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A CAMPAIGN NOTE PUBLISHED IN ADVANCE OF THE ELECTION CANNOT BE ACCUSED OF PREMATURITY.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 11, ... 1891

THE recent census of Ireland shows a population of 5,336,932 males and 5,427,676 females. Actual decrease of 46,614 since the last enumeration.

In Shelby County, Hon. J. C. Denham, member of the Constitutional Convention, was delegated for the Legislature by Democratic Rotten Borough.

THE Whisky Trust closed a deal at Chicago for the only remaining independent distillery of importance in the West—the Schlitz and the Calumet. The price paid is said to be $2,000,000 cash.

THE money markets and trade have been surprisingly well sustained during the week, notwithstanding heavy exports of gold. No great activity is manifested, but business is hopeful at nearly all the trade centers.

THE Negro Conference in session at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., last week, adopted a series of recommendations looking to the better education of the black race, and the establishment of postal savings banks by the Government to encourage the negroes to save their earnings for the government.

UNDER the provisions of the new Constitution the Legislature can authorize the use of the Bible in the Commonwealth" and can the Nation's bonds to the Sinking Fund. This will be a perpetual civil war, the interest of which at 6 per cent. will amount to $12,000 per year, and will grow for ever. The people should understand that this $12,000 a year for ever will have to be raised by taxation on them.

Republican Convention.

The Republicans of Nicholas met at the Court house last Monday, and after organizing by electing Hon. J. C. Denham, of Lexington, a resolution was offered instructing the Chairman of the County Committee to confer with the Unionists of the county committees of Harrison and Robertson, and that they appoint a time and place for holding a convention to nominate candidates for Senator and Representative.

THE Maysville Bulletin, on long editorial, pro and con, on the subject of lawsuits, is losing its temper in the discussion of the new Constitution. It can scarcely believe that everybody opposed to the new instrument is necessarily corrupt, yet one would think it so believed by reading it. For centuries we have tried earnestly to work by the light of being the new and better way, and when we see the fruits of our labors, we grow more doubtful that the blind led.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

I will address the people on the New Constitution at the following times and places:

Lock Springs, on the Pavilion—Tuesday night, June 16th.

Ellisville, school-house—Wednesday night, June 17th.

Fort Union, (School House)—Thursday night, June 18th.

Mount Gold, Friday night, June 19th.

Butterville, Saturday night, June 20.

Speaking will begin at 8 o'clock.

Ladies are invited to hear the speeches. Any one desiring to speak in opposition to the New Constitution, is invited to be present and participate in the discussion of these places.

S. M. J. STONE.

COMMUNICATED.

Editor Mercury:

The most important election held in Kentucky was the one held on Saturday last. Not that the Constitution is dead, but because the issues which are now and the commencement are to be made for the ensuing year, who has an interest in the progress and prosperity of the State, should be in the control of that class who would have sway for good. We more that any other country, we need the aid of other citizens to see that the laws they seek to put in, whether the school monopoly is to be broken up, or the form drafted in defiance of books or pamphlets, whether the work is to be done at the school house or at home, whether the Legislature is to be made up of the school-house simply to be kicked, and the school-house simply to be kicked, and the school-house simply to be kicked, and you to sit up half the night over the hot-spring, or have the chief men patronized and called ignoramuses, blockheads and fools for not accepting the school-house.

The celebrated trotting stallion Tom Rogers was turned to death in Louisville Thursday morning. He cost his owner $1,500 for him a few weeks ago.

INCREASING THE STATE DEBT

Three persons who are boasting about the women of the Constitutional Convention ordering the $500,000 about to be secured from the U. S. Government, placed in the school fund of Kentucky, do not realize what it about to be done. The $500,000 will be placed in the State Treasury when it is received, and will be used for State purposes, but the interest on it will be a perpetual charge to be paid to the school fund. Year after year, and money will claim that it will not be done, but we know that such action is contemplated. If the State receives the money it should be invested in bonds or other reliable securities, and the interest paid to the school fund annually, but to place it in the treasury and spend it, and then tell people for the interest is not the thing we promised to do, is a fraud upon the people. We call the attention of our readers to the notice of section 181 of the proposed constitution, which reads as follows:

"So much of any money as may be received by the Commonwealth from the United States, shall be invested in a fund to be called the school fund. This shall become a part of the school fund, and the interest thereon shall be used for the General Assembly may direct, or otherwise, in the Commonwealth, of the money so received, and shall be invested, in which event a Board of Education for the amount so used, shall be established on the same terms and conditions, and with the same powers and duties as provided in section 186 of this article."

Section 186 provides for the issuing of bonds of the Commonwealth to the Board of Education, the same obligating the Commonwealth for the debt and interest.

Now we see that while one section of the constitution provides that the Commonwealth can contract a debt of more than $500,000 without a vote of the people, another section allows the Legislature to contract a perpetual debt of precisely the same amount, at any one. This point may appear obscure to the general reader, but it is not so to the lawyer, who, we state our reputation as a constitutional case that our statements are correct. We defy contradiction.

THE PRESS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Press Association, which should have taken place at one of the most delightful resorts in the State last Wednesday, failed to come off, and the reason is, we are sorry to say, that of the beautiful and historic Blue Lick Springs, the property of the Press Association, and will make a fresh start. We do not wish to appear over-anxious, but we do feel that the Association should be kept in good hands, and we