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HON. NOAH COOPER PASSING THE GOULD

First Monday and the Political Pot Begins to Boil.

Senator Gwinn, of Covington, Democratic candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, was in the city last Monday, as also was Noah Cooper, of Nashville, the "Gourd of Righteousness" candidate for United States Senator. Mr. Cooper made himself welcome everywhere, smiling and talking and incidentally inviting attention to his platform. He rallied a street crowd at Wehman's corner in the afternoon and was introduced by Judge Bratto proceeding with something like the following, which his management furnishes for publication:

America is in great danger of falling like Solomon. Unless America gets right with God, America will soon be ruined. America's danger is not from foreign foes, but from Satan and his bad habits here at home. We beat the Germans. We beat Spain. We beat Mexico. The question now is will America beat the devil? It is a live question. The battle is on here at home. We can't beat the devil with guns and tanks and death gases and submarines. To beat the devil America has got to put on the whole armor of God.

Satan deceived Solomon with all his wisdom and ruined his nation in 25 years. We may think America cannot fall. Germany in 1913 never dreamed that in 10 years she would be fallen. So America is in danger from indifference about her bad habits.

America spent and lost one hundred billion dollars to beat Germany; but we have not spent a hundredth part of that to beat the devil. We sent an army of two million boys to beat Germany; but we have not sent one twentieth of that number to beat the devil. Beating Satan is a hundred times harder job than beating Germany.

We have got to put God's eternal truth in our habits, into our children, into our schools, into our business, into our Congress and into our laws. We have been fighting about property, passing laws to prevent stealing and profiteering, while Satan has been robbing us of many of our dearest treasures.

I am standing with God, with the Versailles peace treaty, with the Ten Commandments, with the women, the churches and the God fearing men, against war, mammon and Sabbath breaking.

SENATOR GWINN VISITS OBION COUNTY PEOPLE

Mingling With First Monday Crowd; Speaks at Courthouse.

Senator L. E. Gwinn, from Tipton County, candidate for Governor, made a few remarks expressive of appreciation for the opportunity of meeting our people. He said that he did not come to make a speech but would have an appointment here at some future time to discuss the issues of the campaign. Mr. Gwinn is a candidate for the Democratic nomination and has a statement in the papers which was published last week. Mr. Gwinn, in private conversation, says that he is in favor of an entire change in our tax system. He says that we have tried for years and for centuries to get a successful plan for the collection of taxes on personality or invisible property, and every effort has been a failure, until the collection of such taxes has become a joke. He therefore favors a system which will give every county entire control of its own tax funds—the assessment and collection of its own taxes, and that the State department have nothing whatever to do with such funds—that the State taxes be handled as a separate and distinct fund and under a separate department. He feels that the collection of county taxes by the State to be turned into the State treasury and then again distributed among the counties forms a system that is complex and altogether impractical and which works an injury to the taxpayer who has the land or visible property.

The people here would no doubt be glad to see more of Mr. Gwinn and hear more of his tax proposition.

Mother's Day Service.

There will be a special service for MOTHERS held at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning, May 7, beginning at 11 o'clock. We hope to make this a great occasion because we feel that all honor is due to the motherhood of our land. We desire to have every mother who is inclined to come our way, with us at this time. But you say, "What will we do with our children?" Just bring them along and carry them to the primary school room, which will be used for a nursery that day, and there you will find Mesdames Henry Hassler and Granville Sanders who will be glad to entertain them for you during this hour. With the many small chairs and other conveniences found there, this can be easily done. We insist that each one who is fortunate enough to have a mother spared them make special arrangements to have her present. If your mother has been previously called to her reward, then honor her memory by being there as her representative. An important feature of the service will be special music suited to the occasion. A general invitation is extended to the public.

Services will be held in the New Church Chapel next Sunday morning. The Rev. Dr. Thomas A. King will deliver the sermon and the pastor, Rev. L. G. Landenberger, will conduct the service. The Holy Supper will be celebrated. There will be no afternoon meeting of the doctrinal class. As the New Church Chapel is very small for a Sunday evening service, Dr. King will occupy the pulpit at the Methodist Church in the evening, the pastor, Rev. E. M. Mathis, having kindly granted the use of his church. Dr. King is pastor of the New Church at Lakewood, Ohio, and is considered one of the ablest ministers of the Church of the New Jerusalem. His subject will be: "The Three Essentials of the Christian Religion—Jesus Christ, the Bible and Regeneration." It is hoped a large audience will be present to hear the noted preacher and author.

PICTURE PLAYHOUSE GOES TO LOCAL CAPITALISTS

To Be Incorporated the Union City Amusement Co.

R. H. Rust and R. C. Jackson, this city, both prominent young men in business affairs, last week took over the plant of Jimmie's Playhouse, heretofore conducted as one of Jimmie Boyd's amusement enterprises under the management of Lyle H. Boyd, the purchase and transfer of the property taking place immediately. Consideration of the sale, \$10,000.

We are informed by the new owners that articles of incorporation have been filed under the name of the Union City Amusement Co., and the house will continue under the management of Mr. Lyle Boyd, to present to its Union City patrons only the highest class screen attractions. Some of the service is indeed ahead of city time, as illustrated by the Yankee Colonel and others, which appeared here before they did in Memphis and other Southern cities.

As soon as the charter is issued the company will be organized. This is one of the modern playhouses in Southern towns, with its elaborate pipe organ, seating arrangements, service, etc., and has been giving its patrons some extra fine attractions.

BIRTHPLACE OF THE CONFEDERACY

Impressive Ceremonies in Montgomery, Alabama.

Montgomery, Ala., April 27.—The birthplace of the Confederacy Wednesday paid tribute to the thousands of Southern men who gave their lives in support of the government which was founded in Montgomery during the sixties. The capital where the ordinance of secession was adopted and where the plans for the organization of the new government were made was closed while all officials and employes took part in memorial exercises.

The ceremony was started with a parade through the streets of the city with Gen. Hal T. Walker as grand marshal and Col. Bibb Graves as assistant grand marshal.

CITIZENS PROPOSE DRASTIC REFORMS

Resolutions Adopted by Mass Meeting at Courthouse.

A number of citizens and taxpayers, especially interested and concerned about the extravagance of State government and the tax system, met last Monday at the courthouse. As far as party is concerned most, or practically all, of those present were Democrats. T. C. Callicott, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, was called to the chair, and E. H. Marshall and E. P. Waddell, of the press, were elected secretaries.

Senator D. P. Caldwell was present and requested to make an address. Mr. Caldwell opened up by calling attention to the fact that generalities have some time ago lost their force in dealing with political questions. What the people now demand is facts and figures. In the first place our taxing system needs attention. Taxes are bearing from time to time more heavily on the agricultural classes and gradually lighter upon industrial and financial corporations and interests. There need to be some specific measures to force every class of taxpayers to bear its proportionate part of State and county taxes.

Mr. Caldwell read a list of the State departments and officers and the increase in salaries and appropriations for same from 1917 to 1921, with a total increase for the period of \$545,000. To this was added the establishment of tax department and department of entomology, \$101,000, making altogether \$646,000. Now to this again was added an increase of \$525,000 for the University of Tennessee; also the three per cent extra tax for elementary schools to be distributed to counties increasing their own elementary school tax, \$517,000. These totals are all increases from 1917 to 1921, and make a grand total of \$1,688,000, which Mr. Caldwell intimates could be saved to the people of Tennessee with a return to the old regime.

Dr. White, of Rives, then proposed some resolutions incorporating the demands of the taxpayers and citizens present and asking that these resolutions be submitted to the candidates for Governor and the General Assembly for their approval and guidance in the coming State Assembly and administration.

The resolutions as follows were adopted unanimously:

Union City, Tenn., May 1, 1922.

Realizing the fact that State government in Tennessee has fallen into the hands of legislative and executive administrators and representatives who are no longer guided by unselfish and patriotic motives; that special interests and class interests are dominant and active in the shaping of legislation and in the administration of State government; that representatives have been found guilty of violating the oath of office; that the plain citizen and the tax payer of Tennessee is not counted as an equation in the public affairs of the State of Tennessee. Therefore we, as citizens of Obion County, do this day offer and insist upon the following resolutions and ask our candidates for Governor and the General Assembly to give them their fair and honest judgment:

Resolved, That taxation is the most important function of government and that the most urgent demand is tax reform; that the system in Tennessee has been revised without relief; that revision has been so incomplete that instead of balancing the burdens of taxation, the burden upon the agricultural classes has been increased, while upon the corporations and financial interests it has been reduced. We therefore hereby declare and affirm that the system is a constitutional deformity and should be entrusted to the hands of honest men in the Legislature, who will make it their solemn duty to see that taxation in Tennessee shall be made to bear equally and alike upon all classes—specifically that corporations and moneyed interests shall pay their just portion of the taxes.

Resolved, That the institution in Tennessee known as the back tax organization be forever abolished and that the county trustees of the State, or the counties themselves, have entire jurisdiction as to the

collection of delinquent taxes.

Resolved, That the present fiscal system in Tennessee is a business and financial monstrosity; that the practice of running the State in debt and issuing bonds without apparent regard for State credit should be wholly condemned; that there can be no security and stability of government until appropriations and current expenditures are confined to tax returns and revenues provided for the use of the State.

Resolved, That we do not approve of the manner in which the school interests of the State are conducted; that it is unjust to the school children of Tennessee to foster higher education and vocational training at the expense of the elementary or common schools; that, if necessary in order that the children in every county of the State shall have an eight months school each year, the State Normal schools be consolidated into one school and all duplication in these normal schools be discontinued; that the tax from the University of Tennessee be reduced to an economic necessity, and that the polytechnic school be located to the county in which it is located or abandoned.

Resolved, That it is inconceivable why State taxes should be imposed upon the people of the State for a duplicated school system in the counties where the State Normals are located, i.e.: primary, elementary and high school branches in both the public school and the State Normal school. It is simply duplication and double taxation without generally advancing the public interests of the State in a commensurate way. One normal school in Tennessee, stripped of useless promotion and duplication, will cost the people infinitely less and with a great deal better efficiency and satisfaction. That one normal should be in the center of the State.

Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed to a State fair tax of any kind, State fair appropriations of any character, and the further efforts of the State fair manager to transfer the State fair debt of Davidson County, \$200,000, to the State of Tennessee. It is our judgment that the advantages to the people of the State from the State fair are infinitely small and that State fair ownership and operation is a species of socialism obnoxious to the principles of pure democracy.

Resolved, That the long made pledge of discarding useless public departments and officials should be redeemed, that the State should take a determined stand for public service reform.

Resolved, That the legislative bonus be condemned and that the State constitution be amended so as to provide fixed salaries for members commensurate and adequate for actual service and personal expenses.

Resolved, That other important matters should be provided for by constitutional changes or amendments, but a reform as above indicated should begin at once.

The following amendments were offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we are opposed to the present centralization of school and road money being sent to Nashville for distribution.

Resolved, That we favor the repeal of that provision of the poll tax election law requiring the payment of poll tax 60 days before the next following election.

Resolved, That we oppose the plans of the Tennessee Good Roads Association to ask the Legislature for a \$50,000,000 bond issue by the State to build State highways in Tennessee.

Resolved, That the departments and offices of the State be consolidated and simplified and conducted with less expense and with possibly a greater degree of efficiency.

TENNESSEANS FIND

REST IN ARLINGTON

Washington, Apr. 27.—The bodies of three Tennesseans are included among the sixty-four soldier dead brought from overseas to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery today. They, with the next of kin, are:

Private Bruce M. Colback, next of kin Noah Colback, Jefferson City; Sergt. James A. Latham, next of kin Mrs. Essa E. Latham, Memphis; Corp. Connie Hatkins Sherrill, next of kin Carvin D. Holladay, Westport.

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