

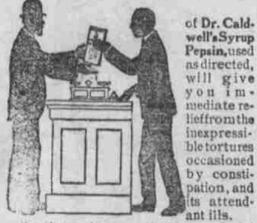
THE COMET.

Twenty-second Year.

JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1905.

Whole Number 1110

One Bottle



of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, used as directed, will give you immediate relief from the inexpressible tortures occasioned by constipation, and its attendant ills.

Continue the use of this wonderful remedy for a time. It will soon set your system right, when an occasional dose of it will keep your internal organism in the very pink of condition.

Well inside, you're well all over. **Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin** (Laxative) is the best preparation obtainable for all the many ills and ailments arising from overworked or disordered digestive organs.

It acts quickly and surely on the cause of the trouble and its beneficial effects are instantly perceptible. It will cure the most obstinate cases. Dr. Caldwell's Laxative Syrup Pepsin can be obtained in both dollar and half-dollar sizes from all druggists.

Your money will be refunded if it does not benefit you. Your postal card request will bring by return mail our new booklet, "Dr. Caldwell's Book of Wonders" and free sample to those who have never used this wonderful remedy. Write today.

PEPSIN SYRUP CO.
Monticello, Illinois
Sold by H. C. Miller and City Drug Company.
THAD. A. COX,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND
SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY
Special attention to abstracts and titles.
Rooms 6 and 7, Harr-Burrow Building
J. Kirkpatrick, S. C. Williams, J. H. Bowman
Kirkpatrick, Williams & Bowman,
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW AND
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY
Johnson City, Tennessee.
S. B. MILLER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
and Solicitor in Chancery,
JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE
Special attention to Collections.
DR. G. A. McCLAIN,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.
Office—Brown building.
Hours: 7:30 to 11:30 a. m.
1:30 to 4:30 p. m.
'Phones: Office 248.
Residence 266.

R. S. Miller, Jr., M. D. W. J. Miller, M. D.
DRS. MILLER,
Physicians and Surgeons.
Office—Rooms 5 and 6 Opera House Building.
Hours: 9 a. m. to 12:15 p. m., 6:15 p. m. to 8 p. m.
Dr. R. S. Miller's residence—King street.
Dr. W. J. Miller's residence—Wainwright avenue near Ross street.

D. A. VINES,
Attorney-at-Law,
JOHNSON CITY, - TENNESSEE.
Practices in all the Courts of Tennessee.

City Barber Shop.
Run by first-class white workmen. We want and are trying to elevate the Barber Profession in Johnson City. Come and see us.
Patronize your own Color
and help those that are deserving of your patronage.
Yours respectfully,
Russell & Hamisch, Props.
Corner Main and Buffalo Streets.

CHAS. LONGLEY
FASHIONABLE
BARBER AND HAIRDRESSER
Polite and satisfactory service accorded to all patrons. Next door to Piedmont Hotel. Full line choice brands of Clippers.

"ALLRIGHT" BARBERSHOP
LOCATED IN THE CITY HOTEL
HOT AND COLD BATHS
CLEAN TOWELS FOR CUSTOMERS
MESSAGE A SPECIALTY
Yours to serve **J. A. ANKROM**

Central Barber Shop
Located in W. O. Phillips' new building, three doors south of water tank, and fronting Southern Ry. Ladies and children waited on at shop or residence.
Massage a Specialty.
Nat Hyder, Proprietor.

That Tinwork
I have purchased the interest of R. L. Mann in the late firm of Pierce & Mann, and will conduct the business alone. I am prepared to do all kinds of tinwork, roofing, guttering and repairing, upon short notice. Will make interesting figures on Warm Air Heating for any building. ALL WORK GUARANTEED.
Jno. F. Pierce
240 Main Street.

GEN. PATTERSON

Makes Opening Speech of the Gubernatorial Race.

DEFINES HIS POSITION ON MATTERS OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

Gov. Cox's Record on Temperance and Other Issues and as State Revenue Agent Caustically Criticized.

Nashville American.

(Continued from last week.)

This is the method which Gov. Cox and his friends serve notice that he intends to employ to foist upon the party a candidate for Governor.

What will be his position next summer, when, if he is nominated, a Republican will oppose him and challenge him to defend his record and the principles of his party? If he will not discuss questions before the people now, he cannot discuss them then.

All other candidates, save Governor Cox, have found time to go before the people. Does he refuse because of an overweening desire to serve the people, or because he dare not go?

The fact is, and the people of Tennessee shall know it, that Gov. Cox is afraid to face them. My personal request for time to canvass the State is of small moment to the principle involved by a denial.

The wrong is to the people who love fair play and despise petty advantages. As a Democratic candidate, I ask only for justice.

I am poor, and have no money to spend corruptly, and would not if I had. I own no stock in any corporation. My sole inheritance has been an honorable name.

I have no newspaper to do my bidding and the only way I know, or have ever known to make a canvass, is to meet the people and discuss the issues with them.

The opportunity to do this is my right as a Democrat, and the right of the people, who are the source of all power.

In asking it for myself, I am asking it for them.

MACHINE CHARGE.

Notice has been served that I intend to denounce the methods of the machine in Tennessee as grossly subversive of the will of the people, and immediately upon this announcement, the braying was loud and long from certain newspapers in the State whose stock in trade seems either to be misrepresentation or abuse, and frequently both.

The charge that I am a machine man and owe whatever political success I may have achieved, to machine methods, and therefore, my position is one of inconsistency.

If this were true, it would not be an answer, and would only constitute the "let in quoque" argument resorted to by weak men in colloquy and weak editors in refutation.

But the charge is not true, and as I may be able to reach but a small part of the people in public discussion, I hope what I say will be read by a larger audience than I can possibly address.

I was a candidate for Attorney General in 1894 and the nomination was made by a direct vote of the people. I did not name a Judge or a Clerk in that election, and neither did either of my competitors, to my knowledge, and no question was ever made as to its fairness.

Hon. W. L. Clapp, an honored citizen of Memphis, since deceased, was then its Mayor, and openly espoused the cause of one of my competitors, as did most of the city administration. I had opposed the election of Mr. Clapp, and my competitor whom he favored, had supported him.

My cause was carried to the people who had known me all my life, and they nominated and elected me. After a service of six years, as already stated, I became a candidate for Congress. The entire Congressional Committee, with the exception of one member, was opposed to my candidacy, and without wishing to revive old issues, which have long since gone to oblivion, so far as I am concerned; but in justice to truth I can say that no man ever ran for office under harder conditions than were imposed upon me.

The county of Tipton was instructed for my competitor before the Congressional Committee had met to decide even upon the date of a convention. When the committee met I asked that this action be rescinded, and for time to canvass the county and was denied the right.

My competitor did not make a contest against me in Shelby County, where I resided, and I did not engage against him in Hardeman County, where he lived. He was instructed for by his own county and Tipton, and the delegation from Fayette, the remaining county, became necessary to the nomination of either of us.

Under these conditions I carried the county, and received an instruction of the delegation. This, added to the vote of Shelby, gave me the nomination.

EXTREMELY HANDSOME

— IS THE SHOWING OF —

Fall FOOTWEAR

— NOW ON AT —

THOMAS BROS.

"The Big 4."

1. Armstrong Shoes for Women. 2. Kreppendorf, Dittman & Co. Shoes for Women. 3. Stacy Adams & Co. Shoes for Men. 4. Boyden Shoes for Men.

ALL KINDS FOR OLD AND YOUNG

FROM 50c. PER PAIR UP.

NOTE—Mr. Z. W. Snapp, an expert Shoe Fitter from Knoxville, is now with us.

Thomas Bros.

My competitor withdrew and I was nominated by acclamation. Since then I have had no opposition of any kind for the nomination, and have not attended either of the last two conventions, having been in Washington when both met. In my entire Congressional district I have never had appointed one Commissioner of Registration on my recommendation, and have never named a Judge or a Clerk in any election in which I have been engaged or any other. I have never been a member of any political committee, either of the city of Memphis, the county of Shelby or the State of Tennessee.

This is the record out of which machine newspapers have tried to manufacture prejudice and weaken my assaults against dishonesty and fraud in the politics of Tennessee.

STATE AFFAIRS.
In State affairs honesty, efficiency and economy should be the rule and guide of public service.
If elected Governor I shall faithfully

execute the laws already in existence, and will make such recommendations to the Legislature as to changing old laws or the enactment of new ones, as I think will inure to the benefit of the people.

I believe that in the education of the youth of the State lies the hope of the future; that it is the foundation of good government and necessary to good citizenship. It should be placed in the reach of every boy and girl in Tennessee and this is the highest duty the State owes to the people.

I believe that the only just principle of taxation is equality and uniformity, as provided by the Constitution.

This has not been the rule in Tennessee, in many instances, and I believe the visible, tangible property of the freeholders of the State has borne more than its share of the public tax.

In my opinion, one of the most potent causes is the method which has long been in vogue in the Legislature of delaying consideration of the revenue and assessment bill until the closing hours of the session, when the members are restive, and sufficient time is not afforded for mature consideration, discussion and amendment.

This affords an opportunity for the agents and lobbyists of special interests to take advantage of the situation, and obtain benefits in taxation, and the people who are not represented, save through their members, become the sufferers.

While this is a matter exclusively for the Legislature, still, if clothed with authority I would recommend that the revenue and assessment bills be considered and reported early in the session, so that they could be considered with that care and deliberation which their importance deserves.

And when a just and equitable law relating to revenue and taxation is thus enacted sufficient to meet all the expenses of the State, I think it should stand and be changed by amendment rather than the introduction at each session of the Legislature of new bills which too often confuse the taxpayer, and result in loss of revenue and inequality.

That system of taxation which constantly changes, either in method or form is always productive of mischief, and it should be so devised as to secure certainty, uniformity and stability, so that every citizen, farm or corporation in Tennessee may know exactly what taxes to pay and how to pay them.

It has been the lack of uniformity in taxation that has burdened the State with revenue agents and back-tax attorneys who were given power to back assess all property, so that the taxpayers of the State never knew when they had paid their taxes, or after paying all that was originally assessed, when they would be called upon to pay additional taxes, fees and penalties.

When the property of a taxpayer is assessed, and the Board of Equalization has passed upon it; when the taxes are paid and a receipt given, this should end the question for all time. I believe that if a full statement was obtainable, that it would be found, aside from the annoyance and oppression of the system of back assessing, that the fees, penalties and costs would more than equal the amount of taxes paid from this source into the public treasury.

CORPORATIONS.
The corporations of Tennessee have

not borne in the past, nor do I think they now bear their just proportion of taxation. I think they should be treated in this respect, just as others are treated—that they should not pay more nor less than what is fair and just. I do not expect to make ill-considered assaults upon corporate interests, or to ride into power by base appeals to prejudice. I do not wish to array class against class. The man who has acquired wealth honestly, or the corporation who asks only the benefit of equal laws, are both entitled to protection from the demagogue and political charlatan.
The men who acquire wealth dishonestly—
(Continued on Second page.)

More Railroad News.
Developments of the last few days indicate that the Southern Railway has succeeded in effectually blocking other railroads from getting into East Tennessee. The previous reports that the Southern had scooped the Tennessee Central from Harriman to Knoxville are being confirmed. Neither the Frisco nor the Illinois Central will ever get into East Tennessee by that route and the hopes built thereon have come to naught.

Now it is stated that operations on the South & Western railroad south of Marion, N. C., have stopped. The activity of the Southern seems to have abated all along the line between Johnson City and Marion, so that at the present stage of the game, it looks as if the Southern and the South & Western have declared a truce. When the smoke clears, it is believed that the Southern will have the South & Western in tow.

Thus it would appear that the Southern has stumped the Seaboard Air Line again but, of course, there is hope as long as the Southern has not actually finished the whole affair with a gobble. Things may not be all they seem.

LINE TO ASHEVILLE.
The latest phase of the railroad situation in western North Carolina, is that a survey is being made from the South & Western railroad to Asheville, N. C. The engineers who will do most of the work have gone from Knoxville, with their forces and it is stated began work yesterday. There is a glimmer of hope that the South & Western railroad, in making this move, has given up the fight south of the Southern Railway's trans-mountain line and intends to prosecute it by another route, that is, by way of Asheville and thence by the route called for in the Hickory Gap and Rutherfordton railway charter, which route extends from Rutherfordton, a point on the Seaboard Air Line to Asheville.—Journal and Tribune.

Patterson's Palpable Hit.
When General Patterson went to Nashville he invaded Governor Cox's territory in a certain measure. During his official term, Nashville is the Governor's home, and naturally the local sentiment is more or less in his favor. Gen. Patterson went straight to the Governor's home and delivered his opening address. This was good politics, but it required high political courage to do it. The small politician would have begun his campaign at the other end of the State and would have skated all around his antagonist. But Gen. Patterson is not that sort. His idea is to beard the lion in his den.

Of course General Patterson's political future depended on the impression he made. The press of Nashville has been friendly to Gov. Cox, though it has not committed itself to his cause. One can see, however, from the Nashville papers that Gen. Patterson made a profound impression upon his audience. Naturally the question that suggests itself is, was it an audience upon which it was worth while to make an impression.

We learn from the American that there was a "large and enthusiastic crowd" in the Vendome Theatre. Then we are told that it was a "representative body of people composed of men of public and private life from Nashville and various parts of the State and many ladies." Among those present were ex-Governors, Attorney-Generals, Judges, State Senators, Representatives and many high officials. Gen. Patterson held this splendid audience from beginning to end of his powerful address.

The reception accorded General Patterson at the State capital is full of significance. It means that the thoughtful men of Tennessee are alive to the importance of the questions he discussed. And of course General Patterson can duplicate in other counties the impression he made in Davidson. Governor Cox cannot ignore the gaudy let thrown down to him. His record has been impugned. He must defend it. We do not intend to prejudice the case. We want to hear from him. The people of Tennessee want to hear from him. He will make a mistake if he supposes any man can pull enough political wires to send him into the gubernatorial chair. He must come out into the open and defend his record and declare his views. When he does so, the press and the people will give him a courteous hearing.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Royal Baking Powder

is made of Grape Cream of Tartar.

Absolutely Pure.

Makes the food more Wholesome and Delicious.

It is charged that the Chicago Federation of Labor has no money in the treasury, also that the total membership of 120,000, two years ago, has been reduced 50 per cent. The loss of several strikes, internal disagreements and many slugging affairs are the cause of the large decline in membership.

Soline Lamp Oil

GUARANTEED NOT TO SMOKE, SMELL or EXPLODE.

Made From the Finest Pennsylvania Crude.

This oil is made by the Kimble Oil Co., of Knoxville, and is not in the trust, but it can be trusted to give a better light and the housewife more satisfaction than any oil on the market as its use makes lamp cleaning an occasional rather than a daily task. Try a gallon and convince yourself of its good qualities. For sale in this city by

H. W. LYLE & CO.

DENTISTRY

Modern methods and modern appliances saves time, money and pain.

PAINLESS EXTRACTING
Fillings 50 cents and up.
—Gold Crowns \$3.50.
—Bridge work \$3.50 per tooth
—Full set of Teeth \$5.00—

All Work Guaranteed.
Dr. J. P. Metzger,
Crouch Building. 'Phone 62.



THE JOY
Of having a Laundry where you can send your linen regularly week by week and feel sure that it will be returned to you in first-class condition can be realized. Just send us word and we will gladly

Call for Your Laundry.
And we feel confident that you will be pleased in every particular with the results of our work.

JOHNSON Steam Laundry
CITY...
140 East Market Street.
R. K. WILLIAMS & CO., Proprietors.
Phone 168 or stop the Red Wagon

L. H. BARRONS
Blacksmith and Repair Shop

All Work Promptly Done
—and—
Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Corner Roan and Jobe Sts.

The Second Fall Shipment

— OF —

Young's Hats

Just Arrived.
All the Newest Novelties and without doubt the **BEST \$3.00 HAT MADE.**
Will be glad to show them to you.

Gump Bros.

SUITS MADE TO MEASURE.