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'FLUENCE PEDDLING MUST CEASE.

Local dealers in 'fluence are up in their because of our editorial of last week, and if they continue in the business we propose to give the public the benefit of their names. We are sending letters to all candidates for Congress in this district and prospective candidates for county offices requesting them to furnish us with the names of this hungry horde in order that we may give their business some free advertising. These men persist in attempting to impress candidates with their political importance as a menace to the political well being of any people and the sooner they are weeded out the better. They have no real influence, can do nothing worth while and yet they put a price upon their 'fluence. It is graft and vote selling pure and simple and it is the purpose of this paper not only to expose the seller but also the buyer. Good men will not become candidates for office if they know their lives must be made miserable by these political vultures. The man with influence and ability will be sought by candidates and if his service is needed and if he must give up other work to render it, he should be paid, but this continual running down men who aspire to office should cease.

THE GENTLEMAN FROM KANAWHA.

We publish in another column of this issue an editorial which appeared in last week's issue of The Advocate. We reproduce it for two reasons--first because it advocates the nomination and election of a colored man for the Legislature from McDowell county, and second because it is the best thing ever printed in our esteemed contemporary about the Negroes of McDowell, even though the editor left the inference that there are no noble leaders here. For the benefit of the gentleman from Kanawha we will refrain from entering upon a comparison.

It is the purpose of this paper to call the attention of the Republicans of McDowell county to the growing demand not alone among Negroes but as expressed by some of the leading white Republicans in the state, for a colored legislator from this county, which gives such large Republican majorities, about 7 per cent of which are Negro votes. It is the opinion of many that the loyal Negro voters of McDowell are entitled to this representation and that the white Republicans should concede the nomination of one of the two members of the House of Delegates to them. In a short time we will begin the publication of letters giving the views of several Republicans, white and colored, on this question, which will soon become an issue in McDowell county.

We thank The Advocate for even admitting that there are a few Negroes in this county who are worthy to sit in the law making body of the State, and if the colored men of McDowell decide to nominate we hope the gentleman from Kanawha will give him his valuable support.

GETTING TOGETHER.

The position taken by Governor Henry D. Hatfield for the reorganization of the Republican party is in keeping with his record for progress and harmony. The plan proposed by the Governor of West Virginia was almost wholly adopted by the Republican National Executive Committee, and the very high honor of being appointed one of the three gentlemen to draft the address to the Republican voters of the county was conferred upon West Virginia's chief executive. The Republicans of this state should feel proud that the progressive Governor is taking such a conspicuous part in national politics and is doing so much to bridge the gap between Progressives and Republicans. We believe the efforts of Dr. Hatfield and the gentlemen of the Committee will have the desired effect and there will be a reunited party, not only in 1916 but in 1914, and that as a result of the action taken by the Committee the Republican party will sweep the country next year and in 1916 get control of both

The Executive and Legislative Branches of the Government. We congratulate Mr. Hatfield and the Committee.

WASHINGTON HAPPENINGS

SUFFRAGISTS ARE MAD

According to Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the Congressional Committee of the National Women's Suffrage Association in Washington, the Democrats will lack the support of the women in favor of this movement throughout the country. Miss Paul says that President Wilson has alienated the equal suffragists of America by refusal to take up their cause, and she believes the women should "turn the millions of votes of women" and their influence with male votes against the Democratic party in the next election, unless that party changes its mind on the question of suffrage. Miss Paul states that the Progressives, Socialists and Prohibition parties are in favor of equal suffrage.

MISBRANDED MERCHANDISE

That the government will restrict manufacturers in the same way that has been accomplished by the pure food laws, is indicated by the hearings held by Committees of Congress on bills to bar from Interstate Commerce misbranded adulterated articles of every description. Representative Campbell of Kansas, who is one of the most alert and skilled of the legislators in Washington, declares that "no manufacturer has the right to flinch from the public on an article which is not what it purports to be." He further declares that "a reputable manufacturer would not put his name on an adulterated product." Mr. Campbell has produced for his colleagues in Congress a quantity of shoes which he says are not made of pure leather. Other articles of merchandise have likewise been brought forward showing the need for this legislation.

OPPOSES PENSION LEGISLATION

It is real refreshing in these days when pension legislation passes the House of Representatives with only twenty-five or thirty dissenting votes, to note the nature of the opposition. As an illustration the article of Representative Callaway of Texas, is in point. In a speech in the House of Representatives he said: "I remember that when the river and harbor bill was up and we were making a fight against that, claiming that it was a pork barrel bill, the gentleman from Wyoming, who thinks that the House should never yield to a political pressure, assaulted the river and harbor bill, and said that it was a bill worked out to increase the bearings of the machinery in the respective districts. Does the gentleman think that the House would yield to the influence of a pork barrel on the river and harbor bill and would not be influenced by a pork-barrel bill for the pension distribution?"

CURRENCY BILL PASSES 54 TO 34.

Washington, Dec. 19.--The administration currency reform bill, proposing a revision of the financial system of the United States, and the creation of regional reserve banks to act as stabilizing elements in the banking and financial world, passed the Senate tonight by a vote of 54 to 34.

Forces that had fought together for improvement and amendment of the measure to the last, divided when the final came. Senator Hitchcock, who had led the opposition to the bill, returned to be Democratic ranks, and Senator Weeks, one of the leaders on the Republican side, with five other Republicans and Senator Corderox (Progressive), voted for the passage of the measure.

WHAT CURRENCY BILL WILL DO

Here is what the Democrats says the currency bill will accomplish: Make Uncle Sam instead of the banks pay over his own money. Prevent the accumulation of money in one place, such as Wall-st. Limit the volume of money used in circulation. Make more money available for commercial and agricultural expansion. Enable business men and farmers to secure credit on easier terms. Safeguard the depositors of bank patrons. Provide a currency which will expand or contract with the needs of business.

Williamson News

This has been a very strenuous week with the residents of this city in making ample preparations to satisfy the anxieties of the thousands of little children who are the idols of hundreds of homes throughout this and other sections of the country.

Dr. J. M. Whittico, for several days past, has been much indisposed on account of toothaches. But it is pleasing to note by his many friends that he is convalesced to the extent that he is in his office answering the many calls of his patients. His rapid recovery is largely due to the expert attention given him by Dr. A. M. Perry.

Little George Toy, Jr. arrived home Sunday evening in company with his uncle, from the Bluefield Colored Institute. He will spend the Christmas holidays with his mother and father. He is a bright little fellow and is in the model department of the above named school.

Mr. Benjamin Barber of Bluefield and son were pleasant Sunday visitors to friends and relatives in Williamson.

Dr. McCollan, the only colored dentist

in Mingo county and located in the popular city of Williamson has a lucrative practice and is making an enviable record along the lines of his profession.

Mrs. Hattie Small, one of the public school teachers of Mercer county, is spending the Christmas holidays with her husband E. A. Small, the tailor, of this city.

But little has been said along the lines of the Congressional campaign. Yet with our friend Gosdykoontz out of the way, which appears at present that he will be, it is most certain that a majority of the voters will give their support to Hon. Edgard Cooper of Bramwell, to succeed James A. Hough of Cabell county.

Golden Rule News

The endorsement of Mrs. Mary Walker of Arlington was paid Wednesday night, December 19.

The endorsement of Mrs. Matilda Woodson of Vivian was paid on the 17th inst.

The Golden Rule is progressing nicely and new stimulus is being injected in the work. An excellent report was received from Prof. L. D. Dawson of Williamson a few days ago.

All of the reports indicate that the Order is increasing in efficiency.

RECORD BREAKING YEAR IN W.VA. MINES

Fewer Accidents and Fatalities More Coal Produced and Conditions Better Generally

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 22.--The accident record in the office of Earl Henry chief of the Department of Mines of West Virginia for the first eleven months of 1913 show that this will be a banner year and that there have been fewer fatalities than in any year since 1908.

In the eleven months ending November 30th, there have been 399 deaths at the mines according to Mr. Henry's records, as against 540 for the first eleven months of 1912.

What is more significant, according to Mining records, the decrease of 31 in the number of deaths has taken place in spite of the fact that the fact that the state's mining population has increased 5,000. In 1912 the number of men employed in West Virginia mines was 58,248, while the 398 accidents this year have occurred to a population of 72,253, according to the figures of the Public Service Commission.

Another interesting show made by the Department records is that sixteen of the coal producing counties of the state have established a new world's record for safety. Of the sixteen counties in question, six had one death each while in ten counties there was none. The record of the United States Bureau of Mines set forth that in 1912 those counties produced 418,000 tons of coal. Based on this 1912 tonnage and it will be larger in 1913, it will be seen that there has been only one mining fatality in these counties for every 297,333 tons of coal mined. Chief Henry's record for the whole state make the fatality rate 4.21 for each thousand men employed. This is the best rate since 1905, when it was 3.15. The rate in 1912 was 5.26.

In reviewing the figures today, Mr. Henry pointed out that they indicated clearly that the operators and miners were co-operating with the Mining Department to make West Virginia one of the safest states in the Union for mining. He said he believed the 1914 record would, even better than those of 1913, now earnestly the miners and operators were working for the common welfare.

Governor Henry D. Hatfield, who, because of his many years of medical practice among mining people, takes special in the coal industry of the State, had the latest reports on his desk when the recapitulation of the mining records was shown him.

He was pleased as Mr. Henry was with the excellent showing. The governor took occasion to say that he had been taking, and would continue to take, advantage of every possible opportunity to help Mr. Henry and the operators and miners to improve conditions in West Virginia. He added that he wanted both operator and miners to know that the State administration intended to be constructive rather than punitive in the enforcement of the mining laws.

Yankee Officials Barred

Santo Domingo Is To Conduct Its Own General Election.

Santo Domingo, December 14.--The general elections, which will be held tomorrow and Tuesday for members of the Chamber of Deputies, will be conducted in an orderly manner, the Government promising that every voter shall have a free and fair opportunity to register his choice at the polls.

The Municipal Council has decided that only its members, representatives of the different parties and properly registered voters shall be permitted in the City Hall on the polling days. This measure excludes the general public and foreign visitors. Among the latter are the American Commissioners, who have been sent here to observe the elections and to act officially in case of dispute.

All the newspapers publish articles protesting against any attempt on the part of the American commissioners to control the elections, which they consider an attack on the national dignity.

LOCALS

Rev. W. H. Mitchell preached two very able sermons at the Baptist church Sunday. Both services were well attended.

Editor M. T. Whittico accompanied by his little son John V. left for his home in Henry county, Va., Tuesday, where they will spend the holidays.

R. W. White spent the latter part of last week in this city conferring with the boys on political matters.

Constable Henry Richards of Kimball was visiting friends here Sunday.

Prof. E. L. Rann was in Welch Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. L. Rann visited her father and sister Sunday and Monday.

Prof. J. W. Robinson of Kimball was in the city Monday. He was accompanied by Rev. R. D. W. Meadows of Huntington who has been conducting a revival at the First Baptist church in Kimball.

Rev. R. H. McCoy of Bramwell, President of the Golden Rule Association was in the city Monday.

Miss Jeanie B Hill visited her brother and did some shopping in this city Monday. She was the guest of Miss Rosa B. Bridgeford.

To the delight of their many friends of this city, Mrs. Mary Upperman, enroute from Bluefield to Premer, and Miss Mary Williams were seen on the streets here doing their Christmas shopping Tuesday of this week.

Dr. E. L. Youngue, of Welch was a business visitor to this city Tuesday.

D. E. V. Jordan, of Charleston, W. Va. and Kentucky agent for the American Workmen, was looking after policy holders in Keystone and vicinity Tuesday.

H. B. Hundley, of MacDonald was looking after business matters of importance here Tuesday.

Rev. R. P. Johnson, of Kimball spent a few hours in this city Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary McSwain Upperman, of Premer, was the guest of Mrs. G. N. Marshall Monday eve.

Miss Mary Whitms, of Marytown was calling upon friends Monday eve.

Emperor Menelik Dead For the 77th Time

London, Dec. 16--A dispatch from Jibuti, Africa, says that Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia died Friday last. King Menelik who was born in 1844 has been reported dead on several occasions.

Ten Days' Revival,

Kimball, W. Va., Dec. 21.--The First Baptist Church, Rev. J. W. Robinson, pastor, has been the scene of one of the greatest religious meetings ever held in this city. The 10 days service was conducted by Rev. R. D. W. Meadows, of Huntington, the great revivalist, and Supt. of Missions of the Baptist Church of W. Va. The religious awakening was such that there were 45 accessions to the church and much good has resulted from this meeting and both Rev. Robinson and Rev. Meadows are being highly commended for the excellent meetings.

Steel Cars Will Displace Wood Ones

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 22--The Norfolk & Western Railway Co. is substituting steel coaches for the wooden coaches that for many years have made up their principal trains. Trains Nos. 3, 4, 15 and 16 are being run as steel coaches. Other wooden coaches will be eliminated as fast as the steel equipment arrives. All new cars are provided with all modern convenience and are painted maroon.

Notice to Take Depositions.

TO ALICE WAYNE: Take notice that on January 1, 1914, at the Law Office of C. C. Frow, in the town of Wilcox, McDowell county, W. Va., between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. of that day, I shall proceed to take the depositions of myself and others to be read as evidence in my behalf, in a certain suit in equity, depending in the Circuit Court of McDowell county, wherein I am plaintiff and you are defendant; and if from any cause the taking of the said depositions be not commenced, or, if commenced, be not concluded, on that day, the taking thereof will be adjourned from time to time, at the same place and between the same hours until the same shall be completed.

S. B. Moon, P. Q. Louis Wayne.

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