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Irish's Congressional Catechism.
Teacher.—Well, boys, let's call the roll, and see how many are present. Willie Stone, Nehemiah Wade and Jimmie Pace.

Here! (in chorus).
Teacher.—Where is Johnny Parkinson? You saw him, Nehemiah, did you?

Wade.—Yes, sir; I passed him at the postoffice corner, eating peanuts. He gave me some, but they were like Stone, and I am not certain what to do with them yet.

T.—I expect you are all ready and no one else will come, so we had better proceed with the lesson. I will ask you, Willie, what is the first commandment a congressman should observe?

Stone.—He should distribute the patronage among his oldest political friends living in the locality the offices are in.

T.—Nehemiah, what is your answer to that question?

W.—Why, yes! Yes, that's all right, only I—if there is an old newspaper man among them he should get the preference.

T.—Now Jimmy, suppose you try your hand at that question.

Pace.—I think both are right, provided the office is located for the benefit of the party.

T.—Now, Willie, what is the second commandment a congressman should observe?

S.—He should be a statesman and try to be original in his words and deeds.

T.—Well, Nehemiah, how would you answer that?

W.—I think Willie is right, if the proof of his statesmanship is his selection of men to fill the offices.

T.—Jimmie, what is your reply to that question?

P.—I am sure both are right, if the deeds spoken of mean an arrangement by which some friend's revenue is kept up.

T.—Suppose, Willie, you give the third commandment.

S.—A congressman should give his time and efforts to the special improvement of his district.

T.—Well, Nehemiah, give me your definition.

W.—I think Willie is right, it improving his district means appointing unselfish men to office, men who will give their time to teaching the people how much good has been done, how proper a man the congressman is, and how necessary it is to re-elect him.

T.—Jimmie, what is your opinion?

P.—Both are exactly right, because the improvement actually made is the revenue received by the friends.

T.—Willie, what is the fourth commandment a congressman should adhere to?

S.—He should fortify himself strongly for a re-election.

T.—Nehemiah, does that answer satisfy you?

W.—Yes, if thus fortifying means to make appointments and friends who will call his opponents "Bar-jumbo's elephants" and each of which, like Jumbo, has a big corporation in the center and a tail at both ends, to wiggle any way either is pulled.

T.—Well, Jimmie, what is your answer to that question?

P.—I think both are right, as such breastworks should be established for the revenue receivers, and in return they should shout down every opponent of such a wise, beneficent, hard-working statesman, even if it took the combined forces of the civil service reformers and unbought press to do it.

T.—I guess, boys, that's enough for to-day. You can go. Now, Willie, as the other boys are gone I want to give you a nickel for knowing your lesson so well. You can buy some peanuts and eat them in front of the postoffice. You need not be afraid, as the man who runs

it gets a big salary for sweeping the pavement, and the owner of the block gets enough rent to hire a porter to keep it clean if the other man don't. Now be a good boy and come to your next lesson.

Raking in Young Democrats.
BUTLER, Mo., July 27, 1886.
Editors Rich Hill Mining Review.

The latest political scheme that has been brought to light at this point to control the vote and influence of the young democracy as well as the patriarchs, fathers of the deluded ones, in the Congressional race, is the following:

When the Butler and Kinkaid branch of the Mo. Pacific road was made a mail route, Aubrey Ewing was appointed route agent at the solicitation, it is said, of Cols. Pace and Wade, to get him out of the way of Joe Brashear in the race for County Clerk.

The work of the route agent is to leave Butler about 10 o'clock a. m., making the points, Foster, Pleasanton, Mound City and Kinkaid, and returning at 5 o'clock p. m. a distance of about 65 miles, with a present salary of \$70 per month. Now comes in the scheme to capture the boys in the interest of—Parkinson (?) of course. It is this: The work of route agent Ewing is presented to the postoffice department as being very onerous, requiring an assistant, and Messrs. Wade, Pace & Co. have requested about a score of young democrats, scattered over the county, to make an application for this "soft" government position.

Among those who have been thus drawn into this political net to furnish the necessary meat to be devoured by the Wade combination on the 14th of August, are the following: Ed McDonald, of Howard Tp., young Jackson, son of Andy Jackson, of Prairie Tp.; Joe Brashear, of Butler; Wm. Ewing, of Walnut Tp.; Bruce Ludwick, of Mt. Pleasant Tp.; young Norton, of West Boone Tp.; Billy Atherton, of Butler; young Harris, of Summit Tp., and Mr. Ewing, Mingo. All of these, and others whose names your correspondent has not learned, have forwarded their petitions for the above "soft position" to the department at Washington, and the following answer, in substance, has been received from the Assistant Postmaster General: "My Dear Sir:—Your application, which has been endorsed by your Congressman, Hon. W. J. Stone, has been received and filed, and will receive due attention at the proper time." Of course each one of these fifteen or twenty young men, their parents and friends, are waiting patiently for the "soft place," and in the meantime are expected to use their vote and influence to boom Mr. —, Mr. who? Why, Mr. Parkinson? the Wade, Pace & Co. candidate for Congress. It is understood that a similar scheme is being worked throughout this congressional district. It is unnecessary to state that the applicants are getting their heads together; that the "nigger in the wood pile" has already been discovered. What next (?)

Yours,
J. C. L.
(One of the Boys).

The Nevada Democrat has had an interview with Frank James and emphatically denies the report that James intends to go upon the stage. Upon this the Democrat says: "He has come to Nevada for the purpose of making it his future home. Since he settled here he has been employed in various business houses, and just as long as he can make an honest, comfortable living here for himself and family he will remain here. He has had numerous flattering offers to exhibit himself in public, but he has declined one and all, and all stories published about him in which he is made to play the role of a prospective stage attraction, are false." Frank's stage experience has been of a different character.

The Sun does not recognize the right of the Bates County Democrat to catechise it regarding the record of Judge Gantt, or any other democratic aspirant, political or personal. Nor does it recognize Wade's right to gratuitously surmise that questionable acts exist where no questionable acts are charged, either directly or by implication. The Sun is nobody's catspaw, and will have no fight to make that is not fully justified, and then, regardless of consequences, it proposes to "Hew to the mark, let the chips fall where they may."—Osceola Sun.

Judge Gantt is making a modest, manly and democratic canvass of the district. Wherever he goes he leaves an impression. Perhaps no man ever grew faster in the confidence of the people. His must be a frugal canvass. He has no large income from lands or cattle company stock, nor a \$5,000 salary. However, the pecuniary of the district are rapidly taking up his cause, and making it their own. They recognize the necessity of putting none but the best and truest men on guard—men who will stand fire.—Henry Co. Democrat.

But you Must be for Stone.
There is every probability that many changes will be made in postal clerks, which, if so, will prove lucrative positions for a number of the youths in this section. There are numerous signs that the department will take some steps in that direction. In that case every congressman will have virtual control of the appointment of several of them.—Butler Democrat.
Democrats, you who denounce bossism, in its attempts to bribe and buy votes with federal patronage, how do you like this bold bid, put out by Mr. Stone's henchman.—Clinton Democrat.

Congressional Chances.
(Joplin Herald.)

The lines in the congressional canvass are gradually becoming more distinctly defined, and opportunities for a dark horse to enter the race successfully have quite disappeared. The choice will be from the three gentlemen, Stone, Parkinson and Gantt, and as the situation now appears to be, the opposition to Stone is so solid and being so thoroughly organized all over the district, that his defeat may be expected.

The friends of Mr. Stone claim for him a brilliancy of more than ordinary luster—that his record in congress excels that of the average congressman, and the like. This is a claim only. It would be difficult for them to be sufficiently specific to make such a claim good. He has made two speeches—one on the silver question, which was very sensible and very readable, and one on the labor question, which was only a bait for the labor vote. His insincerity upon that subject was demonstrated when he found it convenient to be absent when the vote was taken upon that question. Some of his votes have been right and some have placed him where he could not, if he would, secure any favors for some of the largest and most important interests of his district. On the whole his record in congress cannot be offered as a just claim for further indulgence.

His course with the mass of democrats of his district has been such as to wholly alienate them from him. He has projected into almost every district a sentiment of bossism and has constituted a sort of political regime to the exclusion, in most cases, of the strong party men. It is the case elsewhere, as in Jasper county, that, if the party fails at the next election to not only hold its own former strength, but to increase its vote in a marked degree, the cause of such failure will be traceable directly to the interference and bad management of W. J. Stone.

Carthage Patriot Hits.

It is a bad sign when railroad attorneys and agents are about the most active supporters of a candidate for congress.—Bates County Democrat.

That's just what we've been contending, and we might rest our whole case on that, so far as can be seen, Mr. Stone's main supporters in this county are R. R. attorneys and their jumping jacks.

Our devil is getting to have a burning notion to be an editor some day. He has been looking over the Bates County Democrat, and finds five small articles—common-place—devoted to Judge Parkinson, and 13, most big bulging articles, favorable to Mr. Stone. Judge P. gets the benefit of 59 lines, and Mr. S. 274 lines. Well, this is but an incident. Bro. Wade is for Parkinson. We heard him say so.

Bro. Wade of the Bates County Democrat, is Judge Parkinson's first choice for advocating his aspiration for congress, yet Bro. Wade, as chairman of the executive committee, puts off the calling of the convention, presumably to enable "second-choice" Stone to come and fix up his fences. This congressional district is one of the largest in the union, and while many of the others have been called, we are yet waiting on the man whose first-second choice is Mr. Stone before the democracy can know how many delegates are to be chosen. There is much complaint on this score. It leaves the party all at sea.

Some anti-Stone men in the north part of the district have sent us a large bundle of Mr. Stone's speeches on the arbitration bill. We propose to use them where they will do the most good, and that is into the hands of democrats who all their lives have struggled and fought against the principles of rank centralization as announced by Mr. Stone. No republican of sufficient prominence to notice, has ever gone so far as Mr. Stone goes for centralization of power. Carry out his idea and give the general government control of all the railroads and telegraphs (and why not all the saw and grist mills, dairies, cattle-raising, etc.) and the party in power when Mr. Stone's plan should be consummated, would stay in power until the government went to pieces. Better "shoot" the government and done with it, than to have it control three or four billions dollars worth of railroad property, adding some 300,000 more office-holders and employees to fix and control elections. Is Mr. Stone mad, or what?

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STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF BATES, } ss.
In the circuit court of Bates county, June term, 1886.

Alice Crouch, plaintiff,
vs
Samuel Crouch, defendant.
Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorney, William O. Jackson, Esq., and files her petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendant, Samuel Crouch, is not a resident of the state of Missouri: Whereupon it is ordered by the court that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against him in this court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from said defendant upon the grounds of desertion and that the defendant has failed to provide for plaintiff, and that unless the said defendant be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Butler, in said county, on the first day of November next, and on or before the sixth day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment will be rendered accordingly. And be it further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Butler Times, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Bates county, Mo., for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least four weeks before the first day of the next term of circuit court.
J. R. JESSIE,
Circuit clerk.

A true copy from the record, Witness my hand and the seal of the circuit court of Bates county, this 22d day of June, 1886. J. R. JESSIE, Circuit clerk.

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