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FOR CONSIDERATION OF DEMOCRATS.

About half of the East Tennessee counties have acted in naming delegates to the Democratic gubernatorial convention.

It is left to the other counties of East Tennessee, as well as to those of other parts of the State, which have not yet held their conventions or primaries, to give the due consideration to the vital questions which it appears more clearly every day those counties which have not acted must solve.

Fifty one of the ninety-six counties of the State only have held conventions or primaries, and only 494 instructed and uncontested delegates have been named. In seven counties uninstructed or contested delegations have been named with a total vote of 175. Most of these are contested, or, in other words, of 669 delegates so far named, more than one out of four is contested.

Is this not a commentary on the condition of Tennessee politics among the Democrats?

Every day it grows more certain that unless the Republican party continues its policy of stupidity, the Democracy will have a difficult task in electing its ticket in November. Certainly this is true if either of the leading candidates for the nomination wins in such a convention, as is likely to occur unless there is a radical change in feeling. If the assemblage is a seething mob, controlled by no rule except that of the gag, and possibly rivaling the disgraceful affair at which Brownlow secured the Republican State machinery in 1900, what can save the Democracy?

Can Democrats afford to venture from a slaughter house toward an open grave, trusting alone in the imbecility of their opponents for their own political salvation?

We think not.

Wilson and Smith Counties were warning enough to the Democrats of Tennessee, but the contest which has arisen in Shelby County should convince every reasonable Democrat of the danger ahead. The whole campaign has been conducted on a plane which should disgust every high-minded member of this party. The issue has been that of men, not measures.

Between the personal charges of Mr. Cox and Mr. Patterson the campaign for the gubernatorial nomination has reached an acute stage.

The plain, honest, patriotic Democrats of the State should put on their thinking caps.

Of what sort of material are our Governors made?

Are they to be chosen on the strength of the indictment they can draw against their opponents? Are we to have no serious discussion of questions of State interest?

In the midst of this war of personalities, issues of vital importance to the State have been lost to view. Nothing is said on the great subject of taxation and the equalization of assessments and the shifting of the burden from the shoulders of those least able to bear it to the shoulders of those who are certainly able to bear their share.

We are in the midst of an era when many States are considering the question of railway rate regulation and of railway taxation, and not a single candidate for governor or for the railroad commission has taken a position on this important issue. In the United States Congress the question of rate regulation is being discussed. It is attracting the attention of the American people.

Yet the question of each State taxing railroad property, as it does other property, is an even more important question. Wisconsin has increased the taxes on railroads from two million dollars annually to three and one-half million dollars annually. We secure a beggarly \$200,000 State taxes annually on one-half Wisconsin's mileage, and less than one million dollars on all taxes—State, county and city.

Michigan and Ohio have a two cents a mile passenger rate. In Georgia and Alabama, our neighboring States, the question of railway taxation is paramount in the gubernatorial campaign, and in Missouri the pass evil is an issue.

When is Tennessee to arouse from its Rip Van Winkle sleep?

There are other important questions, education, temperance, gambling, life insurance, election corruption, direct primaries, and free passes. Are our candidates to confine themselves to abuse of each other and remain silent on these and other important matters?

We have seen in Knox County the effect of factional contests and of contested delegations to gubernatorial conventions. Who believes that any credentials committee, however fair, could settle these contests in a manner to heal the wounds, and, moreover, who believes for a minute that in the present state of party feeling any credentials committee could be selected which would seek to do anything but the will of the majority of the uncontested delegations to the capitol?

The only power which can prevent Democratic chaos and humiliating defeat, outside of Republican blindness, is some Democratic forethought and wisdom.

Counties which have not acted have an opportunity to do much to prevent a cataclysm of the party.

Let the leaders in each county get together and consider well and without haste.

The duty to the party and to the State is more urgent now than all else.

When delegations are chosen they should exercise their wisdom in saving the party from the fate of every organization which elevates personal support and factionalism, over the good of the State and of Democracy.—Knoxville Sentinel.

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BAKER SCHOOL CONCERT.

The first of February the pupils and teacher of Baker school determined to celebrate Washington's birthday, but they observed that the school building was too small to accommodate the audience and the pupils after reserving space for the marches and drills which they wished to have. They therefore went to work to build a temporary room for the school, and through the kindness of Mr. Will Erwin lumber was secured for the foundation and floor and machine covers and grain belts, from which the walls were made, were furnished by Mr. Caldwell, Mr. McDonald and others. A load of backlogs was furnished by Mr. Adrain Harrison. These were stood on end as pillars for the temporary structure to raise the floor on a level with the windows of the main building, the windows to be used to enter the main building from the temporary.

We understand that no time was taken from the daily programme in preparing for the concert, that what training the children received was at their rest periods and on Saturdays. The teacher spent two Saturdays training them.

On the 22d the stars and stripes floated above the schoolhouse and a set of jolly boys and merry girls were busy building their temporary room and decorating the school building.

On entering the schoolhouse at 7 p. m. we observed that great labor and skill had been bestowed upon the walls of the room in decorating it. The girls had made arches of evergreens and placed them above all openings in the room, also above some of the many beautiful pictures which hung on the walls. A small holly tree trimmed with beautiful balls and flowers stood upon the library in one corner of the room. Just over the teacher's rostrum hung a portrait of Washington, to the right one of Robt. E. Lee and to the left one of W. J. Bryan, these were all life size. Above the blackboard on the right hung a group of six of our leading American authors, to the left a group of six of the leading British authors. On the boards were drawn three pictures which were gems of beauty and which showed great skill on the part of the teacher. These were finished with colored crayons which had a very beautiful effect. The first one represented Little George Washington just as he had finished his work on the cherry tree when his father came up with his rod to chastise him. The tree was colored green and several chips of the same color with the famous hatchet lay at the root of the tree. This picture was drawn just beneath the life-size portrait of Washington.

On another board was drawn the picture of "Washington on his war horse as commander-in-chief." On another was drawn the "Goddess of Liberty." These were all finished with colored crayons, which made them very beautiful and attractive. Approaching the schoolhouse in the evening one could hear the beautiful strains of music floating out upon the balmy air, which was furnished for the occasion by the Polk string band. The programme was in part as follows:

An Acrostic, by five little boys and five little girls.

A song, "Jesus Wants me for a Little Sunbeam," by little Miss and Master McCorkle.

Recitation, "When George Wash-

ington was a little boy about the size of me," by Master Thompson Bynum.

Recitation, by Miss Fronie Caldwell, "The Bravest Battle."

Recitation, Master Sharp Smith, "Our Flag."

Recitation, Miss Florence Cook, "The Flag."

Recitation, Master Thompson Bynum, "The Schoolhouse stands by the Flag."

Recitation, Master Neal Smith, "Birth of Washington."

Recitation, Master Knox Smith, "The Patriot."

Recitation, Master Neal Smith, "Oh Beautiful my Country."

Recitation, Master Sharp Smith, "The True Soldier."

Recitation, three little girls, "Red White and Blue."

"Hatchet Drill," consisting of eight little boys and eight little girls and their commander. These children were dressed in white with Washington caps. Each child carried a hatchet covered with tin foil and the handles wrapped with red, white and blue ribbon. The commander, Master Paul Erwin, was dressed in a beautiful gray suit cut Washington style; he wore a Washington hat and sword. This drill was greatly appreciated by all.

Questions and answers, by thirty-six boys and girls, which was very instructive.

"Old Father Time." This play was very attractive, Master Billie Bennett representing "Old Father Time" had a very appropriate false face and walked with a stick and carried himself very much like an old man. His twelve daughters representing the twelve months of the year were each dressed to suit the season she represented.

The red, white and blue drill, by eighteen girls, six in red, six in blue and six in white was one of the most attractive features of the concert. The writer cannot say which was the most attractive feature, but he will say that we were all gladly surprised with the success, as the children had but a short time to prepare for the occasion.

At the close of this drill the teacher announced that as the audience had been so orderly and attentive he thought something to create a good hearty laugh would be in order. Therefore he ran a rubber through two apples tied a knot in one end of each string and tied the other end in a steeple in the ceiling. He then offered a dollar to the one that could eat his apple first or to give a dollar to one or both if they could eat them in fifteen minutes. Mr. Will Young and Master Paul Erwin kindly consented to enter the contest, but after several minutes trial and many hearty laughs from the audience they decided they could not eat them at all and gave up the contest.

To conclude the whole affair Master Polk Phillips, with his face and hands blacked, introduced himself to the audience as the Hon. Josiah Turnip Tops, of Obion, and he gave us quite a humorous recitation. Hence we closed out with a good hearty laugh and went home thinking it was good to be there.

We understand that each pupil and patron, without a single exception, entered heartily into the work of preparing for this occasion. Hence the great success of which they as well as Mr. Bynum are so justly proud. A PATRON.

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