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THE GREAT TENT MEETING

This is the second week of the tent meeting in our town. The attendance has been very large calling for additional seating capacity which has been furnished by placing seats under fly of the tent and adjoining space.

It is the consensus of those who have not missed a service that Evangelist Kinney and his wife as leader of the music, are the strongest team ever in Selmer. All the pastors of the town are joined with Rev. Kinney in making this series of meetings a great uplift for Christians and a tidal wave in gathering into the fold the heretofore careless and indifferent. The morning services are a continuation of the bible study from Genesis to Revelations. Rev. Kinney is a firm believer that the day is now at hand when the Jews are to be gathered at Jerusalem and a great government built by them, after a scattering of so many centuries. His evening sermons are on the strong lines of Christian living and the fearful consequences of the unrighteous unless they accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior.

BETHEL SPRINGS

Joe Harris was a social visitor to Selmer last week.

Miss Willie Matt Curry, a senior of the Selmer High School, spent the week-end with her sister and friends here.

Miss Mable Ross has recovered from a sprained ankle and is able to be out again.

Several of our young people have been attending the meeting at Selmer.

Troy Etheridge left for Johnson City Sunday night.

There are several cases of typhoid fever here.

Miss Minnie Wilbanks has just returned from Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hendrix of Jackson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mitchell.

Mrs. Long and children spent the week-end with relatives at McNairy.

Mr. Ricks of Wheeler, Miss., was a pleasant visitor to Bethel Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Tommie Goodard of Corinth is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Cheshier.

EDUCATIONAL

The County Board of Education has fixed the date for the opening of schools Monday, October 30th, and all parties concerned will be governed accordingly.

I hope the teachers will make preparations to begin the work, and make the schools of McNairy county the best we have ever had.

Teachers are hereby called to meet in Selmer, Saturday, October 28th, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of signing contracts, receiving registers, course of study and instructions pertaining to their work. They are requested to bring their certificates.

I want to urge upon all the great importance of observing the compulsory attendance law. Let's start on time with all the pupils enrolled and keep them in school every day.

Requests are being made by many schools for desks. I am aware of the fact that many buildings need more desks and there are a few which have none at all. The Board is doing all it can to provide for the convenience and comfort of the children, and just as soon as the money is available new seats will be put in where they are most needed. We want to equip all schools with good blackboards and hope to do this soon.

The meeting of teachers Saturday, October 28th, will be held at the court house.

Yours truly,
TERRY ABERNATHY, Co. Supt.

For Sale

I have 11 pigs and one young mule for sale. Mrs. Ollie Moore, Route 1, Selmer, Tenn.

ORBITARY

In the silent city of the sleeping, softly embellished with the clinging vine and the gentle shade of the evergreen, each lending their respective features to the flowered-covered mound, lies the remains of Jabez Martin Cude, who passed into a higher and nobler existence Tuesday, September 5th, 1922, just after the noon hour, while the sun was diffusing its brilliant rays upon the earth in heavenly effluence.

It is with deep sorrow and reverence that we chronicle the "Home going" of father, but our loss is his eternal gain. He was born in Greensboro, N. C., about fifty-seven years ago, fifty-five years having been spent in this county. On Nov. 3, 1885, he was married to Miss Virginia Hodges, daughter of Capt. Horry and Mary E. Hodges of McNairy county. Ten children were born to them. Those surviving besides the writer are Horry Cude, of Memphis; Carl Cude and Mrs. Mary Barnes, of Adamsville; Mrs. Ruth Johnson, of Jackson, and Miss Pearl Cude, of Bethel Springs, youngest daughter, and a constant attendant at her father's bedside, also surviving these a loving companion, one brother, four sisters and a precious mother.

Father suffered from heart disease and complications, chiefly attributed to the flu, but neither the skill of the physician or anxious hearts of loved ones could stay the hand of death, and impregnated with the spirit of the Master he displayed unusual courage and patience, being hopeful 'till the last, but when it was seen the "silver cords" were breaking, he gave full proof of the joys that awaited him, among his last utterances were "the passing out into the unknown is so easy." In revived imagery we will seem to see and hear with renewed emotion, the radiant smile that lighted his face as he pressed the good-bye kiss upon the companion, children and sisters, whispering, "Jesus, precious Jesus." "God bless you every one."

Revs. T. N. Hayes, pastor, and Fowler, M. E. minister, conducted the funeral services at the Presbyterian church in Bethel Springs before a large audience.

Jabez M. Cude was the son of Rev. F. M. Cude of Dyer, and brother of Revs. C. W. Cude of Friendship, and O. C. Cude of McKenzie, Presbyterian ministers, deceased. In youth he became a Christian and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church at New Salem. At eighteen he was ordained ruling elder, which position he filled for a number of years. He enjoyed the friendship of a host of friends, was always a church leader, a close Bible student and a dear lover of home. Our loss is so keenly felt and oftentimes we mourn in solitude and pensively sigh for departed joys, the Bible reading, and exhortations, the smile and the handclasp, but we must not dwell long on these for when the anguish of our loss softens away into meditation of his life, it divorces our minds from temporal things, for if it be so valued a privilege to enjoy communion with each other here, what shall we see and know when we finally come to the New Jerusalem and the innumerable company of Angels, if, during this mortal life, the consolations of the spirit are so precious and the hope of immortality so animating to the soul, what tongue can utter its superior joys when pains are no more and tears wiped from every eye? Thus we feel the prayer rise within our bosom "let me die the death of the righteous and let my last days be like his."

May we children strive to enter our rewards in the triumphs of a living faith as he did. Yes, we shall meet again "those we have loved long but lost awhile." Some day perhaps, there will be a rock erected to mark the little mound but to me his life will be the monument. For the soft memory of his influence yet lingers like twilight fires when the sun is set, and as his light upon others, its guiding splendor throws. Bright was in his youthful years, but brighter at the close. Oh what joy, "when we awake in His likeness and satisfied and live forever with Jesus, who for us was crucified. But until then we will be linked by a cable of faith and song, concentrating our lives to Jesus, whether it be short or long, and thru His matchless grace may we do more in telling the Sweet Story, until we too are called and meet His smiling face in Heavenly Glory."

His daughter,
MRS. LILLIE DAVIS,
Montezuma, Tenn.

MARRIED

Roy Estes and Miss Melissa Alexander were married last Thanksgiving day in Carroll county, but so well was the secret kept, that no one knew anything about it until this week. Both the contracting parties were born and reared in Selmer, Roy being the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Estes, and is a young man of sterling worth, while his bride is the youngest daughter of Lee Alexander, and is one of the sweetest girls in Selmer, possessed of many lovable traits and accomplishments.

We join with the many friends in wishing this happy young couple many years of peaceful and happy wedded bliss.

Come to the Sunday services in the tent in courthouse yard.



EVANGELIST G. C. KINNEY

The Campaign Is Still On

Sunday Services: 11 a. m., 2:30 and 7 p. m.

THE 2:30 SERVICES ARE FOR MEN ONLY

The tent on the Courthouse lawn is commodious, comfortable and well seated. Don't miss Sunday's services

The day lectures are the equal of any ever given by an evangelist, and no one can afford to miss a single one. The night sermons are the equal of notable evangelists of the age. Everyone in Selmer and the surrounding communities rarely miss a service. Never has McNairy county had the opportunity to hear a more profound scholar and more forceful speaker than Evangelist Kinney.

SUNDAY WILL BE A BANNER DAY

and you are cordially invited to this feast of reason and inspiration of soul

Workers Council Program
The Workers Council of McNairy County will be held with the Gravelhill Baptist church on Friday night and Saturday before the third Sunday in October, and the following program will be rendered:

Friday night at 7:30, sermon; and Saturday at 9:30 a. m. - Devotions.

10 a. m. - The Preacher's Responsibility - Dr. H. C. Sanders, J. A. Armstrong, J. R. Gooch.

10:45 a. m. - Sunday School, Its Place and Work - W. G. Robinson, W. F. Wall, Frank Inman.

11:30 a. m. - Should We Have the B. Y. P. U.? - Misses Bessie Hammons, Hamilton, Mrs. Nora White.

12:00 m. - Dinner.
1:00 p. m. - W. M. S. - Mrs. W. G. Robinson, Mrs. Gerry Sanders.

1:45 p. m. - Laymen's Movement - M. C. Roland, B. F. Powell, Bunyan Russell.

2:30 p. m. - \$75,000,000 Campaign, What It Has Done and Its Purpose - M. E. Lee, F. O. Hamilton, Dr. H. C. Sanders.

T. R. HAMMONS,
M. C. ROLAND,
Committee.

Oldest American Newspaper.
The New York Globe was founded on December 9, 1793, by Noah Webster, as the "American Minerva." It was renamed "The Commercial Advertiser" on October 7, 1797 and was again changed to "The Globe and Commercial Advertiser" on February 1, 1804. This is the oldest daily newspaper still in existence in America. A weekly paper, the New Hampshire Gazette, was established in 1756 and is still published. The Hartford Courant was established as a weekly, the Connecticut Courant, in 1704, and is now a daily.

Were Pretty Well Advanced.
Cheating contractors and crooked officials of Sumerian civilization in Mesopotamia 5,000 years ago were tried briefly and thrown into the river, according to recent scientific discoveries. Among other things they had an elaborate banking system, with a reserve bank comparable to our own of today, a postal system with a parcel post branch and circulating libraries, which distributed clay tablet books.

CATTLE AND HOGS IN BIG, NEW BARN

Memphis Live Stock Shows Will Be Better Than Ever.

Housed in splendid new buildings designed especially for the purpose, and with every conceivable conveniences and arrangement, the great annual live stock show should be the greatest in the history of the Memphis Tri-State Fair, Sept. 23 to 30.

Two fine structures, one for cattle and the other for swine, will be spick and span and ship-shape for opening day. There will be plenty of room for far greater shows than ever have been held in the South, so that both exhibitors and visitors will have every possible advantage in the department.

The new buildings are important parcels of the \$500,000 building program now being wound up. They are of the same general appearance. Each is 200 feet wide by 400 feet long, huge buildings admirably lighted and ventilated and with all necessities such as running water, big show rings and so on.

For several years the Memphis live stock show has been one of the most important of any similar show in the Southern States. It is the big show room for the breeders and the macra for Southern farmers interested in the highest types of farm stock. Keen competition is an established characteristic and winnings mean much to themselves, but the Fair this year is offering something like \$20,000 in cash premiums, so that it should bring together an assemblage of live stock that will easily eclipse any past event.

Reorganization of Tax Department.
Mr. Peay vigorously reaffirmed his view that the state tax department, as now constituted, should be thoroughly reorganized. The speaker said he has carefully observed the workings of the tax department, without any animus to condemn it.

"Land assessments under the whip and spur of this department have been raised, because all ranges," said Mr. Peay. "The operation has only shifted the tax burden to real estate. This department has shown no ingenuity or initiative in the assessment of those classes of intricate property which local assessors are unfamiliar with."

Mr. Peay declared that "there is an evident tendency toward dictatorship and autocracy in this department, which is exceedingly offensive to the people," and that the proof is unmistakable that this is a political tax department. He made it clear that he preferred to see the tax department and not the advisory members of the commission.

Back Taxes Must Go.
"The back tax system in its entirety must go," said Mr. Peay, with emphasis. "Our present systems for the collection of delinquent revenue through agents appointed by the comptroller must be promptly abolished. It must be extirpated, root and branch. Experience and public sentiment in our state has thoroughly condemned it."

Peay's Keynote Speech Is Strong Plea for Economy and Lower Taxes

Democratic Nominee Is Accorded Great Reception at Murfreesboro When He Opens His Campaign.

By T. H. ALEXANDER

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 5 (Special).—The keynote speech of Hon. Austin Peay of Clarksville, which was delivered at Murfreesboro in formally opening the campaign for governor of Tennessee, has caused a wave of Peay sentiment which the Democrats claim will develop into a landslide in November.

Thousands of letters from the rank and file of the Democratic party and hundreds from Republicans today are literally deluging Jos. W. Byrnes of Nashville, chairman of the Democratic state committee. They are endorsements of the strong stand of the Democratic nominee on lower taxes and economy in the state government and requests for copies of the speech which Democrats jubilantly declare ranks with the greatest campaign pronouncements of Isham G. Harris, Andrew Jackson and the great Tennessee statesmen of the past.

In his opening speech Mr. Peay is delivering today in East Tennessee, the candidate for governorship, reaffirmed his pledge to save at least \$1,000,000 to the taxpayers of the state and stated his views boldly and unequivocally on the reorganization of the state highway department and the state tax department. The speaker restated his views on many important questions, among them being the eight per cent interest law, which he opposes; the repeal of the sliding scale as a method of fixing the tax rate; economy in state government; complete abolishment of the back tax system and his promise to sign no bond issue bill which does not specifically provide that the bonds must be first approved by a vote of the people.

Mr. Peay was heard at his opening speech by a large and enthusiastic crowd. Jesse C. Bessey, state manager in the primary of one of Mr. Peay's opponents, presided.

Taxation the Big Issue.
While Mr. Peay's speech covered completely every issue of the campaign, the nominee made taxation and economy in state government the paramount issues of the campaign.

"The land tax in Tennessee has increased more than a billion dollars in the last four years," declared Mr. Peay, "and most of this amount has fallen on the farmer, who bears the burden and the injustice of the present taxes."

The speaker called attention to the fact that the merchant and the manufacturer can compute their tax and pass the charge on to the consumer, but the farmer cannot. "Therefore I say that the land tax must be reduced, and that it is the urgent problem of the hour," said Mr. Peay.

And the remedy, he said, is first the repeal of the sliding scale. Then a rate of taxation must be fixed which, when applied to known assessments, will reduce the land tax.

"When the sliding scale is repealed," said Mr. Peay, "I shall promptly recommend to the legislature the rates to be levied for all special and general purposes of the state exactly as I promised the people to do, so that the land tax shall be reduced in the amount I promised, and more if possible."

Mr. Peay said that one may theorize "to his heart's content" but if taxes are ever reduced this simple and practical plan must be pursued.

How Expenses Will Be Cut.
So the state may operate on its reduced income and also absorb the annually recurring deficit, Mr. Peay promised that his administration would immediately eliminate useless state offices. He maintained that more than a million dollars can be thus saved without impairing the efficiency of the state government at all.

Mr. Peay told the cheering audience that he knew he would meet with fiery opposition in this course, but he preferred that his policy be known so that none might be taken unawares.

Discussing the state office-holders, Mr. Peay said that he had no bitterness in his heart because so many of them opposed him in the primary. They were "diligently examining" his right to oppose him, he said, but his obligation to support the nominee, "and that they do not stand in the way of promise to the people."

"Each of them who does not render an indispensable service to the public should promptly arrange for other employment in the event that I am elected in November," said Mr. Peay. (Applause.)

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HON. AUSTIN PEAY
Of Clarksville, Democratic Candidate for Governor of Tennessee

The speaker pointed out that Gov. Alf Taylor, his Republican opponent, is now saying from the stump that the back tax system must go, but he nevertheless signed and approved Chapter 115 of the acts of 1921 which increased the powers of the back tax agents. Thousands of acres of property are about to be sold under this law and the land will be forever lost to its owners because the right of redemption is barred under the 1921 act which Gov. Taylor approved.

Scores Eight Per Cent Law.
"The eight per cent law will certainly be repealed by the next legislature," said the Democratic nominee.

"I have always opposed this law and urged its repeal."

Mr. Peay said that already this law has caused a good portion of the \$49,000,000 debt on farm lands to be funded to the higher interest.

"Gov. Taylor boasts that he vetoed this law, and so he did," said Mr. Peay. "The people were not benefited by it, for the law went into effect and they have since been paying the eight per cent. It only demonstrates the futility of a Republican governor and his position. I am not afraid to vote for the repeal of this law, which only eight Republicans in the house and two in the senate would sustain in veto. It is no wonder that he is begging the Democrats to give him a friendly legislature."

Mr. Peay frankly said that he favored a thorough reorganization of the highway department. "It is said nothing else would answer the public welfare. In his judgment, all mail routes should be eliminated and the overhead and engineering expense reduced."

This portion of the candidate's speech follows:

"My situation might seem embarrassing, since most of the bills of this department are prominent Democrats and unusually influential and active in their respective sections of the state. He who is most interested in my own and the party's success have mildly suggested that I should refrain from accepting this department in this campaign, or that I should soften my former statements. They misunderstood me. I am not embarrassed at all. The gubernatorial office does not interest me, except to accomplish exactly what I desire for the people in the primary. If they want that they will elect me; and if they do not, I will change as they wish they elect my opponent. So, I am going straight ahead in my own way and let the chips fall where they may."

This country is tired of wabbling candidates and I am not one of them. In every particle of my nature. The officials heading this department fought me in the primary and will fight me in the general election. They had a perfect right to do it. They lost their fight, and good faith and good Americanism require them to accept the fortunes of the contest. They are lacking in good sportsmanship if they now complain."

Mr. Peay told of proposals for the state that he had made in strong terms and said it originated with the selfish interests who are exploiting the state on roads, contracts and in the sale of road materials. Mr. Peay also said that he favored the abolition of the state highway department and said it must be retained to obtain federal aid.

Roads and Politics Mixed.
"The present highway department is an effective instrument for building a modern system of roads in Tennessee as long as it remains in the hands of the people. But the next legislature will follow my suggestions we will put this department in the hands of a body that will be a party and blessing to the people."

Mr. Peay said that the state railroad was a public utility and should be promptly relieved of its power to abrogate contracts between cities and utilities companies and said the board of public utility regulation should be empowered to exercise it in haste or injunctive.

Endorsement of Senator Kenyon.
"I am proud to endorse Senator Kenyon McKellar of Memphis, Democratic candidate for the senate, and Senator Dubois of Clarksville, Democratic candidate for the senate, who were given by Mr. Peay. The speaker said that he had been industrious and efficient and loyal, supported President Wilson in his war administration and was a statesman."

Porter Dunlap, he said, was character, attainments and integrity which highly commended him for the task.

Discusses Gov. Taylor.
Mr. Peay made several references in his speech to Gov. Taylor, but none in a bitter tone. He called attention to the fact that the beloved Robert J. Taylor, the governor's brother, was opposed in his first contest by Alf Taylor, who is now depending on Democratic votes in defeat the regular nominee of the Democratic party.

"My efforts in the summer campaign were directed as much to the selection of an outstanding and dependable legislature as to my own nomination," said Mr. Peay. "I am happy to state that a set of unusually clean and high-minded representatives have been nominated by the Democratic party. These will control the next general assembly. My competitor is taking credit to himself for this success. He had no more to do with it than the proverbial man in the moon." (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Peay flatly charged that Gov. Taylor has played politics with his voters. He said that Gov. Taylor publicly stated that he did not know the state owed the money and he had then been in office almost a year.

"What are you going to do about taxation?" asked Mr. Peay. "Let things alone and continue fun-making while the state heads for bankruptcy and the people groan and stagger under taxation. My distinguished opponent says that I do not laugh, and that I am too serious to be governor, but let me ask him if he believes conditions in our state are a laughing matter. I am sure our farmers are not laughing about their taxes." (Applause.)

Mr. Peay also scored Gov. Taylor for his statement to the legislature that he was not a member of that body and could do nothing more than recommend an outline of legislation. "While the governor takes this public view of our distress, it is perfectly safe to say that no relief from our own taxation will ever progress beyond our state," said Mr. Peay. He also hit Republican governor for promising a reduction of the land tax and then to carry out his promises.