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S. PORTER GRAVES A Lawyer.

The people of this district must this year elect a solicitor whose duty it is to see that all violators of the law are prosecuted in the State courts. Mr. S. Porter Graves stands for re-election to this most responsible place.

Now there are some facts about the work of a Solicitor that it may be well to remind the voters of, because there is no more important office than that of Solicitor. When a man is indicted in the courts for some violation of the law he secures the best legal talent he can to free himself. He loses sight of the fact that the welfare of society and the dignity of the State demand that he be punished, rather than set free, but this feature of the case must be looked after by the Solicitor who appears for the State.

Now there are as many as a hundred able lawyers in this district, and to place a man in the office of Solicitor who is not able to meet these able lawyers in debate and legal contests on points of law is a great embarrassment to every citizen who wants to see the dignity of the State upheld.

In the time past men have been elected to the office of Solicitor in this State who could not properly uphold the States interests, and this should never happen again.

The report on Mr. Graves has as a lawyer, both in developing a case before a jury and in presenting the argument before judge and jury, is such that no man questions his ability to properly uphold the interests of the people.

And there is another feature that it is well to remember. In every criminal action some good citizen has been injured and wants to see that the guilty party is properly prosecuted. Now if the State has as its Solicitor a man of questionable ability this injured citizen feels that it is his duty to employ additional aid that the case may be properly disposed of. No man in this district can come nearer meeting the general approval of the public than Mr. Graves, and no man could be secured who will come nearer making a strong and fair and impartial presentation of the facts before a Court. This being the case it is not often that citizens feel that it is their duty to go to the unnecessary expense of employing additional aid to the Solicitor.

In the light of these facts it is the duty of all citizens who want the law enforced to see that Mr. Graves is re-elected to this important position.

Every citizen who is not registered must register before sundown, Saturday of this week, or he will not be allowed to vote in the coming election.

MOUNT AIRY HIT HARD BY SICKNESS.

This good town got hit good and hard by the Spanish influenza. Business has been on the bum, to use the language of the street, for some days, and it will not improve for some time yet. Our people were not able to take the situation seriously for a few days after the disease began to spread, and business moved along as usual until the people were down in great numbers in all parts of the city. To undertake to name the sick folks is out of the question, but all classes have had it. As many as a dozen of the best known business men of the city have been sick and some of them very sick. In many homes every one in the family were down at the same time and absolutely at the mercy of the neighbors, and sad to say in some instances the neighbors were afraid or unwilling for some cause to go to the rescue. The result was that a distressing state of affairs developed in many homes.

To meet this condition a number of the ladies have played the part of the good samaritan and have gone from home to home and made up beds, cleaned up the house and prepared food, thus making the family as comfortable as possible. The doctors have been on the rush day and night and we hear that some doctors have made as many as a hundred calls a day, so urgent has been the demand for their services.

By the first of this week the situation became so bad that prominent citizens undertook to establish an emergency hospital. The rooms in the post office building used for years by the Commercial Club were secured and beds have been brought from the homes of the people who donated them, and arrangements have thus been made to care for fifty patients, if that many should come. Citizens of the city subscribed as much as a

thousand dollars to meet the expense of this hospital and there will be no charge for services rendered.

Mrs. Chas. Fulton, a trained and registered nurse, will act as superintendent, and a number of other ladies will assist her in caring for the patients. There are a number of families in the town who should come to this hospital and remain until they are able to care for themselves, is the impression that has gone out.

And in the meantime the doctors and patriotic people of the city are doing what they can to relieve the suffering.

The tobacco market is closed for the present and half the folks are out of the factories. The schools churches and all public places are closed and will not be opened until the condition of the people is improved.

At this time, Thursday morning, reports from about over town indicate that conditions are greatly improved, yet there are a number of very sick folk. Many families have entirely recovered and the public mind is less agitated and disposed to exaggerate reports. And this has been a marked feature of the epidemic. One is forced to the conclusion that the public mind is very much disposed to magnify a condition that affects the health of the people. While conditions here have been bad and several have died as the result, many of the stories that have gone out are far from the whole truth. To illustrate: It got noated this week that five bodies came to this city from Winston Monday at noon. The truth is that two bodies came, and along with them in the same express car, were five empty caskets shipped here from a factory to an undertaker, but the public jumped at the conclusion that every casket in the car had the remains of some person in it.

Every citizen who is interested in the country and a rule of the people should see that the voters register and go to the polls. The books close Saturday and this is the last day one can register for the coming election.

HOW ONE MAN CURED INFLUENZA.

It makes no matter how serious the times folks will have their joke, and some can get a mint of fun out of life no matter how serious others may be. And this is by way of introductory to the receipt that we got from a prominent citizen of this village who is ready to make affidavit that it will work a cure for influenza every time it is properly administered. We will let him give the receipt in his own language, so that it may be the better understood:

"Yes sir," he said, "I am something of a nurse myself, and if I had time I could handle these cases of influenza as well as any of these doctors. You bet I could. I went home tother day and found my sister piled up in bed sick as she could be. Yes sir, she shore was some sick woman. I phoned for the doctor and couldnt get narry one. Then you bet I got busy myself, for shore something had to be done, and mighty dogone quick. First thing I done was to slam a big drink of liker in her and then make on a big fire. Then I got some quinine and give her a dose. An I give her a dose too, one that would count. I piled all I could get on the end of a spoon handle and slammed that iner and then piled on the cover. And now dont you forget that that woman sure did sweat. By morning that bed was wet with sweat. After I got a big fire to roaring I got her up out of the bed and wrapped her up good in a chair by the fire and changed all the bed clothes and put her back good and warm. Then I slammed another big drink of that liker iner and give her another good dose of quinine. Then I had em cook me a pot of onions and make em good and greasy, and I slammed them iner. Yes sir and then I leter alone for a while and she got all right. Yes sir if I had time I could cure all these cases of influenza about here. But say, let me tell you, no need to tackle a case unless you have got as much as a pint of liker."

And the above receipt is given to the public hoping that it will do the work. We are expecting to hear that it gets general endorsement.

Electric Plant at Mayo Mills.

The Mayo Mills, of this city are making large improvements in their plant. The city power is used to drive the machinery, but because of the uncertainty in getting power when a drought prevails in the country, it has been decided to install a secondary electric plant. The general manager, Mr. T. C. Barber accompanied by Supt. I. W. Barber, went to Newbern this week and bought an eighty horse power electric plant complete that will be installed here at once to use at the mills when the city power cannot be secured. The Mayo Mills are fast getting in position to employ large numbers of people and to operate on a large scale.

Dangerous to Swap Horses While Crossing a Stream.—Abraham Lincoln.

New York World.

Twenty years ago, when there was a Republican Administration in power, and the United States was at war, the Republican leaders had positive and definite opinions as to the evil that would necessarily result from a Republican defeat in the Congressional elections and the choice of a Democratic Congress.

Theodore Roosevelt, then a candidate for Governor of New York, expressed the issue in this fashion: Remember that whether you will or not, your vote this year will be viewed by the nations of Europe from one standpoint only. They will draw no distinctions. A refusal to sustain the President this year will, in their eyes, be read as a refusal to sustain the war and to sustain the efforts of our peace commission to secure the fruits of war.

Benjamin Harrison, former President of the United States, was even more emphatic: If the word goes forth that the people of the United States are standing solidly behind the President, the task of peace commissioners will be easy, but if there is a break in the ranks—if the Democrats score a telling victory, if Democratic Congressmen Senators, and Governors are elected—Spain will see in it a gleam of hope; she will take fresh hope and a renewal of hostilities, more, war, may be necessary to secure to us what we have already won.

If these arguments were valid in 1898, they must be a thousand times valid in 1918 when the fate of the world rests upon the United States and its government. Neither Mr. Harrison nor Mr. Roosevelt in 1897 raised any question as to the patriotism of a Democratic Congress. That was not an issue. It is not an issue now, what they were concerned about was the effect in Europe of a repudiation at the polls of the McKinley Administration—for that is what the election of a Democratic Congress in 1898 would have meant, just as the election of a Republican Congress in 1918 will be interpreted as a repudiation of the Wilson Administration.

The Republican press of the country editorially took the same position. Throughout the congressional campaign of 1898 they made the concerted appeal to the people to support the President, that defeat of his party at the polls should not be misinterpreted in the capitals of Europe, and particularly in Madrid. "We are at war with Spain," said the New York Sun at the time, "peace commissions and peace jubilees to the contrary notwithstanding. Upon President McKinley and his administration are yet the burdens and responsibilities of a state of war not yet terminated. And upon all patriotic citizens of every political party rests the duty of supporting the administration and sustaining the Nation's cause against all foreign enemies, both by voice and by vote."

Said the Philadelphia North American on the morning of the election, November 8, 1898: "The voters will decide today whether the administration of President McKinley is to be condemned and the conduct of the war vetoed." When the Republicans scored a victory at the polls, the North American accepted the result as a vindication of the national honor, and added:

"It is a great triumph and must be a source of deep satisfaction and profound relief to our much-tried, much enduring President. His policies and the policies of the party which he represents have been approved. He can now proceed, encouraged and unhindered, with their execution."

The Topeka (Kan.) Daily Capital, in an editorial, on November 3, 1898, took this view: The Republican party puts it to the good sense of the country whether or not the election of a Congress in sympathy with a President who has shown himself equal to every test would be for the best interests of the country at this time. In such a campaign no American worthy of the franchise should neglect his privilege to vote, and every man who believes in stalwart aggressive Americanism should hold up the hands of the stalwart American in the White House, and see that his friends and neighbors do the same."

The Chicago Tribune, on election morning in 1898, called on the voters to elect only Republican Congressmen in this language:

"Whatever voters elsewhere may do, those in Chicago should show their appreciation of all the President has done and will do, if not hindered, by reelecting the seven Republican Congressmen. They will support the President's policy." The Kansas City Star's editorial of November 3, 1898, said: "The people have stood together, regardless of politics, in supporting the Government in prosecuting the war, and there is sound logic in the contention of the Republicans that there should be no change in the control of Congress until the issues arising out of the war are settled."

Out on the Pacific Coast a like sentiment prevailed as witness the following from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer:

"The people believe in and trust the President; they are proud of the achievements of the army and navy; they have confidence in the wisdom of the administration's policy and express their confidence by electing members of Congress who will work in harmony with and aid the President in his plans."

And the St. Louis Globe-Democrat observed: "A Congress hostile to the executive would multiply the difficulties needlessly and dangerously."

If then, why not now?

How To Serve The Boys Over There.

The greatest loan ever floated has just been accomplished by the American people. It means that our boys will be the best equipped soldiers in the war, and that they will be able to do the most effective fighting with the least loss of life.

The greatest campaign ever conducted will take place in the United States during the week beginning November 11th. It is to be known as the United War Work Campaign, and has as its chief aim the giving of the sum of \$170,500,000 to be spent in serving the boys who are for us over there.

There are seven organizations that are serving the boys at the front. They are the Young Mens Christian Association, Young Womens Christian Association, Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare Board, War Camp Community Service, American Library Association and the Salvation Army.

These 7 organizations have united in one great campaign. Of this great sum of money the Y. M. C. A. is to receive \$100,000,000 and the remaining \$70,500,000 is to be divided between the other six organizations. The value of this cooperation among the religious and moral forces of the Country cannot be fully appreciated.

The appeal is going to be very definite. Surry County's quota is \$8,200. Each township has its quota which will shortly be announced. The county organization is being formed as rapidly as possible. Owing to the present epidemic public gatherings will be unwise, and it is therefore of great importance that the people of the County not only read carefully the articles that will appear in the County papers, but also the literature received by them through the mails.

J. H. CARTER, Chairman for Surry County.

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