

THE COMMERCIAL

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Democratic Ticket.

For Sheriff—J. W. (Watt) Cherry
For Trustee—Armoir Ratliff
For County Court Clerk—R. H. Bond
For Circuit Court Clerk—J. N. Riddle
For Register—W. J. Edwards, Jr.

For Representative.

BRATTON—We are authorized to announce S. R. Bratton as a candidate for re-election as Representative from Obion County in the General Assembly of Tennessee, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

For Floater.

CHAS. CLAIBORNE—We are authorized to announce Charles Claiborne of Dyer County as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for re-election as Floater Representative for the counties of Dyer, Lake and Obion, subject to the August primary.

For State Senator.

LEDUKE—We are authorized to announce B. F. LeDuke, of Lake County, as a candidate for re-election as State Senator from the counties of Weakley, Obion and Lake, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

MAIDEN—We are authorized to announce S. L. Maiden, of Weakley County, as a candidate for State Senator from the counties of Weakley, Lake and Obion in the General Assembly in the State of Tennessee, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

County School Taxes.

The Commercial, in a very hurried and unthoughtful way, made a very big blunder last week in regard to the county school tax. It is not the purpose of this paper to create a false impression, even for political ends, and we are not often guilty of so radical an error.

In the first place we were not familiar with the disposition of the various county tax funds, and in the second place the article last week was stimulated by a suggestion without the verification of the records.

The article referred to made it appear that all the county school tax is sent to the State treasury and pooled with the State tax. This is all a mistake. None of the county school tax is sent out of the county, but held here for county school purposes. The State tax collected in the county for school purposes is sent to the State department, but over three-fifths of this tax is returned to the county for county school purposes.

The Commercial is always ready to correct an error, especially one which is so totally wide of the mark and so liable to mislead those who are not familiar with the facts.

Therefore we are quoting some figures from the 1921 taxes collected as follows:

COUNTY SCHOOL TAXES.

Elementary fund:	
Tax on land	\$65,485.69
Public utilities	7,726.54
Dog tax	1,903.99
Total	75,116.22
High school fund:	
Land tax	\$ 5,780.85
Public utilities	903.10
Total	6,683.95
Grand total	\$81,800.17

All of the above school tax funds are held in the county for county school purposes. The \$6,683.95 high school tax has no connection at all with the special high school tax funds, for the special high schools at Rives, Troy, Hornbeak and South Fulton. These special high school tax funds are kept entirely separate and distinct from the other county school funds and are not included in the above statement.

State university fund:	
Land tax	\$13,037.86
Public utilities	1,719.40
Total	14,757.26

All of the above tax fund is sent out of the county for the University of Tennessee. It is a special levy of five cents for that school.

STATE SCHOOL TAX.

Collected in Obion Co.	\$36,426.95
All of this tax fund is sent out of the county, but the State returns over three-fifths of it to the county for county school purposes as follows:	
Elementary fund	\$22,538.53
High school fund	2,760.88
Total	25,299.41

Therefore there is a balance of only \$11,125.54, which the county loses to the State for the Department of Education outside of the University of Tennessee.

We presume that the operating expenses of the State Normal schools come out of this balance, \$11,125.54, and similar school balances from all the various counties of the State, and we must admit that it is surprisingly small. The building appropriations, etc., may come from bond issues and other sources.

From the above it will be seen that

the total of the State and County school taxes for 1921 collected in Obion County was \$132,984.38. Of this amount \$107,099.58 is used in Obion County for county school purposes, and \$25,882.80, less than one-fifth, goes to the State.

Rather a radical difference from the statement made last week that all of the county school funds are sent to the State officials and only two-fifths of the same is returned.

We apologize for the statement made without investigation, and ask that this statement made as near as possible to represent the facts be substituted.

Now, it seems from the above that Obion County pays approximately \$11,000 a year, which goes to the Department of Education, the State normal schools and other branches of State school work, outside of the University of Tennessee. How much of this goes to the State normal schools I don't know, and how much the State pays to the State normal schools from all sources and for all purposes I don't know. Mr. Austin Peay may be right in his statement that the money required to run the State normal schools one whole term would not run the elementary schools of the State a whole week. Be that as it may, there are too many schools in Tennessee to train teachers. Peabody College is training teachers; the University of Tennessee is training teachers. The subject of Education is taught in both these schools, designed expressly as a subject for the training of teachers. Then we have four State normal schools training teachers.

It is said that Tennessee is training two thousand or more teachers and less than five hundred teachers trained in the State schools are at work teaching in the elementary schools of Tennessee. The worst part of it is that the elementary school system of Tennessee is a disgrace. As General Hannah states, Tennessee has a fine record for illiteracy. She stands fourth from the bottom as one of the States in illiteracy.

While we have all this elaborate college and State normal work the children of Tennessee are groping in darkness for the lack of common school advantages. In some counties there are elementary schools which run not more than five months in the year, maybe less. The teachers are in many cases probably not competent to train the children. The school funds in such cases are not sufficient to pay competent teachers.

Now, the disgraceful feature of the State school system is the school lobby and its interlocking interests with the State University and the State fairs, which this paper has heretofore designated as the political triangle which controls the political fortunes of the people of Tennessee. If a State Senator or Representative outside of the charmed circle or triangle wants anything he must perforce seek the good graces of that body, and the price is sometimes very expensive. It may mean the support of the University tax, the State fair tax and the State normal tax, or perhaps an additional State normal to accommodate a retiring State Superintendent at something like a salary of ten thousand dollars a year and the cost of a new normal school. If nothing of this kind is required the school book trust may need his support. It now takes quite a lot to get a local bill to pass muster.

It would be a Godsend to the people of Tennessee if the constitution were amended to provide that no bonds of any kind or character could be issued without a referendum of the voters and that all local legislation should be committed to the sovereign county courts of the State. This would mean democracy, true democracy, the wiping out of the shameful barter of the people's public interests.

The Cemeteries.

On Monday night at a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen the question of platting or laying off another section of East View Cemetery on the western boundaries was taken up for consideration. Available space in the grounds already platted is nearly all in use and more burial lots are needed. Along with this proposition another matter in connection with burial grounds in the city limits was suggested. That is, the practicability of allowing burial permits to non-residents. Some years ago under the city administration of John T. Walker the grounds for East View Cemetery were purchased by the city and opened for cemetery purposes. Only a portion of the cemetery was then platted and the lots offered for sale. The old City Cemetery was nearly full at the time, making it necessary for the city to buy new grounds. Now, as we stated, the platted part of East View is practically all taken, and new ground is to be platted. The question therefore is not a matter of choice or the disposi-

tion to make generous extensions to non-residents for burial in the city limits, but it is purely a question of possibility. Can we provide burial grounds for our own dead and accommodate all the requests from non-residents for burial lots? If burial permits are not to be issued to non-residents an exception should be made to those, of course, who have some member or members of their family buried in the city cemeteries here. It would not do to be arbitrary, but to those non-residents who have no property here and no relatives buried in the city limits of the corporation of Union City, can we, in justice to our own citizens, allow the same privileges for burial purposes?

That is a question which the board considered last Monday night and which was referred to the City Cemetery Committee. The question will have to be decided one way or the other and it should be decided with all fairness and impartiality, at the same time it should be decided with a broad view of our limitations and possibilities.

For State Senator.

The Commercial is requested to announce one of the distinguished Democrats and citizens of Weakley County, S. L. Maiden, as a candidate for State Senator from the counties of Weakley, Lake and Obion in the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. Mr. Maiden is located at Greenfield in the practice of law. He has served his people and fellow Democrats with a great deal of credit and high order of ability in many ways, some years ago being a member of the lower house of the State Legislature. Mr. Maiden is well known over the State and especially in his county where he is esteemed as a fine citizen and an able lawyer. He is anxious to serve the interests of his party and his people again and comes before you as a candidate for State Senator, pledging himself to the reorganization of State government in the interest of economy and political integrity. Mr. Maiden is a candidate subject to the action of his party and asks a fair consideration of his claims. We are pleased to offer his announcement.

HON. AUSTIN PEAY

Speaks in Union City To-day at the Courthouse.

Hon. Austin Peay, Democratic candidate for Governor of Tennessee, will speak in Union City to-day, 1:30 p.m. at the Courthouse. Mr. Peay will address the people of Obion County on tax and administration reforms and the public is cordially invited to be present.

CAPT. G. T. FITZHUGH

SPEAKS IN UNION CITY

To Address Citizens of Obion County Thursday, July 13.

Capt. G. T. Fitzhugh, of Memphis, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, will address the citizens of Obion County on Thursday July 13, at

Reynolds Theatre, Union City, Thursday night at 8 o'clock.
Hornbeak, one o'clock p.m.
Troy, 3:30 o'clock p.m.
Captain Fitzhugh has a very important message concerning the duties of Congress—the preservation of the principles of State sovereignty and the vital issues of taxation and economy. He is a candidate in the interest of the movement to protect our government from the dangerous trend to socialism, now fostered in the guise of Federal promotion of public institutions and benefactions. Every voter should be present to hear Captain Fitzhugh. The reception committee for the speaking is as follows:

F. W. Moore, W. H. Swiggart, W. M. Miles, Fenner Heathcock, Geo. A. Gibbs, C. H. Cobb, Harris Parks, A. J. Corum, E. A. Glover, Dr. C. W. Miles, John T. Walker, Tom Harris, Rev. J. N. Bryson, H. W. Hicks, L. T. Holliday, J. M. Calhoun, Dr. A. E. Boswell, S. A. McDade, R. A. Gossam, T. B. Clement, Alex. Mitchell, Dr. J. L. Wright, R. B. Gauntlett, W. M. Waterfield, E. H. Marshall, John Baird, Dr. W. A. Nailling, R. H. Caldwell, Chas. W. Miles, Jr., J. M. Russell, J. M. Chapel, J. A. Howard, S. F. Howard, J. R. Davis, T. J. Bonner, J. H. Steel, Jno. D. Alexander, J. D. Jones, J. B. Mitchell, P. D. Hornbeak, Dr. R. N. Whitehead, B. V. Jernigan, J. R. Mills, Alex. Smith, W. M. Freed, Dr. Har Glover, John E. Finch, J. M. Polk, S. B. Finch, T. R. Reynolds, C. S. Talley, Dr. E. S. Baker, Rev. J. M. Pickens, H. O. Head, Jr., L. P. Morris, A. C. Houser, G. W. Tomerlin, E. P. Waddell, Armoir Ratliff, Dr. A. P. Waterfield, J. A. Coble, F. R. Robertson, J. M. Hickman, D. H. Burnett, W. W. Morris, G. W. Rohey, W. H. Forrester, G. W. Stovall, Box FFox, Walter Via, Chas. F. Caldwell, J. H. Bittick, Squire John Crockett, E. F. McSpedden, E. L. Brown, R. T. Roberts, G. B. Driskill, Mrs. W. H. Swiggart, Mrs. Harris Parks, Mrs. Geo. A. Gibbs, Jr., Mrs. S. F. Howard, Mrs. T. R. Reynolds, Mrs. H. O. Head, Jr., Mrs. Morris Miles, Mrs. C. W. Miles, Sr., Mrs. C. S. Talley, Mrs. J. M. Chapel, Mrs. W. M. Waterfield, Mrs. Geo. Gibbs, Sr., Mrs. J. A. Baird, Mrs. W. W. Heathcock, Mrs. A. C. Houser, Mrs. C. H. Cobb, Mrs. E. A. Glover, Mrs. W. H. Nailling, Mrs. G. W. Tomerlin, Mrs. Felix Moore, Mrs. J. M. Pickens, Mrs. John T. Walker, Mrs. Chas. Miles, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Coble.

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SALE OF LAND FOR DRAINAGE TAX

Obion River Drainage District No. 1, of Obion County, vs. Earl Davidson et als.—No. 1405.

In obedience to a decree of the Chancery Court of Obion County, Tenn., at the April Term, 1922, in the above styled cause I will, on

Saturday, the 15th Day of July

at one o'clock p.m. in front of the East door of the Courthouse in Union City, sell to the highest and best bidder, certain tracts of land hereinafter described and ordered sold by the said Court for the purposes of paying delinquent drainage taxes due thereon. The land sold will be subject to and encumbered by any future taxes for drainage which may be assessed against such land the same being sold to pay the drainage tax for 1919 and 1920. The several tracts of land which will be sold are described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1.—Being tract No. 2 in Drainage District No. 1 assessed to J. W. Buchanan consisting of 256 acres in Civil District No. 15 of Obion County, Tenn., and bounded on the North by Ward, on the East by E. E. Park, South by E. Morris, West by the Obion River.

TRACT NO. 2.—Being tract No. 6 in said drainage district in Civil District No. 11, in said State and County, consisting of 107 acres, assessed to A. R. Boyett and bounded on the North by A. Wilson, East by A. L. Boyett, South by McKinnis, West by E. E. Parks.

TRACT NO. 3.—Being tract No. 11 in said drainage district lying in said Civil District No. 11, of said State and County, consisting of 100 acres, assessed to Mrs. E. J. Boyett, A. L. Boyett, H. A. Boyett, Ollie Cowan, C. N. Boyett, Myrtle Boyett, C. E. Boyett, Varney E. Boyett, and bounded on the North by A. Wilson, on the East by Claud Pierce, on the South by F. J. Sullivan, on the West by A. L. Boyett.

TRACT NO. 4.—Being tract No. 16, in said drainage district and in Civil District No. 11, in said State and County, consisting of 10 acres, assessed to J. F. Thompson, bounded on the North by H. J. Raymer, one the East by E. E. Parks, on the South by J. F. Thompson and on the West by Moore.

TRACT NO. 5.—Being tract No. 38, in said drainage district in Civil District No. 11, of said State and County, assessed to M. B. Reed; consisting of 10 acres bounded on the North by F. J. Smith land, on the East by F. Williams, on the South by F. J. Smith lands, and on the West by A. G. West.

TRACT NO. 6.—Being tract No. 42, in said drainage district consisting of 100 acres assessed to the Obion Valley Land and Investment Co., a corporation being in Civil District No. 11 of said State and County, and bounded on the North by Joe Seacore, on the East by J. F. Pierce land, on the South by George Dahnke, on the West by George Dahnke and others.

TRACT NO. 7.—Being tract No. 65, in said drainage district lying in Civil District No. 11, of said State and County, consisting of 1280 acres, and bounded on the North by Obion River, on the East by Rutherford Fork, on the South by Bruce (now Bushart), and on the West by Jackson, assessed to the Obion Valley Land and Investment Company.

TRACT NO. 8.—Being tract No. 68 in said drainage district, assessed to the Obion Valley Land and Investment Co., lying in Civil District No. 11, of said State and County, consisting of 225 acres, and bounded on the North by the Obion Valley Land and Investment Co., on the East by Chapel, on the South by Dahnke and on the West by the Obion River.

TRACT NO. 9.—Being tract No. 54 in said drainage district, assessed to the Obion Valley Land and Investment Company, consisting of 999 acres, lying in Civil District No. 11, of said State and County, bounded on the North by the Obion River, on the East by C. A. James, on the South by T. P. Finch, on the West by T. J. Pierce.

TRACT NO. 10.—Being tract No. 60 in said Drainage District assessed to T. F. Paterson, consisting of 30 acres, located in Civil District No. 8 of said State and County, bounded on the North by the Obion Valley Land and Investment Co., on the East by McFadden, on the South by Paterson, and on the West by Jackson and Patterson.

TRACT NO. 11.—Being tract No. 63 in said drainage district, assessed to Irene Hopper, in Civil District No. 8, of said State and County, consisting of 30 acres bounded on the North by the Obion Valley Land and Investment Co., on the East by Hopper, and on the South by Hopper.

TRACT NO. 12.—Being tract No. 77, in said drainage district, lying in Civil District No. 8 of said State and County, consisting of 45 acres, assessed to W. P. McFadden, bounded on the North by the Obion Valley Land and Investment Co., on the East by Hopper, on the South by McFadden and on the West by McFadden.

Said sale will be made for cash. This June 13, 1922. 12-4t
GEO. A. GIBBS,
Clerk and Master.

By Nelle F. Marshall, D. C. & M.

His Inference.

Tobe Smathers and Gabe Gunshun of the Mount Piggy region of the Ozarks, were guests of a hotel in the Big Burg recently. Some time after they had retired for the night they were rudely awakened by the fire chief's car raging past with its siren screaming in an unknown tongue. "What the blue heck was that?" cried Mr. Gunshun. "I d'know perizely," replied Mr. Smathers. "but I reckon some feller has stayed out too late and his wife is hunting him."—Kansas City Star.