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EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

MR. HOBSON is "HOBSON'S Choice" for United States senator from Alabama.

THE city of Memphis, politically, is so rotten that the man in the moon holds his nose while passing over it.

It has been our observation that a man had to be either full of prunes or rotgut whiskey in order to find any real fault with the Republican party.

WHEN the Gridiron Club, of Washington, quietly roasted Mr. BRYAN for his base treachery to CHAMP CLARK, the president had no words of condemnation to offer.

THERE is a deep and abiding faith among the loyal Republicans of the Third district that one day this district will be represented by one of their number. Speed the day.

IF the cuticle of the President and his administration is so susceptible to the darts of criticism—such as that of the Caraboas—they won't have much of that commodity left by 1916.

The currency law doesn't have more effect in loosening up the money market than the tariff law did in reducing the high cost of living. Common people will have to take to the tall order.

E. New Orleans Picayune says the world has a place for everybody. What the hungry of Democratic office seekers thinks of and of talk would probably not look well at.

There are who say that Mayor E. W. HUMP, of Memphis, is gubernatorial timber. It is safe to say that the big majority of who entertain this opinion dwell upon the washed by the waters of the classic Wolf and the limpid Bayou Cayoso.

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WE SALUTE OUR READERS

WITH this issue we launch the POLK COUNTY REPUBLICAN into the field of journalism with the hope that it will find favor in the eyes of those who honor us by patronizing it, be he friend or foe—politically.

In a sense we come to you as strangers; yet our grandparents were reared in and around Jonesboro, and believe that we have blood of the true East Tennessean in our veins—at least we feel that way. Therefore, we deem it a privilege to come back to the land of our forebears and in our humble way have a part in the development of a country whose resources have only been scratched—a land that God remembered and man knows but little about.

The political aspect of the paper will be Republican—the party responsible for the greatest era of prosperity this country has ever enjoyed. On State issues it stands squarely upon the record Governor HOOPER has made and those policies we believe he is destined to carry out.

Locally, the paper stands for what is for the best interests of Polk county. We expect to print news and, to great extent, shall depend upon our friends in different parts of the county to furnish us with the happenings in their vicinity.

Preferring to let the POLK COUNTY REPUBLICAN do its own talking, and trusting that its efforts to serve you will meet your hearty approval, we beg to remain,
Yours very respectfully,
THE EDITORS.

AT a caucus held by leading Democrats at Nashville, recently, it was the consensus of opinion of all present that the party would have to declare for prohibition in the next campaign. Will they adopt such a plank because of the righteousness of the cause or from a desire to hoodwink the Independent Democrats? If prohibition is right now it has been for the past four years, and this sudden change of front on the part of Tennessee Democracy smacks strongly of

WE suggest as a motto for the Republican party: "A school house on every hilltop, and no saloon in the valley."

IF the law can be enforced in Nashville, it can be in Memphis. Merely a matter of selecting the men to carry out the law.

IF the tariff bill keeps on reducing the high cost of living and currency law continues to make the money market easier, why is a cow?

IF other people worried us as we already seem to be worrying some folks, we would quietly depart from the confines of Polk county with great forthwithness. Do you "get us?"

THOSE confiding creatures who are fondly hugging to their manly bosoms the idea that the Republican party can not "come back," will be entitled to that part of the crow in which the tail feathers grow.

SENATOR SHIELDS has caused a tremor of dismay to trickle down the spines of the patriots of Knoxville by announcing that nothing will be done regarding the postoffice at that place until 1915. Verily, there is on joy for sinners.

IF the income tax doesn't come under the head of class legislation, we would like to know the reason why. A man with an income of \$2,995 is as able to pay his share as the \$3,000 man. Why the discrimination?

IT has been asserted that the record made by the Democratic party, during the past year, is one to be proud of. This may be so; but it is the first Democratic anything they were ever proud of—and it is a little too early to crow so loudly.

MR. BRYAN's ideas on universal peace must have undergone a wonderful change since he put on a colonel's uniform and started out to subdue the Spaniards. His proposition will come about as close to receiving universal recognition as he did to smelling powder.

WE will send the POLK COUNTY REPUBLICAN free to any man in Polk county who does not drink liquor in any form, neither chews nor smokes, is not addicted to the use of opium, does not beat his wife, nor gamble, and say that he is