

W. P. WALTON.

In order that voters may thoroughly understand Mr. R. C. Warren's position on the prohibition law, we will state it in as few words as possible. In the first place he is unalterably opposed to the repeal of the law by the legislature and if elected will see that it is not. It was adopted by a vote of the people and if it is ever rejected it must be by the same great power. He simply proposes to restore the people to the privileges vouchsafed by the tenets of democracy—the right of local self government, which the law in its present shape takes from them; that is to say he will amend the law so as practically to conform to the general local option enactment and permit a vote to be taken on it, say once in three or five years as the voters may desire. The law as passed is one-sided in that respect as it provided that if it failed of adoption on the first vote, it might again be submitted the next year, but after its adoption no further vote should be taken. Mr. Warren's position seems to be the true democratic one, which we believe will be endorsed by the people when they fully understand it. There is nothing to prevent a man from being a democrat and a prohibitionist at the same time and no honest man should be afraid of giving the minority a show if it is demanded. If the present law is acceptable to the majority, there need be no fear of its adoption the second time. If it is not endorsed by that majority it will surely become a dead letter on the statute book and prove a failure and a farce. The manner of dealing with the liquor question is one upon which the best of men differ and if one is honest in his belief that high license is a better remedy than prohibition, the prohibitionist should not assume to himself that he is a better temperance man than the other and denounce him as a whisky advocate. Experience has shown that dealing with the evil is a troublesome question. In our own county we are glad to testify that to some extent the prohibition law has proved a good one and we are not sure that we will not vote for it if it comes up again. Could the evil be entirely banished we are sure we would, and we believe Mr. Warren would. The point that we wish to make is that his position is not antagonistic to the prohibitionists. He only wishes to restore to the people, if they desire it, the right to change a law that in its present shape is as unalterable as that of the Medes and Persians. The question, however, is only one of local policy and ought not to cut any figure in this canvass and no democrat with prohibition proclivities or anybody else should fear a re submission to the people of a law, which they can easily readopt if it is desired. No one doubts Mr. Warren's ability, sincerity and honesty and when we have a chance to elect a man so well qualified to redeem the fair name of Lincoln county, those who owe allegiance to the democratic party, which has given the people of Kentucky the local option law, which has worked so well in localities, should rally as one man to his support. We believe that they will do so and that a triumphant election awaits Honest Dick in August.

It is with pleasure we note that Mr. R. C. Warren, of Stanford, has consented after repeated solicitations, to make the race for the legislature. The representative democrats of Lincoln met in caucus at Stanford last Monday and decided to recommend Mr. Warren to the convention and it goes without saying that he will receive the nomination, and, moreover, will be elected. The Lincoln democrats cannot place a better man than Mr. Warren in the field, and will do themselves honor by having a representative of this character.—Danville Advocate.

It makes us proud to read what our good brethren of the press are saying about that libel indictment, and also to know that several first-class lawyers think enough of us to offer their services in our defense. They all know we would not libel anybody if we knew it and that we would make reparation of an injury even to a dog, if convinced that we had wronged him.

It was exceedingly clever in Queen Victoria to send her sympathy to the Johnstown sufferers, but they may have a surfeit of this kind of thing and prefer that the old lady would be more liberal and less tender hearted.

—A life term prisoner at Montreal dropped dead from joy at Montreal on being pardoned.

—Mrs. Susan C. Pearson, member of a family noted for its longevity, died in Mercer, aged 89.

—Col. John C. Kelton succeeds Gen. Drum as adjutant general of the army, who has been retired by age.

—Secretary Blaine has secured the position of register of deeds in the District of Columbia for his brother Bob, who is now a \$1,300 clerk. The new place pays \$6,000.

—The brakemen on the Short Line division of the L. & N. struck Saturday for an increase of 25 cents a trip, but they were discharged and new men put in their places at once.

K. P. A. AT OWENSBORO.

The Most Delightful Meeting in Its History.

The meeting of the Kentucky Press Association at Owensboro, which was held Thursday and Friday last, has left an indelible impress upon the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate enough to attend, that time cannot efface. Besides the reunion of those who labor in a common calling, always delightful in itself, the visit was made unusually attractive and enjoyable by a series of entertainments prepared by the good citizens and a cordial welcome and lavish, though unostentatious hospitality, that proved how truly they are possessed of the noble attributes that have made Kentuckians famous everywhere. They literally opened their homes, their substance, their hearts and their arms to the members of the association, and received them with a cordiality that bore no mark of the spurious and assumed. We went among them strangers, most of us; we left them friends and brothers, bound by a tie that can never be broken.

Individually we had been prepared by a long and careful perusal of the two excellent dailies which flourish in the enterprising little city, to expect very much of the beauty and advantages of Owensboro, but found to our great surprise that the half had not been told. The location of the place is a charming one, stretching along the banks of the broad Ohio and surrounded by as fine a country as the most favored blue-grass section can boast. With a thrifty population of 13,000 people, all bent upon making their town great and prosperous, Owensboro is destined to eclipse her record of doubling her number of people in the last decade. The natural facilities and advantages are unsurpassed and every convenience enjoyed by the larger cities is possessed. Her system of electric lights was provided even before Louisville had them and her water works, gas works, street railways, fire department, etc., will compare favorably with those of the metropolis. During the last year alone \$400,000 were expended in improvements and this year even a greater sum will be so appropriated. There are seven banks, with an aggregate capital and surplus of over a million of dollars; five creditable school buildings (representing an outlay of \$75,000), in which 1,400 children are taught by 26 teachers, while 21 churches dot the city and point their spires to the heaven, where we are sure that all its people will go when they depart from their earthly paradise. Several railroads centre there and in addition to other lines, we can testify that Capt. W. W. Hite, of the Louisville & Evansville Packet Co., furnishes steamboat facilities that cannot be beaten.

Besides numerous other important factories and industries, there are 23 large tobacco factories, which prepare the staple crop for market, handling \$750,000 worth a year and giving employment to 1,200 hands. Another notable feature of the section is the distilleries, ten of which employ 200 men and produce \$5,500,000 worth of the finest sour mash. The Monarch Bros., whose brand has a world-wide reputation, are the largest manufacturers, and it will make our prohibition friends open their eyes when we tell them that in one warehouse alone they have 17,000 barrels of whisky ripening and mellowing into perfect qualities. It becomes "of age" in about eight years and then it is in condition to make you forget the ills of life, without the unpleasant consequences of the vile stuff, which leaves the soul harassed and imparts a dark brown taste to the mouth. The Monarchs invited the members of the association to a delightful lunch and permitted them to "sample" the product of which they are justly proud.

Another advantage not usually found in a section so well adapted to producing the staples is that coal is found in such large quantities near Owensboro that it can be had for manufacturing purposes for the cost of hauling. Five mines are in operation within three miles of the city and the coal is described as the finest bituminous in the country. But it is useless to further recount or further dilate upon what even to us was a revelation. Let him who will investigate and he will find that we have nothing exaggerated nor set down in exaggeratedness. This old pencil, driven even by the fingers of a Watterson, could not fully portray Owensboro as she is, and no words are too good to describe her whole-souled, get-up-and-go-ahead citizens to whom he honor and glory, world without end.

After being met at the depot by a large delegation of the reception committee, which seems to have been limited in numbers only by the adult population, the members of the association, their wives, their sisters and their sweethearts, and in some instances, we regret to say, by their cousins and their aunts, were driven in handsome carriages to their hotels and comfortably quartered. And right here, we hope we will be permitted to say, at any rate we will say it anyhow, that the new Radd House is a credit to any city and its proprietor, Mr. Wm. Foor, a gentleman, a scholar no doubt and a fine judge of whisky. And we say it moreover in payment of no board bill, in the past, present or future tense.

As soon as we could brush the dust from our clothes, wash out the cob-webs in our throats and partake of a good dinner, we repaired to the neat new Temple Theatre, which was beautifully decorated and festooned with flowers and vines artistically arranged. The ladies had prepared in evergreen letters the word "Welcome," which with "K. P. A." studded with quills and attached to a

pair of scissors, was stretched across the stage. After prayer by Bro. Emmett Logan, Deacon Hull, or some other pious citizen, Col. E. Polk Johnson, our distinguished president, called the body to order and in a sensible and practical speech set the ball in motion. After the venerable, beloved and honest old treasurer, Uncle Benjamin Harrison, had made his report, accompanied by his usual bit of pleasant and facetiousness, 85 newspapers, through their legitimate representatives, stepped up to the captain's, otherwise the secretary's desk and settled their dues, the largest number ever enrolled in the history of the body.

The election of officers for the ensuing year followed and resulted in the reelection of Col. Johnson for president, and election of Urey Woodson vice-president, Ben Harrison for treasurer and W. P. Walton for secretary, were each also re-elected by a unanimous vote. Col. W. M. Hull being the mover of the resolution, which got the latter into further trouble and made him resolve to lay awake o' nights till he falls upon a suitable means by which to be avenged on his persecutor. J. W. Hopper, of the Courier-Journal, was elected to deliver the next oration and T. O. Chisholm, of the Adairville Times, who is spoken of as a genius, for poet. In accepting the honor conferred on him Col. Johnson paid a deserved tribute to Urey Woodson, to whom is due more than to any other ten men, the gratifying success of the meeting, and who declined to allow his name to be used for the presidency, which he could have secured without a dissenting vote.

A letter from Col. Breckinridge Jones, secretary of the New Decatur Land and Improvement Company, inviting the association to visit the exposition in progress there, was ordered spread upon the minutes and the secretary directed to inform Col. Jones that the body, sincerely regretted its inability to accept the invitation. Thomas G. Stuart, agreeable to promise made a year ago, was on hand to invite the association to meet next time in Winchester, which he did in a clever speech, and the invitation was accepted on motion of Urey Woodson, after Mr. Stuart had explained to Emmett Logan where Winchester is and had assured Young Allison that there were no bears there. Mr. W. A. Wilgus, the hustling traveling passenger agent of the C. & O., extended an invitation of his company to take the association to Old Point next year and it was accepted by a rising vote. The question of advertising rates was presented by Green R. Keller and after discussion was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Keller, T. H. Morris and I. B. Hall.

A sensible, sound and practical paper on "The Relation of the Press to the Public Interests," was read by Money Devil Yonnie E. Allison, of the Insurance Herald. To the regret of every one who knows them James R. Richardson, of the Glasgow Times, was detained at home by the sickness of his wife and his paper was not read. W. M. Hull made an appeal for an organized effort to secure immigration to the State and his suggestions were adopted, as were also Mr. Hall's resolution to support a strong law to protect fish and game.

At night in the brilliantly illuminated theatre filled with as beautiful women and as handsome men as ever electric lights shone upon an address of welcome delivered by Hon. Reuben A. Miller, whose eulogy to the press of Kentucky was an oratorical effort that would do credit to any man. President Johnson responded in a happy vein and J. Soule Smith was introduced by Congressman Ellis to take Mr. Logan's place as orator of the occasion. His effort as usual was full of wit and wisdom and literally brought down the house. Calls were then made on Mr. Watterson for a speech, but he excused himself and promised to be heard from later.

Thursday morning's session was devoted to business when in the absence of the gentleman, Mr. Keller read the paper of Mr. J. R. Bettis, of the Little Rock, Ark., Democrat, "On Various Practical Matters." It was highly interesting and instructive to the members and on motion a rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Bettis. The gem of the papers was read by Charles M. Meacham, of the Hopkinsville Kentuckian, on "Legitimate Circulation," which abounded in solid arguments and pleasing witticisms. The paper of Samuel J. Roberts, of the Lexington Leader, on "Advertising Rates," was practical and well prepared and showed the author's knowledge of the various departments of journalism. Mr. B. B. Herbert, of the National Journalist, was introduced and explained in an interesting speech the purposes and aims of the National Editorial Association and urged upon the body to send delegates to the next meeting at Detroit, Mich., Aug. 27. A rising vote of thanks for his many useful suggestions in the newspaper business generally, was given the speaker, who was made an honorary member of the body. H. A. Sommers moved that delegates be appointed as suggested, but it was decided to refer the matter to the Executive Committee, which was appointed as follows: C. M. Grubbs, of the Winchester Democrat, J. L. Bosley, of the Sun, W. T. Havens, S. J. Roberts and George A. Lewis.

"The Journalist as a Reformer" was discussed in an able manner by that bright, courteous and modest gentleman, Edward O. Leigh, of the Paducah Standard. Mr. Logan appealed to the members to subscribe to a novel left by the late Wallace Gruelle, the fund to be for

benefit of his dependent family. He subscribed \$50 for the Times and numerous other papers \$10 each. Col. Craddock explained that his office boy had failed to write his promised poem and he was glad to excuse. The "Law of Libel" was to have been discussed by Col. R. M. Kelley, but he failed to come. E. C. Colgan's bed-bug "gets there all the same," but the colonel didn't this time and his paper on "Mountain Journalism" will be lost to the world unless he will furnish it to the secretary for publication in the minutes. The committee on the law of libel, Judge J. Guthrie, Coke, E. G. Logan and A. Y. Ford, reported a bill which will be presented to the next legislature. It embodies three sections of the Michigan law and requires actions for libel to be prosecuted in the county where the paper is published. Mr. Keller read a thoughtful paper on "Legal Advertising" and urged the appointment of a committee to secure the passage of a law, which was done.

C. M. Meacham, John D. Babbage, Homer Prince, E. O. Leigh, W. G. Overstreet, J. A. Bell, G. R. Keller and G. S. Rosser were appointed a committee on resolutions, who presented the following, which were adopted:

Resolved, that the thanks of the K. P. A. be unanimously tendered to S. R. Knott, traffic manager, and Col. C. P. Amore, G. P. A. of the L. & N. E. R. R.; Mr. J. L. Murphy, G. P. A. of the C. & O. Eastern Division; Mr. H. W. Fuller, G. P. A. of the C. & O.; Mr. W. H. Proby, G. P. A. of the N. & M. V. R. R.; Mr. E. O. McCormick, G. P. A. of the Monon Route; Mr. J. K. McCracken, G. P. A. of the L. S. L. & T. R. R.; Col. W. W. Hite, of the Louisville and Henderson Packet Company, and Mr. H. C. Gaster, of the Mammoth Cave, for the courtesies extended by their respective companies to the members of this Association.

That we tender to the citizens of Owensboro our hearty thanks for the genuine Kentucky hospitality extended to us during our stay in their beautiful and prosperous city. While it would be invidious to particularize where all were so kind, we especially desire to recognize the untiring efforts of Mr. Urey Woodson, of the Messenger, and chairman of the executive committee, for contributing so largely to the success of the meeting and the pleasure of the members.

There being no further business, the convention adjourned to meet next year at Winchester at a time to be fixed by the committee.

At night in the large armory building, the citizens spread a banquet that opened the eyes of the rural rooster and made him inwardly crow with delight. Covers were laid for 482 and every seat was occupied. After partaking of the bountiful feast and washing it down with the sherry and the champagne, Col. J. D. Powers, toast master, introduced the Hon. Henry Watterson, who in his charmingly original way responded to the toast, "The Newspapers." Gov. Buckner being prevented from attending by sickness, Mr. M. B. Bowden, of Russellville, responded to the "Commonwealth" in a very graceful manner. Sam Gaines didn't have sufficient sand in his craw to crow before such an audience and J. Soule Smith was again pressed into service and did the "Rural Roosters" very proud. The "Local Press" was eloquently and truthfully eulogized by Hon. W. T. Ellis, an orator and a gentleman every inch. Emmett G. Logan was as usual strikingly felicitious in his tribute to "Women," which was one of the best received toasts of the evening. Dr. E. R. Palmer, of Louisville, showed his powers of postprandial speech in a very appropriate response to "Our Guests" and at midnight the banqueters repaired to Miller's Hall, where those who cared to dance enjoyed that diverting sport till a late hour in a beautifully decorated room, in which a fountain covered with flowers sent out its cooling spray. All the pretty girls of Owensboro were present and in their lovely costumes formed a picture of bewildering loveliness. There are no handsomer women anywhere and certainly not so many in a place of similar size in Kentucky.

Saturday morning the editors bade a reluctant adieu to the good people of Owensboro and boarding the Tell City, at the invitation of Capt. Hite, were soon steaming down the Ohio to Evansville, Ind., where we were met by the Business Men's Association and tendered a splendid dinner at the leading hostelry, the St. George. A resolution of thanks, presented by Col. Woodson, was adopted and at 2 o'clock we took the special train, which Traffic Manager Stuart R. Knott had in waiting, and we were soon flying over the beautiful country at the rate of a mile a minute. Mr. J. H. Milikin, traveling passenger agent, was in charge and did everything that his big heart prompted for the enjoyment of his guests, who in a small measure evinced their appreciation by presenting him with a gold-headed cane. Another was presented to G. A. Park, the L. N.'s representative at Owensboro, Mr. M. B. Bowden, of Russellville, making the speech, to which both gentlemen happily responded. Short stops were made at Madisonville, Hopkinsville, Russellville and Bowling Green, where an additional number of ladies joined us, at 9:00 p. m. we were landed tired and hungry at Mammoth Cave. We were forced to come on home that night, but Ed was on hand to finish this story, if our readers, who may not appreciate it as much as we do, can stand the racket. We would like to devote the entire issue to the meeting, but we modestly forbear.

Old Bro. Hopper was in the swim with four as pretty girls as you ever saw. Jim Moran, of Mt. Vernon, saw everything in sight and enjoyed the trip hugely. The red-headed member of the Lebanon Standard team, is not as dangerous as he looks, we found out, but is a most pleasant and agreeable gentleman.

Farris Feland and A. A. Lewis, ex-Lincolinites enjoyed the program as much as any of them could.

H. E. Waddell, of the Advocate, was there; let himself loose to general enjoyment. W. B. Nichols also took it in.

J. R. Collier, of the Franklin Favorite, was the largest and Lovings Games, of the Todd County Progress, was the prettiest of the boys.

Mr. Watterson was with the boys on the whole round, "traubing his bones against their old bones," as he pleasantly expressed it in his toast. Mr. Watterson suggested that we take up a subscription to pay off the prospective fine in that Laurel indictment case and offered to "chip in" his part.

John A. Lyne, of the Henderson Journal, wasn't exactly belted, but every time a ball was seen he was in sight. Well, the man that could lounge him for hovering near that one is fit only for treason, stratagem and spoils.

Miss Grace Gaston of Indianapolis, who accompanied Mrs. Sam J. Roberts, of Lexington, bore the honors of beauty with the handsomest Kentuckians. She is a charming young lady and is as delightful socially as she is attractive in face and figure.

Mrs. Henry Watterson, Mrs. J. A. Bell, Mrs. Y. E. Allison, Mrs. W. M. Hull, Mrs. Polk Johnson, Mrs. L. B. Nall, Mrs. F. L. Vance, Mrs. H. A. Sommers, Mrs. T. H. Morris, Mrs. W. B. Moody, Mrs. G. S. Lee, Mrs. E. F. Briggs and Mrs. Geo. A. Lewis are some of the editors' wives who lent additional charms to the occasion.

E. C. Walton dispatches from Mammoth Cave that the young men of the Kentucky press had organized an association to be known as the Young Men's Editorial Association of Kentucky, with the following officers: K. E. Morningstar, president; Fletcher Marcum, vice-president; I. E. C. Walton, secretary, and Noel Glenn, treasurer.

Flinch Marcus, of the Catlettsburg Democrat, was afraid to leave his sweetheart at home, so brought her along, and now wishes he hadn't. Some other editor will contest with him for the prize he thought he had secured. He had better keep that pretty sister of his at home too, unless he wants to lose her valuable assistance in his office.

Among the lovely young ladies in attendance were Misses Maud Marcum and Williamson, Catlettsburg; Lila Bell, Georgetown; Sidney and Leahy Nall, Louisville; Maud Conroy, Shelbyville; Ruby Ridgeway, Mayfield; Mildred Watterson, Louisville; Fredie Henry, Palmouth; Miss McDonald, Frankfort, and numerous others, each of whom added her share to the general good cheer.

Urey Woodson ought to be, and doubtless is, a very happy man. Young and handsome, with a beautiful wife, a splendid newspaper property, possessing the confidence and esteem of his neighbors as well as his brothers of the quill, he is truly to be envied. With his energies and bright mental qualities, he is destined to make a big mark in his profession and leave his footprints on the sands of time.

—J. T. Harahan, of the C. & O., will probably be general manager of the Bee Line.

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