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FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1909.

CHANCELLOR.

McKINNEY—We are authorized to announce Colin P. McKinney, Esq., of Ripley, as a candidate for Chancellor of the Ninth Chancery Division, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

COUNTY JUDGE.

LAWSON—We are authorized to announce A. J. Lawson as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge for Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR MAYOR.

ALEXANDER—We are authorized to announce S. S. Alexander as a candidate for Mayor of Union City. Election in January, 1910.

REYNOLDS—We are authorized to announce J. C. Reynolds as a candidate for Mayor of Union City. Election in January, 1910.

COUNTY COURT CLERK.

BOND—We are authorized to announce R. H. Bond as a candidate for County Court Clerk of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

TALLEY—We are authorized to announce C. S. Talley as a candidate for County Court Clerk of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

GOLDEN—We are authorized to announce H. M. Golden as a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

REEVES—We are authorized to announce J. A. (Alva) Reeves as a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

REGISTER.

CHAPEL—We are authorized to announce J. M. (Marvin) Chapel as a candidate for re-election to the office of Register of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

What Remains.

The Commercial last week refrained from saying anything in the way of comment upon the decision of the Supreme Court in the Nightrider case, appealed from Obion County. The editorial comment from the Commercial Appeal, however, was reproduced. This was a severe arraignment of the opinion reversing the verdict of the Obion County jury on grounds which were designated merely technical.

Now comes John J. Vertrees, one of the ablest lawyers in the State, in an article which we reproduce this week, supporting the theory that the Supreme Court justices, those who reversed the case, were endeavoring to do their duty in the face of public sentiment—that of guaranteeing the accused every provision of the law in their defense.

No man was ever free from that quantity known as prejudice. No man with pulsing red blood can be. He is human and is susceptible of all the emotions, desires and intuition that man's flesh is heir to. In the United States a new gulf is appearing, separating the classes and the masses, and this gulf is forming every day in the shape of definite proportions. Those who are aligned on one side cannot give the same liberality of opinion to the other, and vice versa, those who hold to the other side are jealous of their own interests and as blind to the scales of justice. Therefore, there is a very wide difference of opinion in regard to the opinion of the Supreme Court. The seed of prejudice has been sown, and the chances of destroying the harvest are not very encouraging.

In the United States the same conditions are developing that have prevailed in the older countries. History is repeating itself, and as long as the human family exists will always repeat itself. "To him that hath shall be given, and to him that hath not shall be taken away, even that which he hath." The older the government the more opulent and arrogant the rulers and the greater the demand of excise. Strained relations increase until a rupture, and then begins a new regime and so on, ad infinitum.

There is one essential point, however, which will leave little cause for disagreement. It is in regard to the legal or constitutional provision which requires the juror to swear that he has not formed or expressed an opinion in regard to the accused. In this the twentieth century of progress and enlightenment such a law is practically obsolete, a relic of the early ages and primordial conditions. There can be no strict compliance with such a law in the present age of instantaneous communication and rapid transportation. It is a nullity. The law is a thousand years old, and was cut to measure when the people had no newspapers or direct communication. How can it apply now?

Still, as Mr. Vertrees says, it is a law and as such must be upheld or subject the courts to disrespect and finally to disregard ad libitum.

In the meantime Judge Jones will

follow the course outlined, without resorting to hasty and injudicious conclusions, and use every legal means to carry out the purposes of the law in dealing with the men charged as murderers and accessories in the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin. The prisoners will be held and the case taken up in the regular order, so far as we know. All the material in the possession of the court will be exhausted to arrive at the ends of justice, and when that is done the courts will have discharged their duty.

When the political factions in Tennessee who hold their views and claims paramount to every other cause, who religiously guard their rights to public office with more zeal and fidelity than discretion—when these factions meet in the halls of legislation, if, instead of sweating over a potfire, they will look to the real demands and necessities of the public then will come an intelligent revision of our constitution and laws, or a means by which these things can be brought about. Then we will have a better system of jurisprudence, and until then the cause of justice will be neglected.

Judge Lawson.

Judge Andrew J. Lawson announces in this paper this week as a candidate for re-election to succeed himself as County Judge of Obion County.

Judge Lawson is a life-long citizen of Obion County, and is probably known as well as any other man in the county. When the Judge was a much younger man, it was his ambition to serve the county in the Legislature. They beat the Judge. He survived this defeat and ventured to offer later for Trustee, or some other office. Another defeat was charged up to him. Eight years ago he started out again, this time for County Judge. The Judge hung out his banner, nevertheless, and waited for the worst. Time moved on and the campaign began to warm up, the tide was turning, the Judge sat up and began to take notice, and before closing days set in it was apparent that Judge Lawson was making a good race.

When the smoke of battle had cleared away and the vote was counted, the Judge had defeated all his competitors. He had more than double the votes of his strongest opponent, and nearly as many as the sum total cast for all five of them.

A. J. Lawson was elected to be the Democratic nominee, practically unanimously, and indorsed in the general election, and whatever doubts there may have been as to his ability and qualifications to fill the office these have long ago been dispelled. Judge Lawson's record is familiar to every one old enough to read the proceedings of the County Court intelligently. He has demonstrated the fact that he has the ability and the courage to steer the affairs of the county in a safe and judicious manner. He has proven beyond a doubt his ability to lead in the management of the county finances. He has proven moreover his ability to command the attention and respect of the court. He has proven, among those who have won distinction in their respective stations, that he is entitled to the credit of having largely increased the value and importance of the position of County Judge.

Everybody remembers how, during the administration of Judge Lawson, he has met all emergencies promptly and efficiently; how on more than one occasion the financial clouds have been dispersed, and how other great and important questions have been disposed of in a similar intelligent manner.

While all these things are true, it is also remembered that Judge Lawson is a man of progressive ideas and not afraid to advocate them. He has favored the building of iron bridges, the establishment of a better system of improving the public highways, and in a forward movement in the support of our public schools. Everybody knows how the Judge stands on all these questions, and they also know that his record will bear the closest scrutiny.

Judge Lawson enters the race for a second term as a Democrat, asking to be the nominee of the party as a Democrat, willing to abide the counsel of his party. Judge Lawson's Democracy is unquestioned, and if Democrats see fit to honor him again there will be no cause for regret. With these remarks we take pleasure in presenting the name of Judge Lawson to the voters of the county.

Starved to Death

is what could truthfully be said of many children who die. They have worms, poor little things—they don't know it and you don't realize it. If your child is cross, fretful, pasty complexioned and loses weight for no apparent reason, give it White's Cream Vermifuge, you will be surprised at the results and how quickly it picks up. Sold by Nailling Drug Co.

The Menace of the Mosquito.

If we read carefully the journals of to-day, and notice the trend of great minds, we will observe with pleasure that many of them are interested and engaged in scientific investigation, that has for its object the betterment and uplifting of the human race religiously, morally and physically.

We shall only have time and space to deal with the last mentioned in this article quoting Washington Post. We notice in a recent series of lectures upon man's protection against disease Prof. Theobald Smith, perhaps the foremost authority of the day in this branch of investigation, quotes with approval the statement of Dr. Rass (the discoverer of the life cycle of the malaria parasite) that the wreck of ancient Greek civilization was due, not to wars, but to the insidious work of the malaria mosquito. It sapped away the energies of the rural population, killed off the fair-haired descendants of the original settlers, and left instead, the more immune and darker children of their captives from Asia and Africa.

Thus the suicide of Grecian civilization was caused by the ignorance of sanitation. Medical science has made great strides during the last century and has discovered the fact that the little insignificant looking mosquito is one of the most deadly enemies of mankind. However, it is only because we have allowed it to become so.

In this enlightened age man has arrived at the knowledge whereby he can protect himself against this deadly foe, which can be conquered, destroyed and eliminated from the face of the earth. Man knows their habits, that their lives are circumscribed, that they can easily be cut off by using certain remedies at the proper time. They are harmless if not allowed to come in contact with diseases that they transmit.

In many places they are being used (New Jersey is one) as food for chickens being caught in great numbers and then dried and pressed into cakes or little bales and sold in the market for fowls—as hay is sold for cattle.

Our Government is now sending out to Panama in great quantities anti-mosquito fish that destroy them entirely. Would it not be well for us in this beautiful Southland to have those fish in our sluggish streams and stagnant pools, and slowly, but surely, rid ourselves of this life destroying insect?

Memoriam.

In memory of Dr. J. S. Jones and Reuben Ross.

Just as the day was ending, just as the sun was soon to shine no more in June, 1909, God looked down and claimed for his own two fathers that shall always be remembered. Two companions will miss them at morning, noon and night; two little sons wait and watch father who never more can clasp them in their arms when they come from work; two vacant chairs are at their homes, two names are missed at church, two brothers and sons are gone. But weep not, dear brothers, sisters and loved ones, for your loss on earth is gain in Heaven. They were laid to rest, Thursday, July 1, in the Clemmons graveyard. Dr. J. S. Jones was born in Humphreys County, January, 1875, and was raised a Christian boy and man, his father being a Baptist minister, the church of which he became a member at an early age. He attended the Nashville Medical College and graduated in medicine February 22, 1898; his diploma was framed and hanging on the wall in his bed-room when he was killed. He was married to Miss Evelyn Myatt, of Kentucky, a few years ago. Two sons were born to them, Jimmie D. aged 3 years, and Kelly Myatt, aged 18 months. Dr. Jones was popular in his community, honorable, kind, pleasant and agreeably courteous and industrious. Every one that spoke of him spoke well. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, attending regularly at Union City.

Mr. Reuben Ross was born and reared near Waverly where, when only a boy, he married Miss Myrtle Holland of that place. Two sons were given to them; one is three years of age, a sweet, light-haired blue-eyed boy; the other is only seven months old. Neither will ever know a father's love—will only have a mother to care for them. Mr. and Mrs. Ross came to Obion County in the spring of 1908. He was 24 years of age, and was well thought of by all who knew him; was a member of the Christian Church soon after he moved to Obion. He moved to the Dr. Jones farm where, on June 30, at 4 o'clock, God called him and Dr. Jones from this world of sin, sorrow and trouble, to where no troubles ever come, no sorrow is ever known, and where sin never enters.

Weep not, dear wives, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and little ones;

for husband, father, son and brother will never know no more sad good-byes, no more heartaches, or no more tears to wipe away; but joy, peace and gladness will evermore be theirs. They will now wait and watch for their loved ones here on earth as they strive day by day, and mourn night by night for them. But cheer up, dear companions; for look what God has blessed and left you with; only think and say, not my will, but Thine be done; only strive that you and your little ones meet your loved ones in Heaven, where no parting never comes; where no chilling frost shall fall on flowers that sweetly bloom. All the saved again shall meet and speak no more good-byes. Sisters and brothers stand sobbing beside the empty chairs. Oh, loved ones! Oh, loved ones, where art thou? Speak and tell us where. Homes brightest joys are saddened; yield but a shadowed light. The very winds seem sighing for the loved ones that are gone.

"Words cannot all be empty;
Surely ye have some balm;
Speak to them of Jesus,
His name has power to calm.
Christ speaks in the midst of sorrow,
'Tis I, be not afraid.
I, who have taken your loved ones,
They live, they are not dead."

"Only a night of sorrow,
Closed with eternal day;
Only some loved ones waiting,
Leading and pointing the way.
Theirs is joy and gladness,
Chanting His praises sweet,
There at the feet of Jesus,
They wait loved ones to meet."

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