

COLLEGE TO HAVE GOOD ATTRACTIONS

Noted Violinist and Woman Lecturer Here This Week.

DAMROSCH COMING SOON

Axel Skovgaard to Appear Monday Night and Mrs. Pickett Wednesday Evening.

The music lovers of this city and the students of the Industrial Institute and College will be given a rare treat in the college chapel Monday evening when Axel Skovgaard, the Danish violinist, will appear in concert. The violin upon which Skovgaard is to play is a magnificent \$13,000 Stradivarius, almost two hundred years old, and which has an interesting and curious history.

Skovgaard will be assisted by Miss Alice McClung, at the piano, and Mme Mary Elliott-Heness, a gifted soprano.

Wednesday evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, Mrs. LaSalle Corbell Pickett will be heard in "Studies of Yesterday." Mrs. Pickett, who is the widow of the renowned confederate general who led the greatest infantry charge in all the annals of war, has recently been captivating large audiences in the East and West as well as in the South, with her lectures on "The Battle of Gettysburg," "The Friends of Yesterday," and her charming evenings on the old home life and negro lore of the Sunny South. No woman in America is better endowed for success upon the platform or for attaining the highest results with these three subjects than Mrs. Pickett.

These two attractions will begin promptly at 8:30 and a small admission of 50c each will be charged.

The Damrosch Orchestra, well known throughout the world, will appear early in April and it is expected that many visitors from surrounding towns will be here for this big event.

New Picture Show Opens.

The Palace Theatre, on South Market, was again opened Friday afternoon under the able management of Mr. A. L. Denison, of Canton, who expects to have a show please everyone.

Mr. Denison has arranged for an orchestra for the Palace and expects his musicians to arrive the first of this week.

The "Pathe" service will be featured at the Palace, and the best of pictures will be shown.

The building has recently been redecorated on the exterior, the work having been done by Messrs. Peck and Lamb.

Mr. J. J. Ellis and Mr. Joseph Ellis, who reside several miles east of the city, spent yesterday here on business.

PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSED ADVANCE

Southerners Make a Strong Fight Against Increased Coal Rates.

SPECIAL HEARING IS HELD

W. H. Carter Represents Local Citizens at Meeting in Memphis the Past Week.

Last Wednesday Mr. W. H. Carter secretary of the Chamber of Commerce was in Memphis to appear before U. S. Examiner Henry Thurtell in the special hearing on the proposed increase in the freight rates on coal from all mines to southern points. There were present a number of Mississippians representing eleven cities and towns in the state. Hon. George Butler, former Assistant Attorney General of Mississippi, represented our state's interests at the hearing.

The Commercial-Appeal of March 11th says of Mr. Carter's testimony: "W. H. Carter, Secretary of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce was one of the strongest witnesses put on the stand by Mr. Butler. He was aggressive and positive in his statements. Mississippians contended that the present rates on coal were established by the railroads and were compensative for the service rendered."

Representatives of the following Mississippi towns appeared before the Examiner: Jackson, Yazoo City, Meridian, Columbus, Greenville, Greenwood, Newton, Tupelo, Starkville, Corinth and Chesapeake. Mr. M. G. Moore, an expert of the Mississippi Railroad Commission, represented that commission before the Examiner and made a strong showing.

Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Louisiana were represented by strong delegations, which fact shows that the people are determined that the railroads shall not increase the rates on coal at this time of depressed conditions except over the strongest possible protest from those who have to pay the increased toll.

The hearing closed on the evening of the 11th. The evidence will all be transcribed and submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington who will decide whether or not the railroads will be allowed to raise these rates. It is probable that their decision will be announced within the next thirty days. It is the intention of the protestants to have attorneys present at Washington to argue the case fully when it comes up for decision.

Messrs. Julian Sherrard, Byron Loving, Grey McKeller and Lee McCullough, who are students at the University, and who have finished their second term examinations, are spending a week here with relatives.

A NEW DAY IS AT HAND.



—Chapin in St. Louis Republic.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD CONCLUDE ANNUAL SESSION

Elect Officers and Select Laurel as the Next Place of Meeting.

Natchez, Miss., March 11.—The joint State convention of the members of the Woodmen of the World and the Woodmen Circle adjourned here today after making public the names of the officers of the State organization of the Woodmen elected at a night session last night, and announced the selection of Laurel as the next convention city.

L. A. Benoist, of Natchez, was elected head consul. S. L. Caine, of Columbus, was named as a sovereign delegate.

A feature of the morning session was a memorial service in memory of John Cullen Root, the founder of Woodcraft, who died since the last meeting of the Mississippi jurisdiction. The afternoon session was devoted to concluding minor business matters.

A grand ball tonight concluded the social features.

WIFE OF RICHEST MAN IN WORLD DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Passes Away at Tarrytown After Long Illness.

Tarrytown, N. Y., March 12.—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, wife of the richest man in the world, died suddenly today in her 76th year at the Rockefeller country home in Pocantico Hills. She had been an invalid for a year, but during the last few months her health had so improved that the rapid turn for the worse which her illness took early today was not anticipated by her family.

R. E. Leigh Returns.

Mr. R. E. Leigh, who has been spending the past two weeks in New York and other eastern markets, has returned home. Mr. Leigh, while away, bought a complete line of the latest spring and summer stock for the Woman's Store.

A call meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held at the home of the president, Miss Mary Harrison, Tuesday morning.

Sunday evening dinner, New Bell Cafe from 5:30 to 8:30 o'clock, 40c. Princess orchestra.

HAPPENINGS OF INTERESTS GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Gist of the News From Over the Country Given in a Brief Form.

Last Thursday afternoon a straw vote was taken on an Illinois Central train by delegates en route from the Woodmen of the World Convention held in Natchez. 279 votes were cast in six coaches and were as follows: Riley, 154; Bilbo, 93; Tally, 15; Stovell, 2; Green, 2; Maxwell, 1.

"The woman of mystery," who died at the State Charity Hospital in Vicksburg March 4 has been identified as Miss Blanche Pace, of Winona. Under the assumed name of Mrs. A. Thompson, of Hattiesburg, and Mrs. Cameron, of Meridian, the young woman whose death has shocked the State for the past week, spent her last days alive in Vicksburg. Serious and terrible charges have been hinted regarding her fate.

Chancery Court will convene in this city the first week in April, and although there will be quite a number of cases to be disposed of, the divorce question has quieted down.

An increase of \$9,517,018 has been recorded in the value of exports shipped from New Orleans during February, compared with February 1914.

Peter Gross, of Gillispie, Ill., a few years ago traded an old horse for a tract of 200 acres of land in Virginia. Because of the discovery of coal there he recently sold the land for \$400,000.

A 28 week trip across the continent in a prairie wagon, to see the San Francisco Fair, is being undertaken by William Stevens, a New York business man and John Drebing, a newspaper man.

LOCAL HARDWARE STORE

ROBBED OF TEN PISTOLS

Burglars Enter Banks Hardware Company and Take Firearms and Money.

Ten pistols valued about \$125 and cash amounting to \$4.90 were taken by burglars from the Banks Hardware Co. Wednesday night. Robbers entered the store through a transom in the basement and escaped by the same route. It is not known at what hour the robbery occurred, as the theft was not discovered until the store was opened next morning, and as yet there is no clue.

MAGGABEES AGAIN NAME STUCKEY AS COMMANDER

Columbus Citizen Highly Honored at Annual Meeting Held in Meridian.

Meridian, March 11.—Concluding with a splendid banquet featured by a wave of enthusiasm and a determination to do more work, the state convention of the Maggabees concluded its session a day earlier than was expected and adjourned last night.

Prior to the auto ride, which was tendered the visitors on Wednesday afternoon, the election of state officers for the ensuing term was held.

Hon. J. N. Stuckey, of Columbus, was named State Commander, and also delegate to the Supreme Tent.

Mr. Albert J. Hahn, of Mobile, visited Mr. Albert Hirschman in this city the first of last week. Messrs. Hahn and Hirschman spent the week-end in Memphis the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Foltz.

PROMINENT EDUCATORS TO ATTEND MEETING SATURDAY

Lowndes County Teachers' Association to Convene in Caledonia This Week.

The monthly session of the Lowndes County Teachers' Association will be held in Caledonia next Saturday and the main subject for discussion will be "Consolidation."

Quite a number of well known educators from over the state will be in attendance, among whom are State Superintendent of Education W. H. Smith; Prof. J. T. Calhoun, state supervisor of rural schools; Prof. Joe Cook, of the Hattiesburg State Normal, and Miss Susie V. Powell, of Jackson, who is in charge of the home-science and canning club work in Mississippi.

Veterans to Meet.

A call meeting of the Isham Harrison Camp, U. C. V. will be held at the city hall Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock to consider matters pertaining to the coming reunion.

Sunday evening dinner, New Bell Cafe from 5:30 to 8:30 o'clock, 40c. Princess orchestra.

One of the guns taken was an automatic valued at \$24. The money stolen was in a cash register.

PAGEANT WILL BE BEAUTIFUL AFFAIR

Historical Spectacle Will Be Seen on the College Campus May 27.

A HISTORY OF COLUMBUS

Meeting Is Held at Chamber of Commerce and Plans for the Event are Discussed.

A meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of discussing plans of financing the Pageant of Columbus, Mississippi, which is to be presented on the campus of the Industrial Institute and College May 27, and which promises to be one of the most elaborate affairs of its kind ever held in the South. Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the two chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Confederacy, Equal Suffrage League, Twentieth Century Club, the Reading Circle and the I. I. and C. were present at the meeting.

The representatives from the Columbus organizations voted to the college, and to Miss Emma Ody Phol, in charge of the athletic department, their co-operation in this undertaking, which is especially dear to the hearts of Columbians, as their native "City of Flowers" is to be celebrated from the time of Queen Isabella's selling her jewels to purchase the three small ships for Columbus, even to the glorious present.

Several good plans were suggested and discussed. A committee of the club members was chosen to appear before the city council and before the county board of supervisors to seek financial aid for the successful performance of this historical pageant, which should be made a very attractive advertisement for this city and county. The selling of tickets by the club members was favorably discussed.

As this was the first meeting to make plans for the pageant, no definite conclusions were reached. Much encouraged over the prospects of the beautiful spectacle, the representatives decided to hold another meeting next Wednesday afternoon, at which time the club representatives will report on the attitude of the clubs which are to be called together in special business session.

Dr. Eggleston Returns.

Dr. R. B. Eggleston returned Thursday afternoon from Birmingham, where he has been conducting a fine revival service.

Dr. Eggleston will fill his pulpit at the First Presbyterian church this morning at 11 o'clock, and this evening at 7:30 o'clock he will begin a series of sermons to young people.

Send them to Capt. Lawrence.

SCOUTS EXEMPLIFY WORK BEING DONE

Interesting Program Presented at Airborne Theatre Yesterday.

SEVERAL TALKS MADE

Three Young Men Are Awarded Prizes for Best Grades on Examinations.

A large crowd enjoyed the tenderfoot investiture of the local Boy Scout organization held at the Airborne Theatre yesterday afternoon.

The scout work in its various phases was exemplified, and talks were made by several prominent citizens.

General E. T. Sykes made a short address on the "Idea of Law and Its Place and Value in Good Citizenship," which was listened to with interest. Short talks, which were much enjoyed, were also made by Prof. L. G. Painter, Prof. W. V. Frierson and Mr. V. B. Imes.

Scout Master W. B. Hamilton read the Scout Oath, explaining subject, and told of the good work the Columbus boys, who are members of the organization, are doing. Assistant Scout Master C. S. Riley had charge of the drill formation. Three young men were presented with favors for the best graded papers from the tenderfoot examination recently held. Mr. Knox Whitfield, son of President H. L. Whitfield, was given first prize, Mr. Hammond Jones, second, and Mr. Miles Yerby third.

After the investiture the Boy Scouts went to the Princess Theatre the guests of Mr. Hamilton.

Big Monday at Princess.

The program for Monday, the 15th, at the Princess, will consist of 5 reels, embracing 2 of the biggest features produced in months.

Essanay presents Francis X. Bushman, Beverly Bayne, Bryant Washburn and many others in "Thirteen Down," a powerful and appealing society drama in 2 reels.

Vitagraph Broadway Star Features present "Mother's Roses," a beautiful dramatic feature in 3 reels, presenting a big cast of stars including James Morrison, Dorothy Kelly, Mary Maurice, George Cooper and many others. A strong human nature story of the eternal struggle between men for wealth and the sweet influence of a mother, as the guiding spirit of one.

Excellent musical program by the famous Princess Orchestra, making a program that will appeal to everybody. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

Remember—"The Twenty Million Dollar Mystery" will be shown Wednesday.

The friends of Miss Lizzie McHuch regret to learn of her illness at the Columbus Hospital.

HARRY THAW IS ACQUITTED ON CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY

New York, March 14.—Harry Thaw and four co-defendants were acquitted by a jury Saturday on a charge of conspiracy to have Thaw escape from Matteswan. The jury had been out since 5:29 Friday afternoon.

Mr. Stanchfield laid particular emphasis to the claim that Thaw planned his own escape from Matteswan because he believed he was sane and that to remain in the hospital would cause him

to lose his mind. The attorney assailed Franklin Kennedy, deputy attorney general in charge of the prosecution charging that his sole occupation for five years had been the case of Thaw.

Sunday evening dinner, New Bell Cafe from 5:30 to 8:30 o'clock, 40c. Princess orchestra.

BIGGEST BATTLE OF WAR IS NOW TAKING PLACE IN EAST

London, Mar. 12.—The British army operating in Flanders has undertaken the task of relieving the pressure on its Russian ally now that the Russians are being attacked in North Poland. This is part of the allied general's plan.

The Germans are now attempting to crush the Russians and for this purpose they are reported to have an army estimated at nearly half a million along the road toward Przasnysz. To prevent

this army from being strengthened the British are thrusting at the German line north of Labassee.

The battle taking place in the east, experts say, is the biggest battle of the war, a million men being engaged. It will probably be several days before definite result are attained. In the meanwhile, another German army has appeared on the Pilcici river front.