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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

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for Maury, Lewis, and Perry Counties,
L. P. PADGETT.

FOR FLOATER
for Maury, Williamson, Giles and Lewis Counties,
JOHN W. FRY.

FOR REPRESENTATIVES FOR MAURY COUNTY,
Dr. H. L. OLIVER.
HON. W. T. PORTER.

FOR CONGRESS,
COL. N. N. COX,
of Williamson County.

WHAT is known as the "Election Commissioners" law, is a partisan measure which the HERALD opposed at the time and has never yet endorsed. It never should have been passed and ought to be repealed. But while it is the law, we want it enforced by white men; and not only by white men, but by white men who have their political affiliations with white men. A Democratic Governor need not go outside of his party to get the very best men in the State to serve as Election Commissioners; a Republican Governor would have to; that's the difference. A Democratic Governor would be elected by, and whatever partisanship he might be guilty of, would be exercised for and in behalf of the people who by birth, education, moral character and financial interest always have and always ought to make the laws of Tennessee and administer them. A Republican Governor would be elected by the negroes. That is, a large majority of his constituents would be negroes. He would owe his election principally to them, and if he had any gratitude in his nature he would not forget his political obligations to them. Whatever of partisanship he might disclose, would naturally be against the class we have said should control Tennessee. That's the difference. So while we are opposed to the law, and because we are opposed to the law; because we think it dangerous and unwise; because it infringes upon the rights of the people and gives too much power into the hands of one man; for these very reasons we are opposed to turning that dangerous power over to a party composed largely of low, vicious and ignorant partisan voters.

THERE are those in Tennessee, and some well-meaning people right here in our midst, who think the situation in North Carolina is being exaggerated and that Tennessee is in no such danger of "lamp-black" Republican administration. They are just like the good people of North Carolina were two years ago. They didn't think, in the first place, that the Republicans could carry the State. And their not thinking so, caused the very thing itself to happen. In the second place they did not believe the Republicans would dare recognize the colored brother. But the Republicans did recognize him just the same, and by a large majority. And the Republicans of North Carolina are no worse than the Republicans of Tennesssee. And the Republicans of Tennessee are no less a negro party, than are the Republicans of North Carolina. What was possible in North Carolina is possible in Tennessee. What has taken place in North Carolina, may take place in Tennessee. Why take any chances, when the danger may be averted by every Democrat performing the very simple though important duty of going to the polls next Tuesday, and casting his ballot.

THEY say John Fry is a cracker jack orator on the stump. He is so smiling and good humored that the boys think he is joking half the time, and when they applaud his jokes John thinks they are joking, and thus the fun waxes furious.

TENNESSEE has some laws that should be amended or repealed. Tennessee has too many Judges, too many office holders, some of whom, are receiving too much pay. Tennessee has been run too extravagantly, too carelessly, and with too little attention to business details. The dominant party is responsible for some of these ills, and in their state convention at Chattanooga they awoke to a realizing sense of their duty and responsibility, and in no uncertain tone declared for Reform. Actual, bona-fide, genuine Reform. And their standard bearer has boldly and bravely declared his purpose to carry out this retrenchment and reform, to the fullest and best of his ability. Democrats have chosen their legislative nominees with the same purpurse and end in view. With their backs to the past and their faces to the future, the leaders of the party were never more conscious of the necessity of the hour, never more determined to rectify the mistakes of the past and build more wisely for the future. The party in its present frame of mind, committed by its platform promises and conscious that their only hope rests in the faithful execution of these Reform promises, is in better shape to-day to serve Tennessee and its best interests, than it has been for years. The party leaders realize that its business record for several administrations is not just what it ought to be. They know that conditions have changed and that the party is not as compact as it once was. They have seen their old time fifty thousand majority melt away to five. They have been rather hard to awake, but they are fully aroused and determined now, and with one accord they say our next administration must be "Business," from start to finish. We must have our taxes carefully assessed, promptly collected, honestly expended. We must and will regard a public office as a public trust, and McMillin's administration must and shall and will be a service to all of Tennessee, an honor to himself and a credit to his party. Don't fail to help elect him next Tuesday.

WE are pleased to find in our entertainment column the announcement that the Rev. Dr. Hawthorne, of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, will deliver, in the First Baptist Church of this city next Thursday evening, his delightful lecture on "Courage and its Counterfeits." This people will have no better opportunity this season for an evening of uplifting entertainment. Dr. Hawthorne is both scholar and orator, and this is his best lecture. We not only will advise our friends to hear this lecture, but we commend the example of our Baptist friends, to the friends of other denominations. This lecture is brought here at the very popular admission price of 25 cents. Not so much to make money, as to cultivate a taste in this community for this class of entertainment; to inspire the youth with nobler ambitions; to educate those of all ages to a higher plane of thought and to enjoyment of a higher class of entertainment. If each of the several churches in this city would have one or more such lectures this winter, it would do much for the improvement of Columbia, and might result in creating such a demand as to encourage eminent professional lecturers and readers to come of their own accord. There is already more demand for such, than Columbia has the credit for. The HERALD has been discussing this subject at random for weeks, and we find much encouragement along this line. The people to a large extent are tired, not to say disgusted, with second class shows, and are beginning to crave and call for something better and higher and nobler. A meeting of one or more members from several churches to discuss this question, we believe would be productive of good.

NEXT Monday will be general round up day. If you ain't here then the band will leave you. If your Democracy is not what it once was, come here that day and get it warmed over. It is inspiring and enthusing to mix with the unterrified Democracy just on the eve of battle. They are "an honor to their country and a terror to their foes." Let the young come and learn valor from the old war horse of Democracy, Col. A. M. Looney, and let the old come once more and listen to the ring of his voice and the eloquence of his words.

UNTO the House of Carmack a child was born last Saturday morning. It is a boy, and his name is Francis Dunnington Carmack. The HERALD extends congratulations.

THE boys are shelling the woods this week, and the Democratic fires are all ablaze; and they will be kept burning and bright until after next Tuesday.

ARGUMENT CLOSED.

Chancellor Abernathy Now Has the B. & L. Cases Under Advisement.

Chancellor A. J. Abernathy arrived last Tuesday and re-convened Chancery Court.

The two cases of Moore and Cowley against the Maury County Building and Loan Association were taken up immediately, and were before the court until yesterday evening, when the argument was closed. Speeches were made by Messrs. E. H. Hatcher, H. P. Figuers and W. S. Fleming on the part of the Association, and Messrs. G. T. Hughes and W. J. Webster spoke for the complainants. Chancellor Abernathy took the case under advisement, and will render a decision in a week or two. These cases have been watched with much interest, and the Chancellor's decision will be anxiously awaited.

DR. T. D. WITHERSPOON.

Eminent Presbyterian Divine Slowly Dying at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 2.—The life of Dr. T. D. Witherspoon, the eminent Presbyterian divine, is slowly ebbing away. Late to-night he was barely alive, and the attending physicians have given up all hopes of his recovery.

He is President of the Louisville Theological Seminary, and was formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. He has been prominent in the general councils of the Southern Presbyterian Church for more than thirty years.

ACROSS THE MIGHTY DEEP.

Tennessee Boys Set Sail for Manila.

SEVEN COMPANIES EMBARK.

Company B., From Maury County, Among Them—The Remainder of the Regiment Will Begin the Perilous Journey To-Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 30.—The transport Zealandia started on its second trip to Manila to-day, carrying 28 officers and 562 men of the First Tennessee Infantry, U. S. V.

The companies which were embarked were seven, belonging to the First and Second Battalions—A, B, C, E, F, L and M. Their tents were strack this morning as soon as they were dry, and the troops for the Zealandia, accompanied by the companies who are to follow on the city of Puebla on Friday, marched to the dock through the chief streets of the city. At their head rode Brig. Gen. Miller and staff, with Col. Smith and his staff. The streets were lined with throngs of onlookers, and the good feeling and enthusiasm evinced by them would go to show that the regiment is by no means blamed for the acts of a few miscreants in it during its five months encampment in this city.

Fifty policemen could scarcely control the crowds which assembled at the dock. Women were in the majority. They surged about the gang-plank and tried to get aboard the steamer. Many of the farewells were tearful ones, and feminine sobs were not wholly lost to the ear in the bustle of embarkation.

The Red Cross Society provided refreshment for the men, of which they ate before going on board. Led by Col. Smith, the men gave three hearty cheers for the ladies of that society.

The transport got under way at 3 o'clock, and an hour later had passed through the Heads. A chorus of whistles gave her salute, and a number of yachts and tugs escorted her down the bay. The men clambered into the rigging, and as the ship sped into the distance they looked like a flock of crows perched in the topmost spars.

The city of Puebla is slated for departure next Friday, carrying the remaining five companies of the Tennessee regiment and the Nevada cavalry.

J. A. CUNNINGHAM

Announces His Candidacy for Congress in the Seventh District.

Fellow-Citizens of the Seventh Congressional District of Tennessee:

I take this method of announcing myself for Congress and presenting a platform on which I stand.

First—I am for the protection of every American citizen in life, liberty and property, with the least expense possible; hence I favor a rigid economy in the administration of the Government.

Second—I am in favor of local self-government and opposed to centralization; hence I oppose force bills, either Federal or State.

Third—I oppose trusts, combines and class legislation of every description.

Fourth—I am in favor of a tariff for revenue, but inasmuch as all revenue tariffs are protective to the extent laid, I favor a schedule that will be just and equitable to every section, as well as every class, especially the farmers, upon whom so much depends in the way of support to the Government; hence I favor a tariff on wool and such other products of the farm as will benefit the great masses of our farmers.

Fifth—As to the financial question, I favor that system of finance that keeps constantly in circulation the greatest amount of money all of the same exchangeable value. Hence I am in favor of gold, silver, greenbacks, bank notes, silver certificates, and gold certificates.

Sixth—I am opposed to bribery and corruption in elections. If offices are to be bought and elections controled by the use of money, then money rules instead of the people. Democracy is a misnomer. Oligarchy is the name—a moneyed oligarchy. Such a monster is now at our doors, with its poisonous fangs already in the flesh of our republican institutions.

Will the people rule?

This is the question of the hour, and must be met by the good people of the Seventh Congressional District.

J. A. CUNNINGHAM.

GUEST HOUSE,
J. F. GRAY, *Proprietor.*

COLUMBIA, TENN., Oct. 10, 1898.

HON. JOHN A. PITTS, Nashville.—*Dear Sir:*—I write to make enquiry about J. A. Cunningham, who is now a candidate for Congress in our District, knowing you were associated with him in business for a number of years. And we wish to know what manner of man he is.

Our people are looking for a worthy and competent man to represent them in the best District in the proudest State in the grandest Republic in the world.

Very respectfully,
[COPY] J. F. GRAY.

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NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 11, 1898.

MR. J. F. GRAY, Columbia, Tenn.—*My Dear Sir:*—Replying to your enquiry of yesterday, just received, concerning Mr. J. A. Cunningham, lately announced as a candidate for Congress in your District, I beg to say I have known Mr. Cunningham intimately for twenty-five years, about nine years of which time he was my partner in the practice of law.

I do not hesitate to say he is a first-class man and gentleman in every sense—honest and upright, able, sober, active, fearless in maintaining what he believes to be right—trustworthy in the highest degree, and independent of all sinister influences. He is a man of high order of intelligence, keeps well abreast of the times, is public-spirited, and does whatever he undertakes with indefatigable energy. He is also a thoroughly self-made man, born and reared upon a farm, and struggling through all the obstacles which farmer boys without early advantages usually encounter. His sympathies I know to be with the masses, and while I have not always agreed with him on all public questions, I have never for a moment doubted his absolute honesty and sincerely.

I know that he would be faithful to any trust that might be imposed upon him.

[COPY] JOHN A. PITTS.

STATE NEWS.

A movement is on foot to build a water works system for Lawrenceburg.

Colored circles at Chattanooga are very much stirred up over an attempt to annihilate the Rev. J. M. Harris, ex-exhorter of the St. James Baptist Church, who disrupted the congregation and with the aid of a big part of the parishoners organized a church of his own. A brother of his former congregation placed a bomb with a slow-burning fuse in the church a few minutes before the parson was expected, but he arrived there in time to discover the plot and extinguish the fuse before he was prematurely ushered into the congregation of the saints.

Memphis physicians estimate there are 6,000 cases of la grippe in that city.

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