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DEMOCRATIC TICKET

FOR GOVERNOR—William J. Fields, of Olive Hill.
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FOR SECRETARY OF STATE—Mrs. Emma G. Crosswell
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL—Frank E. Daugherty
FOR AUDITOR—W. H. Blanks
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THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 1, 1923.

"TO OUR FRIENDS—THE WOMEN.

In the language of one well-known Kentucky weekly newspaper, the women of Nicholas county are the "staunchest friends and most ardent subscribers" of the Mercury. When the so-called "head of the hogue" inquires times are hard and starts to retrench by saving the yearly subscription price of his county paper, if the really important member of his family is unable to convince the "head" of the necessity, she sets a pound or so of butter and "signs for it" herself. We know she does, for she tells us so more than often. And furthermore, she rarely fails to express her appreciation of our efforts to get out a readable county paper. Being human, we value expressions of appreciation and whenever the opportunity offers, we seek to repay her for the gift of her pennies and orders by furthering every measure that lies well being and comfort and that of her children.

Last week we urged the women of Nicholas county to go to the polls on Tuesday and cast their ballot for Mr. Fields and the Democratic ticket. We would be more guilty of prostituting the columns of The Mercury to a cause we know to be base as to urge our friends to vote for any candidate we did not believe worthy of their votes. As between a shrieks party loyalty and the integrity of the political policy, the latter has always come first with The Mercury, and will always come first, so long as we guide the destinies of this paper.

We would appeal to the women of Nicholas county as their friend, as the county paper which has chronicled their marriages, the births of their children and the deaths of their loved ones, not as a Democratic newspaper, placing the success of the party above all else, to go to the polls next Tuesday and cast their votes for the democratic ticket.

None of you who heard Mr. Fields speak on Monday night, must, of necessity, have been convinced of the sincerity, the honesty and the earnestness of the man. He is a Democrat to the core in his face and we believe the astute and shrewding mind of any woman would not fail to recognize that fact, the moment she saw him. Unless our ability to read character is easily deficient, Mr. Fields is a man who has high ideals, strong convictions of right and wrong, and he possesses the necessary stamina to pursue those convictions, even to become crucified that he is right.

In our opinion, the women of Nicholas county—and of Kentucky—have an opportunity to show by their vote next Tuesday what a tremendous force for good government they may be. The Mercury intends to make no reflection upon the character of Mr. Fields or any other who constitute the remainder of the Republican ticket. Mr. Dawson is an able young lawyer. Those constituting his ticket are no doubt good citizens, good Kentuckians, and conscientious citizens. Unfortunately, however, through their machine made platform, they give their loyalty endorsement to an administration that is an absolutely failure and the sorry record of Edwin P. Morrow this summer, by any process of measurement, is a record that would worry. The administration Mr. Fields would give us would write no such record upon the pages of Kentucky history. He has shown his metle as our Congressman. We all know him here and we know that he is clean, honest, upright and conscientious. He told us Monday night that he would enforce the law, and who that knows him may doubt that he means just that. He told us that "By the Eternal," if elected Governor he would be Governor. And he would, or our judgment of man is exceedingly poor.

When Mr. Fields was selected to take up the standard fallen from the dying hand of Mr. Caudill, The Mercury said: "If Will Fields is elected Governor he will make not only a good Governor, but an extraordinarily good one." That we were right we have become more firmly convinced as the campaign progresses, and, as an Republican, as a believer in good government, as your friend and neighbor, we urge you to cast your vote for Mr. Fields and the Democratic ticket on next Tuesday.

A GOOD PUBLIC SERVANT

—but Mr. Sim gets less of votes.

When the land begins to play.

It is easy enough to remember the men who go out to fight for their country, when flags are flying, bands playing and the excitement of the conflict grips the hearts of all. But the returned soldiers, other than those wounds of support, often considered physically unable to take his place on a wage earner, so, he can claim he is said, quite easily forgotten in this country, when the war enthusiasm has died and the home coming has been made making money has removed the way.

But, it is at least worthy of note, when a man proves that he remembers and is grateful for the sacrifice made by our former service men, grateful beyond the point of expressing his gratitude in words.

We have heard more than once, during the present campaign, of the unfading interest shown by Mr. Fields as a Congressman in the case of every soldier who sought his aid. He has never been too busy to attend personally to the claims of a former service man, white or black. He has been instrumental in securing pensions for the justly deserving in nearly every instance.

This is but another instance of the character and personality of Mr. Fields. Despite the fact that he has been repeatedly honored by this district in over increasing majorities, he does not become "puffed up," he keeps his balance and holds to his sound conviction that a man elected to office by the people is the servant of the people.

We'll venture the assertion that no one of Mr. Fields' constituents, white or black, rich or poor, has ever written him without receiving an answer to his letter, nor has one of them ever asked his assistance in any matter that his case has not received personal attention, promptly and conscientiously given.

If William Fields is elected Governor of Kentucky, you may depend upon it that he will not forget that he is and there as the servant of every Kentuckian. He is not the professional "hand-shaker," who is strong on the pre-election jollies and weak in the after-election memory.

Thimbles, bearing a "Dawson for Governor" imprint made their appearance here this week. The Republicans now add the game of "Thimble, thimble! who's got the thimble?" to the delectable little indoor sportive game—"Who and where is Ben Frank Blair?"—which "Kentucky's greatest governor" gave us some time ago as one of the brilliant achievements of his campaign.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS.

Political prophecy is always dangerous, but in the opinion of The Mercury it seems safe, on this in written, to predict with a reasonable degree of certainty the success of Mr. Fields and the Democratic ticket by a substantial majority.

In the opinion of astute observers, the only factor that may reduce the Democratic majority is an apathy on the part of the voters in strong Democratic districts.

The reception given Mr. Fields here Monday night would tend to show that there will be no lack of interest on the Democratic of Nicholas. Yet it behooves every Democrat, man or woman, to do his and her part in the next five days to substitute the interest which exists and to get out the entire vote on next Tuesday. That done, the Democratic majority in Nicholas county will, The Mercury believes, be the largest given any candidate for office in the history of the county.

Vigilance on the part of every Democrat is imperative. Last minute canards, seeking to discredit the popularity of Mr. Fields will doubtless be circulated. The Republicans are working frantically throughout the State to stem the tide—Do not let them befool the issue. We are asked to endorse or to repudiate Mercurism. Which shall it be?

Let the answer of old Nicholas be so decisive as to make her the banner Democratic county in the State, in point.

Overconfidence on the part of Democrats has lost them many a victory which seems assured. Remember, that if we are to elect our candidates, every Democratic vote is needed.

"REDUCING" TAXES.

Four years ago Edwin P. Morrow promised the farmers of Kentucky that he would reduce their taxes. How his administration has made good that promise, the Elizabethtown News shows quite conclusively by reprinting a few of the assessment of farms in Hardin county in 1919 and in 1923.

Says the News:

The News has already given the facts in regard to the vast increase in the tax revenue exacted by the State under the Morrow administration, and the increase exacted under the Stanley Administration, facts which no Republican speaker has dared to deny. We have been requested a little closer home, we have taken the trouble to compare some of the assessments of farms in Hardin county, a number of Hardin county farms, to observe with what liberality Gov. Morrow kept his pledge to the people of Hardin county when he told them as a candidate for Governor four years ago that he would reduce their taxes.

The comparisons which we purpose to make can be verified by the tax books at the Sheriff's office. They relate to identical pieces of property, and have been taken upon the tax collections in 1919, the last year of the Stanley administration, and in 1923, the last year of the Morrow administration. Here are the comparisons:

	—1919—		—1923—	
Owner	Acres	Assess.	Acres	Assess.
J. H. Brown	135	$ 1,350	135	$ 2,025
P. H. Reider	324	9,700	135.07	17,820
John Brashear	425	10,630	325.32	42,170
G. H. McAfee	283	11,940	156.80	18,540
H. S. McDougal	406	12,180	406.00	20,300
C. T. Hayden	814	12,115	228.40	23,779
H. S. Gardner	262	12,890	141.00	22,275
J. W. French	199	2,417	41.90	2,706

Upon 2,728 acres of Hardin county land the assessment has been nearly doubled in the last four years, and the taxes increased fifty per cent. This is Gov. Morrow's answer to his pledge to reduce taxes.

What benefits in government have these farmers of Hardin county and thousands of other farmers in Kentucky gotten for this vast tax increase. Was it worth any more to them to live in a State where Frank Blair was pardoned by Edwin P. Morrow and whisked away from the penitentiary by Maurice Galvin before he had served a single month of his sentence? Were the parishes of Bossier Parish, the double murderer from Breathitt county, or the Hyrtsville, the embezzler who escaped from Hopkinsville and was pardoned before trial by this same Governor—were these outstanding acts of the Morrow administration so satisfactory for the State that it costs the Hardin county farmer more than the Government of Frankfort ever what it cost under Stanley?

We think not. Unless the farmer is going to be satisfied for Governor of Kentucky because he was a part of the Morrow administration and because Mr. Morrow endorses that administration. The load is too great for any man to carry. The people understand it. They know well enough all one election upon a promise to reduce taxes, and then, in the very election, vote to increase the tax and actually violated his promise of reduction, but actually put on an increase of more than 60 by cent.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE EAST.

The editor of the Mercury has been spending most of the election time in the waters of Rockcastle river, in Jackson county. In a delightfully written letter, he tells of Jackson county, the Democratic county and the county to which he has made annual fishing expeditions for some years. In an editorial, published on another page, he writes:

Evidence of disaffection among the Republicans of the Mountain Section of Kentucky at the hand-picked ticket of Governor Morrow, Colonel Stanley and Company is becoming apparent to those who have been among the voters of this section and talked with the people. Here is good news, from observation at first-hand. Giving a fair note, we believe Fields' strength in the Twelfth District will be one of the surprises of the campaign.

Mr. Albert W. Barkley, in a letter, which appears elsewhere in this issue, says:

The same forces which have dominated the Morrow administration and formed Mr. Dawson's nomination will dominate him, if elected. The stream can not rise above its source. The source of Dawson is Galvin.

Under such conditions it ought not to be hard for the men and women of Kentucky to make their choice. In urging them to vote for Mr. Fields, I appreciate the responsibility I assume, and I do it with a clear conscience. I retract no position which I held when a candidate myself. To the people I now appeal, confident and as large as it is possible their verdict it must be accepted and acknowledged. Whatever hope there is for reform in Kentucky lies at present in the Democratic party.

Louisville has been returning Republican majorities, through racial solidarity of vote in the negro precincts. The Republicans admit that. Conley Searcy, the Republican boss, expects to "deliver the goods" as usual next Tuesday. The Mercury believes that the white Democrats and the Independent vote will rolate that majority this year. Your vote, right here at home, will help reduce it. Remember what Chief Braden is reported by The Louisville Times to have said and that let your conscience be a law-abiding Kentucky, be your judge, when you come to vote.

"If I let the salmon rip while open, the Republicans can carry Louisville by 10,000. Watch my dust, if you think the bill will go lifted."

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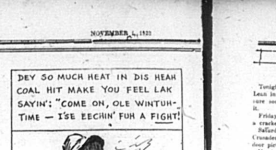

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The Ventriloquist.

Home Planting and Care of Plants

By N. F. Rockwell, Mgr. National Planting Service

PLANT SHRUBS NOW FOR BEST RESULTS

Anytime up to hard freezing you can plant shrubs. There is no "mystery" about the work—you can plant them just as easily as you can plant fruit trees or flowers.

A spade, a few pounds of bone meal, fertilizer, and a few pails are worth of shrubs, are all that need be used to plant shrubs of any zone of your place, and give you the best results.

Shrub planting means continuous pay enjoyment to property—and from the moment that you plant, it adds as much to the value of your real estate as some addition to your home or garage. The shrub plantings in a way means more to your house and grounds, for a carefully selected shrubbery will grow and become more beautiful year by year, whereas the addition to your house or garage will soon show signs of wear, and will require upkeep.

If your home is in need of the added charm and comfort which can be supplied by properly planned and planted shrubbery, now is the time to get busy and plant. A few hours will accomplish all the actual work required. You can bring in to make up your mind, select the varieties you want, and send in your order.

If you dig first, and decide carefully where you want the shrubs to be placed, you will find that your difficulties in choosing the proper varieties will be made easy for you.

You are probably planning to use your shrubs for hedges, screens, frames, borders or as single lawn specimens. Keeping this in mind, you will find different varieties as specially recommended for these special purposes.

If you want a formal hedge you will find some Ibota Privet that will probably be your best choice. Ibota Privet forms a hedge which is lovely and compact, and a deep green. The California Privet has become the most popular of all the varieties for hedge use. It shows lovely to set off other shrubs and is hardy and easy to care for. If you like a taller, more irregular and flowering hedge, you won't go wrong if you use the Goss of Shasta (Altha.) It is most beautiful when it is in full bloom, and besides its beauty, it is an unusually hardy shrub and can generally be killed by abuse or neglect. They bloom from the middle of August to the middle of September, and even later, bearing an abundance of large, brightly showy flowers. If you wish a dense, thick Rose of Sharon hedge, you must plant them close and compact.

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TO THE WOMEN OF KENTUCKY

Every Democratic woman, whether she wishes to or not, regardless as whether she goes to the polls, will be called in the election November 6th. The obligation is inescapable. The Democratic women of Kentucky made a vote power upon the next Governor of Kentucky, Democrat, Republican or William J. Fields and the Democratic ticket, the Democratic women of Kentucky may participate not only in endorsing Mercurism by the Democratic column but of giving to the Democratic nominee for Governor a strong testimonial of their confidence