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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

STATE SENATOR.

DR. F. M. McREE.

We are authorized to announce Dr. F. M. McRee a candidate for State Senator to represent Winkley, Obion and Lake Counties, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FLOATER.

G. R. McDADE.

We are authorized to announce G. R. McDade as a candidate for Floater to represent Dyer, Lake and Obion Counties at the next session of the Tennessee General Assembly.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

E. N. MOORE.

We are authorized to announce E. N. Moore as a candidate to represent Obion County at the next session of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- For Trustee, G. W. WORLEY. For Sheriff, T. J. EASTERWOOD. For Tax Assessor, H. C. WOOD.

WALL STREET.

Gov. Hughes has advised the New York Legislature to prohibit race-track gambling by statutory enactment, assigning severe penalties for the violation of the law. If this vice be destroyed in New York it will have lost its chief stronghold and will soon be relegated to those remote localities where there is lax regard for public morals.

This paragraph appeared in a recent edition of the Nashville Banner. We would like to know in what remote districts are there any licensed race tracks. Certainly the Banner did not intend this to apply to Southern race tracks. A locality is spoken of in remote districts where morals are lax. But that is not the object of this article, and furthermore the clipping will not serve the same purpose since the Banner has taken up and commented favorably upon an article from the New York World, criticising the practice of cotton, grain and stock speculation in the United States.

Miss Pab contained a four-column item upon the subject of Miss Rebecca conspiring and the guest of Mrs. M. of its censure T. Chiles, of Oak Stock Exchange, night with updated Exchange, and the carb.

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stantly donating to this merciless gambling institution to the tune of \$25,000,000 a year. Go North and East and compare the cities and towns with ours. You wonder why they have nice streets, churches, schoolhouses, parks and public buildings. It is because the South sends its money to the infernal gambling machine with no other alternative but to lose, and there is no other revenue with which to improve these places.

Somebody may hoot at this, but you don't have to leave Union City to get the results of gambling in futures. But for this practice Union City would be to-day a different town altogether. There wasn't a better town in the State and very few as good when Union City had furniture factories. Men were educated, trained and knew their business. Because the timber was exhausted was not sufficient reason to bankrupt and destroy every particle of that industry. Other cities and towns manufacture furniture profitably in localities where there is no timber. Gentlemen, you know and I know that Union City was seized with an epidemic of gambling in futures which paralyzed its prosperity. Nor is this the first or the last time it has occurred. Not everybody gambled in futures, but those who did not were compelled to lend all the cash they had to their friends.

You can go before the Legislature and rant about the evils of race-track gambling and intemperance all you want to—they are bad enough—but the disastrous effects of gambling in futures is more appalling than all the other evils combined. In wrecking business and lives and homes it has no parallel, and why the press and the public have never condemned it has always been a mystery. Is it because Congress and the people are steeped in the practice?

The enormity of this institution is hardly conceivable. It has bred and fostered trusts. It has relentlessly made millionaires with the earnings of honest toil. Men who own the stocks have entered into collusion with the brokers and together they have plundered the people. John D. Rockefeller nor Russell Sage never made their millions away from Wall street. Without the schemes and devices of the stock exchange such fortunes could not possibly be amassed.

That is not all. The Government loans from the United States Treasury money to New York banks with which to speculate on the stock exchange. In other words the money which belongs to you and I and all the people is loaned to New York banks which make a practice of gambling in futures, and then when a panic comes you are asked to swallow such "starch" and "dope" as "A lack of confidence." (There is nothing as suitable to brand this with as slang). When you deposit your money in a local bank and that bank is required by law to keep a deposit in a New York bank, which in turn uses it on the stock exchange in frenzied finance, otherwise gambling, are you sufficiently protected by law, or is the speculator given all the advantage in the case? Is it any protection or consolation to you to be told that it is a lack of confidence when the aforementioned New York bank refuses to honor your banker's draft and your bank refuses on account of this to cash your check?

We have never censured our local banks for the course they pursued in the recent crisis, and wouldn't mention this now if the trouble were not passed. They did right. The deposits here were sufficiently secure, but the idea was to keep our people and the banks both from being injured temporarily. Not so, however, with many weaker banks throughout the country. A real panic to them with their money in New York banks would mean disaster to bank and depositor. President Roosevelt scented the trouble and did not conceal the facts on his late trip South, and for this the trust-gambling concerns immediately caused to be issued through the press a statement that the trust-gambling was responsible for the trouble. We have no particular love for the Roosevelt brand of statesmanship, but there never was a more successful fabrication nor one more successful. The idea that such a statement could have shelved Roosevelt for Republican nomination was the merest rot!

at back to futures. Chicago St. Louis have their share,

though in neither place does it compare with such speculation in New York. The immensity of these things is not generally known. It is bad enough for people to be out of work, but for the thousands in every large city and the hundreds in smaller ones who frequent the bucket shops from day to day, almost everyone to a man having long since lost all he had in futures, clothes threadbare, careworn looks, watching every quotation of the ticker as intently as a man of means, hope against hope that some unforeseen agency may make it possible to win a fortune—for these people alone it is a shame and a black spot on civilization that such institutions are allowed to exist. Besides there are thousands—millions—all over the country who have felt the disastrous effects of this practice.

But the pendulum is swinging and the tide will turn. The cotton planters are re-organized, aroused and determined that speculation in cotton futures shall cease and leave the cotton market in a sane and legitimate condition. The Aldrich currency bill, reported by Senator Aldrich, is said to be in sympathy with Wall street brokers, but Senator Culberson and others in the Senate have offered resolutions directly attacking the statutes which permit dealing in futures. That is not all. The sentiment is growing behind the movement to efface the custom. We may have laws which will not prohibit such things, but when the people begin to throw the weight of their sentiment against it Wall street and its days of frenzied finance will totter and with it many co-extensive evils and practices.

BE REASONABLE.

Governor Patterson did all that a human being in his position could be expected to do when he was called upon by Mrs. Holder and Lee last week to stay the execution a few days more in order that the prisoner might prepare himself for the future. The date was therefore extended to Thursday, Jan. 23, this month. It was the first instance in which time had been asked by the prisoner and his mother, and it would have taken a very hard-hearted man to refuse, notwithstanding the tension of feeling which exists among the people at the mental strain and criticism which Sheriff Finch is subjected to. A great many who are of the opinion that the Sheriff should not in Hickman he is simply obeying his duty as a Sheriff in Mississippi that as executioners of any crime, for Memphis friends know that Man in him as big as of M tender as a yes in duty he is in the eyes of Hare he should the city beings. Neither on in this case the sentence he pays the penalty of his own crime and the courts and officers should not be held responsible for his deeds. Sheriff Finch is simply an officer of the law, amenable to the law for his conduct, and it would be an act of justice to show him mercy while you are extending sympathy to the prisoner.

AS OTHERS THINK.

Everyone in Union City Has a Right to His Own Opinion.

While everyone has a right to his own opinion, yet it is wise to always consider what others think and profit by their experience.

Nothing makes life so miserable, or interferes so widely with the usefulness of the average American as indigestion, and it is well for us to give fair consideration to what others think about this remarkable affliction.

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Illinois Central RAILROAD. SOUTHBOUND. No. 1, Paducah Junction 8:06 p.m. No. 3, " " 5:37 a.m. No. 103, " " 5:15 a.m. No. 105, " " 3:46 p.m. No. 113, " " 5:51 a.m. NORTHBOUND. No. 2, Paducah Junction 8:06 p.m. No. 4, " " 12:46 p.m. No. 54, " " 7:52 p.m.