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Mrs. Grundy

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EDITORS' TABLE.

FOR the most part the newspaper comments on the President's special message touching the canal business are what might have been expected. The Republican papers, accustomed to support the administration, say it is able, etc., whereas the anti-administration papers see in it only the brief of a small partisan seeking to justify his course. Viewed as an attorney's brief, the President's message is a good one. So far as we are concerned, the facts and arguments set forth are most convincing. We had doubts as to the rectitude of the administration's conduct toward the Revolution in Panama, but if our soldiers and sailors are to be believed—and they must be believed in the absence of proof that their statements are untenable—the United States has simply vigorously grasped an opportunity and made the most of it. If there are no future developments tending to show the culpability of the administration, we predict that history will hold President Roosevelt's conduct in connection with the new canal treaty so vastly to his credit as to make it stand out in striking contrast to many of his less able and more erratic official acts.

THE death of Miss Ruth Cleveland, oldest child of Ex-President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland, just when approaching the threshold of womanhood is truly sad. Few children have held so prominent a place in the public eye or so enviable a place in the public heart as Baby Ruth held during her father's last campaign and the term of office which followed. One feels that the child sort of belonged to the nation, and all patriotic hearts are bound to feel saddened at her untimely taking off.

IN summing up its position on the isthmian canal question, and expressing its indifference as to how that position is viewed by individual politicians, the Nashville American one day last week used this phrase: "Men are nothing; man is everything." We like that. They are the truly big men who look above and beyond local and fitful surroundings to the ultimate good of mankind, and who most therefore regard the temporary ambitions and prejudices of individuals as mere incidents.

THE South Pittsburg Hustler felicitates upon the auspicious dawn of the new year, and pledges itself to be South Pittsburg's color-bearer in new battles. We congratulate South Pittsburg.

What we would like to know is, when they build the canal will "us common folks" be able to wear Panama hats, or will the prices go up.—Nashville American.

WE feel that all Tennessee editors who have been wearing fifty dollar panamas can stand a reasonable advance.

IT is unfortunate that our State University must lose its President, Dr. Dabney. He has made a good President, and it is to be hoped that his successor will be as much for the University.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

If private enterprises were conducted as most public business is conducted the number of business failures would be increased a thousandfold.—Nashville American.

The Nashville American has a "yellow" correspondent at Tullahoma. If his identity should be established no doubt there would be something doing in that enterprising city.—Sequachee Valley News.

According to Mr. Schwab a lot of conscienceless men of wealth seized him, threw him down, and against his protest thrust a few million dollars of bill-gotten profit into his trousers' pockets.—The Commoner.

As soon as Col. Bryan gets through with Europe and the Bennett will case he should hurry home to Nebraska. His corn-husking record has been knocked to smash by several of his fellow-states men.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

In criminal cases our officials should be most careful to extend all possible protection to those without money, influence or social position. The life of the poorest negro in Nashville should be as safe as that of the Governor of the State.—Nashville Daily News.

President Dabney, of the University of Tennessee, goes to Cincinnati, and Tennessee loses another good man to another state. Able men are always in demand, and we shall have to anchor down our best men to hold them.—Nashville Daily News.

It cannot be disputed that President Roosevelt makes out a strong case for his course in the Panama matter. While there is much evidence that he was hasty the fact that every nation on earth has tacitly approved what he has done is to his credit.—Chattanooga News.

Whatever may be the faults of President Roosevelt's message regarding the Panama canal treaty, or whatever criticism may be urged against the administration in its Panama policy, we want the canal dug and dug under the favorable conditions to the United States that are offered by the Panama treaty, and the quicker our Southern Congressmen drop their opposition to the treaty because it is an administration measure, the better pleased will be their constituency. As a nation, we are already committed by our acts, and however much we may criticize the action of President Roosevelt, we are forced to stand with him in this matter. We cannot recede from our position now; the world demands that we go forward in this matter and we daily with fortune while we wait.—Manchester Times.

ONLY ONE PROPER SOLUTION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Nashville Daily News. Capt. Wm. P. Tolley's recent contribution to The Daily News on the subject of the regulation of the liquor traffic rings with true democracy. The captain recognizes the fact that it is not a function of the government to make moral. Its only proper function is to prevent aggression. The departure from this rule is responsible for most of the evils that afflict society. There is only one proper solution of the liquor traffic. Government should dissolve partnership with the rum business. Every man has a natural right, to make liquor or to sell it. When the government essays to deny this right, it infringes upon the prerogative of the individual and assumes dangerous and tyrannical powers. Remove all taxes and restrictions on the manufacture and sale of liquor, and whisky would be almost as cheap as water. It would sell for 25 cents per gallon. The whole sale price of alcohol is \$2.40 per gallon. The tax is \$2.10. The value of alcohol is thus, apparently, 30 cents. Probably two-thirds of this 30 cents is cost due to the tax. It is estimated that

alcohol can be manufactured, with a \$25 plant, out of the contents of the garbage barrel, or of anything which grows in the field containing sugar or starch, at a cost of 10 cents per gallon. Alcohol diluted two-thirds would make a strong, pure liquor, at a cost of 3 cents a gallon. There would be no incentive to adulterate it. Few saloons could exist on account of its cheapness.

The "treating" habit, the precursor of intemperance, is engendered in the saloon. It is an ostentatious form of good-fellowship. When a laborer "sets 'em up" to a friend, he parts with the result of an hours' hard labor. This ostentatious act of self-sacrifice flatters his vanity or demonstrates his friendship. But there would be little self-sacrifice denoted in treating a friend to even "three fingers" at 25 cents a gallon. With all restrictions to the production and sale of liquor removed, the saloon would be superseded by the hotel bar attachment, where patrons would be served with liquid refreshments as a minor part of the regular business.

The moonshiner, the smuggler and the proprietor of the "blind tiger" are the conservers of liberty. If society out-laws them, so much worse for society and its laws. They are but the victims of a criminal public, which would supersede natural law with human enactment. If there were

Prohibition would mean reappearance of the "blind tiger," for no law can be wholly effective unless it is backed by public opinion. Make the production and sale of liquor as free as that of any commodity, and the evil of intemperance will be reduced to minimum. This is the truly democratic position. The countless twinkling stars are suns, like our sun, around each of which it is probable that populated planetary systems revolve. Beyond these, without end, are doubtless innumerable other solar systems—each describing its respective orbit in consonance with one grand law of Nature which holds sway over the tiniest mote floating in a sunbeam as well as over the whole celestial system. Puff man, in his conceit, would run counter to Omnipotence. He would alter Nature's eternal law. When he bumps up against this unchanging law and gets hurt, he, in his self-reliance, attempts again to amend it. The law of compensation holds good. Until men conform their enactments of Nature's laws, will prove of no avail. JUVENAL.

The faithful services rendered by W. D. Bennett as chairman for the past year were endorsed by his reelection for his second year. A. H. Woodlee and family spent a few days with Mrs. Mary Woodlee on Collins River this week. Mrs. G. G. Whittier, of Chattanooga, after several months visit spent here with the family of A. H. Woodlee went to Shelbyville Friday. Mrs. Whittier is an accomplished lady who made a great many friends during her stay here. A Mrs. Evans, of Missouri, spent a few days here this week looking after some lands she claims here. J. C. Smith, of Reersheba Springs, was here Saturday. Mr. Watkin, of Chattanooga, was here a day or two last week. J. A. Cathcart, of Tarlton, was in town Saturday. J. W. Summers and his mother, of Pelham, were here last week. Mr. George Walters and wife, of Coal-mont spent Saturday night with the parents of Mrs. Walters. They returned home Monday. W. H. Havron surveyor, of Monteagle, was here Monday. BATTLE.

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no restrictions on the manufacture and sale of liquor, the demand for it would be less. It is said that when a regiment from the north of France first stationed in a wine district, drunkenness is quite common, but that after a month finding that wine is almost as cheap as water, they cease to regard it as a luxury, and an intoxicated man is rarely seen. All saloon keepers do not follow their vocation from choice. All business, professions, trades and callings are apparently overcrowded. Poverty or the fear of poverty drives men to adopt callings that they do not always prefer. Improve general conditions—make it easier to get a living in other businesses—and many of them would change their vocations. This should be the work of true democrats.

The only false note Capt. Tolley's paper is his statement that "local opinion is a direct thrust at the rights, prerogatives and dignity of the Legislature, and thus at the sovereignty of the State. The Constitution clothes the Legislature with the exclusive right to make laws, and the rights to delegate its authority cannot be inferred from that instrument by the most far-fetched and violent system of interpretation. The people have the right to govern, but they must govern in their own appointed way, in the way that they ordained in the Constitution. The majority must rule, it is the majority in whom resides sovereignty, the sovereign right to make and unmake constitutions, the majority of the whole people of the State."

Constitutions do not grant rights. As Thomas Paine said, "Men do not enter society to receive, but to maintain their natural rights." It is a monstrous idea that rights and law should trickle down from a higher power, the divine rights of kings, for instance, though in royal or federal governments or constitutions, down to those of states, counties, etc., and from them to the people. Jefferson stood for home rule and local self-government. "That government is best that governs least." The citizen should be sovereign over his own actions provided he does not aggress the rights of others.

The municipality, the civil district, the county, should have sovereign power over its own local affairs. So with the State. Power should go from the people, not down from the abstract state. Majority rule is democracy. But majorities are usually wrong. A majority of a community may declare for prohibition or that every tenth citizen be shot. In either case it would be an infringement of the Spencerian dictum: "The Law of Equal Freedom." There is no redress for bad laws, sanctioned by a majority, but to agitate for their repeal, or to resist their enforcement. Jefferson declared that a revolution in each generation might be necessary to prevent tyranny.

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From Our Neighbors.

Monteagle.

Let Mrs. Grundy say:— Miss Belle Bradshaw spent Friday with friends in Tracy City.

Mr. and Mrs. Brauchier have returned from Tullahoma.

Mr. Akre, of Atlanta, Ga., was visiting friends here last week.

Mrs. Powell, of Okleshom, is with relatives and friends in the city this week.

Mrs. J. R. Bradshaw spent Sunday with friends in Tracy.

Miss Bertha Parker has returned from a few weeks visit to friends in Bellbuckle.

Miss Della Tucker returned from Booneville, Ark. last week.

Miss Alberta Lewis and Mrs. Glass left for Nashville Tuesday.

The death of Mrs. L. P. Barbour which occurred last Friday night, brought sadness to the whole community. Monteagle has been the home of Mrs. Barbour for many years, and she leaves many friends here and in neighboring vicinities who mourn her loss. She was laid to rest Sunday. AUNTIE.

Gruettli.

Let Mrs. Grundy say:— Our school closed last Friday, after a successful term of three months. Walter Smith has performed his duty as teacher faithfully and efficiently and bid-fair to become an instructor of the right kind.

J. H. Northcut, of Altamont, attended the closing of our school Friday—I mean he was here on special business, of course. Jacob Rutchman is on the sick list.

Tipotee your New Year's letter was good. If only half the people could be so contented as to wish neither riches nor poverty, war between nations and hatred between neighbors would cease. I would direct the reader's attention to another prayer of Solomon. I Kings 3: 5th to 9th: The Lord appeared unto Solomon in a dream and said: "Ask what I shall give thee; and Solomon said, Give thy servant an understanding heart that I may discern between good and bad, and the speech pleased the Lord and God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing and hast not asked for thyself long life; nor riches nor the life of thine enemies, behold I have done according to thy words." Parents and teachers, live up to this truth and impress it upon the minds of your children and scholars, and the kingdom of heaven will come to your door. FORBET-ME-NOT

Coalmont Dots.

Let Mrs. Grundy say:— We are having some bad weather. Carl Crawford passed through here Friday enroute to Tracy.

Miss Myrtle Hinton who has been visiting her sister here for the past two weeks left for her home in Providence Saturday. She made many friends during her stay.

Ambrose Duncan is visiting relatives and friends in Pelham this week.

Porter looks sad since Miss Myrtle has left.

Tom Martin spent Saturday night with his friend John Iyer.

John Dykes was in Tarlton this week. A pound party was given Thursday night in honor of Miss Myrtle Hinton those present report a delightful time and plenty to eat at the Campbell hotel.

Mr. Wagoner has returned from a weeks visit to his home in the Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Braden were the guests of J. W. Dykes and family Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Johnson was visiting her daughter Mrs. J. G. Abernathy last week.

Grandma Dyer who has been very ill is improving fast.

Sam Plummer was in Tracy Friday on business.

Mrs. Braden is on the sick list this week. Messrs. Schlogerter and Flury have returned from a few day visit to home folks in Gruettli.

Mr. Percy, of Backwoods, who has been sick for last two or three days is better and we are glad to have him bed with us again.

Will Campbell made a flying trip to Pelham Friday. WILD BILL.

Tarlton.

Let Mrs. Grundy say:— Rev. Jack Brown, of Cookeville, Tenn., is here visiting relatives and friends.

John W. Dykes, of Coalmont, was here Sunday.

Eugene Morton went squirrel hunting Saturday and soon came back with three and says they are no trouble to kill when you can find them.

congratulate Uncle Tom for his good advice which he gave to parents last week through Mrs. Grundy. Wish he would give some of the boys' round in Tarlton.

On last Friday Jan 8th the little three year old daughter of John Womack, died with measles. She was laid to rest on the hill up above the new Union Church where here grand-mother is sleeping. We would say to the parents of little Annie to weep not for you know she is at rest and though she can not come back to you you can go to her.

To them for three years her sweet smiles were given. And then she bade farewell to earth. And went to live in heaven. VOLKER.

JANUARY COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

L. H. Northcut vs Grundy Co., motion to declare jail a county workhouse or to elect commissioners. On motion of J. M. Givens former order received and the following committee elected: L. H. Northcut, F. W. Pirtle, John Scruggs, A. L. Lockheart.

Dr. W. F. Park vs Grundy Co., motion for \$5 for post mortem examination—dis-missed.

H. B. Northcut & Sons vs Grundy Co., motion for an appropriation for merchandise furnished county amounting to \$15—allowed.

H. B. Northcut & Sons vs Grundy Co., motion for an appropriation for goods furnished Poor house, \$199.20—allowed.

J. M. Givens et al vs Grundy county, motion for an appropriation for holding inquest over Mrs. Williams, entered Dec. 7, 1903, allowed.

J. M. Givens vs Grundy Co., motion for an allowance for Leonard Daniel, \$10 allowed and J. M. Givens appointed to take charge of the fund.

W. W. Christian vs Grundy County, motion by Christian prohibiting the appointment of any one as road commissioner who has been exempted from road working, passed.

J. M. Givens vs Grundy Co., motion by Givens for an allowance to cover costs in committing total of Wm. Cunningham et al for murder of Mrs. Williams—allowed.

W. D. Bennett, chairman, Esparte, report of quarterly settlement with county trustees, A. A. Bradshaw—received and ordered to be spread on minutes of court.

John Scruggs Clerk and Master, exparte, quarterly report of county revenue collected on litigation; received.

A. H. Woodlee, Co. Court Clerk, exparte quarterly report of county revenue collected on privileges, etc.; received.

A. H. Woodlee, Co. Court Clerk, exparte monthly report of state revenue collected on privileges and transfers; received.

A. C. Alexander, Circuit Court Clerk, exparte, quarterly report of county revenue collected by him on litigation; received.

A. C. Alexander, Circuit Court Clerk, exparte, quarterly report of merchants and privilege licenses, countersigns during last quarter—received.

A. A. Bradshaw trustee, exparte, monthly report of State, county and school taxes collected during month of December, received.

Motion to elect Chairman for ensuing year. W. D. Bennett of Monteagle, elected.

Motion to elect a Coroner for ensuing two years. J. M. Lusk, of Tracy, elected by 16 votes.

Motion to elect a Ranger for the ensuing two years. T. W. Pirtle was elected but refused to accept and qualify.

Motion to elect Road commissioner for 1st District. J. H. Braley elected by acclamation.

Motion to elect Road commissioner for 2d District. Richard Nussbaum elected by acclamation.

3rd Dist. Ruben Smartt; 4th Dist. John L. Tate; 5th Dist. Jno. J. Tate; 6th Dist. L. P. Woodlee; 7th Dist. R. B. Oliver; 8th Dist. Pete Crabtree; 9th Dist. J. A. Partin; 10th Dist. A. L. Lockheart; 11th Dist. J. C. Roberts; 12th Dist. R. M. Payne; 13th Dist. I. H. Cannon.

Motion to elect Chairman protem for the ensuing year. J. M. Givens elected.

W. D. Bennett chairman, vs Grundy Co., motion for an allowance for last quarter for services as chairman—balance of \$150. allowed.

[Continued in next weeks issue.]

Hon. Robert Gallagher.

Robert Gallagher, Esq., after a term of two years as chairman of the county court of Bedford county, retired from that position last Monday. During his term of service it is safe to say, and in fact it is conceded, that the county has never had a wiser or more thoroughly efficient chairman. He has constantly kept a clear eye on the financial condition of the county, and in many ways has prevented useless expenditures of the people's money. In short he has rigidly and faithfully performed his duties as chairman, and has left everything in fine condition. We but voice popular sentiment in saying that although he is no longer chairman we are glad that the county will still have his services as a member of the county court. Such Justices as Mr. Gallagher are always needed on the county court bench.—Shelbyville Gazette.

Judge Gallagher is favorably known in Grundy county having made many friends here on his occasional visits. He is a brother-in-law to W. B. Holt of this place.

Special Closing Out Sale of Ladies' Jackets. Stock taking has revealed the fact that we have quite a number of Ladies' and Misses' Wraps left over, and as everybody is looking for AN EARLY SPRING we have determined to close them out now at a sacrifice and avoid the risk of having to carry any of them over. The following bargains are awaiting the early purchaser: Ladies' Jackets. The \$9.98 quality cut to \$7.98. The \$7.98 to \$6.48; the \$5.98 to \$4.98; the \$5.48 to \$4.28; the \$4.99 to \$4.12, etc. In Misses' Jackets we are offering those that were \$2.12 for \$1.63, and the \$1.98 ones have been marked down to \$1.58. The Misses' Long Cloaks have been cut from \$3.98 to \$3.22; from \$2.98 to \$2.24; from \$2.48 to \$1.97, and from \$1.98 to \$1.63.

We call Special Attention to this weeks belated arrival of MEN'S HEAVY RUBBER FOOTWEAR. Lumbermen's Felt Boots with high rubber shoes (wet and cold proof) for \$2.48. Men's High Cut Rubber Shoes, or Booties, felt lined, for \$2.49. Eureka Sox, extra long and heavy, suitable to be worn with the above shoes, per pair 90 cents. Men's Low Cut Rubber Shoes, an ideal hunting shoe, for \$1.38 and \$1.88. Boys' sizes of same \$1.83. Felt Sox 15 cents per pair, or two pair for 25 cents.

THE NEW YORK STORES. A FEW PRICES: Pork in chunks, 9 cents. Whole Ham, 1c. pound. Shoulders 8c. pound. Pork Steak, 10c. Best Round Steak, 10 cents. Chuck Steak, three lbs 25c. Finest Sausage in town 10c. CITY MEAT MARKET Opposite the Postoffice. WILL THOROGOOD, Prop'r. Prompt Delivery. Telephone 33.

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