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WEST VIRGINIA DISHONORED.

A few days ago, when the House was considering the Dillingham bill for the restriction of immigration, Mr. Roddenbery, a red-hot Democrat from the State of Georgia, spoke of the dangers threatening the country from conferring citizenship upon, and giving the ballot to an illiterate, lawless, criminal class, brought here every year, from alien lands, by foreign ships, with foreign flags.

Mr. Sabath of Illinois, a fellow Democrat, challenged several statements made by Mr. Roddenbery, who came back in this style: "Mr. Chairman, I decline to yield to be set right by the gentleman. Let him go to Chicago, into her slums, her dens of vice, her compounds of corruption, where they buy and sell United States citizenship like a southern cracker buys a cow, and set them right."

That statement having been denied by Sabath, the Georgia Democrat illustrated Chicago depravity by handing out the case of Lorimer, and declared: "The verdict of a court at the other end of this capital shows a judgment by adequate men and great statesmen, who have put upon the name of Chicago and her politics the most accurate light for barter and sale of high office and of citizenship with which any country has ever been defamed."

When the Hon. Seaborn Anderson Roddenbery reads the record in the Watson-Chilton case, he will no longer say that Lorimer's case is "the most accused blight for barter and sale of high office and citizenship with which any country has ever been defamed," for, bad as was Lorimer's case, it must be remembered that no one ever charged that he personally was guilty of bribery, or had used a fountain pen and check-book.

Chicago and her politics may have been defamed by the Lorimer iniquity, but the State of West Virginia stands dishonored by the degradation and disgrace of the Watson-Chilton crime, and it will go stand until the door of the Senate of the United States is opened to Justice.

And Governor Glascock holds the key!

THE OHIO COUNTY AUDIT.

From the audit reported by the Tax Commissioner's Office, it appears that Sheriff Taylor and Sheriff Clemans are both indebted to the County of Ohio in very large sums of money. Fortunately it appears that most of this indebtedness arises from loose and uncertain interpretation of the law, and from lax methods of settlement. None of the apparent wrongdoing which has been found in other counties in this State is revealed in Ohio County. While the sums claimed from the two sheriffs are very considerable, they are not large in view of the large amounts of money handled by them. The fact that two County officials, whose personal honesty is recognized and is not assailed in the report, are indebted to the county so many thousands of dollars, indicates the value and importance to the whole of the State of the work done by the Tax Commissioner's Department under the uniform accounting law.

If we are to have few officials instead of salaried officials in West Virginia, it is doubly important that absolutely definite and fixed lines of settlement with such officials should be established. The Tax Commissioner's Department is working to do this. However, the whole system is wrong. It appears from the information furnished by the Tax Commissioner's Office, that the income of a sheriff of Ohio County is not less than \$19,000.00 a year. After all proper expenses are deducted, the sum of from \$14,000.00 to \$15,000.00 per year is left to the fortunate holder of this office. The absurdity of the County of Ohio paying from \$14,000.00 to \$15,000.00 per year to an individual official is too glaring to admit of discussion. There are other counties in the State probably in which the sheriff's office is equally as fat as it is in this county. The whole iniquitous fee system ought to be wiped out and all our sheriffs, county and circuit clerks, should be put on a salaried basis.

NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

(By E. J. Edwards.)

How Blaine Gained His Knowledge of Maine and Its People.

In August, 1879, when the State campaign in Maine was at its height, I spent several days at Lewiston, having heard that the final rally of the campaign would take place in that town and that General James A. Garfield, Ellis H. Roberts, then a prominent member of Congress and afterwards Treasurer of the United States; General Joseph R. Hawley, a year later United States Senator from Connecticut, and Congressman William P. Frye, later Senator, would address a great Republican mass meeting. The Greenback party had, in fusion with the Democracy, made a vigorous campaign. United States Senator James G. Blaine was then, as he had done for many years, directing the State campaign for the Republican party.



Ex-Governor Nelson Dingley, who afterwards gained national reputation as the author of the tariff law that bears his name, was editing a paper in Lewiston, and him I asked how Blaine, a national figure and engrossed in affairs of State, found the time to direct as difficult a campaign as the one then in progress in Maine. "Blaine," Governor Dingley replied minutely, "has, I think, the most detailed and encyclopedic knowledge of the State of Maine of any man living or who has ever lived in this State. His mind is of such order that he can instantly make use of the resources in the way of knowledge and information which he has stored up in his mind. For this reason it is comparatively easy for him to direct a campaign in this State."

"I wonder if you would like to hear of the way in which Blaine obtained his detailed information of the people and of the characteristics of this State?" "Blaine came from Pennsylvania to Augusta, Maine, to live in the early afternoon to him in Augusta only a little while when he accepted a proposition to edit a paper in Lewiston for 23 years of age."

"Only a few days after he decided to accept the proposition he asked a member of the staff to bring him the bound volume of the newspaper for the first six months after it was started. When this was placed before him he remarked that it looked as though it had not been opened for twenty years. It was yellow with age and covered with dust."

"Blaine went carefully through this entire volume. When he had done that he called for the second volume, and that was followed by the third, and so on to the last volume. He spent every spare moment for about six months in reading diligently from end to end every copy of the newspaper from the first number. His power of assimilation was very great; he read understandingly very rapidly. And when he had finished the last bound volume he said: 'I know now the State of Maine in history and the State of Maine as she is today.'"

"He did not overstate. He held that vast mass of information as compactly and perfectly assimilated in his mind as it would have been had it been collected and published as an encyclopedia and well indexed."

"Afterward Blaine learned the State of Maine by personal experience. Now, I think, you know the reason why he has been a master hand in directing the politics of this State, and I think you will agree with me in saying that had he not been divorced from journalism to politics, he would inevitably have become very influential and very great as a journalist—perhaps the greatest the United States has ever had."

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DISARM THEM.

Governor Glascock's efforts to disarm both the strikers and the mine guards in the Paint Creek region seem to be measurably successful. The ready revolver and shot gun have played too prominent a part in this mine trouble. The practice which prevails among mine operators in the southern section of the State, of employing mine guards for the protection of their property ought to be discouraged, if not absolutely prohibited. While men ought to be allowed to protect their own property, should it become necessary, these private guards often become merely hirelings and armed mercenaries, willing to commit any crime, and to perform any disreputable service at the behest of those who pay them.

The law of this land does not contemplate the maintenance of a private armed force by any individual or set of individuals. The courts and the State authorities are supposed to afford ample protection to life and property. On the other hand, the indiscriminate possession and use of fire arms by strikers only tend to create unnecessary disorder and crime. Governor Glascock has taken the right course in disarming them. Both strikers and mine guards should be required to give up their weapons, and then, under the protection of the law and the State authorities, peace and order will be restored.

THE FUNCTION OF A NEWSPAPER

A solicitor for newspaper subscriptions made this remark of his personal experience the other day: "Some of the keenest critics the newspapers have met are people who rarely buy a home newspaper, at least, never patronize it regularly. They borrow it from friends, or steal glimpses at it in hotels, barber shops, or reading rooms. If there were no newspapers here, they would be the very first to deplore the lack of public spirit."

The newspaper makes possible all kinds of private and public enterprise. If you want to get anything done, whether it be your children educated, your products sold, or your gospel preached, you have got to tell the people about it in some public way. No kind of organization is possible without public discussion.

You can sell goods for more and buy them for less, through the exchange of information which the newspaper makes possible. A newspaper can perform these great services efficiently only when it is loyally supported by the public. The man who refuses to contribute his small share through a newspaper subscription is like one who has enjoyed a feast, but who dodges the contribution box.

CALL AN EXTRA SESSION.

Although an extra session of the Legislature may be somewhat expensive, it is worth the cost.

PHAGOCYTE No. 205.

Secrets BROWNE BROS. 1420 Market St. August 20, 1912.

TWO REPORTS ON FLORIDA SCANDAL

MAJORITY OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE CONDEMNED WRIGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—The majority report today presented to the House was a scathing indictment of the Florida swampland charges against the drainage division of the Department of Agriculture. The report takes up the charge that a certain circular was favorable to the sale of swamplands, and was suppressed in the Department of Agriculture. It also charges the suppression of a certain circular in the Department of Agriculture, and the suppression of a certain circular in the Department of Agriculture. The report also charges the suppression of a certain circular in the Department of Agriculture, and the suppression of a certain circular in the Department of Agriculture.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., Aug. 19.—Up to this time the swamped project owned by George Horigan and Henry Fox, who swamped from the county will use every trick in the book to keep the project from being carried out. The project is a large one, and it is estimated that it will cost more than two million dollars. The project is a large one, and it is estimated that it will cost more than two million dollars.

Col. Edwards' Case.

It looks as if Col. William Seymour Edwards prefers to be thrown out of the Republican National committee to settle his claims therefrom. Well, it is all the same to the committee. Col. Edwards will cease to be a member just as soon as it meets. Parkersburg Dispatch News.

IMPORTANT CHANGE

The Burns & Church Transfer Company has purchased the outfit of the Robinson Express. This, in connection with their transfer business, will enable them to give better service to our people residents than has been given heretofore. Telephone 476.

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Unlike the average Clearance Sale, these Skirts are fresh, clean, ready for immediate wearing. And there will be plenty of time yet this season to wear them—long enough to more than get the value out of them at the fractional prices Tuesday buyers have to pay.

Ladies' and Misses White Wash Skirts

Table with 2 columns of skirt prices: \$1.00 Wash Skirts . . 50c, \$1.25 Wash Skirts . . 63c, \$1.50 Wash Skirts . . 75c, \$1.98 Wash Skirts . . 99c, \$2.48 Wash Skirts . \$1.24, \$2.98 Wash Skirts . \$1.49, \$3.50 Wash Skirts . \$1.75, \$3.90 Wash Skirts . \$1.95, \$4.50 Wash Skirts . \$2.25, \$4.95 Wash Skirts . \$2.48

Buy These Stockings for School Wearing Now

Disposing of a line of sizes from 6 1/2 to 9 in Children's Black Ribbed Cotton Hose. The celebrated "Wear Well" brand, hole-proof and darnless. Lay in a supply Tuesday when 15c Stocking are selling special at 10c

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Table with 2 columns of rug prices: \$25.00 Body Brussels Rugs . . \$19.35, \$30.00 Axminster Rugs . . \$18.75, \$40.00 Wilton Rugs . . \$33.75, \$50.00 Wilton Rugs . . \$37.50

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