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MORE POST OFFICE TALK.

Judge McDonald "Tears Off" A Large Slice for Us to Digest This Week.

Editor Mountain Advocat,
My Dear Sir.—

In your reply to my last communication you say that I came in again beating the wind to try to place myself in the best position where I think it will appear to the best advantage in again asking for public patronage. But I want you to know that I am already in position, and the old adage is "Possession is nine points in law" and as I am already in possession. I only ask to remain.

Now so far as our high standing, and our good wives are concerned, I think we are both satisfied and I hope they are.

You say I boast of my 12 children while you have only three. I did not mean to boast, but tell the straight truth, but will say now that I am proud of my little ones, and it is not our fault that you have no more to be proud of. (It may be more in luck than good conduct that you have no more) but you seemed to get scared because I said that one mort term would give me the office one year for each child, and say that by the time my time would expire, I would have two or three more little ones added to the household. I promise that this will not occur, for like old Jacob we have our number, 12, and that is sufficient for these times.

But Bro. Clark, you seem to be afraid of me losing my talent to preach by handling Uncle Sam's mail I am glad you are interested in me so much, but if you, as a church member were to get in this position, would you not be in danger of becoming a very lowly member of the Church? as the children can not stand strong meat we had better keep a preacher in that can. In regard to my preaching, farming, trading and keeping post office, it all depends upon the man.

You have a great deal to say in regard to me being at the public crib How funny, that a man will blame another for the thing he wants so bad Why, you have not been here but a year, and want everything in sight. You remind me of a blind snake in dog days, hitting in every direction at the noise and hitting nothing, but now I suppose you will be satisfied to let the old man alone as you have gotten to be Police Judge of the city of Barbourville, and now with the handle to your name, and at the public crib, at a salary of \$1.50 per week Try it until you have gotten the honor out of it and then if you are long enough to reach up to it, you may get another plum you talk so much about me reaching for. Oh! consistency thou art a jewel.

Now as far as Dr. Osler is concerned, with his chloroform, I think so little of him and his theory that I treat it with silent contempt, for young people think that old ones are fools and the old know that some of them are.

So far as the post office is concerned I suppose that you have seen in the Louisville Post that the President and his Cabinet have decided to let the present incumbents hold their jobs as long as they give satisfaction by good service in office. I mean to do my best to give good service as the law directs but this may not satisfy every body, especially you fellows and your friends that want the job but I have tried to satisfy for seven years by having good assistants and yet some have grumbled at all of them and I being a rough featured man, I thought I might be to modest to wait on all the ladies, I have kept a nice, young man in most of the time so I give you the names of some of them first W. H. McDonald a young man, second Thomas D. Tinsley that ever body

knows is a nice young fellow and ought to have pleased all the young ladies but some grumbled at both of those, then I was assisted by Prof. J. H. Stephens not quite so young nor quite so good looking and some grumbled at him and then I was assisted by W. W. Tinsley a fine looking old fellow but some grumbled and by his son George but some grumbled and by John M. Tinsley one of my opponents and some grumbled, and then by W. M. Mitchell a nice young man but some grumbled and so I sent off and got me a young man well recommended in every way, I thought now grumbling will stop but when he came he had his hair parted in the middle, and his mustache waxed and curled to perfection and with a pretty, red jacket on—an up-to-date dude—nice to look at but poor fellow was doomed, pretty soon a lady came in and asked if there was any mail and he asked who for, and she said for me, but before he could find out her name she turned away with disgust at his not knowing her and left the office mad and grumbling and he persuading her trying to learn her name so he could see if there was anything for her. I don't know where it would stopped if I had not been near and stopped any further pursuit. I soon had the present assistant Mr. E. J. Miller employed and who, I think comes as near being the right man as we could find this side of paradise but a few grumble because he sticks to the postal law and regulations but people are generally pleased.

Good-bye, D. McDONALD.

OUR REPLY.

Bro. McDonald, comes in again this week and consumes a great amount of space in attempting to reply to our last statement and after flopping around all over christendom to find something to say winds up by telling us that throughout the entire seven or eight years he has held the postoffice he has absolutely failed to give satisfaction, that there has been constant grumbling all the time, and he being "a rough featured man" cannot face the ladies and wait upon callers at the postal window.

Well we think that our government should be represented by a man whose face would not frighten our dear ladies and if Bro. McDonald is ashamed to show his face at the window he should retire and give the job to a better looking man.

He boasts of hiring the best assistant in the county. Well, what if he does. Could We not hire the same man, if it was necessary, and we had the hiring to do? Aaybody who has the "price" can hire a good man to do good, honest work.

The Judge tries to satisfy me with the Police Judgeship to which the Honorable City Council elected me without my even asking, but for which I was none the less thankful, although my Republicanism was too strong for Mr. John Cripps Wickliffe Beckham, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and dispenser of political pie to hungry Democratic office snatchers, even to issue the Commission to me, but took it upon himself to give the Commission to another whom the Council did not want and now refuses to recognize.

The Judge seems to be really alarmed over our sudden elevation to the Police Judgeship, fearing that before the end of the year, we may stand higher than himself and pluck the plum he is keeping his weather eye on. Don't get nervous yet Judge, we have not been inducted into office and if we should be, it would only

add about two inches to our stature so you will still be on an equal footing at least, if not so young and spry.

He throws up his hands in holy horror because this appointment came to me at a time when I was an announced applicant for the Post office and says I remind him "of a blind snake in dog days—hitting in every direction and hitting nothing."

It is true I have hit nothing as yet but the Judge seems greatly worried for fear I might strike his job, in my efforts to hit something.

As to the handling of the mails effecting our religion we will reply that we have never posed as a saint, but we are inclined to believe we could endure the income from the office equally as well as a preacher, besides we have heard of preachers even, who would allow their zeal for their political friends to so thoroughly overcome them, that they would commit deeds that would not be becoming of even a good citizen, much less a preacher.

We think the Judge should take pattern after our matchless and honored President, who after he had served out the unexpired term of our lamented McKinley, and was then elected by the people for a full term, announced that he would not ask for another term but would step aside at the end of his present term. Now that would be the wise thing for Bro. McDonald to do, as he has already had two full terms of office, and now admits that he has failed to give satisfaction, and therefore can not apply the quotation from the Louisville Post to himself, (although he knew at the time, that this quotation referred to, was only intended for Dr. Baker of Louisville, and not to Parbourville.) Let him now step aside and give us a chance to fill the position as long as he now has, and we promise now that we will not ask for a third term, but will willingly let the "mantle" fall on some other worthy man. Step aside Judge, and let a poor, struggling Republican Editor, who has done more for the party in the past ten years, without office or compensation, than you have in twice that time with a public office salary at your command.

WILL WE

Secure the Furniture Plant, or Will We Let It Go By?

Last week a business proposition was submitted to our citizens that would open up an avenue for more life and enterprise in our city and the question is will they clinch their fists and crush it out, or will they open their hands and welcome it into our midst.

The proposition as we learned it is this: That a company proposes to locate in our town and establish a furniture factory provided they could secure a desirable location.

The site they selected was on the land of Mr. John A. Black at the foot of Knox street and we are informed that he asked the party \$300 for an acre of land on which to locate the plant, while his neighbor, Judge S. B. Dishman, proposed to give the same party an acre if it suited him just a little further up the road.

We heard Mr. Black state only a short time ago that this was only farming land and not fit for that and we were surprised to learn that he would place such an enormous price upon it, especially when the business proposed would benefit him in so many ways.

We hope however that the furniture plant may be enabled

ANOTHER NEW STATE

Congressman Slempp, of Virginia, Will Introduce The New State Bill in Next Congress.

To Be Formed From Slices Taken From Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

Our readers will recall the fact that one year ago we suggested the formation and establishment of a new State, formed of parts of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and possibly a part of West Virginia and part of North Carolina.

At that time we had never heard of the subject being discussed by anyone else, and even the London, Ky. Democrat made comment upon our idea of forming a new State, and tried to laugh and ridicule us. However, it seems as though the thought has agitated greater minds than ours, and to show the truth of our statement we clip the following from the Washington Correspondence to the Louisville Times.

Washington, D. C., March 16. Col. Campbell Slempp, the only Republican Representative in Congress from Virginia, and now solidly in the saddle as dispenser of Federal patronage in that State, says he will introduce a bill at the next session of Congress for the creation of a new State out of Eastern Tennessee, Southwestern Virginia and Southeastern Kentucky. He has discussed the matter with President Roosevelt, who has given his approval to the proposition, which must first be accepted by the trio of States which come together in the mountainous section of land to be included in the proposed new State.

Before leaving for his home at Big Stone Gap to-day Col. Slempp said he first enunciated the proposition as a joke about two years ago while engaged in his first campaign for Congress. He suggested then that the southeastern end of Kentucky was altogether different from the "Bluegrass" region; that the southernmost portion of Virginia was unlike the peanut, tobacco and agricultural regions of the rest of and "Old Dominion," and the same was true of the

eastern part of Tennessee. Since then, Col. Slempp said, he has been surprised and gratified to learn that the matter has been received favorably as a serious proposition by the people of the three sections of the States involved and is strongly favored.

Accordingly he has decided to introduce a bill in Congress for that purpose.

In his efforts to secure the passage of the bill Col. Slempp will be supported by Representative Walter P. Brownlow one of the two Republican Representatives from Tennessee, and Representative Don C. Edwards, who has just been elected to the Fifty-ninth Congress as the successor of Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter. The three districts which this handful of Republican Congressmen represent in three strongly Democratic States are strongly Republican and would, if formed into a new state, send two Republican Senators and from five to seven Republican Representatives to Congress.

Mr. Brownlow's district is composed of twelve counties with a population of more than 225,000. Col. Slempp's district contains nineteen counties with a population of over 300,000, and Mr. Edwards' district contains nineteen counties with a population of more than 260,000. If admitted into the Union these three districts would at the time of admission have a population of around a million, or about that of West Virginia or Connecticut and a greater population than Wyoming, Washington, Vermont, Utah, South Dakota, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, Oregon or Louisiana. The territory is rich in coal and ores. Col. Slempp predicts it will surpass West Virginia as a mineral State if admitted into the Union.

'Kytenga' has been suggested as an appropriate name, being the abbreviation of the States.

to secure a satisfactory location and bring the business into our town anyway. Again we see the need of having a wide awake commercial club to assist in locating this plant here.

OIL PROSPECTS GOOD.

A report that the Cumberland Pipe Line Company was contemplating withdrawing from the Knox county fields is emphatically denied by the management of the company. While the developments during the winter have been at a low stage, the production of the wells in operation has shown up exceedingly well, and in proportion to the number being operated, Knox county's wells compare favorably with any others in the State.

The prospects for renewed activity during the coming Summer are bright, and contracts for some new work are now being made.

The Rough Rider.

The above is the title of a new newspaper to be published from this office. The first issue will appear next week.

The Rough Rider will be Republi-

REPORT

Of the Condition of the National Bank of John A. Black, at Barbourville, in the State of Kentucky, at the Close of Business, Mar. 14, 1905.

No 7284.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts...	\$ 62,521.08
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	73.18
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	7,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	375.00
Stocks, securities, etc.....	6,500.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	1,245.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)....	73,265.28
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	3,167.33
Due from approved reserve agents.....	32,689.33
Checks and other cash items.....	1,176.47
Notes of other National Banks.....	1,100.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents.....	269.38
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie.....	\$7,677.30
Legal-tender notes.....	2,610.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	375.00
Total.....	\$200,544.35

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	1,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid....	1,138.92
National Bank notes outstanding.....	7,500.00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	160,881.23
Certified checks.....	24.20
Total.....	\$200,544.35

STATE OF KENTUCKY } ss.
COUNTY OF KNOX }

I, Edward England, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWARD ENGLAND, CASHIER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of March 1905.

J. F. Stanfill, Notary Public.

CORRECT ATTEST:

J. R. Jones, }
John A. Black, } Directors
Henry C. Black, }

Commissioner's Sale.

KNOX CIRCUIT COURT.

S. B. Dishman, }
vs }
E. M. Word. }

In obedience to a judgment of the Knox Circuit Court, rendered at its December term, 1904, in the case of S. B. Dishman, plaintiff, vs. E. M. Word, defendant, I will on the 10th day of April, 1905, it being the first day of the Knox Circuit Court, offer for sale at public outcry at the door of the Court house in Barbourville, Ky., to the highest and best bidder, on a credit of six months, a house and lot lying on the North side of Main or Knox Street, in Barbourville Ky., bounded on the North by the lots of James T. Gibson and Mrs. Mollie Sewall, on the East by the lots of Mrs. Lillie Williams, on the South by Main or Knox Street, and on the West by the lot now owned by John G. Matthews. The purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved security, bearing interest from date, retaining a lien on the property to secure the purchase money and having the force and effect of a judgment.

Given under my hands as Master Commissioner of the Knox Circuit Court, this March 20, 1905.

W. F. WESTERFIELD,

Master Commissioner, K. C. C.