

# THE \* COMET

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hal H. Haynes offers to again serve the bar and people of the First Chancery Division of Tennessee, subject to the action of the republican party, if deemed to be entitled to a re-nomination and re-election, upon his record as Chancellor.

### Trustee.

I am a candidate for Trustee of Washington county, subject to the action of the republican party, and will be glad to have your support.

ARTHUR S. HARTSELL

### Circuit Court Clerk.

I desire to announce to the voters of Washington county that I am a candidate for Circuit Court Clerk, subject to the action of the republican party and respectfully solicit your support and influence.

J. L. HILBERT.

### County Court Clerk.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Court Clerk, subject to the action of the republican party, and will appreciate your support.

W. C. LEAB.

I take this method to announce that I am a candidate for County Court Clerk of Washington county, subject to the will of the republican party. I will appreciate the vote and influence of all.

JAMES S. BYRD.

Judge Sanford, of Knoxville, would make a worthy successor of Judge Lorton and Chancellor Haynes would adorn the seat made vacant by Judge Sanford. President Taft will please take notice.

Hon. Sam G. Haskell is the candidate of the regular democrats of Knoxville for Mayor and is making one of his characteristic picturesque races and deserves to win. He is one of the biggest men in Knoxville and is a democrat in whom there is no guile.

It is being urged by the Tennessee that Chancellor Bullock is the regular nominee and should have no opposition. Was Bullock regular when he suggested the caucus bolt of the last legislature and afterwards conceived the idea of the coalition to pass his pet measure? It is too late to urge regularity. Let him take his medicine.

At the banquet to Judge Lorton at Nashville Tuesday night Gov. Patterson was not able to respond to the toast selected for him by reason of his absence from the city, but the following telegram from him was received and read by the toastmaster:

"Tennessee has further distinguished herself and enriched the history of the country in furnishing another son to adorn with his learning and uprightness the highest court in the world, and President Taft should receive utmost praise in bestowing so signal an honor upon a southern man. The appointment of Judge Lorton brings us to the realization that sectional lines have faded and are known only in geography, while the union remains for all, is the heritage and hope of all Americans."

"M. R. PATTERSON, Governor."

## OPPOSITION TO

### JUDGE BULLOCK

The Jackson Daily Sun publishes a card from Judge Sweeney, who is a candidate against Chancellor Bullock, of prohibition legislature fame, in which, among other things, he says: "I further promise the people that I will not, during my term, abandon the duties of my office, and go to Nashville and control, or attempt to control, the legislature of the state." Continuing further, he says: "Chancellor Bullock says that he is the nominee of the democratic party for chancellor. It appears from Chancellor Bullock's conduct that he does not regard anyone a democrat except those who are opposed to local self government, and who do not agree with him that the election laws passed at the late session of the legislature should be maintained."

Perhaps, when election day in the Fifth chancery division rolls around, the voters of the twelve counties comprising that division will take it into their heads to define "what is a democrat?" They have a most unique opportunity and if they are going to make party loyalty a test it will be immensely interesting to watch the outcome. Mr. Bullock is the gentleman who organized the fusion in the last legislature through which the decision of the democratic party at the polls was reversed, and a minority proposition, with the aid of republican votes, was forced upon the people. Mr. Bullock and his friends have attempted to excuse their bolt by claiming that Gov. Patterson had deceived certain prohibitionists into voting for him—not only an untrue but a very silly statement; for to charge that is virtually to charge that Mr. Carnack was personally weaker than his platform, when as a matter of fact the converse is true.

The people of the Eighth chancery division have an opportunity to re-

buke a typical case of hypocrisy and sham which, if they should do, would be very encouraging to the party elsewhere.—Chattanooga Times.

## ENUMERATORS' TEST EASY

Census Director Durand Has Set Saturday, February 5, 1910, as Date for Applications

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Any person of good judgment, who has received an ordinary common school education, can readily and easily pass the test to be given applicants for census enumerators' places on Saturday, February 5, 1910, the date finally set by U. S. Census Director Durand, according to an announcement from the census bureau today. This will be comforting to the several hundred thousand who are believed to be contemplating application for the places.

It was emphatically stated at the bureau that the test will be an eminently reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the twelfth census. It will consist of filling out a sample schedule of population from a description, a narrative form, of typical families; and, in the case of numerators whose work will be in the rural districts, they will be called upon to fill out a sample schedule of agriculture, from information furnished by the Census Bureau.

All persons, whether men or women, who may desire to become Census enumerators must be citizens of the United States, residents of the supervisor's district for which they wish to be appointed, must be not less than 18 nor more than 70 years of age, must be physically able to do the work, must be trustworthy, honest and of good habits, must have at least an ordinary education and must be able to write plainly and with reasonable rapidity.

Those who can comply with these requirements are invited to put in their applications, as there will be at least 68,000 enumerators' places to be filled by the middle of March in preparation for the enumeration beginning April 15, 1910.

Application forms, with full instructions for filling in, and complete information concerning the test and the method of appointment, can be secured by writing to the supervisor of census for the supervisor's district in which the applicant lives. All applications, properly filled in, must be filed with the supervisors not later than January 25, 1910, as any received after that date cannot be considered.

## NEW CAPTAIN FOR

### SALVATION ARMY

After January 1, 1910, the detachment of the Salvation Army in this city will become an independent corps, under the management Capt. David McCoy, who is now connected with the Knoxville post. Lieut. A. M. Potts, who has been in command here, has returned to Bristol. The Army is doing good work in Johnson City and the people are taking an active interest in the work it is doing.

## 'CEPT YOU.

Well, I'll swear,  
I ain't got nothin',  
Ain't had nothin',  
Don't want nothin',  
'Cept you.  
I ain't seen nobody,  
Ain't had nobody,  
Ain't loved nobody,  
[That's true.  
But if you'll love me,  
I'll love you;  
If you want money, tho'  
I want do.  
'Cause I ain't got nothin',  
Ain't had nothin',  
Don't want nothin',  
'Cept you.  
—Bristol News.

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## BIG BLAZE NAR-

### ROWLY AVERTED

This morning fire was discovered in the building occupied by C. O. Biddle & Co. in the Armbrust-Smith building and before it could be extinguished the large block was badly damaged both by fire and water. The third floor was the Elks' Home and was almost a total wreck. The second floor was occupied by the offices of the E. T. & W. N. C. R. R. Co., the city recorder, city commission, clerk and master, law court clerk, J. R. Gardner's law office and Dulaney's insurance office. All moved out and a mass of documents and records were carried out by willing workers. It looked for a long time like the building would be destroyed in spite of the firemen. All occupants of the first floor except the Bank of Commerce moved out. The Watauga Water Co. and C. O. Biddle occupied the same room. The Congress Shaving Parlor was next and P. C. Muse Ptg. Co. on Tipton street also had to vacate.

## MISS HARRIS ENTERTAINS.

A swell holiday party was given by Miss Floy Harris to the members of the Girls' Bachelor Club on Monday night. Five hundred was played, and the prizes were won by Miss Sarah Gildersleeve and J. M. Masters. After the game, little Christmas stockings were given to the guests, containing Christmas dainties. Decorations were in mistletoe and holly. A beautiful Christmas tree also lent attraction to the occasion.

## SENATOR TAYLOR ENTERTAINED

Senator Robt. L. Taylor came to the city yesterday on No. 41, enroute to Georgia to lecture and remained over until No. 25. He was entertained at dinner at the Colonial hotel by A. T. Markwood and C. E. Burchfield. Covers were laid for eight and Hon. A. Taylor, of Milligan, and W. C. Hutchinson, of Southern railway were among the number.

## DR. W. J. MILLER ILL.

Dr. W. J. Miller was taken suddenly ill last Wednesday evening with a hemorrhage of the bowels and is still a very sick man. Dr. S. Rush Miller and a trained nurse came up from Knoxville to attend him. A few years ago he had an operation performed by Drs. Mayo for the trouble and has been in comparatively perfect physical condition since and this recurrence of the malady has caused his family and friends much concern.

## WANTED—Several gentlemen or ladies,

well educated, of good address, to call on selected people in Johnson City and Bristol, Tenn. Good income and advancement. Address Box 164, Blackville, S. C.

Real estate agent (rattling off description of house to Mrs. Bradley, a prospective tenant)—Here's the kitchen—splendid room—all modern conveniences—hardwood floor—Mr. Bradley (interrupting)—Oh, it won't do at all. My present kitchen has a softwood floor, and the breakage of dishes even to that is something frightful.

"I understand that you said some of my jokes were as old as the hills?" interrogated the struggling humorist in crestfallen tones. "My dear sir, you have been misinformed," laughed the busy editor. "What I said was that some of the hills were as old as your jokes."—Chicago News.

## DEAL LIGHTLY WITH THE DUNCE

### Reasons Why Some Children Simply Cannot Learn.

A small coterie of French doctors is at present studying school children and has at the moment under its special observation that infantile phenomenon known as the dunce. The existence of the dunce is frequently to be attributed, they declare, to faulty hygienic environment, unsuitable food or tactless treatment. Incidentally they assert that a disposition for mathematical studies is no criterion of a capacity for original or vigorous thought, and that the ability to deal with numbers is often observable in the very weak of mind, says the New York World.

The dunce, they say, is often any thing but a dunce. The poor child may suffer from weakness of sight, or incipient deafness, and his teachers fall to note the fact. Morbid shyness and self-consciousness, often characteristic in children, are the so-called dullard's inability to learn. All children do not progress with the same alertness. The phenomenon of grown-ups who are ten years behind their age, in regard to mentality, has been noted by all physicians. Corvisart, Napoleon's doctor, declaring that these minds often prove the finest when they reach their maturity, and that the fact of their backwardness is invariably a sign that a ripe old age will be reached.

The personal character of children, say these French doctors, requires to be trained in respect to pluck, initiative and interest, before the purely mental attributes can be expected to come into play. Children who evince a dislike to play should be taught that success in play and kindred matters is the surest guaranty of success in the great game of life later on. Particular care must be taken in the selection of schools and school-surroundings for children who are unusually fat or overgrown, or who show a tendency to be what is known as "old-fashioned." When children are likely to become the butts of their companions, parents cannot be too careful in deciding as to how they shall be trained. Observation and the advice of physical attributes, are the safest guides in the rearing of wholesome men and women be, as it should be, the end of early education.

## POLITICAL LEADERS

### IN CONFLICT.

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southern executives of the Bell Telephone Company, was once recorder, mayor, and easily the dominant republican of Chattanooga. He was also chief postoffice inspector of the United States.

The younger Sharp took to politics like a duck to water. He has been recorder's clerk, postmaster, inspector in charge of the Chattanooga district of postoffice inspectors; later postoffice inspector of the Chattanooga division embracing five southern states with headquarters in Chattanooga. He later made two unsuccessful races as the republican nominee for congress in the Third district against Judge Moon. He was postmaster of Chattanooga for two terms, eight years, retiring voluntarily, and having his assistant, W. Scott Raulston, named as his successor.

Then, probably for the only interval in his life, he went into commercial life as sales manager for a big hosiery manufacturing concern in Chattanooga. But the call of the wild was not to be resisted, and he was made internal revenue collector for Tennessee.

## Gossip as to Successor if Sharp Lands Job.

Republicans get into the pie appetite early. Discussion is already rife as to who will succeed Sharp as collector in event he is named as first assistant postmaster-general. Those discussed here are Senator Sam R. Sells, of Johnson City; Postmaster Monroe Monday, of Knoxville; John H. Early, of Chattanooga; Dr. R. Q. Lillard, Lebanon; Chief Clerk Eugene Priest, of Nashville, under Collector Sharp; E. W. Esary, of Lexington; R. A. Haggard, Waynesboro; H. O. True, of Memphis, and others. It is known that President Taft will make a hard fight to land Tennessee in the republican column next time, and this is part of Frank A. Hitehook's game, the political strategist of the cabinet, in stacking this state with important and lucrative federal appointments. Mr. Sharp is a personal friend of Postmaster-General Hitehook, and is an acknowledged expert in manipulating southern delegations. The postoffice department is the one in which to play the political game and it is the endeavor of Boss Hitehook to sew up at once the southern delegation for Mr. Taft, ahead of Fairbanks or Senator Beveridge or any one else who may oppose.

A number of Nashville politicians have it all doped out in event of Mr. Sharp's appointment. They say John Gore, surveyor of port here, will be the internal revenue collector, and that Col. "Bill" Turman will succeed Gore.

Another rumor tipped to an American reporter scheduled Lee Brock for collector. Mr. Brock is the present efficient referee in bankruptcy. But it is stated that the collector's position is far more lucrative, and Mr. Brock would, if he so elected, have first call.

Tennessee has fared remarkably well as a result of Mr. Taft's wide acquaintance in the state, and by reason, too, of such a great number of eligibles, for which Tennessee is famous.

Look at the good things already given Tennessee from the national store: Cabinet member, J. M. Dickinson, of Nashville, secretary of war.

A member of the supreme court, Judge Horace H. Lorton, of Nashville. The treasurer of the United States, Lee McClung, of Knoxville.

The first assistant attorney-general of the United States, James A. Fowler, of Knoxville.

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## War Goes Merrily on in East Tennessee.

Republican politics are all aglow in

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## LECTURE AT FIRST

### M. E. CHURCH

Rev. W. M. Vines, D. D., at First M. E. church, January 4, 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Glimpses and Impressions of my English Trip." Solos, by Miss Lillian Rhea Hunter. Prof. Schroetter of Bristol will preside at the organ. No charge but a silver offering will be taken for a building fund of the new First Baptist church. Let everybody come. J. R. CHILDS, Pastor First Baptist Church.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

### OF MUNSEY CHURCH

Last Sunday at 7 p. m. at the Munsey Memorial church services were held in honor of those who had been called away to their heavenly reward during the year. Mrs. F. B. St. John read an excellent paper extolling the character of Mrs. Alice R. Reeves, Mrs. George Simcox, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoss, Mrs. R. D. Parsons, and Col. E. C. Reeves spoke in memory of S. M. McKamey.

## MR. BAILEY WINS

### THE GRAPHAPHONE

The graphaphone that was given away at the New York Bargain House was won by J. H. Bailey, of Johnson City. There were 2,948 beans in the jar and Mr. Bailey's guess was 2,955. There were several other guesses very close to the amount in the jar. The beans were counted by Woolford Watson and Lee Star.

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