

# CHARITON COURIER.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### CONSTABLE.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
L. A. EMBREE,  
as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
BERT WORSHAM  
as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
M. L. FINNELL,  
as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
W. P. THRASH,  
as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
LOUIS FETZER,  
as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
J. T. JEFFERSON,  
as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
WM. M. COCK, JR.,  
as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
GEORGE C. MARTIN,  
as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
GEORGE T. TISDALE,  
as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
CLIFF MOORE,  
as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
A. S. WILKS,  
as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th, 1899.

### TRUSTEE.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
L. C. WELLS,  
as a candidate for Trustee, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
A. D. HURT,  
as a candidate for Trustee, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
J. M. DEMOSS,  
as a candidate for Justice of the Peace and Member of the Township Board, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
WM. P. JARED,  
as a candidate for Justice of the Peace and Member of the Township Board, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
D. H. HANCOCK,  
as a candidate for Justice of the Peace and Member of the Township Board, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
H. A. WHEELER,  
as a candidate for Justice of the Peace and Member of the Township Board, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

### COUNTY SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
WILLIAM S. DRACE,  
as a candidate for School Commissioner of Chariton county, subject to the decision of the voters at the school election to be held Tuesday, April 4th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
JOHN B. CARTER,  
as a candidate for School Commissioner of Chariton county, subject to the decision of the voters at the school election to be held Tuesday, April 4th.

### CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO ASSESSOR.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
T. E. R. EWING,  
as a candidate for Clerk and ex-officio Assessor, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
CARMON,  
as a candidate for Clerk and ex-officio Assessor, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th, 1899.

### ROAD OVERSEER.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
J. T. COOLEY,  
as a candidate for Road Overseer, subject to the decision of the voters of Road District No. 2 of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 25th.

The Fifty-fifth congress will adjourn tomorrow. The occasion is not one over which any tears should be shed.

In the past year 4,886 new books were published. To have read them all a person would have had to read 13 a day for every day in the year.

GERMANY has made public her intention of withdrawing her naval forces from the Philippines, and to leave all her property interests there in charge of Americans.

GEN. GOMEZ is now engaged in the pleasant pastime of playing the oscillatory role of Hobson in Cuba. It is a case of electrified Gomez, but very naughty femininity.

A SCIENTIST has discovered, for the benefit of would-be fathers, that it requires 18 years of time and \$2,000 in money to transfer the center of activity from a boy's stomach to his brain.

THE United States senate passed the river and harbor bill last Friday, and tacked on the Nicaragua canal bill as an amendment. The bill, as amended, has been returned to the lower house for its approval.

THE law with regard to the punishment of convicted train robbers specifies that the jury that tries the case must prescribe the punishment. It may, at its discretion, impose capital punishment, which in Missouri is death by hanging.

How thankful the people ought to be to the "law manufacturers" that they admit to this country, duty free, aconite, agates, analine salts, mother of pearl and shells, tapioca, tar, verdigris and rags—these are all so necessary to our welfare and comfort.

THE belief exists that the proposed pottery trust has already become cracked. What a misfortune for the country that all other trusts are not in the same condition. It is only after trusts have been routed that honest people can hope to get their just dues.

SPEAKING of the "good old times before these hard, hard times struck us," an old Kirksville paper, date 1868, gives the following market report: Bacon 20 cents a pound, brown sugar 18 cents, white sugar 20 cents, tea \$1.75, flour per cwt. \$7 to \$8.50, salt \$5 a barrel, coal oil 50 cents a gallon, coal 15 to 20 cents a bushel.

MRS. ELIZABETH ADAMS of Columbia, Mo., has struck it rich, having fallen heiress to an estate of \$1,000,000 in England. Mrs. Adams is one of the kind of people who has found it better to be born lucky instead of rich, as she now has riches thrust upon her at an age and under such circumstances that she is prepared to enjoy them.

IF President McKinley, with the overwhelming evidence that is now before him to prove Russell A. Alger's guilt of furnishing soldiers embalmed beef that was utterly unfit for food, does not apply the toe of his official boot to the seat of Alger's corporal being and kick him out of the cabinet, then the president is lost to all sense of right and justice, and should be regarded as *particeps criminis* in Alger's villainy.

No member of congress, no senator, no cabinet officer or any other high-up mogul clothed with brief authority, in this land of the free and home of the slave, has yet spoken up like a man in authority should, and proposed to prosecute the big packers who sold the embalmed beef to robbing army contractors to feed our soldiers on, in a tropical climate, during the late "war for humanity" in which the whipped side were presented with the entire gate receipts—amounting to \$20,900,000.

Now try this and see if it is not a fact that nine men out of ten, no matter what their politics, will tell you that they favor the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people of each state. This being now practically admitted by all to be the only fair way to elect senators, and nine-tenths of the voters favoring it, why, we ask, are not the senators elected by popular vote? Are they greater than all the people they represent? Senators will never be elected by the people with the consent of the senate. Then why not without their consent?

THE Major's state senate committee, which is engaged in investigating official affairs generally in St. Louis, found a difference of over \$6,000,000 in the inventories of personal estates, as filed in the probate court, and the amounts of the same estates as returned to the assessor. The inventories being over \$6,000,000 larger than the property given in to the assessor by the various administrators. From this and other sources of tax-dodging the Major's committee estimate that \$3,690,000 in revenue is annually lost in the city of St. Louis to the state of Missouri and that city.

THERE is no law in the books that says that the interest or the principal of any bond or obligation owing by this government is payable in gold. The interest and bonds are all payable in "coin," hence it is not "repudiation" to pay them in silver, as the republicans tell us it is—and there is no "law" that requires \$100,000,000 of gold to be kept in the national treasury and out of circulation just for the treasury-looters to gamble on. When the affairs of this government are placed in the hands of MEN these festering evils will be righted—but never under the reign of Hanna or his cohorts.

THE jury which tried Jesse James, Jr. at Kansas City on the charge of being a participant in the Leeds train robbery, near Kansas City, last September, brought in a verdict of acquittal, Tuesday night. The trial of the case consumed five or six days. The defendant had a great many sympathizers, who never believed him guilty of the crime for which he was tried. From all of the testimony adduced no one is left to doubt that detectives were largely responsible for young James' arrest and his vigorous prosecution, and on more than one occasion during the trial the zeal of these sleuths to convict James got much the better of their judgment.

THE following is the way in which Congressman Cooney commenced a speech one day last week: "We have thrown the Spaniard down upon his back, ducked him in the pond, rolled him in the sand, sunk his wooden toys and, in a spirit of generosity that approaches contrition for the act, we have raised him up again, dried his clothes, brushed the dust from him, healed his wounds, fed him, hired a carriage and gently conveyed him home, and, as we parted with him, amid a confusion of regrets and adioses, thrust \$20,000,000 into his pocket. Such are the short and simple annals of a great war, honorable to us and profitable to Spain."

WITHOUT warning of any kind Champ Clark pulled his famous sow story on the Republicans of the house last week. He said: "The Democrats of this house literally took the Republicans by the scruff of the neck and dragged them into a war to assist a neighboring people who were struggling for their liberty. The Republicans now have the Democrats by the scruff of the neck and are dragging them into a war to enslave a distant people who are also struggling for liberty. In regard to this war the administration reminds me very much of a sow my father once owned. Being an extremely modest and timid sow, we nearly had to pull her ears off to get her up to the trough, but had to wear her tail out in pulling her away."

So the latest move of the Chariton County Republican is an ironical effort to muzzle the COURIER, and make it a subsidized, golden-calf-worshipping organ like the *Republican*. Better try to lasso a cyclone or embrace an earthquake, Brother Fenstemaker, for you will find either an easy job compared to an attempt to control the policy of the COURIER, politically, morally, socially, financially or religiously. We are not going to put our light under a bushel, no matter whether it shines from the COURIER sanctum or illumines the presidential chair. In the latter event we assure you we would not be like President McKinley, namely, have some one else to furnish us our ideas, nor would we be a subservient tool of the money power. This is our platform, and if we are honored with the presidential nomination in 1900 or any other old time we will stand squarely on our platform or die in the attempt.

IF there is yet a voter left in this country who is so ignorant as to deny that legislation cannot and does not regulate value we would like to have him or his gold advocating tutor explain why it was that the bullion value of silver in the silver dollar was always worth a premium until the silver dollar was demonetized in 1873. Before 1873 the ratio between the bullion value of silver and gold was about 15 to 1. At the present time it is about 28 to 1—and it was "purchased" legislation that has caused this decrease in the value of silver. Restore it to its old-time place as a money metal, by legislation, and it will at once rise to its old-time bullion value.

THERE is a class of metropolitan subsidized papers, claiming to be Democratic, which are just now more energetic than ever before in demanding an income tax, in crying out against the great trust combinations, in decrying the imperialistic policy of the present administration, in condemning the present rotten tariff measure—all of which is very commendable. But these papers are also saying other things which are neither true nor commendable. They are braying that "silver is a dead issue" and are trying awfully hard to bury the cold white corpse with these other questions. Beware of such newspapers, they are not Democratic, they are not honest, they are not truthful, they are not even American—they bear the brand and the smell of the ghouls who infest Wall street.

IT seems that Noah Fenstemaker of the Chariton County *Republican*, is almost overcome with the stifling stigma of Republicanism while trying to pilot the G. O. P. ark through the present wave of public indignation over President McKinley's embalmed beef farcical "investigation." Under the circumstances it is not strange that Fenstemaker should want a Moses to come to his rescue. While he has been actively engaged in trying to stuff the people with the idea that by furnishing soldiers embalmed beef as food the McKinley administration has committed no crime, he now finds himself in the same predicament of a skunk that died from the stench of its own stink while trying to stink to death some object of its displeasure. The editor of the COURIER respectfully requests to be excused from "playing Moses" to Fenstemaker until after he subjects himself to a process of thorough deodorization.

ONE of the Belmonts has recently established a weekly paper in New York for the sole purpose of playing second fiddle to the Rothchild's kite—the Republican party. The name of the paper is *The Verdict*, and it is well edited, but it will never cut the mustard, for it is a gold-worshipping sheet and weakly yaws that: "silver is a dead issue." Now this yowl has such a chestnutty and Republican din to it that it will certainly not deceive the people in 1900 as international bimetalism did in 1896. A late issue of *The Verdict* declares that "times are prosperous in New York," therefore the balance of the country should ignore the silver issue, and then it yelps loud and ferociously, "crush the trusts;" yet at the same time it bows down to and worships and defends the corrupt fountain head of all the vast aggregation of trusts—the Rothchild clique of gold gamblers. It would seem to a close observer that the New York gang of gold brokers are "seein' things" and that the imbecilical arguments of their champion, *The Verdict*, is not going to give them any relief—as the great mass of the intellectual people, not only of the United States, but of the world are becoming weary of paying tribute to such worthless plunderers of nations as the Rothchilds and their hired agents.

HON. WEBSTER GORDON, one of the prominent members of the Columbia bar, has been nominated by the county convention as the representative of Boone county in the legislature to succeed Capt. J. W. Kneisley, deceased. The convention was held on February 23rd and lasted from 1:30 to 6:30 p. m. After 150 ballots and exciting scenes Mr. Gordon was declared nominated. The election was held February 28th and, as Boone county is strongly Democratic, Mr. Gordon was elected by a handsome majority.

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### DEWEY NOT A CANDIDATE.

Admiral Dewey was interviewed at Manila a few days ago on board the flagship Olympia in regard to his presidential aspirations, and the sturdy old warrior said:

"I want no political office. In the first place, I am unfitted in education and political training for such an office, and in the second place I am too old to learn now."

"You cannot imagine how grateful I am, however, for the sentiment of my people. But the navy is one profession and politics is another. I am well acquainted with the first profession, but it is too late for the other—all I want is to live out my days in the navy and retire in peace when the time comes."

"I have no political associates or affiliations and, besides, I could never stand the strain of such a canvass. I have been approached by the leaders of both parties, but, as I have before stated, I am not a politician, and absolutely refuse to consider myself as a candidate for any office or to accept any nomination which might be made."

Admiral Dewey was determined in his demeanor, and concluded his statement with the words: "This is final; I love my country, but want no political honors."

THE COURIER is reliably informed that there are prospects of considerable scudulegery at the coming township election in Keytesville township, and that money is already being paid out in liberal quantities as a consideration for political "pulls." One candidate has paid a man (?) \$20 for his influence in pimping for votes up to and including the day of the township election, and as other candidates for the same office have no money scarcely at their command they feel that they have been handicapped, and say that if spending money for votes is the standard by which they are to be measured at the polls, sure defeat awaits them. There is a class of candidates who are utterly unscrupulous as to how they get votes, and there are a still more dangerous class of men who make their votes and influence a matter of barter and sale. If it were not for the more unscrupulous voter the unscrupulous candidate would soon cease to be. The fellow that is "out for the stuff" and the candidate who "blows the stuff" are dangerous factors in politics, and the COURIER hopes that the respectable voters of this township will set the stamp of condemnation on such evil and corrupting political practices at the township election, Tuesday, March 28th.

SENATOR PROCTOR, the deluded statesman who has introduced a bill in the Missouri state senate to prevent "professional men" from advertising, is attempting a species of legislation that would be declared "unconstitutional," even were it placed on the statute books, on the grounds of "class legislation." A professional man has as much right to advertise as any other man, and a legislature that endeavors to dictate who shall or who shall not spend their money for advertising would be guilty of a violation of the principles of a free government as well as good breeding. Senator Proctor's bill should be laid under the table and carried out of the senate chamber in a spittoon.

THE g. o. p. platform adopted at St. Louis in 1896 contained this clause: "We proclaim our unqualified condemnation of the uncivilized and barbarous practices well known as lynching by killing of human beings suspected or charged with crime, without process of law." But it said nothing about sending soldiers to a far-off country and slaughtering a foreign people whose only "crime" is that they want their liberty.

### OUR PUBLIC DEBT.

In 1860, before the great civil war broke out between the North and the South, the country was practically out of debt—the whole public debt only amounting to \$64,842,287.88—this was before the Republican party began its career of playing puppet to national pawnbrokers from over the sea. At the close of the war, in 1865, the debt had been increased to the enormous sum of \$2,773,236,173.69—and now, after more than a third of a century of interest and debt paying and juggling to suit the *shent pen shent* shyllocks, the balance yet to pay, on the first of November, 1898, was \$1,964,837,130.90. At this rate of progress it will yet take about one hundred years to pay off the debt created during the civil war—to say nothing of the immense, unjust and unnecessary debt that the imperialism and greed of the Republican administration is now preparing to saddle onto unborn generations.

These figures are correct and yet there are those laying claim to the proud name of American, who will scoff at them. Now, under Republican rule and false interpretation of the law and the contract, every dollar of this vast sum must be paid in gold—as the amount is more than five times the amount of gold in this country, the shyllocks can loot the treasury at their own sweet will to keep up the gold reserve. Isn't this a lulu of a game? And this is only the national debt, which is a very small drop in the bucket when compared with the enormous aggregation of state, county, municipal and private debts. To seriously consider this matter and give it careful study, is enough to cause one to doubt of this being a country of free men. Wages of laborers and mechanics are about half what they were at the close of the civil war—and taxes are about two-and-a-half times as high.

### WHY THIS NEGRO IS A DEMOCRAT.

David W. Parker, a negro who prints a Democratic paper at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, gives the following reasons for being a Democrat in response to a query from an ex-Yankee soldier:

"I am a Democrat because 90 per cent of my race work for the whites of the South and I believe there will be better feeling should both races vote as one, because the interest of one is the interest of the other."

"I am a Democrat because I want my people to be on good terms with the brain, the power and the money of the South. I am a Democrat because I want to meet new conditions with new thoughts and ideas. I am a Democrat because a majority of the best people of the South are Democrats, and I believe it to be the best interest of my humble race to take a bold, outspoken stand with the whites of the South. They run the courts, own the banks and control the great interests of the Southland. I am with them because it is to my best interests. I am a Democrat for practical purposes. Lincoln, Sumner and Blain are dead; so is the Republican party of the past. The party of Mark Hanna is a political machine to make the rich richer and the poor poorer."

"I am a Democrat because the Democrats of the South paid out of their pockets \$76,000,000 of the \$80,000,000 of money expended for the public school and education of my race."

"I am a Democrat because the Democratic party is the exponent of the best principles of one of the best governments on earth. I am a Democrat because I believe in liberty and justice and a free press."