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GETTING TOGETHER.

The Kansas City Post is sending out circular letters to Democratic papers and others asking their views about holding a State-wide meeting of Democrats and suggestions as to date. The State Democratic Committee, it has been announced, contemplates holding a meeting in St. Louis early in September, and acting Chairman Johnson says that it is also being planned to have a meeting of the Democratic editors at the same time.

Why not make this a general Democratic gathering? The first of September may be a little early to perfect plans and program for such a meeting, but this could be arranged by naming a date in October, which is a more pleasant month for such a gathering than September, and would give more time to secure the attendance of prominent speakers, arouse interest and make Democrats all over the State feel it worth their while to attend.

A meeting of this character ought to be promotive of good. As Senator Stone says, "I cannot imagine a sensible ground of opposition to such a meeting, but I can see numerous reasons why it might result in good to the party."

When loyal party men meet together, each desirous according to his own view and his own plan of promoting the party welfare, they usually find that the other fellow is a better fellow than they thought, and that the supposed differences between them are more imaginary than they are real.

The experience of the two last quadrennial campaigns in this State reminds Democrats that though our State is naturally Democratic, unless all Democrats get together, laying aside their factional feelings and prejudices, and work to the one end—the success of the party, they have no assurance of carrying the State. If we would redeem Missouri we must get together.

THE INCOME TAX.

Justice Brewer is one of the United States Supreme Court judges who decided against the constitutionality of the income tax in 1894. The Court stood 5 to 4 on the proposition. He is still opposed to an income tax, or rather to the income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution, on the ground that it will interfere with the privilege of the States to tax incomes "in case they need large sums of money for their own use." Well, the States have never shown much disposition to tax incomes and they are not liable to suffer on that account. When it comes to imposing an income tax, the Federal government through Congress can do this more effectually and uniformly than could the several States acting in their separate capacity or not acting at all. The right of Congress to impose an income tax had always

been conceded until the decision of the Supreme Court referred to above, and if our memory serves us right, there was a Federal income tax imposed during the civil war and kept up for several years after its close. The ratification of the income tax amendment by the States is not going to interfere with any of their reserved rights nor hamper the resources of their local governments.

The taxing of large incomes, over and above a reasonable amount for support of a man's family, is as just as the taxing of any other class of property; and people whose enterprise, business sagacity and ability to manage large enterprises bring them in substantial returns, ought to bear their equitable share in the support of the government, for the greater a man's income, wealth or property possessions the more he is indebted for the protection which government affords him. But for this protection his energy, business sagacity and ability to manage, his wealth and property holdings, would have little or no security. Therefore, the right to tax incomes within certain restrictions ought not to be questioned any more than the right to tax a man's home, his business and his capital.

CARRYING WEAPONS.

The law making the carrying of concealed weapons a felony, punishable by a heavy fine or a term in the penitentiary, went into effect last Monday. The habit of carrying concealed weapons is responsible for most of the murders that occur at drinking saloons, picnics, resorts and other promiscuous gatherings, often growing out of trivial disputes and old grudges. If the parties to these crimes were not armed, the shootings would not occur and many a quarrel would not take place, for the people of belligerent disposition, who with guns in their pockets feel a preparedness for any encounter even if they do not seek it, would be more careful in avoiding difficulties.

The carrying of weapons indicates a disposition that is expecting if not hunting for trouble and that holds human life altogether too cheap; but there are some men most peaceably inclined who may occasionally carry a weapon because they have been threatened and anticipate an assault, and who feel that they are not able to cope physically with their more athletic and muscular enemy, yet even in such cases may not the soft word that turneth away wrath avail? But human nature shrinks from the idea of "showing the white feather," however much one may wish to avoid a fight.

But that law could have been improved by the addition of another section for the protection of the physically weak, and that is to have made what is often adjudged common assault and battery a felony also. Often men who are not trained to physical encounter are

assaulted, some times with the least provocation, and badly beaten up and scarred by a stalwart bully, who, because he uses nothing but his maul-like fists or gives a brutal kick in the ribs or face when his victim is prostrate, is allowed to plead guilty to common assault and go free with a small fine. It is to protect themselves from bodily harm at the hands of such bullies, who are found in nearly every community and who delight in browbeating and hammering up some physically weaker person to parade their prowess, that peaceably inclined men are sometimes tempted to violate the law by carrying a weapon with which to defend themselves. Usually cowards at heart, these bullies would not assault if they thought there was danger of getting hurt, or that the doors of the penitentiary were open to receive them.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Civil Cases.

Frank AuBuchon vs. John Sherrin, appeal; continued by consent to next regular term.

James Bess vs. Federal Lead Co., damages; dismissed at cost of defendant.

R. T. F. & C. Co., vs. John T. Forshee, trespass; judgment for plaintiff for \$50.

Frank McFarland vs. Sam'l Farrell, appeal; default appellant, judgment for plaintiff for \$25.00.

J. C. Long vs. Federal Lead Co., dower; trial by court and passed for argument.

Thomas Huff et al., vs. Julian Huff et al., partition; default of defendants except those answering; decree, after hearing testimony, in accordance with petition; order of sale at next regular term.

Rebecca Balsler vs. Ida Miller, slander; continued by consent.

Chas. Williams vs. Illinois Southern, appeal; continued on stipulations. J. R. Biff vs. same, same disposition.

St. Joseph Lead Co. vs. John F. Forshee, ejectment; judgment by consent for possession of premises; damages \$1.00; rent \$10 per month.

A. L. Strenger vs. St. L. I. M. & S. Ry., damages; motion to sue as poor person.

Thos. P. Lawrence vs. Federal Lead Company, damages; plaintiff amends petition by striking out \$2,000 and inserting \$200; trial by jury and verdict for plaintiff for \$200.

Ada Hedgecote vs. Desloge Lead Company, damages; continued to next regular term on application of plaintiff and at his cost on account of sickness of attorney and witness.

Alvin Bledsoe, grand larceny; Clyde Morsey and R. M. Talbert appointed to defend.

TAFT AND DIAZ TO VISIT

Each President to Cross Into Other's Country.

Mexico, Aug. 16.—The first official admission that President Diaz will meet President Taft next October was made to-day by Minister of Foreign Affairs Mariscal, who said all details had been arranged for granting permission to President Diaz to leave Mexican soil.

The Foreign Minister added that the Mexican Congress would convene September 15 and immediately after President Diaz had read the annual message he would ask permission to visit El Paso. The secretary said there was little doubt but this would be granted.

According to the information received at the Department of Foreign Affairs, President Taft would arrive at El Paso at 9 p. m. October 16.

President Diaz will arrive at Ciudad Juarez about the same time, and he will then cross the frontier and meet President Taft in El Paso. An hour afterwards the President of the United States will return the visit to President Diaz at Ciudad Juarez, on the Mexican side.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

LIBERTYVILLE ITEMS.

The weather is extremely hot and dry at present.

We are sorry to note that Mr. John W. Sebastian is sick at this writing.

Misses Hannah and Mazie Martin of Flat River visited home folks here Sunday.

Mr. Elmer Thomason of Fredericktown visited his uncle, Mr. J. W. Hanon, Sunday.

Miss Iva Clark of Perryville is spending this week with Misses Mildred and Mary Keith.

Miss Mildred Keith, who has been taking the summer course at the Cape Normal, returned home Friday.

Quite a crowd visited Felix and family Sunday. Ice cream, cake and lemonade were served in the afternoon, and all had a pleasant time.

Mr. F. L. Graham felt something wrong with his back about a month ago, and became gradually worse, until now he can scarcely get around without the support of a crutch.

The Christian church yard and grave yard had grown up in weeds and become very unsightly, so it was announced at church services Sunday that all who were interested meet there Tuesday and have a general cleaning up, so that morning about a dozen met and commenced the work. About eleven o'clock the good women of the county began to arrive with well-filled baskets, and at noon the men were invited to partake of one of the most sumptuous dinners ever served under the beautiful shade trees at the old church. After all appetites were satisfied and an hour spent in social conversation the men returned to work, and the ladies looking over the graves of loved ones. After spending some time in the grave yard, they repaired to the church, and engaged in singing old familiar hymns, many of which were sung at the funeral of some relative. In the late afternoon the work was finished and all departed feeling that the day had been well spent, and one to be long remembered by all present. Among those present, outside of the immediate neighborhood, were Mrs. H. L. Keith, Mrs. E. C. Rockwell, Misses Edith and Emma Rockwell of St. Louis, and Mrs. Mary Boyd of Avon.

BISMARCK BREVITIES.

Claude Hill visited St. Louis Saturday.

W. H. Forshee is on the sick list this week.

James Garrett of Belgrade is visiting the family of C. E. Hill.

A number of young people from here visited Pilot Knob Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Clanton is entertaining her mother and sister from Texas.

David Mason bought a six-room house and lot from Dr. J. L. Eaton Monday.

Mrs. Rosa Eidson has purchased the Edie Brom property on West Main street.

Frank Dent, after 20 years sojourn in Texas, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson have been visiting Washington county relatives the past week.

August Block and wife returned home Saturday after an extended trip to Seattle and the West.

Rumor has it that the Iron Mountain will place a car on the early Illinois Southern train soon.

Miss Lena Ross has returned home from Cape Girardeau, where she has been attending school.

B. T. Eaton was elected vice president of the Southeast Missouri Hotel Association last week at the annual meeting at Sikeston.

There are two hundred cases in the docket of the Butler county Circuit Court, and it will probably be in session several weeks. Thirty-one of them are new cases, while the others are those continued from previous courts.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

And Sunday school Convention of the St. Louis Dist. Central Missouri Conference (Colored).

The District Conference and S. S. Convention of the St. Louis District Central Missouri Conference (colored) is now in session at St. Paul M. E. Church of this city, with Dr. R. E. Gillum, District Superintendent, presiding. The sessions are being largely attended. At the beginning of the session Wednesday afternoon the body was favored with a welcome address by Hon. W. R. Taylor on behalf of the city. The address contained advice which will be wholesome to the ministers and delegates for years to come. The welcome address on behalf of the church, rendered by Prof. W. A. Gunnell, voiced the sentiment of the church entirely. The responses were made by Dr. R. E. Gillum and Miss Lillie Askins of Rolla, Mo. Following is the roll of members and delegates:

Dr. R. E. Gillum, Dist. Supt. Wm. Smith, St. Louis.
Rev. W. F. Walker, Baden, St. Louis.
Rev. J. H. Boone, St. James.
Miss Loveta Henson, St. Louis.
G. Elmer Lemons, St. Louis.
Rev. R. G. Williams, Bridgeton.
Rev. R. F. Abbott, St. Louis.
Rev. R. H. Smith, St. Charles.
Rev. Albert Poston, Ironton.
Mrs. J. E. Whaley, Hannibal.
Miss Georgia Mackey, St. Louis.
J. D. Thompson, "
Jno. L. Brooks, "
J. W. Vaughan, "
Rev. E. A. Graham, Cairo, Ill.
Rev. A. A. Golson, Bowling Green.
Everett Abernathy, Fredericktown.
Miss Edna Walker, St. Louis.
Miss Lillie Askins, Rolla.
Miss Bessie Bradford, Rolla.
Rev. J. H. Noland, DeSoto.
Miss Ruth Arnett, Ironton.
Miss Annie Polen, St. Souts.
Rev. H. R. Long, DeSoto.
Miss Blanche Jackson, St. Louis.
Miss Fannie Jackson, "
Mrs. J. M. Parks, "
Miss Maggie Turner, "
Miss Hazel B. Armstrong, Ironton.
Rev. W. W. Goff, Jacksonville, Ill.
Albert E. Miller, "
Mrs. Helen Taylor, Webster Groves.
Mary E. Wallace, Hannibal.
D. H. Watson Festus.
Rev. I. E. Whaley, Hannibal.
Miss Daisy E. Baker, Farmington.
Miss Cora Meyers, "

WORLD'S GREATEST ORATOR.

The more the utterances of Christ Jesus are studied the more forcible becomes the fact that he was the world's greatest orator. He drew such crowds as could no other man of his time, used faultless diction, and clinched his arguments with parables and similes with a force and precision that find no counterpart in literature today. His address to the "multitude" was irresistible and the force of his utterances has stood the test of time and the assaults of unfriendly criticism until today he stands out in history as the world's greatest public speaker as well as the world's redeemer.

If that wonderful "Sermon on the Mount" could have been reported in full, as would have been the case if delivered in these days of shorthand reporters and daily press facilities, it would doubtless be found to contain in eloquent diction a thousand notable utterances that were lost to the generations that followed because of the inadequacy of the reports that were inscribed by the sacred historian. The Bible contains but a smattering of what Jesus said and did. John reminds us that the world would not be able to contain all the books that would be necessary to hold all his utterances and teachings. Of course this was a figure of speech, but it confirms the statement that the world lost all reference to many notable addresses.

Whatever may be thought of his divine attributes by the skeptics and unbelievers, it must be admitted by all that Christ Jesus is the greatest character of all the centuries, and at no time in the world's history has

there been so nearly a universal belief in his divinity as now. His spirit dominates the edict of kings, his precepts are the groundwork of judicial decrees, his teachings are the basis of all moral law, and his dominion is from the ends of the earth. Men may cavil and dispute over alleged discrepancies in accounts given of him in the Gospels, but the influence of his life and the claims of his divine mission are the potent factors that dominate the world today, and none but divinity could exert such power.—Cedar Falls (Ia) Record.

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