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## Those Headaches,

those weary, wearing, dull heavy headaches that so many women have to suffer. But do they have to suffer? Half the defective eyesight. And yet some foolish women would prefer to endure the headache rather than wear glasses, which, if properly fitted, would give them instant relief. Do not delay getting the glasses though, or the headaches will continue and the result will be total blindness. Come to us and have your eyes examined—there is no charge.



## IN OUR PRESCRIPTION WORK

Everything is Right.

Our prescription materials are the best that we can buy. Everything is fresh and pure.

WE DO NOT SUBSTITUTE.

The doctors' directions are always carried out with absolute accuracy.

ALL OF OUR PRESCRIPTION

compounding is done with the utmost care, and we check over all of the different operations so as to leave not the slightest opportunity for an error to occur

**J.S. & J.F. Baisch**  
DRUGGISTS.

Broken Bow, - - - Neb.

## Gov. Buckner on Campaign Issues

Under date of Oct. 23, 1907, Governor of Kentucky, wrote Hon Henry B. Hine, chairman of the Democratic State committee, as follows:

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., in which you appeal to me as "Confederate soldier to rally to the support of the candidates of the Democracy in a contest with the common enemy, the Republican party." Let me thank you for the kindly interest you take that I shall properly cast my vote, and for the two printed circulars you inclose to enlighten my judgement.

One of them purports to be a comparison between the records of the two parties in their administration of the government of this Commonwealth. I have perused it with care, and if I may be permitted to say so, it seems to me more remarkable for the suppression of important facts than for an impartial declaration of the whole truth. If you wish me to view it as the special plea of an advocate to exonerate his client by making "the worst appear the better reason," I must concede that it is a circular of some ingenuity. But if you wish me to consider it as a fair and impartial exposition of the matters discussed, I am forced to the conclusion that it is entitled to little consideration. I do not find my judgment at all enlightened by such a plea.

### THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER IN KENTUCKY.

The other circular is the expression of an intelligent gentleman, based upon the opinions of a dozen or more most excellent citizens, as to how the majority of ex-Confederate soldiers will cast their votes in the coming election. How you should expect that this expression of opinion shall control the vote of any man, I am at a loss to conceive. The Kentucky Confederate soldiers, as a body, possessed great individuality of character, and at the incipency of the Civil war thought for themselves, formed their own conclusions and acted as duty prompted them; and no better or truer soldiers ever marched under a banner. When the cause they had espoused had failed and they resumed their allegiance to a restored government, history has shown that no better citizens ever lived within our boundaries. I assume that these citizens will act in the future as they have done in the past, and will follow their convictions of public duty; and I do not propose to be an exception to this rule.

But neither of the circulars which you send me throws any light upon the issues in this political campaign. There is no question of national policy involved. It is purely a contest within the State between two classes of its citizens; the one composed of citizens who have been associated in political belief with different political parties, but contending now for the preservation of our republican institutions; the other, chiefly of citizens who heretofore affiliated with the Democratic party, but have now abandoned its principles and are following practices which threaten the very existence of our republic.

### THE HOLY PILGRIMS.

Their organization is suggestive of one which was formed in medieval times. A company of pious men, styling themselves "The Holy Pilgrims," began their wanderings through the world to impress the benighted minds of others with the sense of right, justice and virtue, and to preach the doctrine of peace and good will to all men.

But after pursuing this purpose for a time, it occurred to a number of them that their personal aims would be better attained by an entire change of their purposes.

They accordingly remodeled their platform of principles, but retaining their former name, these Holy Pilgrims pursued their wanderings, relieved the wayfarer of the burden of his purse, plundered the caravans encountered in their journeyings and appropriated to their own

use all the valuables that fell in their way.

Those of the original band who refused to follow this new avocation were, of course, stigmatized as deserters, renegades and traitors, unworthy to march under the immaculate banner of Holy Pilgrims!

In like manner the Democratic party in Kentucky maintained for nearly a century the rights of the people. It proclaimed equal rights to all, exclusive privileges to none; a ballot free from intimidation or fraud; a judiciary free from partisan bias; a rigid enforcement of the laws; the strictest integrity in officials; the practice of public virtue in all classes of the community as the only true basis of patriotism in our republic. But some ambitious men in the party seeking to promote their personal ends have succeeded in remodeling this creed. They met in Frankfort and proceeded to enact an election law so partial in its action that it robbed the people of all right to fair suffrage. This act of injustice was followed, as a natural sequence, by the frauds of the Music Hall convention, where the voice of a large majority was stifled by intimidation and every form of iniquity.

There the Democratic party was overthrown and a conscienceless machine, warring upon every principle of Democracy, was reared upon its ruins.

Though it was exultantly proclaimed by an enthusiastic Democratic orator that after the passage of the new election law "if any stealing was to be done it would not be done by the Republican party," such was the indignation of the people that they overcame all the fraudulent votes which had been recorded against them and defeated the candidates of the machine by a decided majority; and the Democratic Election Commission, whose majority were men of honor and integrity, awarded the certificates to the men chosen by the people, and they were duly installed into office.

### THE MACHINE AND ITS HISTORY.

But the machine was not thus to be thwarted in its fraudulent purpose. A contest was instituted. The returning board was reorganized, and these slaves of the ring recorded the will of their masters by unseating the officers chosen by the people and installing a usurping minority in their places. With equal subservience the legislative body which first organized the machine registered the will of its creature by disfranchising without cause more than one-fourth the votes of the State in order to defeat the will of the people; and to give their action the semblance of validity did not hesitate to ante-date the time of their fraudulent action.

What has followed since is a matter of history; some of it of judicial history. We have but to study the decision of our highest court to find the methods pursued by this machine. The right of the people to freely express their will in their choice of their officials is denied. Ballot boxes are stuffed with imaginary names; voting places are secretly removed contrary to law pending the election; criminals of every class are imported as repeaters and are allowed during their stay to pursue their vocation of robbery under the protection of the police. Honest election officers are driven from the polls; peaceable citizens are knocked down, beaten and imprisoned for no other offense than of complaining of wrongs, and offending policemen are publicly commended for their violation of law and promoted for their crimes against society.

If the stuffing of ballot boxes was inadequate, it has been shown that in the country the very trees of the forest if not the beasts of the field, have been recorded as voters to silence the voices of living men who protested against these outrages. An impartial vote could not fail to set aside an election so attended by fraud, intimidation and violence as was that held in Louisville in 1905.

### REFORM THE MACHINE REJECTED.

The officials chosen by executive authority to replace the discarded officers and true Democrats who did not fail to expose

### UP-TO-DATE STATEMENT

## Security State Bank

DECEMBER 30, 1907.

Loans and Discounts	\$ 67,231.10
Overdrafts	345.17
Claims, Warrants, Etc.	9,080.75
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	5,000.00
Cash and Due from Banks	36,086.43
	<b>\$117,743.45</b>
Capital Stock	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus and Profits, net	5,812.05
Deposits	<b>96,931.40</b>
	<b>\$ 117,743.45</b>

We guarantee deposits in this bank:

W. A. GEORGE, JOS. PIGMAN, CHAS. BLAKEMAN, JULES HAUMONT, JOHN E. MYERS, J. O. TAYLOR, RASMUS ANDERSON.

the scandals and corruption of those who preceded them; have enforced the laws against crime and have fought to bring the party back to its standard of purity and patriotism; but the machine has refused to support them in their measures of reform and has thrust them aside and substituted as their candidate for the highest offices in the city a man who defies the authority of the State and openly avows his purpose to refuse to execute a law which is obnoxious to him. And this candidate appears to have the support of every candidate on the machine State ticket.

### A PARTY WITHOUT A PLATFORM.

In former times the Democratic party, through its chosen delegates, was accustomed to meet from time to time in conventions, to promulgate a platform of principles best calculated to promote the public welfare, to name candidates and committees best fitted to serve the people with fidelity and to instruct them to put in practice the principles of the party. But since the enthronement of your machine the people have been spared this trouble. Now an oligarchy of office-holders, rotating in violation of the spirit of the Constitution, from one office to another, are accustomed to meet in secret conclave with chosen members of the machine. Virtually name the candidates and appoint committees whose duty it is to instruct the people to cast their votes for the perpetuation of the power of the ring, and not for the good of the people.

I hope you will not consider me in any way personally offensive, for I do not mean to be, when I state you hold an important and lucrative office which seems to be dominated by members of this organization. My criticism is intended only of the system, which regards the choice of such an official as eminently proper to be placed at the head of the committee which is to instruct the voters in their duty. In this capacity you urge me as a Confederate soldier to vote for all the candidates on your ticket, and against the "common enemy," the Republican party.

In looking over the list of your candidates I find that some of them were the direct beneficiaries of some of the fraudulent elections I have sketched; some are seeking, in violation of the spirit of the Constitution to rotate from office to office. Most of them, as far as I can learn, have aided and abetted the perpetration of the political crimes which have brought discredit upon the State and destroyed the life of true Democracy.

### THE SERVICES OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

If, as you say, the Republican party is the common enemy of such a machine as I have feebly described, it should not be imputed to them as a crime, but commended as a cardinal virtue. And their assistance in an effort to overthrow an organization which, under the banner of the Democratic party, is warring against every principle of Democracy, should be welcomed and applauded by every true Democrat and lover of his country. For until this machine is overthrown there can be no hope of resuscitating the life of true Democracy.

As your letter is an official communication, and in no sense confidential, I may give it publicity in order that not only you, but anyone else, if there be such, who may care to know my position, may learn some of the reasons which impel my action in casting my vote for the overthrow of a machine which has strangled the Democratic party, and whose constant violations of law and justice are spreading a contagion of lawlessness to the remotest limits of our fair Commonwealth. In imitation of the methods of the machine a veritable Sicilian Mafia has been organized in parts of the State. The toil of the farmer has been lost in the destruction of his growing crops, in the burning of his barns with their contents, in the dynamiting of his threshing machines. Yet no serious attempts have been made by the authorities to suppress these outrages; for officials chosen by fraud and violence are incapable of enforcing the law against other offenders. I am, sir, very truly, your obedient servant,  
S. B. BUCKNER.

### Real Estate Transfers.

- James W. Swope to J. L. and W. H. Swope, 160 acres in 4-15-21, \$3600.00.
- Ferdinand Witthuhn to Otto Witthuhn, 160 acres 26-14-25, \$1800.00.
- William C. Pratt to Henry A. Wilke, parcel in 15-20-20, \$800.00
- Herbert R. Wrigley to William W. Rice, 152 acres in 13-19-18.
- William Sherman Ward to Charlotte L. Stout, lot 13-14-15 in block 59 Callaway, \$700.00.
- Rebecca J. Moore and husband to school dis No 180, lots 1 and 2 in block 37 in Callaway, \$60.00
- The Union Land Co. to F. H. Gilchrist Lumber Co., lots 18 and 19 block 55 R. R. to Callaway \$237.50.
- John C. McKeon to John F. Short, 160 acres in 32-14-21, \$6720.00.
- Alda I. Caslon to Mott E. Vandenberg, lots 1 and 12 in block 1 in Sargent, \$100.00.
- Soren S. Kuhn to Chris H. Kuhn, parcel in 22-14-24, \$650.00
- George W. Craven to Oland M. Wolf, parcel in 10-19-18, \$2600.00
- Fred W. Cummings to George W. Craven parcel in 10-19-18, \$300.00.
- Godfrey Nansel to F. S. Payne 160 in 17-16-25, \$1300.00.
- Lincoln Land Co. to Oeville, J. Carroll, lot 7 in block 2 in Mason, \$90.00.
- Claude and Keo. Currie to Joseph J. Warta, parcel in 10-19-18, \$100.00.
- George F. Christy to Albert R. Blessing, 120 acres in 14-19-20, \$840.00.
- Alonzo H. Copey to Maggie Bangs, lots 9 and 10, block 6, A. P. Gandys add to Broken Bow, \$1075.00.
- Maggie Bangs, single, to Frank H. Reed, lot in block 12 J. P. Gandys add to Broken Bow, \$2350.00.
- Charles E. Snider to Miriam Bartholomew, lots 16-17-18-19-20 21-22 and 23, block 2, R. A. Hunters addition, \$3500.00.

### For Rent or Sale.

Stock farm consisting of one section of land near West Union. For further information see E. C. House, Broken Bow, Neb., or G. Guyle on farm.

## THE WEATHER

this winter has been so pleasant that many may be of the opinion it will not be otherwise, but 'tis more than likely a storm is now brewing and may come upon us at any moment. In view of this fact—which is undoubtedly a fact—we advise farmers to be prepared for severe weather and rough roads by purchasing a goodly supply of

## PURE FOOD PRODUCTS

HERE ARE A FEW OFFERINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

- We have the celebrated Red Jacket Sweet Cider, the finest, our price per gallon 50c
- Falcon Self-Rising Pancake Flour 6 lb package 25c
- Pure New York Buckwheat Flour per pound 5c
- Largest—Juiciest—Sweetest Smyrna Figs per pound 20c
- Extra Fancy Persian Dates 3 pounds for 25c
- Our Coffees are the finest grown—beautiful blends—fine drinkers per lb, 18c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c

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## NEW YEAR GREETINGS

IT is with the greatest pleasure that we extend to our friends and customer our Second Annual New Year greeting. Another cycle of time, rich in accomplishments, has been added to the age of the universe.

We would indeed be forgetful did we fail to express our appreciation of the liberal patronage we have enjoyed during the year and we wish to assure our friends that if we have failed in any manner to serve them satisfactorily if cannot be attributed to lack of endeavor.

We are anxious to serve you during the year 1908 with groceries and provisions of the pure food, variety and assure you of prompt service, just treatment and a careful consideration of your wants!

We wish you all a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## Sheppard & Burk

Phone 125. South Side Square

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