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## WHO ARE THE DEMOCRATS?

Independents Put the Matter Up to the People of the State.

## ADDRESS TO DEMOCRATS

Set Forth the Harmony Proposition Declined by Chairman Vertrees and Make Plans As Though They Are the Regular Democracy of the State.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 23. The state committee of the "independent democratic" faction of Tennessee today issued an address to the democrats of Tennessee setting forth the harmony proposition recently made to Chairman Vertrees. The plan for consideration was as follows:

"That each committee select one man from each Congressional District, making a committee of twenty, each faction thus having equal representation, and that this new committee, representing a reunited party, call a direct primary, with equal representation at the polls, and under such rules and regulations as will assure a fair expression of the will of the majority of the Democratic party of the state, to be held early next year for the purpose of enabling the white Democrats of the state to express their presidential preference to elect their delegates to the national convention, and to nominate candidates for United States Senator, electors, for all state officers to be elected by the people, and for the election of a new Executive Committee."

To that Maj. Vertrees replied, declining to consider the plan, the reason assigned being that, in his opinion, the committees and others assuming to have official representation should not meddle at this time with the progress which is being made toward harmonious action. With all due deference to Maj. Vertrees, it seems to be the consensus of opinion among those who have even a limited knowledge of political conditions in Tennessee that, with two Democratic committees in the field, with two state organizations, representing marked diversity of opinion on state issues, unless some action is taken to bring about harmony and concert of action between these two organizations, the changes of Democratic success, locally, will be seriously imperiled. There was a political revolution in Tennessee during the year 1910, and up to this time it has not gone backward.

On account of the brilliant prospects of a national Democratic victory, there is a general desire among Democrats of all factions in Tennessee to see better party conditions brought about in the state.

"Let us forget," let us briefly review the events which led up to the present situation:

The State Democratic Executive Committee of which the Hon. N. G. Robertson was Chairman, refused to respond to a general demand in the Democratic party for the right of self-government within the party organization, in the nomination of candidates and in formulating policies. There was a revolt against the exercise of arbitrary power by that committee and an appeal to the people, which brought to the auditorium in this city on the 18th day of May, 1910, the largest Democratic convention that ever assembled in the history of the state. Maj. Vertrees and some of those associated with the faction which he now represents, participated in that convention and aided in passing the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we do hereby repudiate the so-called State Democratic Executive Committee as an Democratic arbitrary, tyrannical and guilty of

## DIES FROM PELLAGRA

Elias McMillin Succumbs to Dread Disease After Short Illness.

## INSANE FROM SUFFERING

The Disease Which Has Baffled All Medical Science Has Claimed Another Cocke County Victim—Young Man Developed Pellegra Following Fever.

After terrible suffering, during which time he was insane and had to be strapped to his bed, death on Monday relieved Elias McMillin, the young Eastport man, who for the several weeks has been sick, and whose death had been expected for some time. This is the third recent death from pellegra in Newport.

The young man made his home with his mother and how he contracted the disease is not known. He had a severe attack of fever last year, and when the fever left him, the pellegra appeared and he gradually grew weaker until, his mind was attacked and becoming violently insane it was with the greatest of difficulty that he was prevented from doing himself harm. He was strapped to his bed and it required strong men to master him. His struggles during his insane moments were such that he finally became so weak that he ceased to struggle, and death found him an easy prey.

The body was taken to Cosby for interment, Tuesday morning.

gross usurpation of power, and not entitled to the support of any Democratic voter in Tennessee."

A new State Executive Committee was chosen by that convention and it organized by electing Maj. W. O. Vertrees, Chairman, and Hon. T. B. Johnson, Secretary. Early in July Chairman Robertson of the State Committee, which had been repudiated, addressed a communication to Maj. Vertrees, the head of the revolutionary committee, asking that he join with Chairman Robertson in asking the State Board of Election Commissioners for an equal division of the officers of election at the August polls.

On the 18th day of July, 1910, Chairman Vertrees declined to join Chairman Robertson in making such a request and in his letter Chairman Vertrees said:

"I am Chairman of the Democratic Committee, representing the real majority Democracy of the State."

The August election was held and the revolution succeeded, thereby establishing the right of the revolutionists to set up party government for themselves, and to base their claim to regularity on the success of their appeal to the divine right for revolution.

Maj. Vertrees continued to act as Chairman of that committee and participated in and approved its actions in the calling and in the organization of the State Democratic Convention of September 14, 1910. He called that convention to order, submitted to it the names of the temporary officers which he and his committee had selected, and took the vote of the convention that elected them. Following the usual custom, that convention elected a State Executive Committee, composed largely of the old members, and the committee organized by electing Hon. O. C. Barton Chairman to succeed Maj. Vertrees and by re-electing Hon. Thos. B. Johnson, Secretary. This shows the chain of title by which this committee claims the right to the powers and authority of the regular State Democratic Executive Committee.

On the other hand, let us follow up

## LADY'S GOLD WATCH FREE FOR BEST WEEK'S WORK

Contestants Coming Into Home Stretch and Another Big Bonus Offer is Made by the Contest Department.

Miss Bernice Harned of Parrottsville is Leading the Contestants in Vote Published This Week.

As the time for the closing of our voting contest draws near, the contestants are using every effort to secure sufficient votes to enable them to win one of the prizes which we are offering in the Contest.

As a mark of appreciation to those who have worked so faithfully and diligently during the past few weeks, we are going to give a handsome gold watch to the contestant who brings in during the period September 28 to October seventh, the most money for subscriptions to THE NEWPORT PLAIN TALK.

We will give the next young lady bringing the next largest number of subscriptions, 20,000 votes as a special Bonus. We congratulate the contestants on the excellent showing which they have made and we urge you to exert yourself to the utmost from now on to the close of the contest.

Some young lady will soon be the proud possessor of a handsome piano and those who have seen this elegant instrument pronounce it one of the handsomest pianos ever shown in this county.

The second prize is well worth the

effort the successful contestant may make, the furniture would grace the home of any lady. The third and fourth prize, as previously announced, are gold watches, sold and guaranteed by John Glenn, a most beautiful piece of jewelry. The lady who wins any of these prizes will have a substantial testimonial as to her popularity in Cocke county.

Do not lag in the race, put forth your very best effort to win this handsome watch in the next few days.

### Standing of contestants:

Bernice Harned, Parrottsville.....	12775
Annie White, White Pine.....	11125
Mildred McHarge, Newport.....	10725
Nell Robinson, Newport R. 3.....	11725
Mabel Parrott, Newport.....	10375
Jessie Sutton, Crestmont, N. C.....	9725
Vernie Stokely, Newport.....	9725
Mattie McMillin, Cosby.....	9850
Edna Sparks, Newport.....	9800
Eunice Harris, Del Rio, 1.....	8875
Lucile Stuart, White Pine.....	9750
Claudie Holder, Newport.....	8875
Nell Zirkle, Dandridge.....	3500
Edith Witt, Jefferson City.....	2950
Ernestine Robeson.....	6700

## TWO WEDDINGS OF NOTE DURING THE PAST WEEK

Dan Cupid has had a busy time this month, and two more weddings have been recorded since last issue. The Harrison-Holland nuptials held the attention last Wednesday and this Wednesday the Boyer-Vinson ceremony was in the limelight.

### Harrison-Holland

One of the prettiest country, out of door weddings seen in this section, was that in which Miss Johnnie Holland became the bride of J. Luther Harrison. The pretty home of Mrs. Jane Holland, a mile below Del Rio, was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The ceremony was performed on the porch, with Rev. Jesse M. Burnett, officiating. The porch was enclosed with evergreen and golden rods and the invited guests witnessed the ceremony from the lawn. The wedding march was rendered by Mrs. Jetta Lee. The bride was dressed in white silk and carried a beautiful bouquet of brides' roses and lilies of the valley. There was no attendants.

Newport was well represented and carriages met the train at Del Rio and conveyed the guests to the Holland home. There were 68 guests at the dinner and immediately after the ceremony refreshments consisting of cream, cake, mints, and fruits were served to over 200 guests.

The bride and groom left on the afternoon train for Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville and other points and will be with relatives in this county, a few days before going to Harlan, Ky., where they will be at home.

### Boyer-Vinson

At the early hour of 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, two very popular young people, Creed McNabb Boyer and Miss Mildred Lucile Vinson, were united in marriage, the Rev. Chas. Brown officiating.

The wedding was a quiet affair. It was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Vinson at Pleasant Grove. Because of the early hour only a few close friends and im-

mediate relatives of the family were invited. The bride was attired in a gray traveling suit and she carried a lovely bouquet of brides' roses and lilies of the valley. Her maid of honor, Miss Elizabeth Robinson and her bridesmaids Misses Grace Vinson and Emma Robinson, wore white and carried bouquets of golden rods. The groom was attended by Murry Stokely as best man and Homer Vinson and Carl McNabb as groomsmen.

Lohregren's wedding march was beautifully rendered by the groom's sister, Mrs. Jetta Lee.

A dinner was given for the bridal party Tuesday evening by the bride's parents.

On October 3rd, Mrs. Jetta Lee will honor the young couple with an at home, at the home of her father, C. F. Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyer left Wednesday morning on the 8:30 o'clock train for Morristown, where they took the Memphis Special for points East.

After October 5th, they will be at home at Mt. Sterling, N. C.

### C. B. HAAG GOES WITH MORRISTOWN FIRM

C. B. Haag, who has been with the construction company installing the local waterworks, left this week for Morristown, where he will be confidential man for the Mims-Goodson Dry Goods Company.

### CAME HOME TO FIND FINE PIANO INSTALLED

E. S. Allengave Mrs. Allen a surprise last week when he had a \$700 player piano taken to his home on Jones Hill and installed during his wife's absence. The piano was purchased from the Lyan Sheeley company of Morristown.

### Loses Small Child

A two-year old child of Harrison Webb died at its parents home in Eastport Saturday, death being caused by bowel trouble.

## SHOT DOWN BY ASSASSINS

Labor Agent Meets Tragic Death Near Green Mountain.

## WAS ON WAY TO NEWPORT

Bringing Men Here to Work on the Extension of the Tennessee & North Carolina Railroad, So the Story Goes, But This Fact is Denied.

The following dispatch from Johnson City states that a labor agent bringing men to work here on the Tennessee and North Carolina extension, was shot and killed, from ambush. A. J. McMahan, Superintendent of the T. & N. C. Railroad, states that McGay was not in the employ of his company, but was possibly bringing the men here for the Champlon Lumber company:

"Friday morning, near Green Mountain, N. C., a station on the C. C. & O. Ry., Robert McGay, of the McCay Construction company, was shot and instantly killed and George and Emmett Young, Yancey county negroes, were fatally wounded and will die.

"This terrible triple tragedy was caused by liquor and the perpetrators are said to have been Parm, Bob and Zeb Peterson, Bushy mountaineers and prominent.

McGay had been to Burnsville after negroes to work on the Tennessee and North Carolina railway, which is being constructed from Newport. He had secured nine and was just at the river crossing in Yancey county, when the Peterson boys stepped from behind a barn and ordered the occupants of the hack to throw up their hands. This was done and while their hands were in the air the assassins opened fire. McGay tumbled to the ground a bullet having penetrated his eye and another his heart. He died before speaking. The Young negroes were fatally wounded. Emmett was put on the train and was brought to the Erwin hospital. Arrangements are being made to take George back to Burnsville. Physicians state neither can recover.

After the shooting the assassins made their escape to the mountains, there being no one present to arrest them.

### DESPERATE FIGHT IN DARK

Chattanooga, Tenn. Sept. 25.—After a desperate fight on a flat car attached to a train going at the rate of forty miles an hour. Detective Pryor of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, succeeded last night in arresting Will Cady, an ex-convict and alleged highway robber.

The agent at Hooker, Ga., was held up a few nights ago and Pryor was on the train looking for his assailant when suddenly Cady appeared and with a drawn pistol ordered him to throw up his hands. The officer complied and at the same time grabbed the pistol and knocked the man down. The fight lasted for several minutes in the dark, but finally Pryor overpowered his man, who proved to be Cady. He was lodged in jail here. He has a number of crimes to his credit. There was a reward of \$100 for Cady. The agent at Hooker identified him as his assailant.

### Nursing A Pet

Trustee Harrison Sexton is carrying his right arm in a sling, as a giant caruncle is playing havoc with his peace of mind, having settled over the back of his hand.

### Bob Neeley Dead

Bob Neeley, a well known character, died at his home in Eastport, last Wednesday night. He was about 70 years old, and is survived by a wife and several children.

## NEW LIFE FOR COUNTY FAIR

Col. John M. Jones and Friends in Control of the Stock.

## FAIR TO BE RE-ORGANIZED

A Meeting of the Stockholders Will Be Held in the Near Future When Plans for the 1912 Show Will Be Formulated—Fair Assured.

The Appalachian Fair is not a dead issue, but instead it is frequently stated that it will rise up stronger than ever and flattering success is predicted for 1912, and the cloud which has hovered over it for the past few months has developed a silver lining, for a re-organization is assured, and in the new organization the stockholders can see success.

The date for the meeting of the directors has not been set. Dr. Stanbery is attending the fairs, and as he is secretary, there will be nothing done until his return.

John M. Jones and a few intimate friends have secured a controlling interest and as the fair was a success when it was run by Col. Jones several years ago, the stockholders believe that he can make it successful again.

At any rate the people of Cocke county can prepare for the fair next year, as Col. Jones says the fair will positively live.

## TWO FAMILIES ARE MURDERED

Colorado Springs, Sept. 25.—Murdered in their homes by some unknown person who used an ax, the bodies of six persons, three in each of two neighboring houses, were found here last week. The heads of all the victims had been crushed and the appearance of the bodies indicated they had been dead several days and that death came while they slept.

## TWO BROTHERS FIGHT TO THE DEATH

Arkansas City, Ark., Sept. 25.—In a lonely spot in the Arkansas woods near Lead Hill, two brothers fought to the death last Friday. Reuben Cantrell, thirty-five years of age was slain and Thomas Cantrell, fifty-five years old, is dying. The former was shot to death and the later will survive a dozen knife wounds which he received in the battle.

Leaving the body of his brother where it had fallen, the wounded man walked four miles to his home, where he declared Reuben had attacked him with a knife while he was at work in the woods. After a terrific struggle Thomas secured possession of his shotgun and killed his antagonist. Meanwhile Reuben had plunged his knife many times into his brother's body.

The battle was the outgrowth of a family feud.

## WANTS DIRECT PRIMARIES

Woodrow Wilson Would Have People Select Presidential Candidates.

Jersey City, N. J. Sept. 23.—Governor Woodrow Wilson has now extended his platform of direct popular primaries, so as to include the nomination of presidential candidates. He came out flatfooted in advocacy of his plan in an address here.

"If I had my way," he said, "I would let no name come before the national convention, except the name ratified at primaries of the people. I'm for anything which will give the people direct control of their own affairs."