

**THE COMMERCIAL**

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1915.

**Announcements.**

For Trustee.

**BRATTON**—We are authorized to announce S. R. Bratton as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

**JACKSON**—We are authorized to announce W. E. (Ellis) Jackson as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

**FINCH**—We are authorized to announce T. P. Finch, of No. 11, as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

**HORNBEAK**—We are authorized to announce P. D. Hornbeak as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

**MOFFETT**—We are authorized to announce Henry Moffett as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

**EASTERWOOD**—We are authorized to announce T. J. Easterwood as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

**FOORE**—We are authorized to announce J. L. Foore as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

**FORESTER**—We are authorized to announce W. A. Forester as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

For Tax Assessor.

**HOWARD**—We are authorized to announce I. J. Howard as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

**NOAH**—We are authorized to announce Will P. Noah as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

For Sheriff.

**MASSEY**—We are authorized to announce T. R. Massey as a candidate for Sheriff of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election Nov. 20, 1915.

**CHILES**—We are authorized to announce Enloe Chiles as a candidate for Sheriff of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

**MCCAIN**—We are authorized to announce J. R. (Bob) McCain as a candidate for Sheriff of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

**HICKMAN**—We are authorized to announce J. M. Hickman as a candidate for Sheriff of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

For Mayor.

**WADDELL**—We have the authority to announce Hon. Seid Waddell a candidate for Mayor of Union City, Tenn. Election January 1, 1916.

Governor Tom C. Rye has proclaimed Saturday, Oct. 9, as Fire Prevention Day and asks that all residents of the State observe the day by putting their premises in order, removing the causes which permit needless conflagrations.

The West Tennessee Press Association will meet in Humboldt on Friday, Oct. 22, when it is expected every editor from West Tennessee will be present. The program will be published later.

The actual work of putting on the steel of the great Paducah and Illinois railroad bridge began last Monday. Some of the machinery and material has already arrived and the first steel girder will be put on the land pedestals on the Illinois side. Workmen have been occupied changing the switch track alongside the pedestals this week preparatory to beginning the work.

About the warmest thing that your Uncle Samuel brings to our exchange table is a little paper from Chattanooga called the Hamilton County Weekly Herald. Mr. W. B. Cleage admits he is editor. It seems to be against the Chattanooga city administration in general and against ex-Ham Patterson in particular. It speaks warm words and spouts hot stuff, and no mistake. Each issue generally starts a blaze.

If the Hon. K. D. McKellar makes friends and makes votes at all appointments as he did during the recent short stay in this city, some of the other celebrities who vainly think they have a cinch of the lead-pipe variety on the Senatorial nomination, had better look about just a little. He was unacquainted and not known when he arrived for a two-hours stay. He spoke to 400 voters, and most of them left the hall McKellar voters; three-fourths of them outspoken for the Memphis Congressman.

The Bonnies.

Mr. Guy Lee, the king-bee race-track artist of this section, has enjoyed wonderful success throughout the season. He started the Bonnies in Ohio, at the beginning of the season, placed Union City on the map and has kept it there all the way from Ohio to Memphis. At times the pacers had to step along better than 2:10, but that's no trick for Mr. Lee's colts. He has captured some nice purses and hundreds of admiring friends in Obion County have received daily reports of his many successes. At Nashville and Memphis the work accomplished by Union City horses was especially good. Mr.

Lee studies the game, watches the horses, works hard and well deserves the splendid success he is winning.

**W. C. T. U. Convention.**

The Thirty-fourth Annual State Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Tennessee convened in Martin October 1 in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church with a delegation of two hundred and sixty and equally as many visitors.

The convention continued four days, each day's business including four sessions, thru all of which a harmonious and deeply interested spirit prevailed. This band of noble and consecrated women stand for the best things to be attained for humanity, beginning with the local abstinence from whiskey, wine, coca-cola and tobacco.

In their resolutions was embodied the condemnation of obscene literature, questionable shows and everything else calculated to have an immoral influence on the lives of the boyhood and girlhood of our country. Many beautiful and appropriate tributes were paid to the late president, Mrs. Silena M. Holman, whose beautiful life has left its impression upon every member of the W. C. T. U., not only in Tennessee but of the nation.

**Fools Barred.**

The Courier-Journal prints a story about a Lexington bride who was only seventeen years old being killed by a friend who playfully threatens her with a revolver, not intending to shoot. The slayer's explanation is as follows:

"I took the gun and after breaking it, punched Mrs. Berry in the side when she giggled, and then I tried it on Mrs. Moore, who was asleep on the bed.  
"I punched her in the side, and when she woke up I snapped the trigger, but as the magazine was out of line with the barrel no explosion occurred. As she sat up I again snapped the pistol, thinking the magazine was still out of line, but, to my horror, the weapon was discharged. I had rather it had been me than Grace, who was an old friend of mine."

Unfortunately, no legislation that could be enacted would prevent such outrages. Anyone who playfully points a firearm at another should be sent to the penitentiary if injury results from his sportiveness. But if there were sufficient penalties provided juries would not convict the trifier with the "unloaded" pistol. It is hard to convict a man of deliberate murder, and impossible to secure punishment where the intention is playful and the result fatal.

We may protect ourselves against our enemies. But there is no protection from fools.

**Song of the South.**

In an open letter to the United States Steel Corporation, the Bethlehem Steel Company, members of the American Iron and Steel Institute, J. P. Morgan and others, Editor Edmonds, of the Manufacturers' Record, invites the attention of the capital, the investment and the industrial public to the South, as "the nation's greatest asset."

Referring to the unique character of the South's white population in being composed of the purest and most unmixed Anglo-Saxon strain in the country, and perhaps in the world, Editor Edmonds mentions the chief material advantages of this section as follows:

It has considerably more than one-half of the coast line of the United States.

It produces the entire cotton crop of the country.

It is already producing more than one-fourth of the nation's grain crop.

It has about one-half the standing timber of the United States.

It produces three-fourths of the sulphur of the world.

It has about three-fourths of the coking-coal supply of the country.

It is the center of oil and gas activity.

It has almost limitless water-powers.

And yet, with all of these and many other material advantages, greater than those given to any other equal area on earth, the South has not had the wonderful development of business and the marvelous accumulation of wealth seen in other sections, Editor Edmond says.

The cause for this, following in the wake of a devastating war, are familiar.

"It is, however, essential," Editor Edmonds continues, "that those whose capital and energy made possible the development of the mighty empire of the West, and all who looked broadly to the highest development of the nation, should regard with the utmost friendly interest the situation in the South and co-operate to the largest possible extent in the development of that section.  
"The South's vast resources should

be utilized not only for the profit of the investors, but for the development of the nation. Its intimate relation, from the viewpoint of its coast line and its natural resources to the welfare of the nation, affording a foundation for the creation of vast wealth to the whole country, should make the national government and the financiers and the iron and steel men of the country recognize the supreme importance from every point of view of the fullest development of the South.

Editor Edmonds' letter is too long to extract further than here, but it is only another example of the splendid work the Manufacturers' Record is constantly putting forth to attract attention to the great and undeveloped resources and opportunities of the South which lie fallow awaiting the fullness of time which will surely come when the tide of capital and enterprise will turn in this direction and make the South's hills and valleys blossom as a rose and hum with the music of the wheels of industry.—Knoxville Sentinel.

**Mississippi's Great Senator.**

It appears that the sovereign people of the Sovereign State of Mississippi have voted John Sharp Williams the most illustrious living citizen of that great commonwealth. So say we all. John Sharp Williams is a remarkable man, the first Senator in the American Congress, the ablest and most accomplished statesman in the American Legislature. He traveled no royal road to this distinction. He worked his passage to the front in both houses, in one of which he showed himself to possess the qualities that make the great parliamentary debater.

The House and Senate of our Congress are not perfect, but in one respect each is infallible—each knows the capacity of its each and every member, and weighs him with perfect exactitude. Neither House will tolerate a dunce, or a sham. To gain first place in our Congress a man must have the goods and show them. When a new member rises in either House, a new face, a strange voice, he is listened to with respect, and ere he has spoken fifteen minutes his measure is taken and it is always and ever absolutely correct measure. It was never known to be a fault. Physical presence and voice, of course, go a great ways and are material aids, but Congress will not be bored and Adonis and Orpheus combined in one would speak to empty benches in Senate or House unless he fetched some brains with him.

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Now, John Sharp is no dude. He has not the presence of Apollo, and his is not a tuneful tongue. I am always reminded of an anecdote taken from French history when John rises to make a speech. At the siege of Toulon, Dugommier, the commander of the French forces, was holding a conference with his generals and Bonaparte, then a subordinate, left the councils. A general spoke up and asked who "that little insignificant officer" was. To which the commander replied: "That little insignificant officer is a greater man than any of us."

When John Sharp Williams takes the floor in the United States Senate the chamber and the galleries give ear. He never rises unless he has something to say and before he has been speaking five minutes he is certain to say something that will give the Senate food for thought. That is what makes John Sharp Williams the biggest man in the United States Senate. As a debater the Senate has not known his match since Allen G. Thurman and Ben Hill, and in a rough and tumble I don't believe the Senate has known John Sharp Williams' match since Stephen A. Douglas.

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Francis Jeffrey, the famous essayist of the Edinburgh Review, opined that had Benjamin Franklin been a graduate of Harvard, the world would never have heard of him, and it is doubtless true that many considerable men have been spoiled by classical education, but there are numerous cases where college training has been of great assistance. James A. Garfield is one example; so is John Sharp Williams. Cabot Lodge is another. John Sharp is, perhaps, the best educated man in Congress. Not only is he a graduate of the University of Virginia, but he studied at famous schools in Germany and France.

All a college is for is to fit a man to be a student. This country is full of college graduates who have no taste for books and are hopeless ignoramuses. But Williams is a man of vast acquired knowledge. There are many others of whom the same may be said; but all Williams' knowledge is accurate, and that can be said of very few men. Hence in debates he "leaves no gaps

down" and that is what makes him so formidable.

Horace Greeley held Stephen A. Douglas to be the greatest debater our Senate ever knew, and Greeley was no mean judge of such matters; but compared with Williams, Douglas was an ignoramus. Douglas knew American political history from the inauguration of Gen. Jackson down to the inauguration of Lincoln thoroughly, and in the Senate he rarely addressed himself to anything else. Greeley disagreed with him on political questions and said of him that frequently in debate with Seward, or Chase, or Fessenden, Douglas was lame at the beginning, but in a little while he gained knowledge from his adversary which he used with terrific effect to overwhelm him. But there were men in the Senate as good judges as Greeley who did not think Douglas a match for Robert Toombs. If one will take the trouble to read the speech of Douglas in the Senate closing the debate on the Kansas-Nebraska bill in 1854, he will discover what a big giant the "Little Giant" was.

I never knew John G. Carlisle to engage in a "running debate" but once. He was matchless in a "set speech," but on one occasion he tackled Aldrich on a tariff question, the McKinley bill, I believe it was, and though the matter of his remarks was technical—the cotton schedule—he discovered more knowledge of a cotton mill than the Rhode Islander, who had spent most of his life in sight of one and had a great deal of money invested in the business. Aldrich spoke from a printed paper and dealt with the number of "threads" "fine" of a piece of cotton cloth and the specific and ad valorem duties applied. Now, when it came to mathematics, Carlisle was a wonder. Euclid was as simple to him as the multiplication table to the average man, and he made calculations in his mind faster than Aldrich could read them off the paper. I am persuaded that if Carlisle had a taste for "running debate" he would have been master of them all.

My friend Tom Sisson is no fool. He was picked to take John Sharp's place in the Senate. Tidings come from Mississippi to the effect that the Hon. Tom is a candidate for re-election to the House. It would be a crime against the Democratic party and an outrage upon the American Union to defeat John Sharp Williams for re-election to the Senate. He is Senator from Mississippi, and he is more that that—he is Senator for all the States of our blessed Union.—By Savoyard in Nashville Banner. Washington, September 29.

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