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Democratic Ticket.

For Sheriff—Watt Cherry.
For Trustee—Armour Ratliff.
For Tax Assessor—Will Robey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For State Senator

LEDUKE.—We are authorized to announce E. F. Leduke, of Lake County, as a candidate for the State Senate to represent the people of Weakley, Lake and Obion Counties in the upper house of the Tennessee General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

For Representative.

CLOYS.—We are authorized to announce G. C. Cloys as a candidate for Representative from Obion County to the Tennessee General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

McDADE.—We are authorized to announce G. R. McDade as a candidate for Representative from Obion County to the Tennessee General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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

Taxes.

We are all more or less afraid of public sentiment. It takes strength of character and mature intellect to oppose it. Most of us are just ordinary mortals; therefore we invite ridicule when we challenge popular demands.

We presume there are very few loyal and patriotic citizens who do not want to see our national greatness emphasized with a powerful navy, a formidable merchant marine, great internal waterway and roadway improvements, the highest development in public educational advantages. We want above all these things to reward those who faced the deadly fire and poison of German savagery to defend our fair land and the prostrate allied nations. It would be a weak heart indeed who did not hope for these things.

But there are other public duties to perform. The nation owes a public debt and its honor has been pledged for the payment of this debt. It is not sufficient to refer to our great resources of hundreds of billions. That does not pay the debt and will not pay it unless these resources are developed. Since the war the national Congress has plunged wildly into excesses of expenditure. The reconstruction and rebuilding could have been done gradually and in moderation until such time as our finances warranted. This could have been done without fear of danger—even with perfect safety. As it is we have not only been forced to pay the greatest tribute in income tax for the useful things but for billions of high-priced luxuries.

And while this is in progress the patriotic citizens have been forced to witness the gradual and inexcusable depreciation of Liberty bonds. They have watched the nation's credit impaired and a crop or horde of unprincipled profiteers passing these income taxes on to the consumers. Is that a condition devoutly to be wished? Has the income tax payer, who has been giving aid to these popular demands, and right to protest? Why not business management in government as well as in private affairs? Does the business man not put his house in order when the strength of his resources has been taxed? Does he not begin to retrench and reform until the coast is clear. In other words does he not cut off some of the really useful things until he can pay his debts?

Coming on down the line from nation to State, State to county and county to city, it is presumed that there is not a single citizen of Union City who would agree to reduce our public schools, our public utilities, or any of the well established public advantages. Some of our citizens who give more time to finance than others thought best to have a temporary suspension of the vocational departments of the public schools. No one wanted to cripple the schools. No one wanted even to do away with these departments. But when it is a matter of the maintenance of the schools complete in every department and the city's financial credit—when it is to be one or the other, which should it be?

So the city took the wise plan and offers to raise by taxation the means with which to protect both the schools and the credit of the municipality. Now, the point in fact is,

will the taxpayers stand by the city? Will those who have stoutly protested that we shall maintain the schools in every particular at any cost be ready to condemn the city authorities for raising the taxes? Unlike income taxes, it is practically impossible to pass these taxes on to some one else in profits. Will we, in brief, who demand all these great advantages raise a howl over our city taxes? Let us hope not.

M. E. Clifton, representing C. P. J. Mooney, editor of the Commercial Appeal, has been in the city for the past week collecting local data and preparing material for an extensive edition de luxe, including a number of volumes, to be known as "The Mid-South and Its Builders," with Mr. Mooney as editor in chief. In these splendid volumes will be set forth in print and gravure the story of what has been accomplished, together with the men and women who have contributed to the work, in the mid-south for the past twenty-five years. The utmost care and discrimination is being exercised in this collection so that it will reflect a true picture of the best traditions of the mid-south. With all this will be employed the best skill in its publication, with genuine steel engravings and paper, binding and printing effects. It will be worth something to have a copy of this edition.

—Boy's Scout Shoes, worth \$3.50—only \$1.98 at Phil Hyman's Cut Price Store.

Union City Boy Seeing the World.

When William Farris Adams left Union City to enlist in the United States Marine Corps he was promised travel. That is what he wanted—and he certainly has not been disappointed.

Young Adams is the son of Joshua Adams, for merly Chief of Police of this city. He joined the Marines last March and was transferred to Paris Island, South Carolina, for his elementary training. Being exceptionally proficient in his duties, he finished the course in six weeks, having become well versed in the use of the rifle and bayonet and the many other details that go to make a real marine. He then went through the "sea going" school, learning all the nautical expressions and usages, and emerged fully equipped to take his place ashore or afloat.

The U. S. S. Pittsburgh was standing by in New York for a trip across, and Private Adams was ordered aboard. Subsequent events are best described in the following letter, which was recently received by Sergeant Walter B. Bell, U. S. Marines, who caused young Adams to enlist: Constantinople, Turkey, April 27, 1920.—Dear friend: How are you by this time? I am getting along fine. I have been in Turkey about three days. We left Italy about the 15th. I was in Austria a short time. We are going to Odessa, Russia, Cairo, Egypt, England, and back to the States in July. Athens is the best place I have seen in Europe. There are a number of Greeks here

who have been to the States and have since returned.

I was in Paris, France, a short time as we came from Brest to Venice by rail. Sea duty has land duty outclassed a long way. Being an admiral's orderly is better than walking post. I am gun-pointer on a three-inch gun on the boat deck. Must close for this time, but shall write you from Russia. Yours, W. F. ADAMS.

An Appreciation.

The City Cemetery Association wishes to thank the people for their cheerful and liberal contributions on Tag Day to the cemetery improvement fund. The grounds had been neglected for so many years that it will require greater effort and longer time to put them in order.

You have encouraged us to go forward until conditions are met which are necessary before the cemeteries, as entireties, can be called "beautiful"—which is our goal.

We also thank the editors of our city papers for the generous space offered us in their columns and for their expressed desire to assist in every way in this commendable work.

The Reelfoot Sale.

The land sale at Walnut Log was a success considering the rain and bad roads. The property was sold in lots and blocks, then as a whole.

F. L. Pittman, Mayor of Union City, was the highest bidder on the whole tract, paying \$105 per acre. He had hardly arrived in Union City when his phone began to call. He was offered a handsome profit by two men who know the value of fine alfalfa land, but the mayor also knew the value, as well as the prospects, for Reelfoot being one of the great oil fields of the South. The mayor says he would consider \$150 per acre, but nothing less would ring in his ear, even for farming and alfalfa raising.

JOAN OF ARC'S SPIRIT.

What One's Faith Can Accomplish.

Although she lived over 500 years ago, the story of Joan of Arc is very applicable to the present time.

Her spirit lives in France to-day as never before. It nerved the hand and inspired the heart of every Frenchman who fought for his country. It made a heroine of every French woman behind the lines.

No other woman in history ever rose to anything like such sublime heights, of sudden achievement, of such supreme daring and no woman was so abused, so ridiculed, for what was considered so unwomanly and immodest as dressing in a man's uniform, mounting a horse and leading soldiers into battle!

Joan of Arc's unparalleled achievements teach us a great lesson, the lesson of faith; that we do not know what we can accomplish until we become aroused by a sublime purpose, until a mighty faith and vision bears up and pushes us on. Her career proves that the conviction of a great faith is stronger than will power. She was convinced of a divine call to free her country from its enemy; she heard this call just as plainly as any one ever heard an audible call, and no shadow of doubt ever crossed her mind that she could fail to accomplish her great task.

Now, you, my reader, have a call no less imperative, no less divine than the Warrior Maid, to act your part in the drama of life, to make your fullest possible contribution to the world. Your call is just as important to you as Joan's call was to her. Make good! Back up your vision with every drop of your blood. Faith in her vision enabled Joan to save her country, even as the faith of its leaders has saved France today. If you cling to your faith it will make you victorious in whatever you undertake.

Don't depend upon others' advice; don't lean upon others. Follow your faith. Your faith knows you, knows what your ambition is and knows you have the ability to back it up. No man's achievement goes beyond his faith. What you expect, what you really believe you can accomplish, what your faith tells you is practicable, is possible to you; that thing, no matter how high or daring, is the thing for you to do.

One reason why so many people fail is that they dwell too much upon the difficulties in their path, they magnify obstacles. They look through the wrong end of their mental telescope; They bring their obstacles too near to them; make them look too formidable. They should look at them through the large end of the telescope and throw them a long way off, minimize them instead of magnify them.

"To him that believeth all things are possible."

No one can succeed where he expects to fail.

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