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Democratic Ticket.

For Sheriff—J. W. (Watt) Cherry
For Trustee—Armour Ratliff
For County Court Clerk—R. H. Bond
For Circuit Court Clerk—J. N. Ruddle
For Register—W. J. Edwards, Jr.

For Representative.

BRATTON—We are authorized to announce S. R. Bratton as a candidate for re-election as Representative from Obion County in the General Assembly of Tennessee, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Only a few of the citizens met last Saturday at the courthouse to take up the matter of taxes and general legislation. Mr. Callicott and Mr. McAlister and a small number were present, but no meeting was held. It was suggested to these gentlemen that the taxpayers and citizens are interested in the movement, and no doubt they are interested, but it is very hard to get them together unless they are convinced that disinterested action will be taken and proper measures pursued. No one possibly could be satisfied with the way legislative matters in Tennessee are being handled and it is evidently certain that the people could be induced to come together to discuss the proposition if disinterested motives are assured. If there was a selfish motive in the proposed meeting this office knew nothing about it. Everybody was invited to the meeting and the candidates, whoever they are, were also invited. To take for granted that the present political conditions in Tennessee, because no meeting was held, are satisfactory to the people of this county, would be to discredit the protests and criticisms that have already been made over and over many times. Surely, if our people are willing to stand the pressure of the present tax arrangement they could not be satisfied with the prospect of still further tax increases, which are practically certain with increasing State treasury deficits and State bond issues. If the present call for a meeting was not satisfactory let somebody else call one and let us show to the people of Tennessee that we are interested in Tennessee's political future.

I don't know where the blame for the coal strike rests nor how much of it rests upon the respective parties to the strike. The statement made by Mr. Stanley for the coal operators in the New York World was not very illuminating. The statement made by Mr. Lewis for the miners in the same paper was more to the point. Mr. Stanley seeks to hold the miners up as a class irresponsible and unreliable. Mr. Lewis is inclined to regard the miners as citizens and entitled to some consideration. Mr. Lewis' statement of coal costs and profits is very conclusive if it is accurate. Says Mr. Lewis, the average retail price of coal is \$11 a ton. The miner gets \$1.35 cents a ton for his work, the freight averages \$1.30 a ton and the balance, \$8.35, goes to the operator. There are enough miners, says Mr. Lewis, to mine the entire coal fields in the United States by working six hours a day regularly and by this means have better living hours and opportunities. But the operators will not yield and the old full-day system forces them out of work and pay a portion of the time. The miner can not find something else to do to employ his idle time and he is not fit for many jobs. Mr. Stanley, for the operators, doesn't seem to have any figures to make. So it looks to the public as much like an operators' strike as it does a miners' strike.

T. K. Cushman, of Hopkinsville, Ky., came in last week with Mr. Tom Metcalfe, of Hopkinsville Ky., for the purpose of looking into the prospects of the Union City Laundry. Mr. Metcalfe is the owner of the plant and is trying to increase the volume of business which is justified by a capacity production. Mr. Cushman will make a canvass of the city and take the road in the interest of the laundry. Mr. Metcalfe stated that the plant is doing only one-fourth of its capacity and that unless the business could be increased it is not now a practical proposition as an investment. He and Mr. Cushman are trying to boost the business, incidentally to contribute to our industry, and everyone should take a personal interest in the matter. It is a Union City enterprise and should have our support.

Mayor J. W. Woosley is in receipt this week of some beautiful flowers, a present by Mayor Shank, of Indianapolis, Ind. Mayor Shank is complimenting the mayor on the occasion of the fifth annual flower show at Indianapolis.

WORD WITH TOBACCO GROWERS

As this is written the dark tobacco districts of Kentucky and Tennessee are discussing with much interest various plans offered for the marketing of their tobacco. A Dark Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association has been organized on the same basis as the Burley Tobacco Growers' Association and is getting ready to begin an active campaign for membership. The basis of this association is the binding contract by which members of the association obligate themselves to sell their tobacco through the association for a term of five years. Other marketing plans and other proposed marketing associations are also being offered "Black Patch" growers for their consideration. In some sections, we understand, discussion is becoming a bit heated and proponents of the various plans are appealing to growers with much earnestness and enthusiasm.

The Southern Agriculturist has just one interest in this discussion. It is vitally interested in the prosperity of the growers of dark tobacco. Probably 40,000 of these growers are our subscribers. The more money they may make, the more we shall make. Any marketing plan that will help them to get better prices for, and to make more money out of their tobacco will be a direct benefit to us.

With this fact in mind, the Southern Agriculturist hopes to see the "Black Patch" farmers go into the Dark Tobacco Growers' Association with the same practical unanimity with which Burley growers went into the Burley Growers' Cooperative Association. This is said with no desire to condemn any other proposed marketing method or plan of association, but with the firm conviction that the binding contract is the soundest, safest, most enduring foundation a co-operative marketing association can have. It gives the association something to stand upon, something to base plans on, something to do business with, and something to offer each member as security for its permanence and its future strength.

Cooperative marketing is not a matter of sentiment. It is a matter of good hard dollars and cents. The cooperative marketing association that endures will be the one that makes money for its members. No business organization that cannot count with some assurance on its own strength and its own stock in trade for a year or two ahead is in position to make money for its members in our fiercely competitive modern markets. The man asked to sign a five-year contract should remember that it binds not only himself to the organization, but the organization to him. It is a mutual guarantee. To be afraid of it, is to be afraid of the collective judgment of one's self and one's fellow-producers. Co-operative marketing societies will no doubt continue to make mistakes, and may sometimes fail—the man who has himself never made a mistake or a failure in the selling of his crops can afford to stay outside—but their successes have so far been far greater than their failures and they are all the time getting stronger and wiser.

The time has come when it is just a bit unreasonable to doubt the possibility of successful cooperative marketing associations; and the time has come frankly to recognize the binding contract as the very beginning of efficient and effective co-operation.—Southern Agriculturist.

We Stand Corrected.
In an article reporting the meeting of creditors of the Union City Motor Implement Co., held in this city with Referee Tatum presiding, the item stock on hand reading \$2,928.08 should have been \$22,928.08. Total assets as reported by Mr. Rust, trustee, \$43,721.25. Total liabilities, \$42,190.65.

Clean Up Week.
I have designated the week of April 10, 1922, as clean up week and request that every one lend a helping hand that we may commence the summer months with our city in a better sanitary condition, free from tin cans and rubbish of all kinds that have been allowed to accumulate during the winter months, so if you will collect together all the rubbish and tin cans and place them near a driveway so the wagons can load them without driving over your premises, otherwise they may be overlooked (as the teamster will have instructions not to drive on the premises of any one for such accumulations. This does not include ashes and we would request that you have the ashes hauled from your premises at the same time, as it will be my purpose to get the town in a sanitary condition, and keep it in like condition, and this can only be done by and with the help of the citizens.

Yours truly,
March 27, J. C. BURDICK, SR.,
Chairman Sanitary Committee.

WHAT TWO YEARS OF PROHIBITION HAVE MEANT TO OUR COUNTRY

The pro-liquor press are saying that prohibition is a failure and that conditions are worse than before the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted. The only way to counteract the effect of such statements is to give wide publicity to the REAL news about prohibition.

1. Two years of National Prohibition has reduced the number of drinkers of alcoholic beverages from 20,000,000 to 2,500,000 a decrease of 17,500,000, says Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

2. Only 15 per cent of former drinkers are drinking now and these are drinking but five per cent the quantity of liquor that was formerly consumed, says Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

3. The same authority states that the entire drink bill of the nation has decreased \$2,000,000,000 a year. This money formerly spent for drink has gone into savings banks or has been spent in legitimate lines for necessary commodities.

4. The year 1921, the second of the prohibition regime, was the healthiest in the United States, according to figures submitted by thirty-seven leading insurance companies transacting about 80 per cent of the insurance business of the life insurance business of the country.

5. The Federal Comptroller of the Currency is authority for the statement that more than 600 mutual savings banks show gains both in number of depositors and volume of deposits during the last fiscal year. Prominent banks in every section of the country testify that prohibition has promoted the thrift movement as shown by increased savings.

6. Judge Kent Greene, president of the Washingtonian Home Association, the oldest operating association of its kind in America, is reported to have said that the Chicago home is the only one out of sixty or more in the country to survive and that its slim patronage makes its future doubtful.

7. The report of the Board of Charities of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year 1921 shows a continued decline in the population of the workhouse and other correctional and reform institutions. The chairmen of the committee on Reformatories and Correctional Institutions and others say: "The most encouraging fact to be noted in connection with the workhouse is that during the past year the daily average of prisoners was only 208 as compared with 334 the preceding year. This is the lowest number recorded since the establishment of the new workhouse at Occoquan, eleven years ago."

The Vision That Is to Be.

To the Editor of Farm and Home:
—May I add one more voice in praise of your proposal to the national agricultural conference "that the United States take over the entire navies of the Allies toward payment of their debt, and accept on account the nations' other war equipment at junk prices, loading those vessels and our own navy with that junk, and sailing this Grand Armada to the Pacific, there, with all flags flying, to be sunk in Wyman deep 3,000 fathoms down!

"This crushing burden and other causes of war being sunk beyond resurrection, each people will police their own lands and waters, and the world will enter upon the thousand years of peace and prosperity, following the century-old example of Canada and the United States, with a world court to adjudicate disputes between nations and with a worldwide public opinion to enforce its decrees."

For so the Associated Press this morning heralds to a weary world your thrilling idea! It grips the imagination. It is a simple means toward solving world troubles.

Public opinion, led by the press, will force through your plan, if for nothing more than the wonder of this glorious spectacle, which shall restore forthwith confidence in the economic present and in the future of business and inspire all people for all time—that fleet of war outward bound to oblivion, sailing thru the canal, joined in mid-Pacific by the navies of South America, Japan and China, and the nobly unique ceremony of the sinking, "with all flags flying," and radio connected with amplifiers carrying 'round the globe the sound of cannon for the last time, and the people everywhere throughout the nations gathered in mass meetings to celebrate the consummation of this outstanding event in human history.

Yours truly,
ZONA GALE,
Portage, Wis.

Ben Bramham

R. A. Alexander

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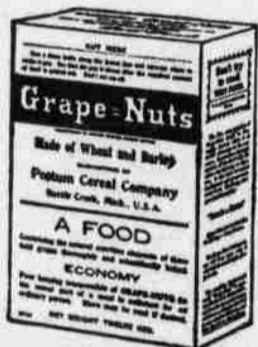
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What every mother should know—

THE one subject nearest a mother's heart is the welfare of her children. It is during childhood that their health is most important.

Weak, under-nourished children seldom develop into vigorous, healthy men and women. Malnutrition produces anemic constitutions, liable to many diseases. *Food is the most important factor in the development of children.*

An interesting fact to every mother in America is this: Grape-Nuts, served with milk or cream, is a complete food. Grape-Nuts is



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Farmers, Attention!

Never before was there such a need for the co-operation between the Farmer, Packer, Manufacturer, Banker and all kinds of legitimate business as to day. We all need to work together. The farmer was the first to catch the decline in prices and he must be the first to be pulled out.

Manufacturing and other business cannot prosper unless the farmers prosper. The very existence of this Packing Company depends upon the farmers of this community. Thousands of dollars are lost every month in Obion County by the farmers selling their grain instead of feeding hogs and cattle. Go into the Stock Raising business to stay. Sell an average number of stock yearly instead of by "spells." Keep your stock until they are fat and ready for market, then they will command the best price. Every farmer in this county should raise both hogs and cattle, and every land-owner should encourage their tenants to raise enough chickens and hogs for their meat.

When you have live stock for sale call for Mr. J. G. Saunders, our stock buyer. We are always in the market.

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NOTICE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern Division of the Western District of Tennessee. In the matter of Claud Vestal Andrews, of Union City, Tennessee. In Bankruptcy No. 1159.

To the creditors of the above named bankrupt, in the County of Obion and district and division aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of March, A.D. 1922, the said Claud Vestal Andrews was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of creditors will be held at Jackson, Tennessee, in the office of Federal Court Clerk on the 5th day of April, 1922, at 10:30 o'clock a.m., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

This 18th day of March, 1922.
S. HOMER TATUM,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
J. A. Whipple, Union City, Tennessee, Attorney for Bankrupt.

And every day brings still more proof that the average New Yorker is more easily Darwinized than the veriest hick from the Ozarks, were sleepless Hiram Clayton was wont to cough and cough until relieved by a cough medicine brewed by Good Old Granny Metcalfe.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

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