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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President,
WILLIAM J. BRYAN,
Of Nebraska.

For Vice-President,
JOHN W. KERN,
Of Indiana.

The Dispatch begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions to the Bryan-Kern campaign fund of this county:

BRYAN-KERN CAMPAIGN FUND.	
Previously acknowledged...	\$163.72
M. V. Friday.....	1.00
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Joe Cook.....	1.00
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Cash.....	1.00
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WRIGHT PAYS TOLL.

When General Luke E. Wright, a gifted son of a Southern State, who had always affiliated with the Democratic party, accepted a cabinet appointment at the hands of a Republican president, it was generally understood that he was to pay toll for the job by supporting the Republican administration, and the people of the country are not surprised at his Terrace Garden speech.

When Gen. Wright was first appointed secretary of war, it was predicted that he would take the stump for Taft in Tennessee, but the general evidently did not have the hardihood to return to his native State and urge his fellow citizens there to forsake the Democratic party, a party which has always upheld white supremacy, and which is therefore the only political organization with which a loyal Southerner can conscientiously affiliate, so to satisfy Roosevelt and other Republican leaders he consented to do some campaign work in the North. In his Terrace Garden speech Gen. Wright did not stop with advising the people to vote for Taft, but indulged in a tirade against William Jennings Bryan which was so bitter and so venomous that it was greeted with hisses and jeers. He attempted to pick Bryan's policies to pieces, and gave many alleged reasons why Taft should be elected, and arraigned the Democratic candidate for declaring the president to be the people's hired man. The part of General Wright's speech relating to the dignity of the president's office showed that he had been carefully coached by Roosevelt. Referring to this subject, the secretary said:

"In many respects the president is vested with powers and duties as large as most sovereigns, and in fact may affect the fortunes and future of his people to a degree equal to that of most of the crowned heads of the civilized world."

This part of Wright's address reflects the mind of Roosevelt, and shows that he regards himself as a czar, whose word must be law and whose action, no matter how much at variance with the constitution and with the statutes, must be approved by the people.

The course pursued by General Wright is but one of many instances where brilliant men have allowed cupidity and eagerness for empty honors to overcome their sense of duty and their loyalty to home and friends. Gen. Wright is a brainy man, he is a fine lawyer and a successful diplomat, but in arraigning Mr. Bryan, the recognized leader of the Democratic party, he has forfeited the respect and esteem not only of the people of Tennessee, but of the entire South. The really great men of the South have always cherished the love and confidence of their home people above all else, and it is to be regretted that such a distinguished man as General Wright has seen fit to forfeit this priceless possession.

THE PLOT REVEALED.

When the Independence party was first organized, it was claimed by several Democratic newspapers that its organization was a part of a scheme concocted by Roosevelt and Hearst to encompass the defeat of Bryan, and developments of the past few days seem to indicate that there was good reason for this claim. According to a recent special from Chicago, Hearst, who is the recognized leader of the so-called Independents, has instructed his followers to vote for Taft, and it seems to be generally conceded that the handful of men who compose the party will support the Republican ticket at the coming election.

It does not seem likely that the fusion of the Independents with the Republicans will result in gaining many votes for Taft and Sherman, for every one knows that the course being pursued by Hearst is actuated by personal animosity toward Mr. Bryan. In Mr. Bryan's two former campaigns his cause was vehemently espoused by Hearst, and when the owner of many newspapers wanted the Democratic nomination four years ago he counted with confidence upon the influence of the commoner, but Mr. Bryan did not think Hearst qualified for the high office of president, and therefore would not support him. The old story of friendship turned to hatred was exemplified anew, and Mr. Hearst, after having lauded Mr. Bryan for eight years, began to abuse him and to work against his interests. Of course the intrigue between Roosevelt and Hearst is only a surmise, there being no way to prove a plot of this character, but Hearst's action in throwing whatever influence he may possess to Taft is strong evidence of the existence of a plot, or at least some compact formed for the purpose of cutting down the Bryan vote.

DEAR SUBSCRIBER, REMEMBER.

Dear Subscriber, would you remember?

Here again are we compelled to apologize or rather explain at one writing why it is that so many of the memorials, tributes, kindly expressions from grief-stricken friends are not presented in the paper.

In the past week the mails have brought us many of these. In every instance there is the admonition to correct and publish and oblige. But that's all.

Were we to publish all of the obituaries which have reached us the past two weeks, there would be no other news in this edition, and it would be a memorial number, indeed.

Once again, let us remind those interested that obituaries are paid matter, advertisements, if you please. Once the paper has contained a notice of a death it ceases to be news to our readers, and therefore of value to us. Then when loved ones seek to pay tributes to the departed, it is but right that the work of printing them should be paid for.

Our rate is reasonable for this class of work, but it is a rate and must be adhered to. Obituaries of ten lines are free, but above that amount five cents a line, which is just half the advertising rate.

So please, dear friends, remember and send instructions as to who is responsible and who will pay for your tributes and memorials and expressions of esteem and love and respect, when they are sent in. And if this information is not forthcoming, kindly include a stamped envelope addressed for the return of the manuscript, for it is useless to us.

SHELDON SHOWN UP.

Recent developments in the trial of Charles W. Morse, the former ice king, have brought to light the fact that George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican campaign committee, was associated with Morse in several of his schemes to defraud investors, and profited by at least one deal. Democratic papers have heretofore called attention to Sheldon's connection with numerous trusts and have contended all along that his record was by no means clean. These charges have never been denied, much less disproven, and his connection with Morse and his schemes seems to determine beyond all doubt that he is unworthy of trust and no fit man to be connected with the campaign committee of a great political party.

It seems that a number of the Republican leaders are, to say the least, very friendly toward the trusts. Mr. Sherman, the vice-presidential candidate, was recently introduced to an audience by the president of the match trust, and sat silently by while the trust magnate cried down labor unions and abused the working men. Judge Taft is known to favor corporations, and in fact practically all the Republican leaders have shown by their actions, if not by words, that they are friendly toward the trusts. The people at large regard the octopus as a menace to public welfare and general prosperity, and no party whose leaders are so friendly toward corporations can be expected to enact

laws that will abolish or even regulate the trusts. Every pronouncement of the party on the subject smacks of insincerity, and the people know that the election of Taft means that the trusts will continue to trample over the people without interference or hindrance on the part of the federal government.

A recent decision of the supreme court makes the "suicide clause" in life insurance policies, at least so far as Mississippi is concerned, invalid. The opinion was rendered in the case of the Home Life Insurance Company vs. Mrs. Laura Hyde. Mrs. Hyde's son was insured for \$2000 in the Home Life, and committed suicide within a year after taking out the policy. The policy contained the usual "suicide clause," and the company protested payment. Mrs. Hyde won the case in the lower court, and the supreme court affirmed the decision.

LAST APPEAL.

On next Wednesday this paper will make its final remittance to Democratic headquarters of the money subscribed for the Democratic campaign fund.

With approximately eighteen hundred voting Democrats in this county the amount subscribed up to this good date by the loyal Democrats of this county is not ten cents a piece. Considering the population of this county the thousands of people who believe in Democratic government and Democratic principles, this is a pitiful showing.

Chairman Mack, in a circular letter to the newspapers, urges them to get in their contributions at once. The demand for money is coming from all sections, and it comes from States where it is needed, States that give promise of a Democratic victory if the party will hold the vantage ground thus far gained in the combat.

The party has no one to get money from except its loyal members. The amount of popular subscription all told to date is less than was raised by Harriman for the Republican cause in one lump in the last campaign. It is truly the people against the trusts and moneyed power supporting the Republicans, and if we are to win the money with which to conduct the fight should be forthcoming.

This city and county should easily send forth five hundred dollars. By Tuesday we should by all means send in not less than \$250.00. The contribution—that is, all that has not been remitted up to date—will go forward next Wednesday, and as this will be the final opportunity to help the cause, we hope that every Democrat will come forward.

Leave your contribution at this office. We want enough to increase our fund to \$250.00. See what we need from the column on this page, and help us realize it.

Next Wednesday is the final date. Help the people to rule.

Young Man Seriously Hurt.

Master Willie Leigh, the bright young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Leigh, met with a serious accident last Friday afternoon while he and a playmate, Master Frank Aldridge, were engaged in target practice near the Leigh home on the Highlands. After having fired several shots, the young man placed the rifle which they were using against a tree and ran to the target to note their scores. In their haste the lad failed to place the fowling piece securely against the tree, and the rifle fell to the ground, the fall having caused the explosion of the cartridge. The bullet, which was of .22 caliber, struck young Leigh in the back of the neck, inflicting an exceedingly painful wound.

The injured boy was taken to the Columbus Hospital, and after a careful examination Dr. Davis gave it as his opinion that the wound, while serious, would not prove fatal. The young man is being carefully nursed, and yesterday afternoon was doing as well as could be expected. The numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh sincerely sympathize with them in the accident which befell their son, and join The Dispatch in wishing for him a speedy recovery.

Mississippian Honored.

Capt. Ephriam G. Peyton, of the Eighteenth Infantry, who is now with his regiment in the Philippines, has sent The Dispatch a copy of the Mindanao Herald, published at Zamboagi, Mindanao, P. I., giving an account of the dedication of Barrett Hall, a building recently erected at Zamboagi by American soldiers and named in honor of Sergeant Henry Barrett, Company A, Eighteenth Infantry, the regiment of which Capt. Peyton is a member, who was killed in action against outlaws near Ormoc on the Island of Leyte, August 25th, 1904. Sergeant Barrett was a native of this State, and Mississippians are glad to note that his valor has received public recognition at the hands of his comrades and his name perpetuated in a structure built through the efforts of American soldiers.

Railroad Notes.

Mr. Robert Coker, who has many friends in the city and who resided here until he was installed in the through freight service some time ago, was in charge of the special which handled the A. and M. cadets on their visit to Columbus Friday. Mr. Felix Weidman and Flagman Suter composed the rest of the crew.

Mr. Frank Brown, Jr., a popular engineer on the Southern Railway in Mississippi, has been transferred to a run between Greenville and Greenwood, and he and his accomplished wife are now residing in the latter city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are much pleased with their new home.

Mr. Buckingham, a train dispatcher from the Iron Mountain Railroad, has been enjoying the Columbus fair, and left yesterday for Birmingham on a few days' visit.

Mr. Tom Coker, chief car inspector for the Mobile & Ohio Railroad at Artesia, is the proud father of a bright little baby girl.

Mr. Howell Wright, of Mobile, has accepted a position with the local freight office of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad as abstract clerk.

Mr. P. C. Hall, of the Alabama Car Service Association, has been spending the past few weeks in the city on business connected with the association.

Mr. Cecil Scales, traveling station accountant of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, spent Friday in the city enjoying the football game.

Mr. Stroude Cone has returned from Columbus, Ohio, where he has been in attendance upon the convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.

Mr. Tom Dismukes, of Artesia, has been in the city the past few days.

A Successful Revival.

Rev. M. F. Ham, the well known evangelist from Bowling Green, Ky., who is conducting a revival at the First Baptist church, is meeting with gratifying success. Mr. Ham arrived last Tuesday, and instead of delivering a sermon Tuesday night he made an informal talk, telling the congregation the methods which he had successfully pursued in other places and which he intended to pursue here. He made a decidedly favorable impression Tuesday night, and the interest in the meeting has been increasing since that time, quite a number of conversions having already taken place.

Mr. Ham will conduct four services today, preaching at the First Baptist church at 11 a. m., 3 p. m., and 7 p. m., and at the Industrial Institute and College at 6 p. m. At the three o'clock service Mr. Ham will talk to men only, and every male inhabitant of Columbus who is old enough to attend a religious service is invited and urged to be present.

Heretofore there have been only two services daily, but from now until the close of the meeting there will be three services daily, the hours being 10 a. m., 3 p. m. and 7 p. m. Those interested are requested to note the change in the hour of the evening services. Heretofore the hour has been 7:30, but beginning this evening services will commence promptly at seven o'clock, and those who attend are requested to be in their seats at that hour.

Presbyterian Revival.

Dr. H. A. Jones will conduct revival services in the First Presbyterian church, beginning next Sabbath morning, November 1. Dr. Jones is a highly educated and gifted preacher, and is one of the most successful evangelists in the State, having had an extensive experience as a pastor. His meetings often grow into large union meetings for the entire city.

Lodge Lore.

Revival in Woodcraft.

Queen City Camp No. 23, Woodmen of the World, propose to initiate a class of one hundred candidates on the second Wednesday night in December, and to accomplish this the camp has invited Mr. L. D. Hollway, of Alabama, to work for the camp for the next thirty days. Mr. Hollway has been working for the order for the past seven years, and has met with great success. Since September 15 he has added 150 members to the camp at Tuscaloosa. He will reach Columbus next Wednesday. There will be a meeting of the will be served. Sovereign Hallway will address the meeting, and every member is earnestly requested to be present and hear Mr. Hollway.

Independent Order of Eagles.

Aery No. 1810, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will meet next Friday night at the Woodmen hall at eight o'clock and as there will be business of importance to come before the order it is hoped that all members will be present. H. G. Starbuck, Sec.

Switches and puffs made from cuttings at the Handicraft Shop. Telephone No. 730. 10-25-08

Talk of New Railroad.

The presence of a party of surveyors in this vicinity has given rise to considerable speculation as to the cause of their coming, and many people believe that there is a new railroad in prospect for Columbus. The Dispatch was informed by Mr. W. S. Mastin, a prominent local livery man, who had a conversation with Mr. Lee, the civil engineer of the party, that the surveyors came here from Starkville, and are moving in an easterly direction. The party, it is stated, is now camped near the home of Capt. T. A. Eggleston, which is only a short distance from the city, and the fact that Mr. Lee inquired about the land in the Dow neighborhood leads to the belief that the men are headed in that direction.

When asked what railroad company he represented, Mr. Lee politely declined to answer. It seems to be the belief of many citizens that the engineers are in the employ of the Pearl River Railroad, as it seems to be the intention of the projectors of this line to build from Jackson to the coal fields of Alabama, and the line would naturally traverse this section. This, however, is only a surmise, and is merely given for what it may be worth.

The McDonald Stock Company.

The McDonald Stock Company closed a successful week's engagement at the Columbus Theater last night. The late New York success, "The Devil," was the bill on Friday night, and was greeted by the largest audience of the week. The company presented the play in a very creditable manner, and the audience was thoroughly pleased. There was a matinee yesterday afternoon, and the performance last night concluded the engagement.

Mrs. W. P. Connor and daughter, Miss Dora Evelyn, of Macon, spent several days of the past week in the city enjoying the fair.

Mr. Neal Lawrence, of the Mellon section, was a visitor to Columbus the past week, coming here to attend the fair.

Miss Elsie Tibble, of Cedar Bluff, visited her brother, Mr. L. M. Tibble, last week, having come over to attend the fair.

Messrs. E. V. Young and Chas. M. Clay, of Noxubee county, were in the city the past week, visitors to the fair.

Dr. J. L. Cragler, of Crawford, Miss., spent last Friday in the city, being a visitor to the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clarity, of Starkville, spent several days of the past week in the city as guests of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Brown.

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