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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Our prices for announcing candidates are: For Congress, fifteen dollars, in advance; for State offices, ten dollars; for county offices, five dollars.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

The following are the Democratic nominees, selected by primary election March 8, 1890, for the county offices of Benton County, and they should receive the support of all true Democrats at the polls on the 7th day of August, 1890:

For County Judge:

B. C. SCRUGGS.

For County Clerk:

W. A. STEELE, JR.

For Circuit Clerk:

A. R. BROOKS.

For Trustee:

W. J. BARNES.

For Sheriff:

E. G. FLOWERS.

For Registrar:

J. T. BOWLES.

County Democratic Convention.

A county Democratic mass-meeting is called to meet at the court house, in Camden, at 12 o'clock m., the first Monday in May next, to select delegates to the gubernatorial convention to be held in Nashville July 15th, to select a County Executive Committee, and transact such other business that may come before it.

J. M. LASHLEE,
Chairman.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1890.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

To Subscribers of the "Benton County Enterprise."

WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH MR. A. C. MORAIE TO HAVE US FILL OUT THE "ENTERPRISE" SUBSCRIPTION LIST, AND WRITE THE PUBLISHER OF THAT PAPER, AT MCKENZIE, ASKING HIM TO SEND US THE LIST, LAST MONDAY, APRIL 28, BUT HE HAS FAILED TO REPLY AS YET, AND AS HE HAS HERETOFORE REFUSED TO ALLOW US TO HAVE THE LIST WE SUPPOSE HIS INTENTION IS TO NOT ALLOW US TO HAVE IT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS BEING THE CASE, WE ARE NOW AUTHORIZED BY MR. MORAIE TO REQUEST ALL PARTIES WHO ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE MCKENZIE PAPER TO CALL ON HIM AT CAMDEN, OR ADDRESS HIM BY MAIL, AND HE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH US TO FILL OUT THEIR UNEXPIRED TIME.

Democrats, Organize!

We desire to impress upon the mind of every true Democrat in the county the importance of good, solid and secure organization. It is true we are largely in the majority, but as the Republican party is always well organized and on the look-out for advantages, we must continue our vigilance, and to do so effectively thorough organization is necessary. The Republican leaders in the county receive instructions from head-quarters and issue orders to their underlings, who walk up without question or murmur, and do their leaders' bidding. Such an enemy is always dangerous. We want every Democrat to read and become well informed and be a leader within himself. Organize a club in every neighborhood; meet once a week, and have a love-feast once a month; and all pull together for the good of the party and country. Remember, eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

Our Candidate for Governor.

The Hon. JOHN M. TAYLOR is a true-blue Democrat, and has served his party and his country in several posts of honor and trust, and has made a record that no patriot should be ashamed of. As a soldier in the late war, he was brave and true, and he bears the scars of bullets received at the hands of the enemy; as an attorney-general he was faithful to his duties; as Congressman he served his constituents and his country nobly. He is a gentleman of ability and culture. No man in Tennessee would make a better or more faithful governor. As this county is unanimously in his favor for governor, the convention next Monday ought to, and doubtless will, instruct its delegates to the State convention to give him the solid vote of Benton County. He well deserves all that Benton County can do for him in securing his nomination, and its united support in electing him.

Will be Held Accountable.

The leaders of the Republican party in Congress are treading on dangerous ground when they propose taking from the States their right to control the election of Congressmen. From the foundation of the Government the States have enjoyed the right to control their elections, and it is setting a bad precedent to take that right away from them. It is another step toward centralization, and should be resisted to the last extremity. The Republicans have a double purpose in view in passing a law giving the Federal Government the right to control the election of federal officers in the States. It is but another deep insult to the South and the southern people. And the Republican party hopes to perpetuate its itself in the control of the Government. It wants to make the negro the controlling element in the South. It believes that the negro will forever remain the dupe of the Republican party and thereby keep it in power. That may be true, but when trouble grows out of the enforcement of such a law, the Republican party will be responsible for it, and the country will hold it strictly to account.

The Tariff and the Farmer.

The farmer and common laborer usually are so busy they have but little time to devote to the study of politics, nor do they seem to take much interest in government affairs, except in a brief way during a heated political canvass. They are honest themselves, and believe everybody else to be so. But long continued oppression is arousing them to a sense of danger of no common kind. They are beginning to see that the real aim and intentions of the Republican party is to make them the serfs of the money kings, and tie their hands up in a way that they can never hope to become free men again. They are beginning to see that a tariff is a tax. They see that a high tariff gives the manufacturer high prices for his wares, and makes the laborer pay high prices for the necessaries of life. They see that monied men have every protection in their money-making, while the poor farmer and laborer has no protection at all. And the time is at hand when they can not be led astray by Republican blarney. Being in a large majority of the voting population, they have the power to have things their own way, if they do not wait until the chains of serfdom are riveted on them. They are becoming alarmed and are being aroused to action. And when thoroughly awakened to their real and impending dangers, and become thoroughly organized and determined to do for themselves, some thing will drop—a power and vengeance that

will forever wipe out the Republican party.

The Democratic party is the only true friend to the farmer and the laboring classes, and no argument to the contrary can set aside that fact or the fact that the Republican party is only and really the friend of manufacturers, monopolies, trusts, and the money kings. It is only through the Democratic party that the farmers and laboring classes can hope to regain and secure their rights, and they are beginning to realize it, and act upon that idea, as the result of late elections in several of the States go to show. May the good work continue.

County Democratic Convention.

The County Democratic Convention will assemble at the court-house next Monday.

It is an important convention, and every Democrat in the county should attend. Delegates to the State Democratic Convention, to be held at Nashville, July 15, to nominate a candidate for governor, are to be selected. None but good, true Democrats should be selected. They should be men who are willing to make personal sacrifices for the good of their party and their country. They should be representatives of every class, business, and avocation. The governor of a State is a high and responsible office, and should be of first-class intelligence and statesmanship. The Democratic party is rich in good gubernatorial material, but the best of the best alone should be chosen, as the present political condition of the country demands. Therefore, the delegates appointed to choose the standard-bearer of the Democracy for governor should be intelligent and of unquestioned fealty to the party.

And the selection of a county executive committee is a very important matter. Such committees should not only be composed of intelligent and true Democrats, but should be men who will work constantly and faithfully for their party's success. They should be men in whom the people have the utmost confidence, and who are willing to make personal sacrifices for the good of their party.

We hope and insist that every Democrat in the county who is able to come to town, will be present and participate in the business of the convention next Monday.

We are Broad-Gauged!

THE CHRONICLE, a new paper, is expected to make its appearance this week, published by Travis Brothers. We suppose it will be Democratic and run in the interest of Gus, Enloe the man who beat John M. Taylor out of a third term to Congress, and who now wants a third term himself.

For the benefit of the correspondent who wrote the above as a "Camden Dot" to the Weekly Enterprise, published at McKenzie, we will say, THE CHRONICLE is going to be run on broad-gauged principles, and not in the interest of one man.

The Poll Tax Law.

The following is the act passed by the legislature making the payment of poll tax a necessary requirement to cast a vote:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Tennessee, that every person in this State, who is otherwise a qualified voter under the Constitution and laws, shall, as a condition precedent to the exercise of voting, furnish to the judges of election satisfactory evidence that he has paid the poll tax, if any assessed against him, for the year preceding the election, without which his vote shall not be received.

Provided, If any voter has been wrongfully assessed for such poll tax this act shall not apply to him.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted that this law take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the State requiring it.

"SPEAK-EASY" is the new slang name for a saloon that sells intoxicating drinks against the law and without license.

THE Tennessee Press Association meets at Bristol July 23.

THE Democratic convention of Chester County instructed its delegates to the State convention for Hon. JOHN M. TAYLOR.

JOSEPH PULITZER, JOHN A. COCKRELL, JULIUS CHAMBERS, and JAMES E. GRAHAM, of the New York World, have been indicted for criminal libel of ex-judge HENRY HILTON, of New York.

WE venture the remark that Senator QUAY will retire from the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee, although the Republicans assert he has no intention of doing so. He will hardly survive the exposures made of his record.

It is amusing to hear Republicans curse the civil service law. It is their own baby, and why should they abuse it? The Republican party enfranchised the negro, and now they are swearing about that, too. Can not the party be satisfied with its own work?

MONDAY one hundred and ninety-five witnesses were examined before the Congressional committee at Little Rock, Ark., in the Clayton-Breckinridge case. All but three were colored voters, and all said they voted for Clayton. We will give our readers the result of the investigation when the committee makes its report.

KEMMLER, a condemned murderer in New York, who was to have suffered the extreme penalty of the law this week, escaped execution under a habeas corpus. As Kemmler was to have been executed by electricity, the new mode of executing criminals in New York by act of the legislature, and being the first one condemned to die by electricity, had excited a general interest and curiosity over the entire country. The time of his execution is now indefinitely postponed.

COL. JOSIAH PATTERSON, one of the aspirants for gubernatorial honors, has spent two weeks making speeches in East Tennessee. The Colonel is convincing the farmers and Alliance men that they have no better friend than the Democratic party, and that they must look to that party for relief and protection; that it is impossible to gain their best interests except through the Democratic party. He has made the matter so plain that the farmers and Alliance men are being convinced he is right in that respect.

THE House has passed a service pension bill that will add \$50,000,000 more to the pension rolls and that much out of the pockets of the people in the way of taxes. It will be remembered that several millions of dollars was recently asked for to make up a deficiency for the pension rolls for the present fiscal year. At the present rate of increasing and widening pensions it will be but a few years until the Government will be unable to meet the demands in the way of pensions. It is a serious question with us how long the tax-payers of the country will stand this flood-tide of pensions any way.

SEVERAL big strikes are on hand in some of the northern States. The demand is for eight hours as a day's work. Thirty thousand strikers were in line yesterday in Chicago, and at New York twenty thousand. These demonstrations are of frequent occurrence in the North but seldom take place in the South. Something must be rotten in the northern management of labor, else laborers would not so frequently be compelled to resort to strikes to compel justice to be done them. Labor in the South is on a better basis of justice than in the North, and hence there are but few strikes south of the Ohio River.

TENNESSEE NEWS.

Sheriff Jones of Marshall County has a pig with five feet.

The new city hospital at Nashville was opened to the public last week.

South Pittsburg is preparing for unusual activity in real estate during next month.

Brownsville has four negro prisoners charged with murder, confined within her jail.

Buffalo gnats are giving the people near the bottoms in Obion County considerable trouble.

Dyersburg has a new \$10,000 church. It was dedicated last Sunday by Doctor Harris, of Memphis.

W. M. Moss has been confirmed as postmaster at Jackson, and was to have taken charge of the office yesterday.

The Nashville Tribune, a new weekly paper to be run by negroes in the interest of their race, has been chartered.

Stone for the United States Arsenal at Columbia is being rapidly shipped from Lynnville by contractor Rainey.

The farmers of Obion County are further behind with their crops than for many seasons. Not over one-fourth the crops are planted.

Spotted fever has again broken out in the Pleasant Hill neighborhood in Sumner County. It baffles the skill of physicians, and is very fatal.

The spring races are in progress at West Side Park, Nashville, this week. Some fine horses have appeared on this course at its present meeting.

The store of Wagstaff Brothers & Co., of Lynnville, was relieved of some clothing Monday by two negroes who were soon captured and jailed.

It has been disclosed by the Nashville dailies that "trust" prisoners confined in the penitentiary at the place were being allowed to roam the city's streets at will after night-fall.

A little pine box containing what was supposed to be the remains of an infant was unearthed in Sulphur Springs bottom, Nashville, Wednesday. The remains were so decomposed that identification was impossible.

Connors, one of the men who robbed the Jackson post-office in January of last year, and afterwards killed his "pal" in New Orleans, was tried in the federal court at Jackson Monday and found guilty of the robbery.

Three companies of the Second Regiment of National State Guards have been found deficient and will be mustered out of service. The First and Third Regiments will be inspected and the new regulations of the National Guard issued.

A reward of \$250 has been offered for the apprehension of John E. Thompson, a defaulter to Howe & Parker, of Nashville, in the sum of \$6,000. Thompson is a young man and had fine prospects, but fast living soon sent him into irretrievable disgrace.

Mrs Lizzie Ackerman shot and killed her husband, Jake Ackerman, in the criminal court room in Memphis last Wednesday morning. Ackerman was a notorious rascal, and was on trial for beating his wife when shot by her. He died in an hour after being shot. Mrs. Ackerman is in jail.

Watchman Amiss of the Mobile and Ohio railroad shops, at Jackson, had \$150 stolen from him by his room-mate, Walter Tacker, Saturday night. Tacker is a young man, and so together with being in some way, promising to was the incident next Christmas. The of this shrouded in mystery.