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Committee Meeting.

The Bollinger County Democratic Central Committee is hereby called to meet in Marble Hill on Thursday, April 14, at 12:30 p. m. All members are urgently requested to be present.

W. A. DUNK, Chairman.
W. B. YOUNG, Secretary.

W. C. BRONAUH of Clinton, candidate before the democratic state convention for railroad commissioner, seems to be capturing the delegations in this part of the state. He is, we believe, the only farmer who is asking for a state office, and is highly recommended by his home people.

And so the United States Senate has been jarred over the result of the Burton case! Well, what about the people, who have been outraged? The people can be trusted to take care of the dignity of the Senate as long as the members of that august body look after the interests of the people and condemn the rascality of such men as Burton.

Miss ALICE ROOSEVELT, eldest daughter of the president of this great, Christian nation, say the daily papers, played the races the other day and did some betting on her own hook. Mr. Roosevelt undertook to reprove her for her impudent, wicked conduct, when it took the young lady about two minutes to give "the ole man" to understand that she was a daughter of her father, packed her "saratoga" and left for New York. Here's strenuousity for you! What next?

From Superintendent Carrington's "Fifty-fourth Missouri Report of Public Schools" we take the following which may be of interest to our readers: Bollinger county has a total of 5,118 school children, four of whom are colored; 90 teachers were employed in our public schools last year and were paid \$14,047.61, an average of \$29.40 which is much below the general average for the state, but above the average paid in several counties. Our county has a total school fund amounting to \$53,631.02. Of the 5,118 school children, 4,460 were enrolled in the schools last year, leaving 668 who did not attend school at all. Here is something for our people to think about. In a small county, a sufficient number of the children to make sixteen schools of more than forty pupils each—enough for every teacher—were not even enrolled. There is something wrong. What is it? Where is it?

In this issue of THE PRESS appears the announcement of Hon. T. R. R. Ely, of Kennett, who is a candidate for State Senator, from this, Twenty-first district, subject to the action of the democratic convention. Mr. Ely is a stranger to most of our people, but he comes well recommended, having held a number of positions of trust, and has but re-

cently been strongly endorsed by the people of his own county for the honorable position to which he aspires. It does seem that this strong, practically unanimous, endorsement at the hands of those who know him best, ought to be a sufficient guarantee of his fitness and integrity. Mr. Ely hopes, however, to come to our county in a short time, when he will meet and get acquainted with as many of our people as possible.

WERE we to give all the space in this paper to the subject, we could not detail the destruction wrought in Southeast Missouri by flood and storm week before last. Bridges swept away; fencing and crops gone; stock drowned; railroad bridges, and miles track washed away. There is no way by which the losses might be, approximately, estimated. In New Madrid county, a cyclone swept over a small territory, leaving death and devastation in its path. Seven persons are known to have been its victims. The greater part of our county was more fortunate; however, in the north end of the county, Big White-water is said to have been higher than the old inhabitants ever saw it, and much damage was done to the farms and other property along its course. In the southwest part of the county—along Castor river—the farmers suffered heavy losses, too, as that stream, in many places, covered the whole valley.

Beginning and End of Good Citizenship.

"I am not the conservator of the morals of my clients. I can not afford and will not be their counsel if they have any trouble with the department."

There is the keynote of the character of Ralph Burton, United States Senator, indicted and convicted and disgraced.

The words belong to Burton. They were taken from his testimony, and they represent that absence of conscience in business affairs that is doing more to corrupt humanity, doing more to help governments to become more corrupt than any other element.

In a letter to a friend Burton labors under some delusion and says "God is with me and I fear not."

No one has yet heard of God countenancing wrong-doing.

For the beginning and the end of a good citizen is honesty, and there can not be a dozen kinds of integrity, constructed to suit the desires and opportunities of men. It is wrong to steal pennies from a till, and it is wrong for a public official to use his office for private gain.

A man may save his soul all he will. He may insist that a United States Senator who would pass an opportunity to reap a money harvest, where the circumstances called for nothing greater than an elastic conscience, or where the wrong was technical, is a fool. He can try

to make himself believe that a government official can honestly go into Wall street, either in person or by proxy, and buy stocks that he knows will rise because of coming legislation; or that it is right to accept pay on the plea of "legal services," as did Ralph Burton.

And down in his heart he will know that it is a lie, and that wrong, roused, masked, painted, adorned, is only wrong, after all.

In the end the measure is honesty, and every man, who has been situated as Senator Burton has been, knows well whether he is a skulking coward; a thief, in the moral meaning of the word, a law breaker—or an honest man.

"But," said Senator Burton, "other men have done the same thing, and I am poor."

Could you believe that the stalwart representative of a great people, an orator whose eloquence could thrill a multitude; a man of such keen intellect that he has risen head and shoulders above his fellows, could hope to justify "wrong, because he is poor?"

And "other men." Oh! what a miserable excuse for him, for every human being who has been cursed with the money desire, and the weakened moral sense that would permit him to sacrifice conscience to get it!

Men have grown wealthy and proud in the United States Senate. They have purchased stocks and bonds and houses and yachts with the tarnished dollars that came to them because of their influence.

But don't make the mistake of envying them; don't wish for the power they wield or the incomes they enjoy. Don't emulate them, even if they go down to the grave honored by men.

Success in life does not lie in not being found out. Senators may believe it; legislators and councilmen may hug that false philosophy to their breasts, but they are wrong.

A thief is a thief, he hides his sin from the light of day and walks erect in the eyes of mankind.

Governments will not be purged, business will not be purged, and the nation will not progress as it should, unless in public and private life there is a return to rugged honesty, the kind of rectitude that foils the briber's arts, because he can find no one to bribe; that baffles the sneak and discredits the liar—honest because of a desire to do right in all things.—St. Louis Chronicle.

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Southeast News.

Dunklin county democrats held their primary election last Saturday. Hon. J. T. Wells, who is well known here, had no opposition and will succeed himself as representative.

Cash-Book.

Whitewater overflowed its banks during the recent rainy spell and did considerable damage in some places. The dam at David Crites' mill was washed out, also the one at the Joe Bollinger mill and at another mill further up the river.

Owing to there being no trains on the Iron Mountain this week we were unable to get our regular edition of the paper from St. Louis, and we were compelled to issue only a half-sheet. We hope to be all right next week, however.—Greenville Sun.

Seems like we have read something like that several times lately.

We ask to be pardoned for our shortness of news this week, as the editor has been in gum boots ever since Sunday morning building fence and cleaning away rubbish from his wife's garden.—Greenville Sun.

Now, come Bro. Marsh! Is it an actual fact that Mrs. Marsh allows you to go monkeying around her garden?

Charleston Courier.

A couple of smooth young men "drapped" into the city Monday week and proceeded to get out cards announcing that they were photographers and proposed to do regular \$1.50 per dozen photos at the small sum of 50c. All you had to do was to bring the card, 50c, and look pretty, they would do the rest. The inducement was only for three days, but the "slickers" had a car load of suckers during that short time. Old, young, white and black rush up to their place of business—the Forbes old fruit stand—deposited the card and 50c, the latter was what they were after. They closed up business after dark Saturday, and loaded their belongings into a lively wagon and pulled for Amniston where they took the "Cotton Belt" for Cairo. It is estimated that they took in about \$90 or \$100 at this place. The firm name they gave here was Carl & Price. They also owe a week's board bill at this place. Other towns should look out for them.

James Jones shot and killed George Greer, the marshal of Bloomfield the evening of March 27. Jones was drunk and had a fight with a man named Boyles earlier in the day and was arrested by Marshal Greer and night watchman, Bolin, and locked up. He was afterwards released on promise that he would go home and behave himself. But instead of doing as he promised, he went and borrowed a shot gun, pretending that he was going duck hunting next day. With the gun in hand, he entered a back, supposedly to watch for the marshal, and in some manner, accidentally discharged the gun. The marshal and several others were only about sixty feet from the back and the discharge of the gun attracted the attention of the officers, who undertook to arrest Jones. But he refused to be arrested and started for his home. The officers followed, shooting to make him stop, which he refused to do. Going home he closed the door against the officers who broke in, and in doing so, Greer received the contents of one barrel of the shot gun in his breast and died immediately.

Our Correspondents.

Scopus.

Oats sowing is the program now. Our people are quite busy farming now that it has quit raining, and the weather more spring-like.

Sunday school at Nichols chapel every Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Stevens visited at Henry Lincoln's Sunday.

Mr. Aubuchon of Marble Hill, who represents the Seadders-Gale Grocer Co., had business here Saturday.

Mrs. M. J. Bennett of Bernie, who has been visiting relatives here several days returned home Tuesday.

Jonas Barks was at Lutesville on business Friday.

Moses James of Mayfield was at Scopus Saturday.

M. F. Chostner of Lowell was in this vicinity Sunday.

S. E. Dewhitt left Saturday to visit relatives at Anna, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wilfong of Mayfield were visiting at Doe Talent's Sunday.

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nearly six months and could have used part of your space, but noticing, weekly, that you had a lot of newsy communications, we said nothing. However, we did feel an interest in the election, but not being a citizen, we chose to be quiet and watch the fight go on, hoping that it would terminate as it has.

I am proud of my old township vote, (German.) German was always considered the elective township, and many there were of us who used to work hard with an ample supply of bottled and juggled persuasiveness, and we nearly always got elected. At this election I would have been glad to have been at our old precinct, D. Bollinger's, to see how things and people have changed in these few years. What was once the wettest is now the driest part of the county.

So you are "dry" and still you are "wet." Well, we had a good rain January 20; now the earth wears a beautiful carpet of green, interspersed with myriads of beautiful flowers. Trees are all in full bloom and growing green. Oats all sown and some farmers are done planting corn. Now, this is a beautiful country to behold. We had no snow, sleet, and but little ice. The ground froze some times, but it never got muddy in thawing; it simply dried out. At present we are just passing thru a sharp blizzard, but it's getting warmer.

Now, I want to say, "I don't mind the weather if the wind don't blow," but it blows here. If you want to enjoy some of the beauties of the ethereal regions, just come out in this western, prairie country when it's dry and experience one of these Oklahoma "ezephyrs." You can't see the sky, you can't see the earth in fact, you can scarcely see at all. Everything that is loose, goes. Hundreds of destructive fires have raged during the last two months, even burning people in many cases. This will be a fine country, but I abhor the sudden changes and, especially, the endless winds.

In six days God created the earth and on the seventh He discovered a lot of fragments that he had forgotten to use, not knowing that the devil had slipped into the pile a lot of old Limber cheese and other rotten stuff. He went to work and made a lot of evil for future use. He said this generation will arise and flourish, but finally they will decay and pass away; and so on, after age after age. But finally it shall come to pass that out of this pile of putridity there shall arise a set of beings in human form, with avaricious hearts, and clad in garments of deception. And in the days of great political strife these scoundrels will go forth among the people asking to be made their humble servants, and promising to faithfully serve them. The people, not knowing good from evil, put these varnished rascals in high places, where they shall be guilty of giving and receiving bribes and all manner of rognery.

And it shall come to pass that in those days of evil doings, one man who is made of adamant, shall arise in defence of humanity and honesty, and he shall call these villains before the bar of Justice to be tried for their rascality.

They are tried and convicted, but lo, and behold, a vision shall appear in which it shall seem that, owing to "technicalities," those rascals must go unpunished until later.

Then the good people all over the land shall rise up as one man and praise this one good man for his purity of spirit and persistent prosecution.

Then they shall say unto one another: Let's elect him governor of our grand old state! When the glad tidings go forth over the land, the evil-doers shall begin to foam and froth like mad dogs.

And it shall come to pass that these villainous wretches will raise up impostors who will condemn and vilify this man. Even the governor and other state officials may condescend to aid in his defeat. Believe them not!

But I say unto you, my children, arise, buckle on your armor and go forth to the battle of right and destroy this army of vipers by electing an honest man to be your chief magistrate.

Now I give you this commandment and urge you to keep it. But should you fail, the devil will move his headquarters to St. Louis, with a branch office at Jefferson City.

A dream, from your friend,
G. W. WOOD.

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If school boards will have better schools, they must require higher qualifications of teachers.

We shall have two teachers of experience graduate this year, and the schools that secure them will secure the very best.

Our enrollment has reached 122. Miss Bertha Limbaugh returned this week after a siege of measles. Arthur Moyers is convalescent. He was very sick with measles.

The board of trustees of the College are holding their quarterly meeting at this writing.

F. J. H.

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