

EDITORIAL LITTENESS.

When any question, it matters not what the question may be, is gravely submitted by process of law, to the voters to be decided by the arbitrament of the ballot, that question at once enters the arena of free and open discussion. The very fact that it is submitted to the voters implies discussion. It at once both commands and demands discussion. The very fact of its submission to a vote further inevitably implies that the question is a two-sided question. How can it be discussed if only one side is to be heard? Discussion necessarily implies the hearing of both sides. Yet there are some narrow minded, hypocritical bigots, posing as editors, who refuse under any condition, to give space in the dingy columns over which they preside to but one side of a question that is submitted to a vote of the people.

The vilest criminal when placed on trial is allowed a full and fair hearing. But these bigoted, pig-headed, self-righteous, gimlet-brained, frog-footed editors, wearing an opaque ball above their shoulders where a head ought to be, if they were placed in judicial positions and had the power to do so, would never allow the hearing of but one side of any case and that would be the side that their so-called minds had previously decided to be the right side.

THE "holier than thou" position taken by some two or three small sheets of the tadpole and fly-by-night species in Chariton and adjoining counties with regard to the anti-prohibition advertising matter which a number of newspapers have seen fit to insert in their columns for the past few weeks is really amusing. This reflection, needs not words. When has the public ever been convinced of the possession "principle," "entire disinterestedness in the advocacy of any cause" or any of the other manifold virtues with which these editors have awathed themselves in laudatory and voluminous columns from week to week, by the mere assumption of a pharasaical attitude and trumpeting forth one's merits by loud street corner proclamation. This advice, free plate matter would be vastly more interesting to the harassed minds of these sheets handful of subscribers. The COURIER certainly has no apologies to offer for doing legitimate business on its old stand. Advertising is advertising and it is only fair to present both sides of any question. The COURIER is neither the organ of the prohibitionists or of the anti-prohibitionists. We believe in

free speech and free press on the question of the adoption of the proposed amendment No. 10 as well as that of any important issue.

CAN MONEY WIN.

This is our last word to the voters of Chariton county before the ballots that will determine the senatorial contest are cast.

Do you want the influence of money to control in naming the man who will represent you in the United States Senate?

It is a notorious fact that newspapers are being purchased outright, editorial and advertising space bought, hired men are making a house to house canvass of each county distributing literature, paid workers are to be placed at each polling place and no expense spared that will avail in securing a vote for David R. Francis.

Mr. Francis and his millionaire friend are furnishing the money to do this work—to buy and debauch the voters of this state. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being turned loose now at the very close of the campaign to buy the senatorship.

Will the voters permit it? Mr. Reed is a poor man. He could not if he would and would not if he could secure preference in that way.

It is our duty to sound the alarm. Let every voter be on guard next Tuesday.

The election of Mr. Reed means a victory for the people. The election of Mr. Francis means a victory for the interests.

THE MONEY GRABBERS AND THEIR CANDIDATE VERSUS A DEMOCRAT.

A mixed crew of renegade Democrats and protection-seeking St. Louis Republicans are trying to buy the Democracy of Missouri and send David R. Francis, their captain and ringleader, to the United States Senate. It is the same old crew of St. Louis big cinch capitalists, grain gamblers and trust magnates that has made the politics of that city a stink-pot.

Desperate lest Missouri send a man to the senate who will be an enemy to their selfish interests they have stopped at nothing that an unlimited corruption fund could accomplish. Unmistakable evidence of their use of money is on every hand. The influence of every purchasable newspaper has been bought. Advertising space and editorials have been bought. A fortune has been spent in bill board space and hand bills alone in the larger cities. Hired workers have been busy in every county and will be at every polling place. Every man who would yield to money has "been seen."

As manager of Francis' campaign is Murray Carlton, a renegade Democrat, who opposed

Bryan in 1896, and bolted for Taft in 1908. Associated with him is James L. Smith, President of the St. Louis Traction a life-long Republican, Edward Goltra, steel trust magnate and men of their ilk. Is Missouri Democracy going to allow the special interest magnates of St. Louis, to send their ringleader and "dear friend" to the United States Senate—a man who is a part of the enemy, who profits when it profits, and loses when it loses.

David R. Francis' partners in Wall Street are chuckling and laughing now as they think of how "their Dave" is pulling the wool over the eyes of the country reubens of Missouri.

David R. Francis denouncing swollen wealth is like a pot giving out harmony. Judas Iscariot might as well prate of fidelity; Benedict Arnold of patriotism, as David R. Francis, who has gained his millions in grain and stock gambling and the organization of monopoly, talking about swollen wealth.

This man, who was not a Democrat in 1896, is not a Democrat to-day. In his own written speeches, he is not in line with the Democratic platforms on any of the great issues.

Francis says he is for a square deal; tariff along revenue lines. What does this mean? Aldrich would say he was for a square deal tariff; Cannon, Taft and Roosevelt would say they were for a square deal tariff. The Democratic platform, in plain and unmistakable language, declares for tariff for revenue only. But that is not good enough for Mr. Francis. He is leaving himself in position to vote as he pleases on the question. A Democratic platform good enough for Champ Clark, is enough for James A. Reed, but Francis must improve upon it. He is the same kind of a Democrat that he was in 1896.

What does he say of the trusts? Says he would "reulate" the trusts. Roosevelt would regulate the trusts; Aldrich would regulate the trusts; Cannon would regulate the trusts; that is what the trusts want. The Democratic party declares that they should be annihilated, not regulated. That is James A. Reed's position.

Francis even countenances the infamous central bank proposition, a scheme of Wall Street to build up a money monopoly, and he favors the income tax only conditionally.

David R. Francis left the party in 1896 at the command of the special interests. Now he says, "Forgive me, and take me back." Has he come back? Is he a Democrat? David R. Francis is not a real Democrat at all. He is simply an occasional Democrat, a Democrat just now, for convenience. His interests, his en-

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When you want the Coffee that never fails to tickle the palate, remember that I have the

METEOR BLEND

Four Pounds for One Dollar.

After you have purchased 100 packages and return the wrappers to me I will present you

FREE, a McLaughlin's Percolator

Which you will find a great help in making good coffee.

You will also find here a well selected stock of

..STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES..

on which my prices are always right

CRACKERS, CAKES, PICKLES, SALMON, POTTED HAM AND CHIPPED BEEF

for picnics and fishing parties, all guaranteed to be just right for picnics and fishermen.

I have moved into my building one door west of G. M. Dewey Hrdw. Co.

Highest market price paid for Produce and I want yours.

R. J. HALLEY,

PHONE 157.

KEYTESVILLE, MISSOURI

Public Sale!

I will sell at public auction at what is known as the Bill Swain farm 4 1-2 miles northwest of Keytesville on

Friday, Nov. 11, 1910

at 10 o'clock, the following described property to-wit:

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| 1 coming 4 year old horse, 16 hand high and over. | 3 farm wagons. |
| 1 coming 3 year old, saddle colt. | 2 Sulky, J. I. Case, cultivators. |
| 1 bay mare, 8 years old. | 1 walking " " |
| 1 bay horse, 9 years old. | 1 riding disc " " |
| 1 mare, 6 years old, in foal. | 1 New Departure " " |
| 1 suckling colt. 1 milch cow. | 2 corn drills. 1 wheat drill. |
| 1 thorough bred, Berkshire sow. | 1 smoothing harrow. 1 tongueless disc. |
| 1 thorough bred, Chester White sow. | 1 16 inch breaking plow with trucks. |
| 1 thorough bred, Du Rock Jersey sow. | 1 12 " " " |
| 7 shoats, weighing about 100 lb. each. | 2 14 " " " plows |
| 2 sets wagon harness. | 1 lister. 1 sled. 1 hay frame. |
| 1 set double buggy harness. | 1 wood frame. |
| | Grindstones, forks, axes and other articles too numerous to mention. |

TERMS: Made known on day of sale.

STERLING PRICE

WARNER FORD, Auc. A. S. TAYLOR, Clerk.

vironment, his friends, all are strangers to the Democratic idea. His money and his crew are pitted against a man who is a Democrat through and through, who has without a single lapse fought for Democracy and for Democratic principles, who is able in every respect to powerfully represent the people of Missouri in the United States Senate, who is unhampered by personal corporate interests, who is not pledged to protect the "men of our class." Every fiber of Democracy should be aroused at the preposterous scheme of protection-seeking Republicans, and renegade Democrats to purchase a seat in the United States Senate.

So Say We All.

At Shelbina resides Colonel W. O. L. Jewett, editor of the Democrat, a prominent churchman, a total abstainer, and a patriarch in Old-Fellowship with a State reputation. Evidently some of the prohibition advocates have been trying to "churh" Colonel Jewett, judging from the following in his paper this week. He editorially says:

"There are few men, and we, hope they are very few, who would not, if they could prevent it, allow free speech and a free press on the prohibition question. They want people to hear but one side of this important question. They would prevent if they could, the voter from seeing what those opposed to state-wide prohibition have to offer in opposition to the prohibition amendment. This would keep the voter in the dark. It is a good thing these people cannot have their way, so that both sides may be heard. Are they afraid of the truth?"

"Some are foolish enough to say there is but one side to this question. Did anyone ever hear of a proposition concerning government and law that did not have two sides to it! Monarchy and absolutism have arguments in their favor.

"Wm. H. Wallace, the leader of the prohibition cause, does not talk that way. He concedes there are arguments and facts on the other side. So do all broad, intelligent people. Nor do such people question the honesty of all who differ from them.

Because the Democrat sold

space to men opposed to prohibition, some men say its proprietor "sold out". "Sold out" what? We sell space to merchants to exploit their wares. We sell space to patent medicine men to extol their nostrums. The propriety of these sales is not questioned. Why then should we not sell space to any one to set forth what he says are facts and arguments, provided always he keeps within the bounds of propriety? Thus far the anti have presented more facts than the pros, and have showed a broader and more liberal spirit.

"The Democrat is not an organ of the prohibitionists, and if it were it would have perfect right to sell space to those on the other side. It is an avowed Democratic paper, yet if Republicans wanted to buy space in it to advocate the doctrine and politics of that party, we would have a perfect right to sell and no doubt would do so. This has been done

and no doubt would be done again. In view of such well-known facts as these men who have hastily, without proper thought, accused the Democrat of selling out ought to hang their heads in shame. They ought to apologize."—Brookfield Argus.

Mrs. J. D. Taylor was agreeable hostess to the Progressive Bridge club last Thursday afternoon. Only the club members were present, Mrs. H. E. Bartz winning the prize, a puff box with a sterling silver top. The menu served was: chicken patties, olive sandwiches, fruit salad, pickles and coffee.

Miss Bessie O'Bryan left Sun- evening for Bosworth, Mo., to accept a position as compositor on the Sentinel. We can assure Bro. Calvert that he will not be disappointed in selecting Miss Bessie for she is a young lady of many good qualities and a compositor of no little ability.

OUR CHOICE FOR U. S. SENATOR



HON. JAS. A. REED OF KANSAS CITY