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VOTE BUYING.

We are publishing in this paper an article on "Vote Buying and Corruption funds in Elections of McDowell county."

The article is timely and is clear in its noted appeal for political purity—it tends toward relieving this good county from the throes of such abject rottenness.

We'd fight a great big battle for honest political values, and espouse the cause of clean politics. We'd tell every voter in this county, Democrat or Republican, the harrowing results of this iniquitous practice, and show them that the bartering of votes is the most damnable of freedom's enemies.

The political freedom of this country was wrenched from tyrannical hands by the life blood of our forefathers, they fought and died for that liberty which has, in the eyes of some, become so depreciated in value as to be bartered—

to be bought and sold, and thus, forgetful of the fact that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," we go less mindfully into the snares of unscrupulous politicians, whose every thought is selfish gain and whose very existence taxes the cause of political freedom.

One who engages in vote barter seduces liberty and traduces the nation, is an enemy to every free thinking American, and to himself. He offers a potage of perfidy and degradation for a birthright—who could be so ignorant or debased as to make the exchange?

Senators Aldrich and Hale have both announced their retirement from the Senate—it is a wise old owl that knows when to take to the woods. Hale and Aldrich have seen unmistakable signs of an approaching terrific Democratic cyclone—due to arrive next November.

This from Madison County: "For the first time in fifty years the Madison county jail is without a single prisoner." We think that statement is both good and bad, and would add that the inmates of that iron clad Bastille undoubtedly must be married.

Brother Taft has announced that four years are enough. Wise prophet, Brother Taft! While you seem to mean well, the trusts have got such a strong hold on your party that the country has decided to send a Democrat to the White House when your term ends.

Every McDowell county Democrat should see that his poll tax is the last day. Saturday is the last day. Don't disfranchise yourself.

When you shoot in Tennessee, first make sure you are a friend of the Governor's.

Only two more days in which to pay your poll tax. Democrat friends, don't neglect this matter and be disfranchised.

MARK TWAIN.

He of the immaculately white toga and the personification of humor has passed over the great divide, his eyes which ever saw the silken strand of humor in the doings of mankind are closed to subliminary scenes, his hoary head of white, clear eyes and radiant face, in death, lighten only the dark recesses of his tomb.

It is strange, the not paradoxical, that this greatest American exponent of mirth and humor should die of a broken heart, but we gather that humorists must be peculiarly nourished, and when deprived of such nourishment they most readily succumb to reverse, sadness or anguish of a broken heart.

Mark Twain was typical of that class of genuine and deep thinkers who would by donning a smile ever belie seriousness. We think both the spirit and ability of Mark Twain shone pre-eminently in the two books, hand-mates, Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer. Therein he has given us a perfect picture of river life and greatest of all, an example of Philosophical circumstance shaping the careers of two youths to the same good end, for indeed, Tom Sawyer was of the elite while Huck Finn was just plain "poor folks."

And we are thinking of the happiness that Mark Twain got from life, how he could glean humorous rays from a swollen and turbulent river—then contrarily, we think how such totally incapacitated him for reverse, and there is no wonder that the death of his daughter, Jean, and dear to his heart, together with the loss of two other close friends in death, was more than he could bear—it was then he wanted to go—he was willing to give up the extolment of this world that he, too, might follow in the path of departed love ones.

There must have been a prank worked by happy chance in the selection of the name of the great Humorist—Mark Twain—for the one of the twain, his remains, we must needs yield up to nature, but the other, his memorable career, we shall ever withhold from the tomb of forgetfulness.

The Glory of the Gray.

This week the old Confederate veterans are again assembled in mammoth reunion "down in Mobile,"—once more they sleep beneath the "Stars and Bars." By night they dream and in fancy fight the battles they fought long years ago; once more they charge the enemy and capture its breast-works, they see their comrades fall by the wayside and awake to find themselves, not in the throes of bitter warfare, but tenting in peace with a dearly beloved comrade of the Sixties. By day we see them renewing old acquaintances and recognizing, in some unfathomable way, those whom they had not seen since the war.

They must be a beautiful sight as they parade through the streets of Mobile, their martial strides, gray uniforms and hair all white. If such could always be we should be glad, but the old Gray line is rapidly thinning, with too great rapidity they "cross over the river and join the greatest number of their comrades 'neath the shadows."

But when the last lone survivor has shaken off the mortal coil, their deeds shall the more vividly be remembered, the record of their achievements more jealously guarded, and the extolment of the Gray shall be as lasting as time itself.

Would that we could construct a mammoth scroll and put thereon in letters of gold the record of the old Gray line and attach it to the star studded dome of the heavens and there let it forever hang, and, as gently the zephyrs play upon it, swing like a mighty pendulum, that all nations might read the Glory of the Gray.

Round Hill Commencement.

The commencement exercises of Round Hill School will be fourth and fifth of May. Round Hill people will gladly entertain all friends who may come, and all are specially invited.

This has been a prosperous year for the school, and we expect the best commencement we have yet had. Come one, come all.

D. J. HUNT, Principal.

The citizens of school district No. 1 Dysartsville township, voted last week to enlarge their local tax boundary. This will give the people of Dysartsville a larger and better school.

Frank R. Hewitt Advocated for Congress.

To the Democratic Voters of the Tenth Congressional District!

An executive committee has been formed by several of his friends to promote the nomination of Frank R. Hewitt, Esq., for congress by the democrats of this district, and the undersigned has been selected as chairman of this committee.

The necessity for this committee arose from the fact that Mr. Hewitt is controlled by the old-fashioned idea that no man's candidacy for high public office ought to be characterized by self-seeking or personal solicitation. Hence, his own activity in the effort to bring about his nomination will be very limited.

Mr. Hewitt has brought world-wide fame to this entire section by the development of his wonderful talc mines, at Hewitt, in Swain county, and this has given steady and remunerative employment to a large number of laborers for more than twenty-three years past.

But the considerations urging his nomination are not entirely personal. The next Congressman from the Tenth Congressional District must be a Democrat and should be a Practical Business Man.

This District needs the services of a business man in Congress. This is a business district, full of all sorts of industrial activity and promises to grow rapidly in industrial importance within the next few years. Therefore, one should place on guard who thoroughly understands the business conditions and needs of the district and can fairly represent the interests of all the people at Washington.

Mr. Hewitt is such a man. And remember that what we term our business interests have not furnished a representative in Congress since the Civil War. The democrats have heretofore been very kind to the lawyers in this respect; and the question will suggest itself, Why not distribute these favors?

He is willing to stand on the platform lately proposed by Gore, the Blind Senator from Oklahoma, in these words: "Less tariff, more trade, free ships, no trusts, no graft, no Taft."

If you believe in these things and like our man, please get busy and help us make him the next democratic nominee in this district for Congress.

Yours truly, LOUIS M. BOURNE, Chairman.

Dysartsville Dots.

Dysartville, April 25.—Mrs. Pangle, mother of Andy, Ed and Cindy Pangle, died on the 15th and was buried at Pineville on the 16th. She was a very quiet, inoffensive woman. She was about 69 years old. J. R. Denton held the funeral services.

Sherman Taylor has moved to Cliffside. Ray Denton of Atlanta has been guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Denton, for a week.

Married on the 24th, Jacob Walker and Miss Julia Landis. Jacob is a son of Benjamin Walker and Miss Julia is a daughter of W. L. Landis. J. R. Denton officiated.

Mrs. W. A. Laughridge after spending two weeks in Marion returned home yesterday.

Miss Jennie Laughridge has gone to Marion to be the guest of her brothers, J. L. and R. L. Laughridge.

Mrs. Oma Bean of Asheville is the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. L. Jaquins. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jaquins went to Asheville on 11th. Mrs. Jaquins remained a week and returned home. Mr. Jaquins remained for treatment.

Miss Frank McCarry after spending the winter with her brother John in Shelby, came to Marion and spent a few weeks returning home yesterday.

Will Laughridge is our Sunday School superintendent this time and is moving off nicely.

ZERO.

Democrats, secure your poll tax receipt on or before next Saturday.

Nebo News.

Nebo, April 25.—G. G. Hill, of Rutherford College, spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week with his son, R. W. Hill.

C. M. Hemphill and Tom Alexander went to Morganton Friday on business. Will Hunter has gone to Pembroke, Ky., where he has accepted a position.

Misses Minnie and Eva Stacy are visiting in Asheville. Will Gruber of Marion was in Nebo Wednesday on business.

Will Giles and family have moved out to his plantation until school opens in August.

Ed Tate, engineer on the C. C. & O. railroad, is on a short visit to his family here.

Miss Edna Redford, a niece of Mrs. R. W. Hill of Nebo, was married at her home near Burkeville, Va., to Douglas Hamilton of Burkeville. The occasion was marked by a large gathering of friends and relatives who wish them much happiness and prosperity.

The weather stays cold and gloomy and much uneasiness is felt about the fruit crop and gardens.

Chapel Hill Items.

Chapel Hill, April 25.—Jack Frost has been to see us again, but no serious damage was done.

H. D. Smith moved his family to Marion last week.

Mrs. G. P. Poteet and Mrs. B. F. Corpening spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Elbert Goforth at Glenwood.

Mrs. A. McGee had a fall last week and was seriously but it is hoped not fatally hurt.

Miss Nancy England and niece Annie Wilson of Stroudtown were visitors here Wednesday.

Miss Callie and Flossie Eppley of Glen Alpine spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of their uncle, Caleb Holland.

The third quarterly meeting of the M. E. Church, South, at Pleasant Hill will embrace the 7th and 8th of May.

Sunday school at Chapel Hill every Sunday at 9:30, prayer-meeting second and fourth Sunday evenings and preaching by the pastor, Rev. Loudermilk, the first Sunday in each month.

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