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We present to our readers and friends this week the first issue of our new, enlarged and up-to-date paper, The Montgomery Tribune.

You will find it the most up-to-date, the best equipped (everything in our office save is new and of the latest improvement) and in fact, newest paper of the county—a paper that will chronicle the doings of the people. We ask the residents of the county to support us in giving them the best county paper they have ever had.

Our office is thoroughly equipped and neither time nor money has been spared in fitting it out.

We are also in position to execute job printing of all kinds. We ask our home merchants to advertise with us.

THE TRIBUNE we are going to make an ideal county newspaper—in its columns will soon be found news from a correspondent in every town in the county and also any other places as we can obtain news from.

Republican in politics, and putting forth our principles strongly you will find us courteous and friendly to those who do not hold our political beliefs.

We are striving hard for Republican victories in Montgomery county and we appeal to every Republican in the county to encourage us by becoming a subscriber.

To those who are not Republicans we would say that our policy outside of our politics is to support what we know to be right and to denounce what we know to be wrong letting the chips fall where gravitation draws it.

We invite the energy of all our patrons to announce their meetings in our columns without cost, and we would urge upon everybody to send in the news, we will appreciate it if only a line.

Our job department [illegible] made was composed of it can do [illegible] hard steel, woven [illegible] capacity that one could [illegible] even a pin thread [illegible] and we are going to [illegible] steady employment, so by helping us you will give employment to three more people than were employed, you will get the best newspaper in the county and you make another step of advancement in Montgomery county.

We feel that it is not asking too much when we say that we want 1000 new subscribers. Who will be the first to subscribe for The Montgomery TRIBUNE?

The state constitution adopted in 1875 by both Republican and Democratic voters regulates the tax levy and not the Democratic party. This constitution provides that the state tax on property, exclusive of the necessary amount to pay the bonded debt of the state, shall not exceed 20c on the $100 valuation; and whenever the taxable property of the state amounts to $900,000,000, the rate shall not exceed 15c. The assessed valuation exceeded $900,000,000 in 1892 and the tax levy for revenue purposes has been 15c ever since.

Democratic Imperialism.

For nearly thirty years the Democratic party has been entrusted with the power to govern the people of Missouri. As to whether it has ruled wisely and well we refer the voters of Montgomery county to the article by the Hon. Ben Russell in this issue and to such other articles as we will publish.

Home rule is the foundation of Democracy. The Democratic platform declares "in favor of local self government."

Yet the Nesbit law has been rocked in the cradle of Democracy for more than a year.

The election machinery of St. Louis is in the hands of one man—the Governor. He may disfranchise any number of voters at will. How? Read!

Section 2. Such election commissioner (appointed by the Governor) shall appoint and commission one deputy election commissioner, who shall hold his office during the pleasure of said commissioners and shall be vested with all the powers and duties of the commissioners during their absence, sickness or inability to perform their duties; said deputy election commissioner shall also be the secretary of the board of election commissioners. (Nesbit law.)

The same party enacted a new police law which opened the treasury of St. Louis to a Police Board appointed by the Governor. The Municipal Assembly is compelled to make such appropriation this board may demand.

Now is it reasonable to suppose that fair minded, reasonable people will sanction such unjust legislation by voting to continue the same men in office? Nay not so, the spirit of right must and will prevail.

It is safe to say that the Democratic platform and the Democratic state auditor conflict. The platform says that the state debt is $2,637,000 while the auditor publishes officially that it is $7,240,831.

SOME OF OUR CANDIDATES.

CHARLES E. STEWART.

Charles E. Stewart, Republican nominee for Representative was born in Indiana, in 1848 and came to this state with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stewart in 1857. He has resided in this county a little over 40 years. He worked on the farm until he was 16 years of age, attended the public schools in the winter. He also took the high school course at Danville, in 1868. He served one year as deputy sheriff and collector under J. A. McNieley. In 1870-71, he was committee clerk in the Missouri Legislature, serving the committee on Federal Relations of which Col. L. A. Thompson was chairman.

After returning from the legislature Mr. Stewart engaged in trade at New Florence [illegible] of the firm of Stewart & [illegible] grain and feed merchants. [illegible] Katie, daughter of A. C. [illegible] and has five children living.

He has always been a consistent Republican, believing that the principles of that party were the best for our common country. He is opposed to making laws to favor or protect trusts or monopolies. He favors a road law that will give the county good roads.

If elected, Charles E. Stewart will work for the interests of the whole county.

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A. W. LAFFERTY.

A. W. Lafferty, the republican nominee for Prosecuting Attourney, was born in Audraine county, Mo., June 16, 1877, but was raised in Pike county on a farm. Early in life Mr. Lafferty became imbued with an ambition to become a lawyer. He remembers having accompanied his father several miles to attend a trial before a justice of the peace when he was 13 years of age. It was a disturbance of the peace, or assault, case, but did not come to trial as a dismissal was entered against the two defendants. P. H. Cullen then of Vandalia, but now of Mexico, was present representing the defendants. At the May term of circuit court 1899 in this county Mr Cullen and Mr. Lafferty were associated together as counsel for the defense in the case of state against George Williams who was charged with murder. Mr. Lafferty when 17 years of age took the initiative in the organization of what was perhaps the first debating society organized in his school district and was an active participant in its exercises. He commenced reading law at home, and in '95 entered the law department of the Missouri State University, taking a special course for one year. In June '96 he was admitted to the Bar on examination before the supreme court of the state. He soon there after located in Montgomery City where he has since practiced. Mr. Lafferty did not receive a diploma while at the university as he only took a special course for one year, but being determined to secure a diploma from that institution if possible, he succeeded in being reconstituted after graduation by reading up in his office and attending the examination in two subjects in the Law Department of the University last year and he duly received his diploma June 7th, 1899.

Mr. Lafferty is a young man of splendid character and has a good record as a lawyer. He has demonstrated his ability as an attorney in the trial of both civil and criminal cases. He has defended a large number of criminal cases and the experience he has acquired in this line will be of great benefit to him if elected to the office he seeks. He is making a clean hustling campaign and is certainly deserving of success. If elected it is safe to predict that he will make one of the best Prosecuting Attorneys Montgomery County has ever had.

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JAMES K. RODGERS.

Every man that pays a tax in this county is entitled to know that it is correctly turned in and properly credited. He is further entitled to know that the Collector of the revenue is absolutely impartial with all tax-payers when in the charge of official duties. The candidate who measures up to these requirements is entitled to the careful consideration of every voter in the county. These being well recognized truths, they should have full weight in determining how the citizen should vote.

James K. Rodgers, republican nominee for collector, meets, in the fullest measure, those fundamental requirements. A plain, honest, enterprising farmer nearly all his life, he believes in being honest with his neighbor as with himself. For the last 36 years, barring a short period spent in the gold mines of Colorado from 1868 to 1871, Mr. Rodgers has lived in Liberty Township. Parker Rodgers, father of James K., came to this county in 1854. James K. Rodgers is well and favorably known by many of our people. He was educated in our public schools and is a careful man in all matters of business.

In 1878 Mr. Rodgers married Miss Lizzie Hall, daughter of Ben Hall, of near New Florence and sister of Judge R. Hall, of near Belleflower. Mr. Rodgers home is two and one half miles south of Montgomery City and we feel safe in saying that there are few better kept farms in this section of the state than his. The good judgment and industry of himself and wife can be seen on every hand. Cleanliness and neatness are in evidence all around the premises.

James K. Rodgers has never held a political office. In 1892 he was the republican nominee for collector but that was a Cleveland year and the democratic nominee, R. W. Hopkins, was elected. As this is a McKinley year, Mr. Rodgers many friends are very earnest in their assurances that the Ides of November will make him our next Collector. And in the event of his election, the people of Montgomery county will have no occasion for regret, for we believe that Mr. Rodgers will make an efficient, honest and reliable public servant who will discharge every duty incumbent upon him without fear or favor.

D. D. BAKER.

The man who fill the office of county treasurer should possess a reputation for unquestioned honesty. Not only should he be honest, but he should be well qualified so that no mistake can possibly occur in keeping the finance of the county correct. The Republican convention had these things in view when it named for Treasurer, D. D. Baker, of Danville, to fill that important place.

Mr. Baker comes of a pioneer family in this county. His father S. M. Baker was born in this county in 1818, and D. D. was born on the place where he now lives, near Danville in 1854. He has been engaged in farming all his life except a few years, when he was in the milling business. For the past few years besides farming, Mr. Baker has been engaged in raising thoroughbred stock, such as Registered Poland China hogs and Schropshire sheep.

Mr. Baker's republicanism is unquestioned, though not offensive, as he numbers among his warm personal friends some of the best democrats in the county. Mr. Baker, though not college bred possesses a good practical education. He belongs to a family of teachers, having three sisters who now hold positions in the St. Louis schools and one, Miss Jennie Baker, who holds a position [illegible] Methodist church being a member [illegible] the position [illegible] of the bakery [illegible] election at Danville. This is the first time he has ever asked for a political office, and if elected he will make one of the best and most trustworthy treasurers this county has ever had. We believe that the voters of this county will elect Mr. Baker in November.

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DR. G. W. STEPHENS.

Dr. G. W. Stephens, Republican candidate for Coroner is a native of Ohio, and came to Missouri in 1882. He first settled in High Hill where he began the practice of medicine and after living there one year located in Montgomery City, where he has since resided. Dr. Stephens is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, St. Louis, Mo., and now enjoys a large and increasing pratice.

This is the first time Dr. Stephens has ever run for office, and if elected, we feel certain that he will make a most worthy coroner and will do his duty faithfully and well.

Personal Mention.

We are glad to say the large crowds attending the Street Fair, also the good weather. Among those following from the surrounding country were Meyers and Middletown; E. T. Jones, wife, W. H. Gooch, John W. Jones, Chris Pearson, Dougan, J. T. Hunt, Jas. Mr. Ston, R. A. Pew, Berry, Joe Emerson, Mrs. Sam Hanaupin and wife, R. Pew, Milt May and family, Morgan and wife, Tom Jones family, D. Wagoner and wife, and Gunnock, Rex Meyers, Mr. and family, George W. family. Mrs. Langtry C. and Henry Kamp and [illegible]; James and [illegible] Hamp Looker, Geo. and Mr. Oversmith of Jasper Grigg of Prices [illegible] Romans of Martins-C. Hupe, John Schowen-[illegible] family, Ernest Schowter and family, Wm. Oliver [illegible]ly, Ed Oliver and family, [illegible] and family, Edgar Scan-[illegible] family, Jas. Dunham and [illegible], Milton Dyke and family, Chas. Shelton and family, Isaac Gardner and family, J. W. Perkins of Belleflower; George Gregory, Misses Coen of Mineola; Dave Baker, Doug Baker and wife and T. B. Clare and family and C. S. Elliott of Danville; G. C. Copeland and wife and C. Menz of Wellsville; J. Nebel, of High Hill; Thos. Davis of Naw Florence; Judge Liehte of Americus; A. H. Ninmeyer and Jas. Ramsey and family of Jonesburg; Hon. George Morsey U. S. District Attorney; Leslie Blades of Mineola.

During the Street Fair the W. C. T. U. was comfortably enseconced in the front of G. E. Johnson's store. The decorations consisted of white drapery, flowers and pictures.

The National Motto *In God, Home and Every Land* displayed showing that this Organization is far reaching in its works and influence.

There was also in large letters in a conspicuous place the word Welcome, and many tired and weary ones found rest in this pleasant retreat.

Thursday night the W. C. T. U. entertainment at the Court House was a success in every particular being instructive, entertaining and profitable.

The Montgomery Brass Band furnished part of the music which was highly appriciated. Miss Julia Ferguson gave a recitation "Flee for your Life" which is a timely warning against the use of intoxicants. Miss Lillian Evered rendered "A Terrible Charge" which fully explained who is guilty, as regard to the liquor traffic. These two young ladies rank well and brought in full the special features of their selections.

Elder Carr discussed The Sin of Liquor Selling and How to End it, Rev. Caldwell and Prof. Higgins also brought out fine thoughts on the temperance issue of the day.

Miss Nellie Scanland, of Mineola in a pleasing manner rendered two choice selections. The first a parlor piece "The Cost of Liquor" which was received with [illegible] applause. The second a humorous selection "Painting the Baby" the audience showing appreciation by explosions of mirth.

Pete Winsor, of Fulton, was the guest of friends here last week.