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TO THE VOTERS.

Read And Consider.

Canton, Miss., April 15, 1907.
MR. EDITOR:—

We all know that when money is scarce, land decreases in value. That when money is plentiful, land INCREASES in value.

The borrower of money also knows that the rate of interest is HIGH, when money is scarce, and that it is LOW when money circulates freely.

Twenty-five years ago the lands in Madison County were selling for: from 75c to \$5.00 per acre. Now the same land will sell for: from \$5.00 to \$30.00 per acre.

THEN money was loaned at 18 per cent to 30 per cent per annum in Madison County. Now money is loaned at from 6 to 10 per annum.

THEN, money was borrowed from commission houses in New Orleans and elsewhere, for there were no banks in Canton and but few of the people had any money to lend.

Now nearly all of the money loaned in Madison County is owned by the people of this county.

So during this period, we have seen the values of land increase over five hundred per cent and the rate of interest has been decreased from 30 to 6 per cent and the people have been thus benefitted. From what SOURCE have the people derived this benefit? THEN there are many saloons in the State of Mississippi and the life of each saloon THEN was dependent upon local support.

Now Madison County is the only one on the I. C. R. R. that licenses the saloon and the local traffic would not support one saloon.

The saloons in Canton, are supported by the money sent here by the people who live in other portions of the state and have been thus supported for more than 20 years. The annual profit to Madison County, from the sale of liquors to the people who do not live in Madison County, has been not less than fifty thousand dollars or in 20 years, one million of dollars.

The one million of dollars was made at first by the people who sold the liquor, and if they had buried it, the people would not have been benefitted. But they did not bury it. They began to buy land and build houses and the price of land and labor went up. They loaned this money for interest, and there being so much of it, the rate of interest went down. They paid out this money for rent, clerks hire and porters. The laborer, land owner and borrower, were all in this way made the richer.

The present annual profit from the sale of liquors in Madison county is not less than one hundred thousand dollars and in ten years will be one million dollars, nearly all of which will come from the dry counties of the State and not from Madison county.

Now if this county votes against the sale on April 27th, this source of revenue will be entirely cut off. If Madison goes dry not only will these people order their liquor from Memphis and New Orleans, but the people of Madison will do likewise, and this immense revenue will go out of the state to stay instead of coming to Madison county to stay and do good to her people.

Money will become scarce of course; there will be less to lend and therefore the rate of interest will go higher.

There will not be as much demand for land and its value will go down. So the people will be the direct sufferers by voting for Prohibition.

The leaders of THAT side in Canton are all new men to the county. Most of them have within the last 10 years moved to Madison county from DRY counties.

Why did they leave these dry counties to come to a wet county, if not to better their condition financially and morally?

I believe that a majority of said leaders will be candidates for office this year if the county goes dry, which leads me to say, that the present Prohi campaign is PURELY POLITICAL.

You might say that some of them

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think that it is a moral question; but how can a moral question be involved, when all of them KNOW that Prohibition does NOT PROHIBIT. Only two days ago in Jackson, Miss., six wagon loads of liquor were found in 1 blind tiger.

Don't they know, if the licensed saloons, which pay thousands of dollars into the school fund, are voted out that the blind tigers which pay no license, will take their places? Don't they know that if this county votes dry on the 27th, that thousands of blind tigers will open throughout the county and that the negroes who drink will get just as much liquor as they do now and have it closer to them?

If a negro now gets drunk and abuses his team, don't you know that he will get drunker on blind tiger liquor and do still more damage?

It is a rare thing, to see a drunken man on the streets of Canton, but mark my prediction, if the county goes dry, you will see more drunkenness in Canton on blind tiger liquor than you ever saw before. Do not be deceived by the man who does not think.

If the people will stop and think, they will see that the present campaign is POLITICAL and NOT moral, and that a majority of the leaders are or will be candidates for office, and that while we democrats were formerly opposed by the republican party, we will from now on in Madison county, be opposed by the Prohibition Political Party. I am still and will always be a DEMOCRAT.

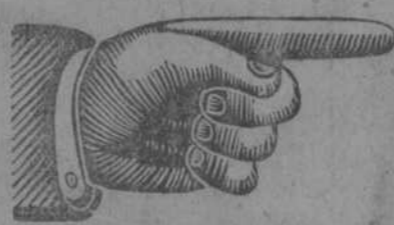
Hon. Allen Thompson

Announces as Candidate For District Attorney.

Hon. Allen Thompson a prominent and popular young attorney of Jackson, announces his candidacy for District Attorney for this District in this issue. Mr. Thompson was in Canton Tuesday and made quite a favorable impression on the citizens of this city. He is a highly cultured, polished young man, and there is no reason of doubt but he will receive a warm support in Madison County. Commenting on his candidacy the Jackson Evening News says:

"The News today contains the formal announcement of Mr. Allen Thompson, of the Jackson bar, as candidate for district attorney of the Seventh judicial district to succeed Hon. J. B. Greaves, the present incumbent, who announced a few days since that he would not offer for re-election.

"The candidacy of this splendid young gentleman will meet with cordial public approval. Among the members of the local bar who have been mentioned as probable aspirants for this office, he stands head and shoulders above them all in mental and moral equipment for the place.



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is the Picket's increased circulation.

It is gratifying to mention, that in addition to our already large and growing circulation, we are compelled to add five hundred and fifty more papers to our list this week. The Weekly Picket feels a just pride in the popular demand which makes this increase necessary, and fully appreciates the confidence the people of Madison county have in the paper. Not only does the management benefit by this unprecedented growth, but our advertisers can rest assured that the circulation of the Picket covers Madison county like the dew, and as a result it is read by the purchasing public, the profitable class to reach.

To bear out this assertion, our subscription books are open to the public for inspection—does any other paper published in the county offer such inducements to its advertiser?

"Mr. Thompson is a native of Mississippi, born in Copiah county but the greater portion of his boyhood and young manhood has been spent in Jackson. He is an honor graduate of Millsaps College, law and literary departments, and was awarded the debate medal at the commencement of 1902. He has been practicing law in Jackson for several years and enjoys a high standing and a lucrative practice in his chosen profession.

At the city primary last summer Mr. Thompson was elected police judge of Jackson by a good majority over a popular opponent, and prior to that time had capably discharged the duties of city prosecutor. He was united in marriage in 1902 to Miss Mattie Cavett, daughter of a prominent family, and is a gentleman of sterling integrity, uprightness and moral worth, enjoying the respect and esteem of all within his circle of acquaintance. He has a host of friends throughout the district who will give him loyal and unwavering support."

In making his formal announcement Mr. Thompson issues the following address to the voters of the district:

CARD TO VOTERS.

"To the voters of Hinds, Copiah, Yazoo and Madison counties, constituting the 7th Judicial District of Mississippi:

"In announcing myself as a candidate for district attorney of this, the 7th district of Mississippi, I am not unmindful of the fact that your next district attorney, whoever he may be, will take the place of not only one of the best men, but one of the best district attorneys Mississippi ever had, and you will not have the opportunity of voting for a man in this race the equal of the Hon. J. B. Greaves, who has so faithfully and ably discharged the duties of that office for the past 12 years; but that you will no doubt have to

select a young man as your next district attorney, and one whose experience has been limited as compared with that of Mr. Greaves

"As a candidate for this important position I earnestly and unhesitatingly refer you to my record as a private citizen, and an attorney, as city prosecuting attorney for two years and at present police justice of the city of Jackson, your own capital city.

"It is but a short time now before the August primary, and it will be an utter impossibility for me to meet every voter in the district, and I take this method of putting myself before you as a candidate. I shall, however, make as active a campaign as possible, and hope to meet most of you between now and August.

"If my record as a private citizen, as an advocate of the law, and as a public officer commends itself to you, I shall be grateful for any consideration you may show me in support of my candidacy.

"I promise you if elected that my one aim will be to give you a clean, honest, conscientious and fearless administration.

"Respectfully,
"ALLEN THOMPSON."
Jackson, Miss., April 6, 07.

HON. CHAS. SCOTT

SPEAKS TO A LARGE AUDIENCE.

A large audience assembled at the court house Tuesday night, called out by the announcement that Hon. Charles Scott, candidate for Governor, would address his fellow citizens, and all were highly entertained by the words of wisdom that poured from the lips of this scholarly man—the man of the hour in Mississippi, and the people's favorite for Governor.

Notwithstanding the heavy down pour of rain on the outside, the court room was crowded almost beyond its seating capacity. It was quite a compliment to Mr. Scott that a number of ladies braved the elements and came out to hear him.

Hon. H. B. Greaves introduced the speaker in a most complimentary and pleasing manner.

Mr. Scott commenced by thanking Mr. Greaves for his kind words, and especially thanked the ladies for honoring the occasion with their presence. He then entered into the discussion of the issues which he considered important in the campaign.

Mr. Scott was in his finest form, and made a happy and lasting impression on his audience.

Hon. J. G. Spencer, candidate for Railroad Commissioner, and Mr. George R. Edwards, candidate for State Treasurer, were present and made brief talks.

TO SPEAK IN CANTON.

HON. JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS WILL BE HERE APRIL 30.

Hon. John Sharp Williams will speak here April 30, at 8 p. m., at the Opera House in the interest of his candidacy for the United States Senate. Mr. Williams' friends are legion in Madison county, and he will be given a very enthusiastic reception.

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Editor Picket

Announcements.

We are authorized to announce the following for county offices, subject to the action of the Democratic party:

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