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Announcements.

For Trustee.

BRATTON.—We are authorized to announce S. R. Bratton as a candidate for Trustee of Union County, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Election August, 1916.

JACKSON.—We are authorized to announce W. E. (Ellis) Jackson a candidate for Trustee of Union County, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Election first Thursday in August, 1916.

For Tax Assessor.

HOWARD.—We are authorized to announce L. J. Howard as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Union County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

In commenting on the fee bill on another page we speak of the elimination of the fee bill and substitution of salaries. This is technically an error. It should be the changing of the system so that officials are placed on a salary basis, and fees now collected turned into the State treasury, out of which the salaries are paid. The pending bill does not eliminate the system in fact, and we did not mean to convey the idea that it did.

For Tax Assessor.

I. J. Howard, of Crockett, one of the best citizens in the county, and a man of the finest character and business qualifications, comes before the voters for an endorsement to a second term in the office of Tax Assessor of Union County. Mr. Howard has served the people as assessor, as he would with his own business affairs, with the highest degree of satisfaction and credit to himself and to the county. He is in the first place a man of impeccable integrity. He is always obliging and pleasant in his duties and never allows these duties to be neglected for anything else. He is a rock-ribbed Democrat and places his claims in the hands of the Democratic voters for endorsement. We are pleased to present his name to our readers.

City Hall.

There has been some talk for several weeks about the erection of a City Hall in Union City. Such a building is undoubtedly needed, but on account of the depression and the other improvements under contract and on the way we had paid very little attention to what was said, and probably would have continued to give it scant notice but for the fact that we were shown the drawings of a very attractive building, which, we were informed, could be erected and completed at the phenomenally low cost of \$6,000. The general dimensions of this building are 40 feet and eight inches by 32 feet and eight inches, three stories, counting the basement as one story, which contains a corridor and four independent rooms alone, one of these being the boiler room. The first floor plans, which, by the way, are tile and hardwood, comprise the Superintendent's and Recorder's offices, vestibule, hallway, stairway, engineer's offices and a three-cell jail. The second floor comprises a large assembly hall in front, 37 feet and ten inches by 20 feet, a retiring room for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, hall and another room opposite the retiring room. The ceilings are high and the general appearance of the building is imposing and commanding.

Now, one of the most remarkable things about the proposition is that the city hall structure can be erected complete, with steam heat, electric lights and water, at the cost heretofore stated, with walls of pressed brick and terra cotta trimmings, column effects and front portico, and the architect, Mr. Taylor, proposes to take the contract at that figure if no one else wants it.

The secret of the matter is that brick-makers and lumber dealers are offering material at prices at an extremely low figure, much lower than could be had a year ago, and mechanics and laborers are needing work.

The Mayor at the meeting last Tuesday night computed that the finances of the city are in better condition than they were a year ago. He makes a statement to show that with the improvements on the Water and Light Plant there will be revenues this year sufficient to cover the cost of the city hall; and he is in favor of the building for the reason that it could be done now, on account of the cheapness of labor and material, something like 25 per cent cheaper than it would have cost a year ago.

We are not well informed on the subject, but will wager a guinea that if such a building can be completed at a cost of \$6,000 at the present time it will not cost less than \$10,000 two years from now, and that would make a saving of \$4,000.

Besides the money that is now being

used as rentals would nearly pay the interest on a loan of \$6,000. The rentals are \$400 a year. There is another point of some consequence which might be considered and that is the fact that that amount of money pulled out of confinement now and a large part of it put into circulation into the hands of mechanics and laborers could not be better applied. They need the money and the work now while there is practically nothing to do.

This is a random shot at the business, but we are for the hall as soon as it is practical to build it.

Theatrical.

The weather was unfavorable Tuesday night, but whether it was the weather or not there was a small audience at the Reynolds Theatre to see the play, "Fine Feathers." This is one of Eugene Walter's works, and like the rest of them the plot is a strong one. Walter is the author of "Paid in Full," "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," etc., plays that have something to do with the problems of every day life, those which are demanded by American playgoers instead Shakespeare and the French swashbuckler type.

We will admit, however, that our people are familiar with the Walter dramas, but are very sure indeed that if such a company as appeared here in "Fine Feathers" had been anticipated there would have been a good house. The play requires only a small cast, but it was a strong one and well balanced. There were no weak points in the reading of the lines. Mr. Hill as John Brand, the unscrupulous contractor, was especially strong as a sleek, adroit and polished villain. Mr. Allen Leiber, the lead, a new recruit to the company, was handicapped with his first rehearsal just before the performance, but lacked nothing, if being rather robust is no disadvantage, in conveying to the audience the principle involved in leading a double life. The wife, by Miss Naughton, was good. She was especially effective in all the varying moods of the character without overacting and has ample advantages in personality to dress the part. Thurlow White was tactful as the friend and has a lot of dramatic instinct which he knows how to modulate in the proper way.

Marjorie Maxwell, the neighbor, as Mrs. Collins, was much above the talent usually appearing as a supporting part. Her accent was a trifle Irish, just enough to add flavor to her lines and elevate her to the genius of a character artist.

One or two others, but just as stated the play seemed to be in the hands of capable management. Manager Cox has been very liberal this year to his patrons. His attractions have practically all been good. There is one coming, however, which promises to be more than good and this is "Peg o' My Heart," advertised this week and billed for Feb. 10. The company is one of the best on the road. Miss Martin is said to be the Southern counterpart of Laurette Taylor, who appeared at Cort Theatre, New York City for 76 weeks in the title role.

One of the sights of a trip to Gotham for the last two or three years has been, no less interesting than others of the big city, a night at the theatre to hear Miss Taylor in "Peg o' My Heart," a play which is as well known as "Potash and Perlmutter" and the big Hippodrome productions.

We will have a complete cast in the play here with ample scenery and accessories to make it one of the greatest events of the year, and Union City playgoers should turn out in full force to hear it.

W. C. Sowell, of Mount Zion, was here Monday and tells us about the good roads meetings that are being held in Fulton County. The people over in Kentucky have adopted the inter-county-site plan, and under the new law some fifty or sixty counties in that State have already taken advantage of the law. This includes an appropriation by the State which must be duplicated by the counties, and Mr. Sowell states that they are getting ready for it over in their county. Tennessee has such a law in the incubator, and the prospects are that it will be passed after the recess. The people have about come to the conclusion that dirt roads, while they have not had the proper attention, cannot be made perfect roads by any means and that something more is needed. State aid is therefore invoked and from this winter there will probably be some very extraordinary good roads spirit shown here as well as in Kentucky.

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The Ship Purchase Bill.

The time has come now when we need just such another man in the United States Senate as Senator Carmack. Senator Carmack stood against a solid Republican majority, at a time when that majority favored the ship subsidy, or the merchant marine as they called it, and caused the defeat of that Republican measure, in one of the most remarkable forensic battles in Congress. We need a man like that now and we need him badly. It is now that we see what a victory was won on that occasion, and now that we are reminded of Carmack's impeccable honesty and patriotism. It is now that we more than ever lament the death, the cruel death, of our beloved statesman and patriot, when men of blood and brain are being tempted by the fleshpots to defeat the Government ship purchase bill, who seem to have fallen into the hands of the bloodthirsty interests to defeat the measure—when such men as Vardaman, who have made the very welkin ring with appeals to the patriotism of the people, are bending to the lobby and perchance to the hand of bribery. There is nothing in the note sounded from the enemies of the bill to the effect that England has caused to object to the purchase of vessels of belligerent nations. This is the cloak of antagonism to the Administration, in which men who call themselves Democrats are proving false. It is the time when a man like Carmack is needed to stand as an ally and support of the Administration and of the interests of the people.

The Cut-Over.

Probably you do not understand what this means, but after Feb. 28 the new telephone flashlight, or drop, system will go into effect in Union City and the formal ceremonies incident upon that occasion will take place Feb. 28 at the office of central in Union City. In the presence of the city officials and a number of business men of Union City the Mayor will press the button that sets the new machinery in motion. That means the cut-over, when the transfer is made—when the old magnet system is discarded and the new flashlight exchange in Union City goes into operation. It means that your call is made by lifting the receiver from the hook instead of ringing the bells and the operation of an entirely new plant. Manager O. T. Pickard will have charge of the opening ceremonies and the newspapers are indebted to him for an invitation to be present.

Methodist Church.

Rev. W. C. Waters, the Presiding Elder, will fill the pulpit for the pastor of the Methodist Church next Sunday morning. Public cordially invited.

Senator Burton expressed the opinion that eventually the Panama Canal will become the property by purchase of the nations of the world.

Woman's Missionary Society.

The next meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held with Mrs. W. L. Alexander on Main street Monday, Feb. 8, at 3 p. m. The subject of the lesson is "Our Achievement Our Opportunity," as laid down in the Missionary Voice.

In spite of the variable winter weather our missionary society has kept in touch with the members, has divided the work among the new officers, and enjoyed the hospitality of many pleasant homes.

Last, but not least, was our meeting with Mrs. H. Dietzel, who so kindly invited us to her beautiful home on Main street, about thirty being present. Our president, Mrs. Butler, and her efficient and helpful officers conducted a very profitable service, the occasion being written reports from the various departments of the work. Among other items, our treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Cowden, reported \$1,315.89 paid on the new church fund. The architects have told us the plastering will soon be finished, and a few more weeks of good working days will complete the work on our new church. This is glorious news to a congregation who have been allowed the use of the pleasant rooms and offices of the courthouse; but there is no place like home, so when we return to our tabernacle of worship we expect to extend to those who have been so kind to us the same glad hand of welcome.

Death of Mr. Matt Wise.

Mr. Matt Wise, formerly of this city with the Obion Democrat, when W. H. Griffin was editor and publisher, but for the last seventeen years a citizen and business man of Dyersburg, died of pneumonia in that city Jan. 30, 1915, last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Wise was born in Sumner County about forty-five years ago. He was married to Miss Mary Butterworth at Dyersburg May 29, 1898, locating there a few months afterward. He entered the service of Fowler, Harrell & Tarrent as salesman and six years ago he became a member of the Fowler Company.

He is survived by a brother, Mr. Lee Wise, who was also a resident here for some years, and his wife of Dyersburg.

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