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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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FOR CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce Dr. A. Churchell, of Nevada, Vernon county, for Congress, in this the Twelfth district.

REPRESENTATIVE.

We are authorized to announce A. Henry, as a candidate for Representative, subject to the action of the Democratic convention.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce W. O. Jackson of Butler, as a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney of Bates county, subject to the action of the Democratic convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of Thomas J. Smith of Mt. Pleasant township, for Prosecuting Attorney of Bates County, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.

SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce Allen Wright, of Summit township, for sheriff of Bates county, subject to the action of the Democratic convention.

We are authorized to announce W. F. Hanks, for sheriff of Bates county, subject to the action of the Democratic convention.

THE TIMES CHOICE FOR CONGRESS,
JOHN W. ABERNATHY OF BATES COUNTY.

TILDEN NO LONGER.

Stop hollowing for Tilden. It is no use now; so save your breath. He has said no, and to doubt his word is an insult to his honor and great name.

We do not talk like this without considerable disappointment and regret. We were honest in our judgment that the old ticket should be nominated, and when nominated would accept, but the position was not maintained without a due amount of fear that Mr. Tilden would do just what he has done upon the eve of the convention day.

But we are done with Mr. Tilden now for political purposes, however, long and earnest we may revere his name and esteem his advanced statesmanship. His place in history is already secured. He is the most wonderful character in American politics, and were he only possessed of physical strength enough to undergo a campaign and perform the duties of President, his position in the hearts of future generations would be equalled only by that of the Father of His Country.

Though the declination of Mr. Tilden strikes the Democratic party with great force, it does not by any means impair its chances of success, for the act was anticipated and provided against. Gov. Cleveland, of New York, can take his place. People, like ourselves, who felt that they could support no man so enthusiastically as Mr. Tilden, now see in Gov. Cleveland a veritable prototype of the grand old leader, and with a ready impulse transfer the admiration. The name of Cleveland can now be ejaculated with as much fervor as that of Tilden and with similar hopes of victory.

Let Cleveland be chosen with the same unanimity as Tilden would have been, and a Democratic President will be next thing to a certainty.

CLEVELAND THE MAN.

Grover Cleveland, present Governor of New York, is the most available man for the Democrats to nominate, now, since Tilden can no longer be considered. Two years ago he carried the State by the enormous vote of one hundred and ninety thousand majority.

His administration has been among the most successful and satisfactory in the history of the State, and his private character is without blemish. He comes nearer being a second Tilden than any other public man in the United States. His executive ability, his splendid wisdom and decision of purpose are the prominent features of his character. Universally expected there could be no objection to him from personal considerations.

A candidate to win must come from New York. A western man will do for the second place on the ticket. Cleveland is the strongest man in his State, and being a man that will take well throughout the country, it will be exercising the part of wisdom for the Chicago convention to nominate him.

The announcement of Thos. J. Smith, of this place, appears among others for Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Smith has practiced law at the Butler bar for several years, and is esteemed by the profession as one of its most industrious and careful members. Before locating in Butler, Mr. Smith held the office of prosecutor in Kentucky, first by appointment, then elected by the people his own successor. He is a very worthy candidate, and his claims should be recognized by his fitness for the position. He would bring to the performance of the duties an experience that it is proper to note and consider well, and such a man, we feel sure, will receive just treatment in the convention.

The Tipton Times says that "Bates and Barton counties held conventions last Saturday, and among other things, instructed their delegates to the Democratic State Convention to remain strictly solid for R. T. Gentry for State Treasurer, first, last and all the time." We are not prepared to speak for our Democratic brethren of Barton county, but we must correct this very decided mistake in regard to Bates. The convention in this county instructed for no one on the State ticket but John S. Marmaduke. Mr. Gentry has many and earnest friends here, who would rejoice at his nomination, but our delegates are hampered by no instructions.

Read A. Henry's letter; it is worth your while. As one of the first men at the Butler bar, and far up on the list in the State, Mr. Henry would wield a power in the Legislature when it came to making laws, that would accomplish something for good. Bates county has stood pretty near "top of heap" in the working ability of her Representatives for years back, and it is desirable she shall continue to stand there. We call special attention to Mr. Henry's candidacy, and the letter referred to, as meaning his definite announcement and platform.

When the next Democratic county convention is held, we trust the Rich Hill Review will send a representative who can comprehend the situation. That paper's report of the late convention was the worst mixed up affair we have ever known an intelligent editor to write. Mr. Irish missed the facts "all hollow."

The Republican puts words in our mouth which we never uttered. The TIMES, unlike its contemporary, has all its editorial carefully arranged on the proper page, where even the fool need not err in finding it. This verdant editor should have the assistance of the "devil" next time.

It is now definitely settled that Judge Ballard will not be a candidate for the Legislature, as the TIMES intimated he would last week. The field is now occupied by Henry and Hackett, with strong probabilities of Prof. Hinton from Rich Hill soon to enter.

Archie and Adrian have lost the Baptist College which they were competing for, and Harrisonville secures it. The latter wielded more money and other influences, we presume.

The Democrat is in error when it reckons Greene among the list of counties in this the twelfth Congressional district. Greene county is now a member of the thirteenth.

Blaine don't take with the independent Republicans, because they say he is corrupt. And sure enough he is just that very thing.

The St. Louis convention, to send delegates to Chicago, meets next Tuesday. Will Bates county have a full delegation?

Vernon county sent an instructed delegation to Jefferson City for Mar-

maduke, at the county convention last Saturday. The editor of the Republican in this city will please notice.

The Democrats of Cass county, in convention Saturday, instructed for Marmaduke. The delegation is reported as being solid for Gentry.

Cleveland—the name is ominous of victory.

Congressional Committee.

The members of the Central Committee, of the 12th Congressional District, of Missouri, are hereby requested to meet at the Rockwood House in the city of Nevada, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 28th day of June, for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding the Democratic Congressional Convention for said Congressional District, and to fix the ratio of representation that the several counties are entitled to in such convention, and to transact such other business as properly comes before such committee.

PAUL F. THORNTON,

Chairman Central Committee of 12th Congressional District of Missouri.

LEE CHISWELL, Secretary.
Nevada, Mo., June 11th, 1884.

POLITICAL TALK.

Lamar Democrat: R. T. Railey will, in all probability, be a candidate for delegate to the Chicago convention. He has many friends here who are anxious that he should go.

Henry county Democrat: Hon. B. G. Boone returned yesterday from an extended trip through the State. He has fully recovered his health, and feels that his prospects to be nominated for Attorney-General are as good as he can expect.

Vernon county Democrat: This thing of a man who aspires to be Governor of the great State of Missouri coming down to school district electioneering, and thus interfering in local politics, is a shame and a disgrace, and as such will be condemned by every thoughtful and sincere Democrat in the party. Could Judge Bashaw be elected Governor for the next eight years he could not atone for the wrongs he has done the Democratic party of Vernon county.

Sedalia Democrat: The Bates County Democrat contains an interview with F. J. Tygard, of this county who has been frequently mentioned as a candidate for the Democratic ticket. Capt. Tygard says that although he has been solicited by prominent Democrats from all parts of the State to become a candidate, he has decided not to allow his name to be used, as it might hurt the prospects of some of the other candidates in the same congressional district. This is a mark of consideration shown to others not often seen in these days of office-seeking and it reflects great credit upon Mr. Tygard, and the people of his section should remember it in his favor.

The Nevada Mail referring to the charge of the Vernon county Democrat, published elsewhere under this heading, says:

When this un-democratic argument was first adduced, Judge Bashaw said that he regretted that he was unable to visit every township in the county and submit the issue directly to the people. There is the place to decide the matter. If it is a compromise of dignity to talk to the people, then call our government an aristocracy and be done with it.

The fight against Judge Bashaw and his friends has been characterized by a spirit of bitterness and acidity seldom manifested within party ranks. Our candidates were threatened with defeat if they dared to vote against Marmaduke, and the man who contemplated asking office in future was warned of the danger which would follow violation of the dictates of the law-makers.

Yet in the face of all this the Bashaw men have counseled harmony and have attempted to establish good feeling. In good faith they extended their hands to the friends of Gen. Marmaduke after the battle of Saturday, but the Democrat shows the spirit with which the proffer of friendship was received.

GRADUATING DAY.

Butler Academy Close the Term of '84 with Grand Success.

THE REUNION AT NIGHT.

Our academy is four years old this year, and if we are to judge from the exercises last Thursday, her success has been phenomenal indeed. Founded under many adverse circumstances, and existing with few facilities, and a score of disadvantages, the friends and patrons of the school should feel very gratified at the excellent showing which was manifest in the closing exercises, and the school has a host of friends; a perfect army of patrons. If the TIMES reader desires a better proof of this fact than we are able to give on paper, he should have been present at the commencement exercises Thursday morning.

At half past nine, when the happy class of '84 filed upon the stage, the opera house was crowded to its utmost capacity, and many turned away for want of seats. The program was opened by a beautiful and characteristic prayer by Rev. W. A. Walker.

Every part of the program, which we have published before, was replete with training and talent, and it we rightly interpret the sentiment shown by the audience, was intensely interesting and entertaining. A table profuse with elegantly selected bouquets and floral designs was placed in front of the stage by the numerous friends of the class and at the close of each essay or oration, the reader or speaker was presented an appropriate selection of the sweet scented mementoes.

It is not necessary that we speak of the exercises in detail; they were all good, and no special mention would render our opinion any the less complimentary. A prize had been offered by the boys of the class, to the young lady who would produce the best essay for the occasion, and three disinterested judges were chosen to decide. These, consisting of W. O. Jackson, Prof. Starr and Robt. Gearson, awarded the medal to Miss Myrtle McBride.

The following are the thirteen graduates:

Messrs. D. L. Haggard, A. L. Goble, S. W. S. Childs, J. A. Burke, W. H. Gilbert, G. A. Pratt, W. F. Duvall, J. W. Choate; and Misses Lou Frizell, Myrtle McBride, Lassic Sims, Lena Telschow, Ella Williams.

THE RE-UNION.

After the exercises at the academy the teachers, scholars, friends and many former graduates assembled at the residence of Wallace Henry Esq. in the northeastern part of the city, to grace the annual meeting of the Alumni Society. The house and grounds were elegantly decorated in honor of the occasion, and before their departure, a sumptuous repast was spread before them by the hospitable hosts. The most important and enjoyable affair, however, which the closing of the Academy occasioned, was the memorable reunion of the class of '84, held at the academy building, Thursday evening.

From dark until late, the school house and walks surrounding it were crowded with the young friends and companions of the class. Nor was the younger generation the most conspicuous upon the scene. Many parents were there, to exult in the achievements of their sons and daughters, and preachers by the score, to do the speaking and drink the lemonade. The customary toasts were offered and responded to, and "all went merry as a marriage bell."

This is, no doubt, one of the most pleasant features of school life, and the TIMES earnestly trusts that our academy may enjoy many more such. If ever an institution deserved great credit for past success, and encouragement for future trial, it is the one founded in our midst. And we believe that the pleasant and entertaining events of the past week have made many and liberal friends for the Academy. Not friends, a superabundance of which it has enjoyed in the past, who rejoice at its prosperity when accomplished unaided, but staunch firm

friends, who will see to it that the institution suffers no reverse in the future, but keeps pace with the age and generation in the rapid and thorough advancement in the cause of education.

PERSONAL.

—T. J. Wilson, of Foster, was in Butler Monday.

—N. B. McFarland left Tuesday morning for Eldorado and Eureka Springs.

—Daniel Donohue, of Hudson, added his name to the TIMES list Tuesday.

—Mrs. Morrison and son Willie, of Bolivar, Polk Co., are visiting in this city.

—J. R. Harrimen left Tuesday for Western Kansas, to be absent several months.

—Mrs. Geo. Dickinson, of Kansas City, is visiting friends and relatives in Butler.

—James Crabtree will start on the road next week with a full line of samples for McGhee & Co.

—Miss May Woodmancy, of Pleasant Hill, is the guest of Miss Fannie Armstrong this week.

—Col. W. C. Lemert of railroad fame was in the city Sunday, on his way to Kansas, where he is at present operating.

—S. A. Gentle, a prominent farmer and stockraiser near this city is among the TIMES' new subscribers since our last issue.

—G. J. Smith, one of the TIMES' many friends of Johnstown was in the city last week, and made us a pleasant and profitable call.

—Geo. W. Miers left a few days since for the cattle ranch of his son William, in Comanche County Kansas. He will be absent several weeks.

—Lon Hunter and wife of Parsons, left for their home Monday evening. Mrs. H. had been spending a week with her parents here, while Lon didn't put in an appearance till Sunday morning.

—A. T. Holcomb, a former resident of this city, but now residing and practicing law in Portsmouth, Ohio, has been in Butler for the past few days. He has been attending the trial of his brother Sumner.

—S. B. Lashbrooke, D. N. Thompson and J. C. Clark left Monday evening for Colorado and the mountains. Mr. Lashbrooke will remain west until fall. The other gentlemen will return in a short time.

—Albert Babgley started for St. Louis yesterday morning, ostensibly to buy goods for the firm, but there is a suspicion afoot gradually spreading into a rumor that there is some other attraction which is drawing him to the mound city.

—N. Davis and wife, of Kansas City, were visiting in this city last week. Mr. Davis who is a former saloonist of Butler, left for his new home Saturday, but his wife being in very feeble health, will remain here some time, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. McGhee.

—W. P. Sevier, of Summit township, received a letter from his wife, who is now visiting her father in Montana Territory, saying that she will return home about the middle of August. Mrs. Sevier has been in Montana for the past three months and her friends and neighbors will welcome her return.

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AN OPEN LETTER.

Answer of A. Henry to Call Upon Him for the Legislature.

BUTLER, Mo., June 10th, 1884.
To F. M. Taylor, M. M. Tucker, D. C. Edwards and the many other gentlemen of Grand River united the address.

Gentlemen: In answer to your request to me through the pages of last week to become a candidate, I can truly say that I am thankful for the unexpected and generous offer of your support as well as for the expression of confidence in my ability to perform the duties of that office, which latter I consider would be a compliment to the ablest man in the State. The only reason that I would hesitate to become a candidate for that office unqualifiedly is because the people of the State generally and in both parties have not given much thought to the duties of that office, nor to the qualifications of the candidates for the same, being indifferent I suppose, as there was no profit in the office and the people did not deal personally with it.

But the great growth of the county and State in population and wealth during the last fifteen years, and the power and influence of railroads and other great corporations manifest in their control of every legislature that assembled in that time, on questions arising between themselves and the public, suggests the necessity of sending men of ability, as well as honesty to the legislature.

For instance, the most reckless legislation enacted for many years, on such subjects (the Hannibal & St. Joe Railroad, etc.) was passed by a legislature composed mostly of farmers and the most honest and moral body of men assembled at Jefferson City since the war; yet their work has involved the State in litigation for the last three years, and there is a suit now pending in the U. S. Supreme court, growing out of it involving five hundred thousand dollars of State money. There is much needed legislation that could be done for the public, if a reasonable number of competent men should be sent there.

By section 14, article 12 of the Missouri constitution all railroads are declared public highways, and railroad companies common carriers. But this, like many other of its best provisions is a dead letter, although if it was enforced by reasonable legislation the products of the county and state would yield at least ten per cent more to the producer than what he now gets. Again the constitution provides that the power to tax corporations, shall not be surrendered or suspended by the general assembly, yet the railroads are only taxed at about twenty per cent. of their value, and real estate is taxed at about seventy-five per cent. of its value, and there are so many other matters of importance to the people that a representative could devote his talents to, that I have not time nor space to mention them; and I do not think the ablest man in the state would have any talent to spare when he attempts to make laws for the demands of modern civilization and commerce. Lest I might be misunderstood in what I have said, I will say that I don't believe there should be any discrimination by law against railroads and corporations, or their property, but both should be treated as fairly as individuals and private property are by law.

Because to me there would be no profit in the office, and no honor (unless it should result from good work accomplished in the office.) I cannot afford to make any canvass or struggle for the nomination, but if the gentlemen who will compose the Democratic convention should express their desire for my services in the legislature by nominating me, I will accept and if elected would try to come up to your expectancy in filling the office.

I am thankful to the Democracy of Grand River, and have not forgotten how bravely they labored for the party when it was in the minority here and battling for civil liberty and equal rights.

A. HENRY.
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