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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1878.

Hon. F. L. Cleveland, of Bracken County, is named as a candidate for Congress in the district.

The bill changing the contemplated rate of interest has passed the State Senate and is now before the House.

The Flemingsburg Rambler copied three items from us without credit and right in the middle of them requests us to credit the Rambler, which we consider prima facie evidence of a broad joke.

Candidates are thick as mites in chouse, and are working just as industriously. The difference between this and the chouse mite is making a good living, while the candidate will have to chouse it before he will get a seat.

The following gentlemen are announced in this week's Mercury as County Judge, A. J. Bents, J. M. Chevis and Samuel Melville; County Attorney, B. H. Robinson, Ancram Stiles Stratton; Jailer, Robert Kinney; County Sheriff, Clay Hutchcraft. The office of Assessor has the lion's share of candidates.

We believe the only office for which there is but one candidate is that of County Attorney. The Mercury is the best case we wish to say to the Democratic party of Nicholas that their suffrage could not be more worthily bestowed than by voting for our young friend Benj. H. Robinson. He is a young man of merit, and is thoroughly competent to fill the office.

Reduction in the Price of Announcements.

Owing to the fact that the time of holding the primary election is only four weeks off, we will insert announcements till that time at $7 each in advance. The Mercury is the best electioneering medium, and as we expect the primary election to support the successful aspirants, we shall expect a liberal share of announcements.

The Silver Bill still hangs fire in Congress. A vote will probably be reached on it. The only hope is one of the Shylocks will be the President's veto. Some think the 4 half Shylocks will sign the bill under protest, others that he permit it to become a law by standing by supporting the constitutional limit of ten days expires.

Mr. Hayes ensures it to be announced that he believes in what he calls "the old Whig party of principles" and that he will use his veto to prevent a violation of the Constitution. If that "old Whig party" is responsible for the framing and turning of Mr. Hayes in this and other subjects, that will be the last we shall hear of it. The old Whig party is dead in greater than what it died before death.

In an interview on Saturday Mr. Hayes expressed himself as against the cession of his Southern appointments, assuming the relation he held would be a few months, and therefore the more creditable ones he has made, by the way. It is well understood that hereafter no man not a Republican will receive office by appointment from Mr. Hayes.

The Maysville Republican, which vigorously opposed Mr. Hargis in his race for Circuit Judge in the last canvass, now compliments the following favorable notice of him:

Mr. Hargis will make a formidable race, either in the convention or before the people. He is well known all over the district, and if the opposition forward a man who is also known in the entire district, and who possesses the confidence of the people.

Let the Democrats of Nicholas not forget the convention to be held Monday next to appoint delegates to the Maysville Convention to nominate a party candidate for Circuit Judge. This is an important office, and should be well filled. Indifference has not been manifested in this county, and now that we have a good chance to give that office to one of our own citizens, all should be interested in doing so.

There will be no session of the Criminal Court in Nicholas County in February as will be no judge. The Criminal Court will not convene in this county till the August next. The absence of a judge by the Legislature, which will probably not be done, as there are but a few days left, it is now time to anticipate the calling of the vacancy by temporary appointment.

Our fellow-citizen Thos. F. Harrod will hesitatingly support the honor at Maysville on the 26th of March. His nomination by a Democratic convention will be but a meagre expression of the people of the several counties composing the 14th Judicial District, who are familiar with the sore that he received in the 74th of March. His silver dollar worth ninety cents in the markets of the world and a gold dollar worth 100 cents, the people would reveal to the Treasury until the gold was all gone, and then would be enhanced and there would not be silver enough to gold to be coined for the purpose of consumption, if attempted in 1879.

The people of the East own the principal amount of the Government bonds held in the United States. And they are largely engaged in commercial pursuits. They, of course, would prefer the single gold standard of values in fact, they want to feel that their money transactions are all on a gold basis.

The people of the West and South, who are the producers, need plenty of money to move their crops and carry them through the season of crop making and stock feeding. They don't care whether it is paper, silver or gold, so that it passes freely from hand to hand as a basis of trade and land. Not so with the East. They want everything regulated by gold and the greater the purchasing power of gold the better does the gold interest received on their bonds buy them. Their object, in short, seems to be to make gold only money, and make the debtor class owe their debts payable in gold. To what extent the gold would be enlisted for or to what extent the debtor class would be oppressed by so much power given to the gold interest is one of the doubtful issues of the future and has done much to engender confidence and fear. One thing seems certain. The South and West are unwilling to have the bonanza and let the Eastern the coin, whip and spur. In order to return to paper money, silver, or a temporary at large demands gold, silver and legal-tenders as money, and no gold to be used for redemption.

MEETING OF THE PEOPLE

Call for the District Convention—Maysville the Place and March 3 the Time.

We, the undersigned Chairmen of the Democratic Committees of the several party of the Fourteenth Judicial District of Kentucky, have selected the Eastern Asylum, Maysville, as the time, to hold a Convention of the Democratic party of the District for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of Criminal Judge of said District, and to appoint delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in the city of Louisville on the 26th day of March, 1878, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky, and to appoint delegates to the Democratic National Convention to be held in the city of Maysville on the 4th day of March, 1878, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for President and Vice President of the United States, and to transact such other business as may come before said Convention. We call upon the Democratic party to meet in their respective counties on Monday, March 18, 1878, and select delegates to said Convention, to be composed of two delegates from each county in said District, and that the Chairmen of the Democratic Committees of the several counties in said District name a Committee of Correspondence to be composed of three members from each county, to be selected by said Committee of Correspondence, and that the Chairmen of the Democratic Committees of the several counties in said District call a Democratic meeting in their respective counties to be held on the 1st day of March, 1878, for the purpose of appointing delegates to said Convention.

H. C. Berry,
Chairman Lewis County Com.
Warren Alexander,
Chairman Harrison County Com.
Joel T. Nesbitt,
Chairman Fleming County Com.
L. M. Campbell,
Chairman Nicholas County Com.
Thomas Dye,
Chairman Mason County Com.
J. H. McKenzie,
Chairman Greenup County Com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRIMINAL JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce JOHN F. HARGIS as a candidate for the office of Criminal Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce THOMAS F. HARROD as a candidate for the office of Criminal Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

COUNTY JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce A. J. BENTS as a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce J. M. CHEVIS as a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce SAMUEL MELVILLE as a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

COUNTY ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce B. H. ROBINSON as a candidate for the office of County Attorney, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce ANCRAM STILES STRATTON as a candidate for the office of County Attorney, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

JAILER.

We are authorized to announce ROBERT KINNEY as a candidate for the office of Jailer, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

COUNTY SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce CLAY HUTCHCRAFT as a candidate for the office of County Sheriff, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

ASSESSOR.

We are authorized to announce ——— as a candidate for the office of Assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic party. [Can you not find a man? You have a number of good men. Try again.—Ed. Mercury.]

DEPUTY SHERIFF.

To the Democratic voters of Nicholas County:

Having been solicited by many of the Democratic party of this county, since last June, when announcing myself as candidate for Sheriff, to also name the office, I respectfully announce myself a candidate for Deputy Sheriff, and solicit the support of the Democratic party. If elected, by close attention to the duties of the office, I pledge a faithful, honest and energetic discharge of the duties imposed.

Very respectfully,
WILLIS STEPHENS.

The Clerks are requested to have their party books prepared.

Carlisle, L. F. Mann, and E. D. Baxter; Harrison, S. M. Dallas; Third Quarters—Alex. Taylor and W. Jones; Judges; G. C. Smith, clerk.

Blue Licks—Aquilla Hildreth and James Heck; Judges; Lucy Davis, clerk.

Bernard Rout—W. G. Lesford and James Patch, Judges; J. Steele Parks, clerk.

Union—Geo. W. Koopendeld and John N. Reed, Judges; Geo. W. Brambleite, clerk.

Ellisville—Abram Barr and James Hughes, Judges; Ezekiel Sloan, clerk.

Reduction of the Salaries of Members of Congress.

In looking at one item of the appropriation bill, the Legislative, which now amounts to $40 per annum for every member of the present Congress, and two subjects which immediately attract attention. The first is the sinking fund. This fund, accumulating at the rate prescribed by law, will ere long absorb the whole debt, in a few number of years. But under different Secretaries of the Treasury this sinking fund than is required by law. Senator Beck proposes that so much money be set apart for the fund then is necessary under the law. This is not only an unobservance of the Department of Justice, the Post Office, the State Department—all of which are conducted upon a scale inadequate in the flush times preceding the panic of 1873 and during the early years of the war. It is at once the duty and the policy of the Government to change all this and to reduce all expenses. Salaries will have to be reduced, and the sooner this is done the better. The reduction of salaries of Congressmen is but a small matter, and does not affect the principle. It is not necessary to offer reductions directly to the salaries of members of Congress, but to reduce the salaries throughout the organization, so that the members will be forced to reduce their own salaries. Action was found in the Senate on this subject in the last session, and it is to be hoped that the House will follow suit. The people are particularly emphatic in their demand that the Government shall be reduced to at least the economical basis of expenditure in Congress to understand what retrenchment means.

The Democrat of this district have been in session in Cincinnati in connection with Circuit Court for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress. Mr. Atkinson is probably as much responsible for the defeat of the Democratic party in this district as any one else in the district. He has been a candidate before and came near receiving an office. He has been defeated twice, and has not been entirely satisfied to the voters of the district. He has been a candidate for the office of Criminal Judge