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Commence.

Now is the time to commence the next campaign. Pick out the available timber and give it time to be seasoned well.

Editors.

One of the peculiar things about the Republican Editors Association of Missouri is the inability of Mr. Bryan to be present. We presume the reason is that he wasn't asked.

Remember

Don't forget the Young Republicans Association. Its organization has been somewhat delayed but it is an established fact it is to be made one of the permanent fixtures of this county.

We have been so busy we have not had time to send out statements to our subscribers but will kindly ask them to

ON SUB- look at the date on the margin of their paper and if it is not correct let us know but if it is correct and shows you to be in arrears please send us amount due and one dollar additional to pay your subscription a year ahead. We trust that by the time we get to our subscription list all arrearages will be paid and thus save us the disagreeable task of sending statements.

There may be some Republican States where an honest ballot is not maintained—where they have Goebel and Nesbit laws for the defrauding or the minority. If any of our Democratic friends know of such a State they will do us a favor if they will give us its name and we will get a copy of the Statutes for comparison with the Missouri article. There is an unbroken cordon of Republican States stretching across this great country from Maine to California with only a break in the mining camps and an honest ballot is maintained in every one of them. There may be corruption, the improper use of money, etc., but the laws are equitable. Why don't we have honest election laws in Missouri? Why don't we have the bi-partisan law which insures an honest election in every precinct? Are the Democratic politicians of Missouri opposed to honest elections? Why? Do honest politicians favor dishonest laws in Missouri or anywhere? Are the Democratic leaders dishonest in Missouri since they favor dishonest laws? Or do they make these dishonest laws just for fun? Possibly this is a way the Democratic ringsters have of amusing themselves. How long will popular government stand the strain of dishonest election laws? And why don't the Democratic reformers address themselves to this matter?—Political Review.

At the Judgment Bar.

St. Peter.—And who are you?
Candidate.—I am a resident of Montgomery County.
St. Peter.—Did you take a county paper?
Candidate.—Yes.
St. Peter.—Did you pay for it?
Candidate.—No.
St. Peter.—

After the next state election is over we will hear about the Rip Van Winkle sleep with which the Democrats have been infected. The sweet poppy dreams have left the Republican ranks and now the thistles of ambition are urging us onward and we may say upward. Don't be satisfied with being in the right—let your friends and neighbors know it and tell them why!

A good Republican friend of ours sent us a check last week and wrote us to send our paper to as many Republicans who did not take the paper as the check calls for. In order to show them what a good thing we have, we have divided the money into three month subscriptions and those who receive the paper will know from whence it came. We ask them to read it for three months and send us a dollar for a years subscription.

We have a great field before us in this county and our purpose is to bring every Republican close in touch with political happenings as they are.

The St. Louis Globe Democrat, one of the leading news papers in the State and the United States, makes the solemn charge that during the 28 or 30 years of democrat-administrations of the affairs of this State, there

has been wrung from the pockets of the taxpayers of the State, \$35,000,000, to pay the bonded debt of the State and that but \$15,000 worth of bonds have been so redeemed, thus more money is that accounted for, misapplied or stolen than bonds redeemed. This is a serious charge and deserves the most searching inquiry.

Governor Dockery attempts to answer the charge by saying that the different General Assemblies of the State have at each succeeding term appointed committees to investigate the subject, composed of both Democrats and Republicans and states that they had found no fault in the management of the State's finances. He then winds up the matter by saying that any one who believes the story that he or they may examine the accounts or look for themselves. The charge is a specific one, and in which every taxpayer of the State is interested. The denial is an evasive one and more in keeping with the tactics of a political demagogue than an executive officer of a great State. Was there collected from the people of the State \$36,000,000 to pay State bonds and only \$15,000,000 so used?

Article 5 Section 22 of the Constitution of the State makes it the duty of the Governor to investigate and make known how the people's money has been expended. The Governor cannot escape his duty when so serious a charge is made by saying some other branch of the government has made such investigation. Let the Governor make the examination and give the people the figures and the facts over his own signature and then if the Globe-Democrat or any citizen is dissatisfied give them a chance to investigate and disprove it. The people want no dodging on this vital question that has been raised.

WARNER LEWIS.

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S SCHEME.

When Bill and Aleck went to bed,
'Twas in the hot June Weather,
But they were cold, for as you've read,
They'd never slept together.
Alpine coolness filled the air,
Though each an effort made
To warm himself up to somewhere
'Round ninety in the shade.

Said Bill: "This Vest and Cockrell spread
In spite of doubts and fears,
Has covered two men in a bed
For lo! these many years,
But they divided on the nail,
Were partners, fair and square,
And one did ne'r the other fail—
Let go that cover, there!"

"Let go yourself!" said Aleck then,
"And come off from the wall,
This thing was made for two big men,
And one can't hog it all.
Hunch up, and hunch up close," said he,
"For in this kink of weather
There is no chance for you or me
Unless we get together."

They hunched, but doubt remaining still,
They could not even snooze,
At midnight Aleck asked of Bill
The number on his shoes.

"Why, number one," said Bill, "God knows

I'd wear no other pair,
It's number one that always goes
With Bill Stone everywhere."

"Same here," said Aleck, "that's me, too,
As some know to their sorrow,
Now, Bill, I'll tell you what we'll do,
We'll make a swap to-morrow.
I'll take your gum shoes, you take mine,
And then we'll never fail,
No matter where they strike the line,
To throw them off the trail.

"It's true," said Bill, "twould make them gray
To tell just where we're at,
But I believe that I can play
A trick worth two of that,
You take my left shoe, I'll take yours,
Our right we both will keep,
Then he who trails us to our doors,
Will have no time for sleep."—Missouri State Republican.

A GIANT UNDER EARNEST LEADERSHIP.

Is the Republican Party of Missouri.

BY GEO. H. CRUMB, BLOOMFIELD.

Several times in the history of the Republican party the redemption of Missouri from the blight of bourbonism seemed within sight, yet the earnest efforts of patriots met with humiliating failure. In nearly every instance the reason for defeat was clearly discernable as the subordination of public and party needs to personal interests and ambition. So long as the canvasses are organized to carry out personal ambitions or strengthen factional combinations, there will be an element of weakness leading toward disaster. It is soon enough to discuss the personal ambitions when the party is in power and able to satisfy them. Once the voters are given to understand that they are expected to vote for the elevation of a faction that will, if it gains power, treat them as without any rights which it is bound to respect, those who see nothing to hope for in victory will become apathetic and inactive. This is but human nature. To kiss the hand that smites is a virtue never known in politics except for a sinister and dangerous motive. There are more true Republicans than true Democrats in Missouri today. But the great strength of the Republican party in Missouri today is as in the State of New York, not so much in the great cities as in the earnest, thinking voters of the rural districts, and this condition is growing more evident every election. This element is most bitterly opposed to domination by back-room caucuses. It can be led easily but can't be driven at all. It will listen earnestly to fair discussion, but will not tolerate dictation. It deposed its greatest leader with sincere sorrow when he assumed the role of dictator and will ever be ready to make a similar sacrifice. Akins was chosen as executive because he represented no faction and will be sustained so long as he pursues that course. There are sterling Republicans all over the State who are strong thinkers and earnest workers, earing much for the success of Republican principles and ready to accord all reasonable honors and records to the leaders, but they prefer to see the organization effected and the nominations made in the interest of the success of Republican principles. They are not anxious merely to substitute one gang of bosses for another. I am speaking now in general terms and have no reference to individuals. If there are any such combinations organizing as led us to defeat heretofore, they are unknown to me. I only call attention to facts which have again and again been demonstrated in the hope that they may be considered in future action. The Republican party of Missouri is a giant under earnest leadership, but sulks whenever the whip is in sight. It despises unfair influences, Money or the show of money cannot move it. It prefers honorable defeat to dishonorable victory. It prefers the power of the masses to the influence of the masses. Give the Republicans of Missouri a fair chance and they will achieve a victory that will make the hearts of true Republicans throughout the nation swell with admiration. After the victory is won is early enough to count the spoils and discuss their distribution.—Political Review.

One feature of the policy of the Democrats in handling the school fund is unique. Whenever a bequest of money is made to that fund the cash goes into the treasury and the certificate of indebtedness of the State for an equal amount is placed in the school fund, bearing interest for twenty years (payable by the taxpayers.) Thus, if Mr. Carnegie should give the schools of Missouri \$100,000 the money would be spent by the State officials and the note of the State, bearing 5 per cent annual interest, would be placed in the school fund, making Mr. Carnegie's \$100,000 gift cost the taxpayers \$5,000 a year for twenty years, so that the fund, in 20 years, would get another \$100,000 from the State, and be entitled to the principal of the note if it were legal. But there's the rub. Such a note or "certificate of indebtedness" has no warrant in the constitution and may never be paid at all.

The Democrats have been paying 5 per cent interest on money borrowed from the school fund, and have not given the fund a legal note or a valid evidence of the debt. If that is wise and honest management of a sacred trust fund, may the Lord deliver the children of Missouri from such wisdom and honesty!—Political Review.

Missouri Girls Gone to Manila.

The California (Mo.) Dispatch tells of the good fortune of four bright young women of that town, who sailed away for Manila last week to enter the employ of the government as teachers. Missouri can't be beat for competent men and women for any mission. The Dispatch says:

Misses Elia B. Wood, Pearl Gordon, Estelle and Clara Grey will leave the first of next week for Manila, Philippine Islands, where they will teach in the government schools.

The young ladies have been after the appointment for the past six weeks, or ever since it has been known that teachers were wanted, and on last Saturday night received a telegram from Senator Francis M. Cockrell stating they had been appointed and that their commissions and transportations would arrive soon.—POLITICAL REVIEW.

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