be the third of a party has not been found.

According to United States District Attorney Walker the Central station robbery is the 13th committed by the same gang. Federal officers said that Dies has made a confession and is expected to tell the story of the crime at the trial of Harrison.

Harrison appeared in court heavily guarded by deputy marshals and guards. He pleaded not guilty to an indictment which contains nine counts.

City Hall Notes

Murray Skinner, who last fall sued the city for $2,500 because of an injury to his leg which was sustained while walking along a board walk on Fourth street, after several attempts to compromise finally settled this morning for $75.

Mayor Bowen when speaking of the manner in which he was entertained at Newark last week says that when he asked a member of the entertaining committee how much he was allotted to entertain each visiting mayor replied "the blue sky is the limit."

Chief Harr says the mayor has his dates mixed up, that it must have been behind locked doors that the statement was made.

The mayor does not know the difference between a game of poker and a set of dice. He takes pride in claiming that he doesn't know the names of the cards apart and that he never did see a game of crap and doesn't know how it's played.

Clarence Abbott, fireman, went home last night suffering with a slightly dislocated shoulder and two bruised knes. Abbott was injured while going to the Ridgely fire early yesterday morning, when he jumped off the fire truck while it was going 25 miles an hour. He worked all day yesterday thinking he had only sustained a few bumps but when he finally agreed to see a doctor he was sent home.

Returned from Camp.

Prof. and Mrs. Joseph Rosier and children who had camped at the Log for several weeks have broken camp and returned to their home on Benoni avenue.

BULL MOOSE RETURN

Pine Tree State Administers Stinging Rebuke to Wilson

MILLIKEN BY 13,355

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 12. — The thoroughness of the Republican victory at the polls yesterday was emphasized as returns from isolated towns and plantations straggled in today.

Revised figures placed the plurality of Governor-elect Carl Milliken, Republican, over Governor Oakley C. Curtis, Democrat, at 13,355.

Returns from the border show that members of the Second Maine infantry cast a total vote of 470 of which Milliken received 300.

The pluralities for the Republican who will send a solid delegation to Congress were practically unchanged from gures last night as were pluralities of Frederick Hale, and former Governor Bert M. Fernald, who were elected to the United States Senate.

The Republicans who have held a majority in the state senate will control both houses of the state legislature by a good working majority. The vote for Governor, United States Senators and Congressmen follow:

Governor.

Milliken, Rep., 79,902; Curtis, Dem., 66,547.

U. S. Senators.

Hale, Rep., 78,044; Fernald, Rep., 79,378.

Johnson, Dem., 68,273; Sills, Dem., 66,832.

Congress.

First district—Goodall, Rep., 19,782; Stevens, Dem., 16,103.

Second district—White, Rep., 19,167; McGillicuddy, Dem., 18,778.

Third district——Peters, Rep., 21,280; Bunker, Dem., 18,277.

Fourth district—Hersey, Rep., 15,066; Pierce, (Dem., 11,018.

The Republican drift extended to county offices, the greater number of counties choosin gRepublican county attorneys and sheriffs. These offices are important locally because the holders are charged with the enforcing of the prohibition law.

The vote was heavy, as had been expected, for the campaign had been waged with a determination not seen in rcent years. The country was searched out for speakersof national prominence and the greater number of these battled on national issues. The fight was particular hot for the two United States senatorships and the four places held by Maine in the lower house at Washington.

The Progressives, who two years ago cast 18,266 votes, returned largely to the Republican party in the opinion of Republican leaders. The closest fight was for congress from the Second district, where Representative Daniel J. McGillicuddy was defeated by Wallace H. White, Jr., by 500 plurality.

The election was the culmination of one of the hottest fights ever waged in the state, and marked the reunion of the Republican and Progressive parties whose differences in 1912 gave the electoral vote of Maine to President Wilson and two years later resulted in the election of Governor Oakley C. Curtis, a Democrat, by a plurality of 3,189.

Throughout the campaign in which a great number of men from all parts of the country, and drawn from Republicans, Democrats and Progressives participated, national issues were kept to the front. The interest aroused together with perfect election weather, brought out one of the biggest votes ever cast in the state and possibly greater than has ben known before.

For the first time the two United Stataes Senators were elected by popular vote, and the Republicans made a determined effort to win the one seat in the Senate and the single seat in the House of Representatives held by Maine Democrats.

Senator Elect Frederick Hale last night sent the following telegram to Charles E. Hughes:

"Maine today has blazed the way for the rest of the country. We have elected our governor, two United States Senators and the indications point to a solid Republican delegation in Congress. The Progressive party today supported the Republican nominee. A reunited Republican party has become a reality in Maine. The compaign was waged and won largely on national issues and the results are a triumphant indorsement of your candidacy for President."