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"We Seek of Men as we Find them and of Things as they are Unfolded to Us."

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## HOOPER ISSUES CHALLENGE TO CON. MCKELLAR

Early last week J. Will Taylor, chairman of the State Republican executive committee conveyed to Judge L. D. Hill, Democratic chairman, the challenge made by ex-Governor Ben W. Hooper, Republican nominee for the United States Senate, to Congressman Kenneth D. McKellar, the Democratic candidate for the same office, for a joint discussion before the people. Reception of the challenge was acknowledged by the Democratic chairman and it was conveyed to Mr. McKellar at Washington, but not officially up to last Saturday for on that date Mr. McKellar was "mum," except to say that he had as yet had no official advices from Chairman Hill as to the proposal for a joint debate. While this paper has the highest regard in many ways for Governor Hooper and expects to support Mr. McKellar in and before the November election, we can say to the Congressman and candidate for the Senate that if he accepts the challenge he will have his hands just about as full as he ever did in his whole life, for "Little Benjamin" carries a loaded sling which he is well able to manipulate and of which any of the giants may well beware. Mr. McKellar made a good speech the only time the writer ever heard him, but before he gets into the word-slugging with "Little Ben" he must get into a condition of preparedness, for the tow-headed runt from Cooke county is a veritable "Bosco" and "eats 'em alive" unless they are mighty well fortified against his able manner of attack.

## TENN.'S PART OF FEDERAL MONEY

The Manchester Times calls attention to the fact that under the McKellar Good Roads Act, now a law, Tennessee will get \$1,712,000 of Federal money in the next five years, and that of this amount \$114,000 is to be paid by June 30, 1917.

To secure this federal appropriation, the state legislature must appropriate an equal amount. This will make the total amount \$3,424,564 in five years. The state highway department will have charge of the other road funds thus secured.

## GOES TO ASYLUM.

Arthur S. Colyar, son of the late Col. A. S. Colyar, who was at one time owner and editor of the Nashville American, was committed to the West Tennessee Hospital for the Insane at Bolivar, on last Saturday, by Judge Tom Harsh, of Memphis.

Colyar has been involved in many escapades, among which was one in which he attempted to impersonate the vice-president of the United States on a visit to Mexico. Just a few months ago Colyar posed as Governor Rye at various places in Florida and Louisiana, sending telegrams back to this state, signed as if written by Governor Rye, and in one of the telegrams pardoning a Tennessee convict. This is not the first insane asylum he has adorned, but his present prospect for release is not so good as he was able to effect in his former experiences. Colyar seems to be a pretty well mixed crank and crook.

## BATTLE OF BALLOTS IS RAGING

As we go to press on Thursday, August 3d, the people are voting over the state in each of the counties to fill the offices of county trustee, sheriff and other minor offices, but in each of which the people should use the best and most matured judgment to aid them in securing the official services of men whose ability and honesty are above question. At this same time the Democrats of this, the Eighth Congressional district, are voting in a primary to nominate a candidate for congress, the candidates being the present incumbent, the Hon. T. W. Sims, and Mr. Dudley Porter. Mr. Sims, as the Democratic representative of this district, is entitled to the respect of every voter in the district who values a man in office for faithfulness, industry and efficiency. Mr. Sims has never cast a vote that could be justly and adversely criticised by any man who loves and understands the tenets of the Democratic party, nor has he ever failed to secure for the district any appropriation to which it was justly entitled. As an honorable and sober, moral gentleman, Mr. Sims has the best of standing in Washington—as he has always had and now has in his district with men who know him and have not given credence to idle and vicious charges made by irresponsible men. Mr. Dudley Porter comes from the good town of Paris, where he is a member of the bar. He is young, but not in his first youth, for he was old enough to run for the nomination and did run for it four years ago. He is personally a very likeable young gentleman—so much so that every Democrat in the district can vote for Mr. Sims and yet hold him in the highest regard. The people we hope (and believe) are voting from the commonest common sense viewpoint and the result of the congressional primary, we hope (and believe) will be the renomination of Mr. Sims by the big majority that his splendid service deserves.

## CHANCELLOR SAYS NAY TO RESUMPTION OF SUBMARINE WARFARE

In response for the clamor for the resumption of submarine warfare to its fullest extent in spite of the assurance given to the United States, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg recently called a secret meeting of the cabinet in which the leaders of the parties of the Reichstag from Conservatives to Socialists, were invited to take part, according to a report received here.

The chancellor began by telling of the pressure which was being exerted upon him by the extremists of the Navy League. He said that these people maintained that the United States was too busy with the Mexican problem and her presidential election campaign to raise any serious objection to a new submarine warfare in the most extreme form by a nation aroused to desperation by England's attempt to starve it into submission. The chancellor immediately answered that he himself was of a different opinion and emphatically declared that it was of the utmost importance to Germany not to add to the ill feeling against her in the United States, a power evidently destined to play a very important part during peace negotiations. This was all the more important, he continued, as Germany at the present moment was in a very bad position.

## TWO CONVICTS BREAK FOR FREEDOM; ONE CAUGHT

Last Monday morning about eight o'clock Luther Stanford and Wheeler Kizer, two negro workhouse convicts, made a break for freedom.

Both negroes are bad characters with the local authorities. Stanford was convicted recently for bootlegging and given a fine of \$50 and costs before Mayor C. C. Davis. Kizer was convicted in the June term of court for attempted manslaughter and given eleven months and twenty-nine days on the county roads.

Both Stanford and Kizer have worn "shackles" since they have been in custody. Sometime Sunday, after having been supplied with a file, they cut the chains which held their legs together, and replaced the broken links with cord.

On Monday morning, when started to work, they took their usual places of riding two mules in advance of the wagon which conveyed the others. They continued in advance of the others until they reached the river bottom on Clifton road. Then they applied the lash to the mules and rode in a break neck speed to the bridge, where they left the mules and took to the woods on the left.

Soon the officers were in hot pursuit and with the aid of Walter Petty, one of the road hands, the Kizer negro was overpowered and brought back. Pursuit was given Stanford but all efforts were futile. Bloodhounds were brought from Jackson and put on Stanford's trail, but the dogs were unable to do any good, and the negro is still at large.

These hot days is a good time for the presidential candidates to hunt up the quietness of gentle zephyr and map out the itineraries of their political campaign.

## MADISON COUNTY MAN ADVOCATES BUSINESS SYSTEM

County Engineer E. G. Buck, against whom ouster proceedings are pending in chancery court brought by thirty-one relators on the part of the state, resumed the witness stand this morning and admitted that he had kept no book account of the tiling, gravel, posts, etc., he had sold to private individuals. He claims to have turned all this over to the good roads fund or county except about \$50 which he spent for drayage, stamps, etc. He claims to have had no office help and could therefore not keep track of the small expenditures. He was forced to admit that he paid back the corn he borrowed from the county a year after he had gotten it and only ten days before the filing of ouster suit. He admitted being a member of the Patten Engineering company, and stated that he gave some of his time to this work. He denied emphatically having misappropriated a cent of the county's money. Asked as to whether his books had ever been audited he said they had not and asked further as to whether they could be he stated that he did not think that they could. The attorney for the petitioners asked if it would not be an impossibility from his books what had been taken in and had been disbursed; he admitted that it would. The case is being heard by Chancellor J. W. Ross without the intervention of a jury. Following Buck's testimony the case will close and Judge Ross will render a decision in the matter later. The suit was brought by thirty-one petitioners, more than half who have pulled off since the hearing of the suit. It is understood that Buck has stated that in the event he is cleared of the charges against him he will bring suit for damages against all of those who filed the bill against him. This report caused many of the petitioners to withdraw.—Jackson Sun.

## APPORTIONMENT OF SCHOOL FUND

Comp. Thomason states that the semi-annual apportionment of state school funds and checks for the counties and various institution will be mailed out August 1. Including the semi-annual payment of interest on the permanent education fund of \$75,000 apportioned a week ago, the payments to the schools for six months will approximate \$1,000,000.

Under the general education act and amendments one-third of the gross revenues of the state is set aside Jan. 1 and July 1 of each year for schools of the state. The gross revenue of the state for six months this year was \$3,098,481.75. Receipts from charitable institutions and legal credits amounted to \$378,787.98, reducing the gross revenue to \$2,719,693.80. One-third of this amount is \$906,564.60. Of this sum \$533,004.40 is apportioned to 96 counties, while the remainder goes to the three state normals—the University of Tennessee, the Cookeville Polytechnic, high schools and school libraries.

Total number of pupils in the state, 788,443. Total fund apportioned, \$553,004.40.

The apportionment in the four large counties of the state is as follows:

County.	Pupils.	Amount.
Davidson	49,102	\$34,859.57
Shelby	62,758	44,554.54
Knox	35,244	25,021.25
Hamilton	23,501	20,234.05

## MAYOR OF MANCHESTER ADVOCATES "PAY UP"

In the Manchester (Coffee county) Times of last week, we find the following, which represents a "good thing" and ought to be handed on until it gets around:

"I am for any movement that will stimulate prompt payment of accounts." This statement was made this morning by Mayor R. W. Casey in discussing the payup week. "Prompt payment," explained the mayor, "enhances the value of any man's credit. It is really better for the debtor than it is for the creditor. For the creditor usually counts on getting his money sometime, although when the customer is slow pay the creditor puts a limit on the amount he will give the customer. On the other hand, if a customer has the reputation of paying whatever indebtedness he contracts and paying it promptly, his credit is practically unlimited."

"I am therefore in favor of pay-up week. Many good results will come from it. For example many of the best people neglect to pay promptly. Their credit is good if a merchant is willing to wait. But a merchant never grants such a customer credit without at the time of selling him the goods having a feeling of being imposed upon."

Mayor Casey will call a meeting of Manchester merchants and others interested one night next week to talk over plans for pay up week, which will be held throughout the United States from October 2 to October 7.

## GENERAL ESTES IS FOUND GUILTY

Z. Newton Estes, attorney-general for the county of Shelby, tried before the senate of Tennessee, sitting as a high court of impeachment in the capitol at Nashville, was found guilty last Saturday in but one of the twenty-five counts against him. However, as a miss is said to be as good as a mile, we take it that any sort of a hit is as good as a bull's eye in serving the purpose of getting rid of Estes as attorney-general for the county of Shelby.

The following was the official ruling of the court of impeachment.

State of Tennessee vs. Z. Newton Estes:

In this case the defendant, Z. Newton Estes, attorney-general of Shelby county, Tennessee, having been found guilty of the offenses in office as set out and charged in article 19 of the articles of impeachment preferred against him by the House of Representatives of the State of Tennessee, by a concurrence of two-thirds of the senators sworn to try said articles and the other articles filed against him in article No. 19.

But the court is of the opinion that the offenses contained in said article are not of such nature as requires disqualification.

It is therefore the judgment of this court, the Senate of the State of Tennessee sitting as a court of impeachment to try the said Z. Newton Estes, attorney-general as aforesaid, and which has tried him pursuant to the constitution of the State of Tennessee, that the said Z. Newton Estes, attorney-general for Shelby county, Tennessee, be removed from the said office, and he hereby is removed from his said office.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that this judgment shall not extend or go

## PART OF SOCIALISTIC PLATFORM

In the Nashville Banner of July 28, we find the following tentative platform which it is said the Socialist National committee will send out by mail to the 100,000 members of the party in the United States:

That all laws for the increase of the army and navy be repealed.

That power be taken from the president to lead the nation into war; that the power to fix foreign policies and to conduct diplomatic negotiations be taken from the president and placed in congress; that no war be declared or waged without a referendum vote of the people except for the purpose of repelling invasion.

That the Monroe doctrine be abandoned.

That the Philippines be given their independence.

That the government of the United States call a meeting of neutral nations to mediate between the belligerent European powers.

Equal suffrage.

Action by the government to provide employment for every unemployed bread winner.

Initiative, referendum and recall.

Abolition of the United States Senate, the veto power of the president and that of the courts to pronounce legislation unconstitutional or to issue injunctions in certain matters.

Election of president, vice president and all judges by direct vote of the people.

Forbidding employment of any person under sixteen years of age.

Compulsory education up to that age.

Establishment of one and one-half days each week as a resting period for all workers.

United States development of canals, railroads and other public works.

Free press, free speech and peace-ful assembly.

## Negro Catholic Church.

With the construction of the handsome St. Joseph's church between Market and Shannon streets nearing completion, Father L. R. Schaefer, the pastor, has domiciled himself in the building so that he may more conveniently supervise the finishing work and the construction of other buildings to be used in mission work among the negroes. The property is the gift of Dennis Donovan, who bequeathed a large sum for the establishment of a Catholic mission for negroes in Jackson. It is the plan of Father Schaefer to build a hospital near the church. The dedication services at St. Joseph's will be held August 24.—Jackson Sun.

## A WOMAN'S KINDLY ACT.

Mrs. G. H. Eveland, Duncan Mills, Ill., writes: "I was stricken with lumbago, unable to turn in bed. A neighbor brought Foley Kidney Pills. She had been similarly afflicted and they cured her. I was cured by three bottles." If the kidneys do not function, lumbago, rheumatism, aches, pains, are apt to result.—STEWART DRUG CO.

further than the removal from office.

That is to say, the said Z. Newton Estes is not disqualified from hereafter holding office in Tennessee, and it is further adjudged that the State of Tennessee recover of the said Z. Newton Estes all of the costs of this proceeding. (Signed)

J. L. EWELL, Chairman.  
ROBERT A. ELKINS.  
TYLER BERRY.  
ALBERT E. HILL.