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Announcements.

For Mayor.

WARRICK—We have the authority to announce that S. W. Warrick is a candidate for Mayor of Union City, Tenn. Election January 1, 1916.

COVILL—We have the authority to announce J. A. Covill as a candidate for Mayor of Union City, Tenn. Election Saturday, Jan. 1, 1916.

For Aldermen.

MARSHALL—We are authorized to announce that Marshall is a candidate for Alderman of Union City, Tenn. Election Jan. 1, 1916.

MOSS—We are authorized to announce C. T. Moss as a candidate for Alderman of Union City. Election Saturday, Jan. 1, 1916.

WHEELER—We have the authority to announce John A. Wheeler as a candidate for re-election as Alderman of Union City, Tenn. Election Saturday, January 1, 1916.

ADAMS—We have the authority to announce John T. Adams as a candidate for re-election as Alderman of Union City, Tenn. Election Saturday, January 1, 1916.

BURDICK—We have the authority to announce J. C. Burdick as a candidate for Alderman of Union City, Tenn. Election Saturday, January 1, 1916.

HASSELL—We have the authority to announce J. A. Hassell as a candidate for Alderman of Union City, Tenn. Election Saturday, January 1, 1916.

SEMONES—We have the authority to announce John F. Semones as a candidate for re-election as Alderman of Union City, Tenn. Election Saturday, January 1, 1916.

ROBINSON—We are authorized to announce Dr. H. G. Robinson as a candidate for Alderman of Union City, Tenn. Election Saturday, Jan. 1, 1916.

KRISER—We have the authority to announce C. E. Kriser as a candidate for Alderman of Union City, Tenn. Election Saturday, January 1, 1916.

CALDWELL—We have the authority to announce Elva Caldwell as a candidate for Alderman of Union City, Tenn. Election Saturday, January 1, 1916.

JERNIGAN—We are authorized to announce T. W. Jernigan as a candidate for Alderman of Union City, Tenn. Election Jan. 1, 1916.

PARKS—We are authorized to announce Harris Parks as a candidate for Alderman of Union City, Tenn. Election Jan. 1, 1916.

The Faithful Servant.

Senator Sawney Webb, author of the Webb-Kenyon bill in the U. S. Senate, did not support Governor Patterson in the recent primary election. He made a number of speeches in favor of Senator Lea. Evidently, Senator Webb did not have the proper confidence in Governor Patterson's professions of faith in the cause of Prohibition, else he would not have entered the campaign.

Senator Webb is now supporting Mr. McKellar.

Truth is that a politician cannot easily dispose of his record, and when he has once broken his promises what can his constituents depend upon upon in the future?

Candidate Patterson promised that the State government should be taken out of the hands of the highwayman John I. Cox and his dirty machine and the election machinery returned to the people. What was the result? Governor Patterson asked the Legislature to give him a board, another important piece of heavy machinery, and to clothe this board with the appointment of county election commissioners. To crown his official acts Governor Patterson afterwards joins forces with ex-Governor Cox, whom he had charged with embezzlement of revenues belonging to the State; and this is the way he redeemed his pre-election pledges.

This same Governor Patterson now promises that he shall reform Congress with Prohibition.

What assurances have we that these promises will be fulfilled?

Congressman McKellar did vote for a National Prohibition amendment and says that he will do so again. There is performance in one case and none at all in the other. Which is entitled to the greater credit?

Mr. McKellar did not vote for the Webb-Kenyon bill because that bill had no penalty clause, therefore a nullity. Mr. Patterson has never supported any temperance legislation at all; not only that, but his public record shows the most aggressive opposition, and only a few months ago, a short time before he took the lecture platform, made the public statement, so Mr. McKellar produces from the Governor's interview, that the Webb-Kenyon bill was in direct conflict with the provisions of the National statutes regulating interstate commerce.

With these things in view, how can anyone give Governor Patterson more faith and credit as a Prohibitionist than Mr. McKellar.

Mr. McKellar has also pledged that he will support the entire temperance program, and if that is not good enough for Prohibition Democrats, how can they expect anything better from Governor Patterson.

It is urged that religion should not be injected into the campaign, but should, for any good reason, that point be raised, both men claim allegiance to the Christian faith, and are, as far as human knowledge is concerned, entitled to equality before the bar of public opinion.

Therefore we draw the parallel, reduced in brief, which no man

would attempt to controvert, as follows:

Mr. Patterson in public office fought Prohibition and Mr. McKellar in public office voted for and supported a National Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for Nation-wide Prohibition.

Now, which will you take upon faith, fellow Democrats, for the future welfare of temperance legislation?

The National Administration is about to appropriate the Republican tariff and ship subsidy policies. What an earth will become of the Republican party, and what sort of an attitude is the Democratic party getting into. More inducements, these, for the growth of socialism, and with the features of government ownership of the merchant marine I have no fault to find. But with the ship subsidy the doors which have not already been left open will be opened wide to the most shameless and outrageous system of graft ever known by men of the present time.

The Commercial will be ready for its annual Santa Claus edition next week. Mail your letters to Santa Claus, care of The Commercial, and make them short and Santa will know the rest.

What Has Patterson Done?

Col. Dick Green ably edits the Tipton Record at Covington down in the Tenth District, where both the Senatorial candidates live. His paper asks its readers the following pointed questions. They are worth reading:

"Let those who think we are prejudiced against Governor Patterson ask themselves the following questions, and answer them honestly as Democrats and citizens:

"What success has Governor Patterson ever achieved, either as a private citizen or as a public official?

Did not his leadership result in a twice divided and twice defeated party in Tennessee?

"One blast of his bugle horn is worth a thousand men (his supporters say), but has it ever been sounded except in his own fox chase?

"Where was he last year when Bryan, Daniels, Frazier and Rye were engaged in the life and death struggle to redeem Tennessee to the Democratic party? Was he not writing letters and telegrams to be used by the Republican nominee for Governor in Maine?

"Has any Democrat ever heard Mr. Patterson make a speech in behalf of Democratic principles and policies except when he himself was the party nominee?

"Can the voters of the State point to a single measure introduced by him as Congressman, or originated by him as Governor that has advanced the material or moral interests and prosperity of Tennessee?

"Has he ever lost sight of self in the service of any party or any cause?

"Did he not display the grossest selfishness and ingratitude of which a man is capable when he made preparation to run against Bob Taylor when Bob Taylor had voluntarily offered himself a sacrifice in the vain endeavor to save Tennessee to the Democratic party—to save both the party and Patterson himself from the consequence of Governor Patterson's own acts?

"What assurance have the voters of the State that if elected he will go to Washington and stay on the job?

"Will not his nomination and election mean six more years of strife and discord in the Democratic party?

"Can Democrats who are loyal to Woodrow Wilson afford to vote for Patterson, knowing that his nomination means that Tennessee will be a doubtful State next year?

"What sacrifice has Patterson ever made for Prohibition, what service has he rendered it except for pay, and did he not wait to change his mind on that question till local option became unpopular and Prohibition an accomplished fact in this State?"

Earthquake.

Union City was considerably shaken Tuesday, 12:30 p. m. by an earthquake. The shock was greater perhaps than any felt here for a great many years. The windows and dishes rattled and many people were considerably alarmed.

Get-Together Meeting.

Dr. F. M. McRee wishes to add to the notice of the meeting of the Farmers Institute published last week that this is emphatically a get-together meeting of men of all professions—merchants, bankers, mechanics, lawyers, doctors, and everybody. Meeting takes place to-morrow, December 11, 1915, at the courthouse in Union City at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a county president and to consider organizing community clubs over the county. You are invited to attend.

The Last Chapter.

With the assembling of the first session of the new Congress to-day begins the last chapter of the present national Administration.

And upon the nature of that chapter depends, in a large, perhaps a decisive, measure, the character of the next national Administration.

Upon the record, as already made, there is no doubt that President Wilson has the indorsement of the country. It is true he blundered as to Mexico, but that mistake has been overshadowed by the surprising excellence of an unequalled work of constructive reform that has left his political opponents without a foot of solid ground to stand on—opponents who are looking anxiously now to the next six months to give them the fighting chance which the past two years have denied them.

Their situation is a peculiarly trying one. Feeling that their hope is in no vitality of their own, but in the embarrassment of the Democrats, they are desirous of doing their utmost to effect that embarrassment, and yet conditions, as brought about by the European war, are such that they realize that it is going to be an exceedingly difficult thing to embarrass the party in power on the issues most pressing without, perhaps, even more embarrassing themselves.

Unquestionably the new Congress has a great deal of most important work before it—work which in its responsibility exceeds most of the work that other Congresses have been called on to do. But for the fact that the country understands the character of this work and demands that it be done, it would almost inevitably insure the downfall of the Administration doing it. It is this fact which at the same time strengthens the hands of those to whom it has fallen, and disturbs those who for partisan purposes would obstruct it.

That is why there is good warrant for the confidence that the Congress now assembling, under the advice of the man who so far has won signally the approval of the country, will succeed in doing the work before it effectively and acceptably; that a satisfactory policy of "preparedness" will be inaugurated and a tolerable policy of paying for it will be provided. Perhaps the latter achievement will be more difficult, more fraught with danger than the former, but all things are possible under pressure of the existing temper of the people.

The Courier-Journal, in view of what he has already done, has insisted that the only man who can prevent Woodrow Wilson succeeding himself in the White House is Woodrow Wilson. Perhaps this might be revised by the addition of "or his Secretary of the Treasury." But that revision would be one more of form than of substance, for Mr. Wilson will have himself to blame if he allows Mr. McAdoo to lure him into the swamps into which no Democratic pathway ever yet led—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Minstrel Show.

Manager Cox played a return engagement of Moredock & Watson's Minstrels at Reynolds Theatre last Monday night. The show has been considerably enlarged with a good comedy and singing first part and afterpart of monologues and sundries. It is well proportioned, not very strong in quantity, but bids high in quality. The audience enjoyed the attraction.

Notice to Shareholders.

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the Third National Bank, Union City, Tenn., will be held in their bank building at 10 a. m. Tuesday, January 11, 1916, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year. 37-5t.

A full attendance is desired.
D. N. WALKER, Vice Pres.
HUNTER ELAM, Cashier.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Old National Bank of Union City, Tenn., will be held in the banking room of said bank on Tuesday, January 11, 1916, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing eleven Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to consider any other business that may come before said meeting.

We urge you to be present at this meeting.

WALTER HOWELL, President.
A. L. GARTH, Cashier. 36-4t

Card of Thanks.

We desire to have our friends know how much we appreciate their kindness and help during the illness of George B., who is now gradually recovering from typhoid fever. Especially do we offer our thanks to Dr. H. L. Park for his constant aid and devotion. May you all enjoy the blessings of Divine Providence.
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Caldwell and children.



Select Your Christmas Presents Here!

WITH ONLY TWELVE MORE DAYS before Christmas why wait longer to make your gift selections? It is a part of wisdom to make your selections early. Oftentimes, you know, hasty selections bring regret; will there be any regrets attached to any of your gifts? May we suggest that you make your selections early and at this store and avoid the possibility of any regrets and also that last day rush and annoyance. We have never shown before such assortments of high class, desirable merchandise and there has been no advance in prices on account of existing conditions.

Shop Early

Early in the month and early in the day and thereby do your part to relieve the strain of the holiday rush. You will have more time and find better selections.

Below we give a few suggestions taken at random from our complete display of seasonable and holiday showings:

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| Rochester Casseroles | Majestic Ranges |
| Rochester Serving Dishes | Aluminumware Sets |
| Rochester Serving Trays | Carving Sets |
| Rochester Perculators | Brass Fire Sets |
| Cut Glass Water Sets | Brass Andirons |
| Cut Glass Bowls | Jardinières, with stands |
| Cut Glass Vases | Gillette Safety Razors
(Gold Plated) |
| Hand Painted Vases | Auto Strop Safety Razors |
| Hand Painted Bowls | Wm. Enders Safety Razors |
| Hand Painted Plaques | Erector Sets, 50c up |
| Hand Painted Jugs | Tool Sets |
| Genuine Haviland China | Boy Scout Rifles |
| Community Silverware | Wagons |
| 1847 Rogers Silverware | Gold Knife Watch Charms |

Frank C. Wehman