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## PRESENT CONDITIONS

### A Few More Plain Facts Given Out by Mr. "X."

In last week's Democrat a very voluminous article appeared over the signature of W. J. Forbess in which he seemingly tried to reply to an article of late publication, headed "Some Plain Facts" and signed by X.

In starting out he admits X said "Some things well worth considering" but as those things were of a "progressive nature," he failed to notice them, but turns himself loose to say that while we are behind other counties in our equipment for common schools, we are not so far behind as we formerly were—he might with propriety have said we are gradually getting out of our old ruts, but Oh! so gradual. Now Mr. X is not going to get mad because W. J. Forbess says he lied just a little in his Plain Facts, but will say to the talented gentlemen that there are school houses within five miles of Huntingdon that are a disgrace to the county and to the state—they are little one-room structures—colder in winter than a progressive farmer's barn, have never heard of such a mixture as paint—have no inside equipment to facilitate the pupil along the lines of education and for "outside conveniences" have just the heritage coming down from the red men of the forest. The gentleman seems to think the houses are quite up-to-date because they have taken the place of log houses. Again, we hear him say "Our fair south is being looked to today by the north for advances in agricultural progress, &c.," but what do they see that is progressive? They see the public highway as a disgrace to any country on earth—they see would-be farmers tickling the ground from two to three inches deep, and calling that process plowing—they see the shabbiest and most ill arranged farm houses found in the United States, and so far as comfortable and convenient barns—none to be seen in a days ride. Yes, the north is looking and hoping that the fair southland will some day come to the front.

The learned gentleman thinks Mr. X made his tour of the country years ago and since then has, like Rip Van Winkle been asleep. For his special information will say he does take a nap once in a while but when he is partially awake, he scribbles a little on "progressive agriculture"—something he did not learn at the "expense of the taxpayers at the State University." We notice this same W. J. Forbess keeps his name in quite close connection with the county superintendent's—this to a plain farmer like Mr. X, looks like he is trimming his sails for Prof. Barnhill's office—that being the pre supposed case, we are not surprised that he looks on the cheap facilities for education with so much favor. Why? Because to attain that honorable position he will have to find favor with the anti-progressive board of squires—a board that recently annulled the little \$500 appropriation to assist in building up a county fair. That appropriation would not have cost the average tax-payer fifteen cents.

Mr. X thought he saw in that appropriation the beginning of a real county fair—the best institution known to this country to build up the agricultural and live stock interests. Wherever a good fair is maintained north or south, we find up-to-date farming and live stock breeding—we find up-to-date dwellings, with comfortable surroundings—good barns that indicate thrift and enterprise on the part of the farmer. But it seems like our county board does not want these desirable things to exist in this county—they prefer present conditions because they remind

## FEARS ABOUT HOOPER

### Friends of the Governor Apprehensive of Health.

The following appeared in Monday's Commercial Appeal as a special from Nashville.

Republicans of Tennessee are entertaining grave fears that their leader, Gov. Ben W. Hooper who has been ill for several weeks, will not sufficiently recover his health to make the race for governor this fall against the democratic nominee. Those of the republicans who are depending on the governor being re-elected for their offices are especially anxious for a speedy recovery.

It has been six or eight weeks now since the governor spent the entire day on the hill. Much of that time he did not show up at all during the day, and now he is seeking rest at a health resort. Within the next few days he is going on to Newport, to remain there for several weeks.

The campaign this fall bids fair to be long and strenuous. Besides the election of a full state ticket, there are the big offices to be filled at Washington. It will require iron nerves on the part of those whose fate is in the balance to stand the strain. Some republicans are fearing that Gov. Hooper, in his present state of health, will be unable to meet the demands of the occasion.

Relative to the above story Gov. Hooper's private secretary, Col. Geo. Taylor had the following to say:

"Gov. Hooper, like any other man, has his physical limitations. He has been a slavish worker since his inauguration, having perhaps averaged more than 15 hours per day.

"His general health has been, and is good. He simply needs a rest. His doctor has advised it and he is taking it.

"I think he will in his office within a month, unless he changes his plans. Certainly his condition, physical or political, does not warrant any alarm upon the part of his friends."

## Margrave-Brummitt.

A special from Gleason says: A pretty home wedding here was that of Miss Bernice Brummitt, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brummitt, to Frank Margrave yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride, Rev. O. C. Cude, of McKenzie, officiating. Misses Annie Lee and Johnnie Brummitt, sisters of the bride, presided at the piano, playing Mendelssohn's wedding march. Prior to the wedding procession Miss Ruby Lankford, of Huntingdon, sang "In the Land of Love." While the ceremony was being said sang "All For You."

The color scheme was white, pink and blue, white predominating. The bride is an accomplished young lady with a large circle of friends, while the groom is a progressive business man. They went to Lookout Mountain and other points of interest.

them of the good old days of yore. The thanks of our people are due those two "Captains of Finance" who managed this annulling scheme, which entitles them very justly to that appellation of honor—"Watch Dogs of the Treasury."

With a final word for Mr. Forbess we close. Kindly give us some advanced ideas on road building and road laws—on a just system of raising public revenue—on progressive farming as practiced at our State University—also an up-to-date school law that would guarantee at least five months school every year to all the children of the state.

So far as Mr. F. is concerned this is a finale.

## CORRUPTION FUND

### Existence in Nashville Charged by Gov. B. W. Hooper.

Gov. Ben. W. Hooper, who is at Mooresburg recuperating his health, took time Monday from the business of getting well to give out a short interview regarding conditions in Nashville.

"A man who comes from Nashville to a placid place like this," said the governor, "is forcibly struck with the true significance of the old bit of wisdom that 'God made the country and man made the town.' The people of the rural communities of Tennessee would be astonished if they could realize the conditions of corruption and semi-anarchy that exist in the cities of this state.

"There are thousands of good citizens in each of these cities, but the coalition between corrupt politicians and the elements of lawlessness is completely dominant. Whenever attention is called to the fact some frightened individual claiming to be a 'business man' always protests that the matter ought not to be mentioned for fear that the city will be hurt. To such a man it does not occur that correction and not concealment is the safe and honest public policy.

"As an example of what I am talking about, within the last two weeks a corruption fund of \$25,000 has been raised by the whisky dealers of Nashville for the express purpose of corruptly preventing the enforcement of the laws of Tennessee against the unlawful sale of whiskey and beer in that city. When I left Nashville this fund had not yet been paid over to the prospective beneficiaries, but it was in the hands of the agent of the whiskey interests.

"Let it be understood, too, that the statements I here make are not haphazard guess work. I am in complete possession of the facts. I know the amounts assessed against the contributors from the brewery and the wholesaler down to the little saloonkeeper, and I know to whom the money was paid.

"How much of this is going on in other cities can not be accurately stated, but it is apparent that the laws are being nullified and justice thwarted in other cities and somebody is doubtless being paid in some way for these results.

"The country people of Tennessee will have to take these matters in hand and save the state from further disgrace at the hands of its municipalities.

"When political committees have ceased to dicker, maneuver and manipulate for the personal and political advantage of more or less moribund politicians and the deck has been cleared of national political considerations, these great questions of good government will be carried to the people for settlement."

## TAFT WILL CONTROL

### But There Are Prospects of a Lively Republican Fight.

Many counties in Tennessee held conventions last Saturday to appoint delegates to the state republican convention. Taft delegates were appointed in a majority of them, and with the counties that had already acted it seems that the friends of President Taft will control the convention, but there will be enough Roosevelt delegates present to put up a pretty stiff fight. The leader of the ex-president's forces, W. J. Oliver, has served notice that they will stand for no unfair treatment. But Oliver is not held in very high esteem by Taft's friends in Tennessee and they will not be inclined to go very far out of the way to accommodate his wishes.

Lee Brock in reply to Oliver's defy gave him to understand that Oliver's methods, as exemplified in a former convention, would not go in this convention, and there promises to be something doing when the republicans meet to elect delegates to the Chicago convention.

The indications are that Taft will get a large majority of the delegates from this state, but Roosevelt has a strong following and had he gotten into the fight a little earlier things might have been different. There will be a lively fight as it is.

## F. W. MORRIS DEAD

### A Splendid Citizen of the Fourteenth District Gone.

F. W. Morris, one of the leading citizens of the Fourteenth district, died Thursday of last week after an illness of several days with pneumonia. Mr. Morris was about 66 years old, and is survived by his wife and several children. He was an honest, upright, hard-working citizen, and one of the most successful farmers in his community. He claimed to be a christian but had never identified himself with any church. He was a Mason in good standing and a great admirer of the order. He was a useful man and highly esteemed.

The burial occurred Friday at some point in Henderson county. He has a son, Jim Morris, who is also very low with pneumonia.

## Commencement Sermon.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church, Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the Commencement Sermon for the Industrial and Training school in the auditorium of said institution Sunday morning, 11 a. m., May 12.

Dr. Weaver is one of Nashville's best divines and a masterly sermon will be delivered. All are cordially invited.

## FIRST MOTOR AMBULANCE

### Will Arrive Soon and be Used at Huntingdon.

Tennessee is to have the first motor ambulance in the country. This is the first motor ambulance ever built, it is said, and is given to Tennessee to test the efficiency of the power ambulance in caring for the sick and wounded of an army. The test is being watched by all countries as it is of great importance if it establishes the fact that the auto-ambulance can do the work better than the type now in use.

The ambulance will arrive here from St. Louis in about two weeks. Great care is being taken in the construction of it and every convenience possible is being given it. The plans have been made in conference with the best automobile engineers and army experts of the world. The ambulance will be sent to the ambulance company at Huntingdon. — Nashville Democrat.

## BARN BURNED

### John Umstead a Heavy Loser by Lightning and Fire.

John Umstead, of the Yuma community, suffered heavy loss last Friday night from lightning and fire. During the electrical storm that night lightning struck his barn, killing one mule, badly injuring another, and setting fire to the building, burning it down. He lost about 150 barrels of corn, 2,000 bundles of fodder, 2,500 feet of poplar lumber and farming implements.

Mr. Umstead had a good barn and his loss was \$1,500 or more, and he carried only \$400 insurance. He valued the mule that was killed at \$250. The rain and storm did a great deal of damage in that section of the county.

The office of Dr. Boyd at Farmville, a short distance from Yuma, was blown down and carried, it is claimed, nearly a mile away. His residence was also badly damaged. A great deal of hail fell in that section.

## Damaged By Lightning.

The following appeared in Monday's Tennessean and American from Lexington:

Friday night at about 11 o'clock, during a heavy rain and electrical storm, lightning struck the rear of the new Southern Methodist church, on the north corner of the public square. One of the handsome windows was broken at the top and bottom, the carpet ripped up on the inside of the building and some plastering knocked from the wall at the stairway to the gallery, but on the whole the damage was not great and the escape of the structure one which infrequently occurs.

## JUDGE FARABOUGH

### Says He Cannot be Nominated and Quits the Race.

Judge W. W. Farabough, of Paris, has withdrawn from the race for the nomination to the Tennessee supreme bench. In his brief card Tuesday he states that he finds that he cannot be nominated. His card follows:

"To the democracy of Tennessee:—For the last few days I have realized that I cannot be nominated for the supreme bench in the May convention, therefore I am no longer a candidate. I will support the nominee of the convention, for I am a democrat.

W. W. FARABOUGH.

Nashville, Tenn., Apr. 30, 1912. The many friends of Judge Farabough will regret his retirement from the race. He is well known over the state, this not being the first time he has been a candidate. He has also stumped the state in the interest of others and the democratic party.

## SOME HEAVY RAINS

### Farmers Are Very Much Delayed in Planting.

The heavy rains that fell the latter part of last week and the first of this week did much damage in many respects. It not only stopped farm work for nearly a week but farms and roads were badly damaged by continued washing. The land that had been plowed was, in many places, badly washed. Bridges, levees and roads were also injured.

Farmers have grown very much discouraged by the continued wet weather and the lateness in planting, and it is feared that an average crop can not be planted and grown this year.

## HELPING FLOOD SUFFERERS

### Huntingdon Ladies Send Money and Clothing.

For several days last week the ladies of Huntingdon were busy collecting money and clothing for the flood sufferers. The Home Mission Society of the Methodist church, the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church U. S. A., the Ladies Aid of the Christian church, ladies of the Baptist church and Civic Improvement Club each contributed \$5.00 to the fund.

Boxes of clothing and quilts were also gathered and sent Mayor Crump, of Memphis, for distribution. Much money and many car loads of provisions and clothing have been contributed from various sections of the country to the sufferers in the flooded districts.

## Williamson for Floater.

We have the announcement of Prof. Harry Williamson, of Carroll county, for floater. Mr. Williamson is a fine, self-made young man, absolutely reliable, of unimpeachable character, intelligent, well posted and progressive.

We are glad to see young men of sterling worth take an active interest in public questions; it is a good omen for the country. Professional politicians have had too much to say, and we are building for future generations.

Mr. Williamson was born and reared on the farm, was educated at Laneview College, chose teaching as a profession, which he has followed with great success. No one stands higher in the estimation of those who know him in the qualities which make for progressive American manhood. — Post-Intelligencer.

For any ichiness of the skin, for skin rashes, chap, pimples, etc., try Doan's Ointment. 50c at all drug stores.

## Where Are You Going First Sunday

Wherever you go you should look your best. We invite you to the emporium of fashion---The Grand Leader, to make your preparation for that event. If it is new, you'll find it here at a most reasonable price.

Follow the crowd.

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