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EDITORIAL

This is Presidential and Congressional Election year. If your taxes are not paid on or before February 1st, your franchise will forfeit.

The Moss Point Advertiser has changed editors, C. G. Scott retiring and W. G. Stewart succeeding him. We welcome the new quill-driver into the ranks of the newspapermen of South Mississippi. May he make the world set up and take notice of the important part that the city which lyeth at the mouth of the Pascagoula, sustains to the map. And let it be remembered meanwhile that those same waters or part of them wash past Leaksville, perched on the sunny banks of the picturesque Chickasawhay.

Some few of our Mississippi exchanges are as barren of editorials as the Sahara desert is of verdure. We are glad to remark in this connection though, that the press of Mississippi as a whole favorably compares with that of any state, in the vigor and intelligence with which it discusses the absorbing questions of the day. May those fellows who are too lazy or incompetent to wield the pen in that highest capacity known to journalism, THE EDITORIAL, scrape up energy and get to work or else as Bob Taylor's nigger folk-tore story says; speaking of the rabbit in the way of the Cullud man fleeing from a ghost and troubled with a scared rabbit fitting back and forth in his path: "Get out of de way and let sun/body run whut can run."

State-wide Prohibition is not a failure in this state nor in other states where the public sentiment is sufficiently educated up to the necessity for restraining laws against the liquor traffic, and where such sentiment is kept alive by persistent and sensible teaching through all the available avenues. Every year a new crop of adults are ushered in and these have to be impressed with the logic of the liquor laws while at the impressionable age, or else captiously they may fall in with the fallacious arguments subtly advanced through many channels by the wholesale and retail liquor dealers associations. Educate, indoctrinate, is the word for the continuous suppression of the sale of intoxicants for other than medical purposes. May Mississippians not be derelict of their duty in this respect.

The proposition recommended lately to Congress by Postmaster-General Hitchcock, of the postal service acquiring control of the telegraph systems of the country, strikes us as timely and economic. He cites the fact that in many of the small towns the mails and telegraph business could be handled from the same office at the present expense of one. Like the great commoner, William Jennings Bryan, we believe that when an enterprise which is a public service becomes beyond the control of the government without the government acquiring ownership, then the government should buy it up and operate it itself. The postmaster-general shows that Statutes already exist, enacted as far back as in the 40s for the purchase and at an appraised value and operation for postal and military purposes—of the telegraphs. In fact the first telegraph was operated for three years under United States auspices. In this way only do we believe in socialism or populism succeeding; having some of its tenets adopted by a safe party or through general sentiment after thoroughly weighing in the balance of time and patriotic reasoning, and finding them wholesome and opportune.

FAVORING INCREASE TO SUPREME COURT

Possibly this paper has before now expressed its conviction that the Supreme Court should be increased, but if so a repetition of such a conviction will not hurt now that such a measure is under serious consideration by the Legislature, but if any thing should tend to strengthen the cause. The confusion resulting from reversing itself where but three are on the bench, as is the case in this state, is well exemplified by the 16th section school land matter. Nearly every time a new Justice is appointed anxiety is created for the last decision upon that vexatious question, fearing that the new man will side with the minority of the court, (one) and give a majority (two), once again crossing the seeming settled mind of the court. The Supreme Court of the United States has reversed itself but few times in the history of the Nation, owing to the fact of numbers upon its bench. Then of course longevity of service figures with that court, where it doesn't with ours, they being disappointed for life and ours only for a term of years. Let us have an amendment to the Constitution creating two more justices, making it five, which will guard against the evil we speak of and insure speedy considerations. With the Commissioners abolished there is nothing now in the way of this legislation unless it be thought the Appellate Court would answer and that will not, though the increase of our population, considered we have about reached the time when such an inferior court of appeals becomes a necessity for handling minor matters. The matter of expense may delay this legislation or some portion of it, but we hardly think economy is well taken in such a serious question as the creation of proper and ample court machinery wherein the rights of man and his property may have due and fulsome consideration.

See those warnings in black face type athwart the top of both our local and editorial page. The rights of the ballot ought over to be kept unchallenged by every patriotic citizen, for we can never tell when some sudden emergency will arise demanding its exercise,—but particularly during this year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Twelve should it be kept intact by paying your taxes before the present month January has sped away, for this is the year we elect the highest officer in the land, the President of the United States. Then Mississippi elects congressmen this year. So there will be primaries for that, and possibly also to select a Democratic Presidential nominee. Besides our state may be called upon by the legislature to elect members for a Constitutional Convention, one of the most vital bodies to its sacred interests a sovereign state can assemble; and if not that, grave Constitutional amendments to vote on; and county autonomy may be invoked by legislation growing out of the County Attorney question to settle the matter of retaining or abolishing that office. So you can see this year promises to be fraught with important elective demands. Prepare for it at the tax-collector's cash counter on or before next Friday.

The True University in these days is a collection of good books.—CARLYLE.

How much more so is this true in our day than when written by that eminent English scholar, whose fame has filled the world. The education of the masses is the future hope of democracy and every election but emphasizes the bringing home of this truth to Mississippians. Its hard to impress a people with a correct idea of their political needs until at least a modicum of common school or elementary education has percolated through their mentalities. Other wise shrewd and designing demagogues often manipulate large numbers of voters to promote their selfish and unpatriotic ends. Universal suffrage is the ultimate aim of democracy but is an idealism until education has dispelled the needs for restricted franchise. This of course contemplates the government of a single race of like capabilities under the same legal system. In other words in states like Mississippi it plainly refers only to the dominant or Aryan race.

Senator Joe Norwood has about solved the question of formulating a bill amending the County Attorney Law in such ways as will meet the approval of the several-minded people of the state. His bill provides for county autonomy; that is it will carry with it provisions for each County in which 20 percent of the voters petition the Supervisors for the privilege, to determine in the Congressional Elections whether such county shall have such an officer. This will make thus it optional in an ascertained sense with each county as to whether such officer is desired.

Other Editors' Chatter

South Coming Into Its Own.

Laurel Argus.
That the South has been rediscovered is amply demonstrated by the wide spread attention it is receiving. This is not only true in the financiers and among those interested in real estate and land speculation but among the big newspapers of the nation, which are printing column after column on the wonderful resources of this section.

Overlarge Cotton Crop Helps Cattlemen.

Tupelo Journal.
The bumper cotton crop will fill a long felt want in the way of food supply for cattle. The supply of seed insures meal and hulls at prices that will justify the farmer in feeding his cattle for market, rather than shipping them out as canners. For several years past the supply of cattle on the farms has been limited to milch cows. No farm can be kept up where the stock is sold down so low. It is only in the south that this policy has followed, and as a result we are forced to commercial fertilizer to repair the damage done by ridding our farms of one of its best assets.

Plaudit For Our D. A. McLeod.

Farmers Union Advocate.
Speaking of the Press Fund, we are in receipt of a letter from Brother D. A. McLeod of Vernal, in which he says:
"I am very much interested in the Home and in the printing press. Nothing, to my mind, would add more to the Union cause than these two things, and when you go to work I have \$15 more to put in the work."

Brother McLeod is really the instigator of the movement to build a home and equip a printing office. Nearly two years ago he sent a check to this office as a nucleus for the fund. It was decided the time was not quite ripe and a few months later, when it was inaugurated, Brother McLeod came across with the first contribution.

The clan of McLeod is a numerous one in Mississippi and all of them are staunch members of the Farmer's Union. If they were not Chief Dan would disown all who wavered in their allegiance to this organization. If we had a few more as enthusiastic in this movement as Brother McLeod, the home and printing plant would have been an accomplished fact ere this.

Thanks It Should Be Repealed.

Crystal Springs Meteor.
The state press is discussing pro and con the repeal of the law creating the office of county attorney, which many papers contend was created, not as a necessity to be repealed, but solely as a purpose of rewarding political service. Be this as it may, the office is nothing more nor less than a sinecure, maintained, it is true, by contributions from convicted criminals by the simple process of adding a fee to the salary of the county attorney thus relieving the county of the expense. If the county attorney prosecuted in all cases and secured convictions he is entitled to his salary, but to sit in a snug office and draw a stipend for doing nothing seems anomalous. It is also paradoxical for a criminal to pay for his conviction and yet the workings of the statute creating the office provides that the guilty shall pay for their conviction, falling in the aggregate to do this the county must supplement the deficit. In some counties the office seems to be a necessity; in others, there does not appear to be any urgency for two prosecuting attorneys. The best solution of the mooted question is a change in the law authorizing the several counties to retain or abolish the office, as seems best.

South Needed Her Constructive Statesmen At Home.

Lafayette Co. Press.
Much has been said of late years about the lack of statesmanship in the South. While it is true that since the war the South has produced few leaders of natural reputation, the truth is our leaders have been so busy bringing cosmos out of chaos at home that they have had little or no time to devote to national problems. That they have made good at home let the record show. Accord-

ing to a recent authority the notable achievements of this constructive local statesmanship consists of five great enactments: 1. The practical disfranchisement of the negro; 2. The prohibition of the intermarriage of the races; 3. The interdiction of their coeducation; 4. Their separation in all public conveniences; 5. Their domiciliary segregation in the cities.

We doubt whether history can show the enactment by an almost subjugated people, of this little more than a quarter of a century, of five more tremendously and fundamentally important laws—laws that will fix the relations of two races for years to come.

That our leaders have done this is enough for one generation.

When the South is rich materially leisure and freedom from fears at home will develop a type of natural leaders.

Never fear. The South will come into her own.

Political Chowder.

Brewer Has Much Before Him.

Clarion Ledger.
Earl Brewer comes to the office of Governor at a time when Mississippi needs a man just his caliber. Broad-minded, energetic, wide-awake, progressive, and experienced in statecraft, he possess all the attributes that go to make an ideal Governor of a State that is just now attracting as much, if not more, interest than any other in the Union. Mississippi is on the threshold of a future whose possibilities hold out much encouragement. She is growing in wealth and importance; the eyes of the nation are centered on the South, and Mississippi is one of the most attractive spots.

Earl Brewer's State has done much for him, and his big, generous heart appreciates the kindness of her people, and will leave no effort on his part undone to advance her interests as a State or that of her people individually or collectively. He will be the Governor of Mississippi, not of any one section of her territory or faction of her people, but of one and all alike.

Vote of Confidence No. 2; Deserved!

Hattiesburg Daily News.
"Of course," they say, "this legislature would give Vardaman a vote of confidence." Well, then, of course a Percy legislature wouldn't; and the truth is as apt to be told by one as the other. But remember this: The people gave Vardaman a vote of confidence, and turned Mr. Percy down. Not that we have anything to say against Mr. Percy, or that The News had anything to say at the time for Mr. Vardaman. But so long as the Percy people insist on rubbing it in on Vardaman, they may expect to be reminded of what happened to their favorite son. No good can come of keeping up this factional strife, but much harm will if it is not stopped. With leading papers of the state discrediting everything the legislature does; and that legislature so blindly partisan and boorish in its manners that it refuses to listen to the reading of the Governor's message, Mississippi presents a sorry plight to the world. For the good of the state it is time the factions were burying their hatchets; at least for the present.

Pretty Severe on Mr. Noel.

Carroll News.
You have all heard of Barabas the thief on the cross, the brutal deed of Herodians in having John the Baptist beheaded to gratify the wishes of a whimsical and wayward tyrant, but the most tyrannical man on earth has been located in Jackson, Mississippi. An officer of the law, elected by a lenient and trusting constituency who naturally expect equal rights to all men, and special privileges to none, who will become a political pot-criminal and withhold testimony that is calculated to remove unjust trusts at a gentleman's character, like Gov. Noel did Vardaman, just to gratify petty hatred, is the most despicable disposition we ever heard of. It would be difficult for us to believe Governor Noel cultivated such an undesirable disposition through association as a Baptist, but when we remember how easily he could have submitted the Equitable Cetter Letter to the press, thereby setting Vardaman right with the people, but failed to exhibit the fairness and honor, are forced to suppose the petty and dishonest motives are too feature for secret caucus incubation.



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Religious and Reform Notes

A Traversery Upon The Honored Dead.

Christian Advocate, Nashville.
The Cradle of the Confederacy Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at Montgomery, Ala., has made formal protest against the use of the name of Gen. Robert E. Lee for a brand of whiskey. That the name of the honored chieftain of the "Lost Cause" is being used to this ignoble purpose will be resented by thousands who revere his memory. Shortly after the cause for which he fought had gone down in defeat, General Lee was offered by a great business concern an office which carried a munificent salary. The business was an honorable one: but this high minded Christian gentleman saw in the offer of little work and large pay a bid for the use of his name. The offer was declined with the simple statement: "Gentlemen my name is not for sale." With honor and above reproach he carried that name to the end, and the Christian citizenship of the South is due him to enter protest against its use by the liquor interests. All honor to the women of the Cradle of the Confederacy Chapter for the protest they make.

Should Taboo Those Russell Sermons.

New Orleans Christian Advocate.
Many of the country weekly newspapers and not a few dailies are carrying plate matter giving the sermons of Pastor Russell of the Brock lyn Tabernacle. It appears that some editors think they are affording their subscribers good religious reading, but the contrary seems evident. Pastor Russell misses the recognized standards of Christian doctrine about as far as any self styled Christian preacher in the country.

He denies the doctrine of final punishment; teaches that those who have faith in Christ shall be joint heirs with him and shall occupy a better place than others in heaven, to which place "all the families of the earth" are going; predicts that we are rapidly nearing the dawn of the millennium and the chaining of Satan for a thousand years, and conveniently advocates about every form of destructive criticism. The fact is that Pastor Russell's sermons are nothing less than a mild form of moral lectures disriminating against pure orthodoxy, and the readers of secular papers that contain his sermons should interview the editors and insist on having these discourses discontinued.—A. J. G.

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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP.

I have this day withdrawn from the Hillman Turpentine Company, and sold all my interest of every kind and description in all the property, real and personal in said Hillman Turpentine Company to T. K. Turner, and he is to assume all obligations in connection with said Company that I am liable for and I hereby authorize and empower him to take possession and control of said property in so far as I am interested in the same as a partner in said Hillman Turpentine Company.

This Jan. 26th, 1912.

J. P. TURNER.

INTERNAL REVENUE LICENSE ISSUED.

In pursuance of Chapter 116 of the Laws of 1908 of the State of Mississippi, below is a true and correct list of all persons, firms and corporations to which United States Internal Revenue License has been issued in Greene County in the six months ending Dec 31, 1911, according to the records of the Internal Revenue office of Mississippi:

Popple Drug Company, E. L. D. Lakesville, Miss., July 1st, 1911, to June 30th, 1912.

Given under my hand this 8th day of January, 1912.

J. F. GREEN, Sheriff & T. C.

CONTRACT NOTICE.

The Board of Supervisors of Greene County, Mississippi will receive sealed proposals up to and including the first Monday, the 5th day of February, A. D. 1912, for furnishing Greene County with Corrugated Culverts, to-wit: 300 feet 12 inch 18 gauge; 300 feet 15 inch 18 gauge; 300 feet 18 inch 18 gauge; 100 feet 24 inch 16 gauge; 60 feet 36 inch 14 gauge.

Contract to be let to the lowest responsible bidder. Bond required as provided by law. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Supervisors. This January 26th, 1912.

S. E. McKAY, Clerk.

PETITION FOR PARDON.

To the Honorable E. P. Noel, Governor, Jackson, Mississippi.

Whereas at the November 1910 term of Court of Greene County, State of Mississippi W. C. Beach was convicted on a charge of seduction and sentenced to serve a term of Five years in the State Penitentiary.

And whereas we believe that the said W. C. Beach has now received full punishment for his crime, that if his pardon is granted he will now make a good and useful citizen of the State.

We as citizens of the above County beg that you will grant him a full pardon.

T. J. ROBERTS, J. P. TURNER, C. N. DUNN, GEO. B. McRAE, D. E. BRELAND, Sheriff.

HOPESTEAD PUBLICATION NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Jackson, Miss., January 8, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that Willie A. Canfield of Fruitdale, Ala., who, on June 10, 1905, made Homestead Entry No. 40503, Serial No. 6219, for the NE 1/4 Section 21, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, St. Stephens Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make a final five-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Greene County, at Leaksville, Miss., on the 13th day of February, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: John Williams, Lee Williams, Elbert Ezell, Les Snider, all of Fruitdale, Alabama.

J. JAY WHITE, Register.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND FOR PARTITION

Theo Platt, Sr., et al. vs. Kila Platt. No. 43.

By virtue of the provisions of a decree of the Chancery Court of Greene County, Mississippi rendered by said Court on the 28th day of January A. D. 1912, the undersigned as Special Commissioner of the said Court in the said cause, will on the first Monday,

the 5th day of February, 1912, at Leaksville, Mississippi, within legal hours in front of the Court house door, expose for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate situated in Greene County, Mississippi, to-wit: The N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of section 29, Township 4 North Range 5 West.

The said land is sold for the purpose of partitioning among the owners in accordance with said decree, and the title is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as said Commissioner.

This January 10th, 1912.

S. R. McKAY, Special Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND FOR PARTITION

State of Mississippi, vs. M. L. Batson. No. 45.

Rebecca McInnis, et al.

By virtue of the provisions of a certain decree of the Chancery Court of Greene County, Mississippi rendered by said Court on the 9th day of January 1912, which said decree is of record in Minute book 3 pages 147-148 of the Minutes of the Chancery Court of said County and State, the undersigned a special commissioner of the said Court appointed in said cause will on the first Monday

the 5th day of February, 1912 at the Front Door of the Court House in the Town of Leaksville, Greene County Mississippi within legal hours will expose and sell to the highest bidder or bidders for cash the following described lands to-wit: Sec. 9 of SW 1/4 Section 27 NW 1/4 of Range, No. 4 or NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Section 31 Township 1 North, Range 6 West, Greene County, Mississippi.

And also the property described as commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Chesnut Lumber Company's Railroad and Church Street across, thence run West 530 feet to a starting point, thence continue West 416 feet, thence South 308 feet, thence East 416 feet, thence North 203 feet to the starting point and situated in the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 31 T 1 S 6 W, Greene County, Mississippi.

The said land is sold for the purpose of partitioning among the owners in accordance with said decree, and the title is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Commissioner.

Witness my signature this 10th day of January 1912.

J. F. GREEN, Commissioner. Backstrom & Backstrom, Sols.

HEALTH HINT FOR TODAY.

Groom the Hair and Kill Dandruff.

Dandruff causes the hair to fall, ruins the gloss and causes a dull, lifeless appearance. Clean brushes, daily attention to the removal of dust and dirt, the discarding of thick, heavy "rats" and the airing and sunning of the hair are all preventives that any woman can use. If the hair is carefully groomed every day dandruff will not form to an alarming extent.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

When Compliments Go Aswapping.

The Richton Dispatch has again changed editors. E. H. Harris succeeding D. H. Horn, who has left for his former home at Eastman, Georgia. Some papers are like some women who have the marrying habit they change editors or names at least every once in a while. May Harris steer the Dispatch safely through the troubled waters of Mississippi journalism.—Greene County Herald.

Thanks for your good wishes, Brother Faulk. We hope The Dispatch is permanently "married" at last, and that as we pilot it over the journalistic sea, we may meet The Herald loaded to the guards with success and driven by soft winds of prosperity.—Litchon Dispatch.

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