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COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

LIPSCOMB TO AGAIN HEAD THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

MEMBERS REFUSE HIS RESIGNATION

T. J. Locke, Jr., Elected Vice-president—Nine Directors Named.

At a meeting of the citizens of Columbus held at the city hall on Tuesday night, a complete re-organization of the civic chamber was effected by the adoption of a new charter and new by-laws, and by electing officers for the ensuing year. The organization in the future will be known as the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and Lowndes County. The meeting was presided over by Dr. J. W. Lipscomb, president, and Mr. W. H. Carter, secretary, was at the desk.

In the election of officers the referendum method was adopted. Nomination blanks were sent out to all of the members and for each office men were placed in nomination and voted upon by the entire membership. Dr. J. W. Lipscomb, who has served so efficiently for the past year, tendered his resignation, but the members refused to accept same and re-elected him for another year. Other officers elected Tuesday night were: T. J. Locke, Jr., vice-president; S. B. Street, Jr., director of organization affairs; I. I. Kaufman, director of retail affairs; V. B. Imes, director of public affairs; Dr. John Oliver, director of agricultural affairs; R. E. Johnston, director of business affairs; E. E. Richards, W. E. Kennedy, R. R. Banks, H. H. Gunter and I. L. Gaston, directors at large.

A meeting of the newly elected board of directors was held yesterday morning and plans for the ensuing year were discussed.

In the re-creation of the Chamber of Commerce there is to be an important body composed of representatives chosen by the following groups of various and kindred lines of activity: Group 1, grocers, meats, etc.; group 2, dry goods, shoes, etc.; group 3, hardware, plumbers, auto supplies, etc.; group 4, drugs, confectioners and sundries; group 5, furniture, etc.; group 6, manufacturers, wholesalers and cotton buyers; group 7, physicians, dentists, etc.; group 8, lawyers, city and county officers; group 9, insurance and real estate, etc.; group 10, agricultural; group 11, miscellaneous. The body will be known as the Members' Council and will be the "melting pot," the initiatory body; the originating body of the organization.

If the co-operation which everybody says is needed so badly in Columbus is to be realized, the members council will be the most important agency to bring it about.

LARGE BARN AND CONTENTS ARE DESTROYED BY FLAMES

FOUR MULES BURNED TO DEATH—LOSS AMOUNTS TO ABOUT \$2,000

A large barn owned by Mr. G. C. Franks, and located about seven miles east of Columbus, was destroyed by fire at 12 o'clock Monday night. It is not known in what way the fire started, but it is thought to be of incendiary origin. The loss is estimated at about \$2,000.

In the barn were four mules belonging to Mr. F. A. Bell and they were all burned to death. Two hundred bushels of seed oats, a thrashing machine, a binder and a seeder were stored in the building and were all destroyed.

Negro Brought Back.

Thomas King, a negro, who in February 1914 stabbed and seriously wounded his wife in this city, and who later made his escape, was arrested the first of the week in St. Louis by Constable J. T. Robertson and brought back to Columbus to await the action of the grand jury. It is said that King married another woman after leaving Columbus and has since that time made St. Louis his home. It seems that he recently got into trouble with his second wife, who knowing the trouble he had here in 1914, reported to the local officers that he was in St. Louis, and his arrest soon followed.

PATHFINDERS NOW IN NORTH ALABAMA

MAKE NO INDICATION OF THE NATURE OF THEIR FINAL REPORT.

SCOUTS REACH NEW DECATUR

Citizens of Neighboring State Accord Hearty Welcome to Visitors.

New Decatur, Oct. 28.—With banners flying, the Pathfinders committee of the Jackson Highway Association, and the accompanying Birmingham and Montgomery people, were met at Cullman today by a dozen cars from the Decatur and escorted into the city. The visitors were given lunch at Cullman as the guests of the business men of that city.

They left Cullman shortly after noon, arriving in the Decatur just before dark. Nearly 100 automobiles were parked from the Gordon school in New Decatur to Bank street in Decatur, when the Pathfinders reached the Decatur. The visitors were cheered as they passed. As the Pathfinders reached the foot of Second avenue, the principal business streets in New Decatur, the cars to the rear of them began to fall in line and a parade of automobiles went over the main thoroughfares of the two Decatur.

Birmingham, Oct. 27.—Official locators for the Jackson Highway left Birmingham Tuesday for Decatur, after having been given a truly Southern welcome here, the courtesies accorded them being an automobile procession to Pelham to meet them, a sight-seeing trip over the city and a large banquet at the Tutwiler Monday night.

No indication of the nature of their report to the Jackson Highway Association, when it meets November 10th in Nashville, was given by the locators, though they expressed satisfaction at the splendid roads around Birmingham. The pathfinders were: Walter H. Crim, of Salem, Ind.; Col. E. G. Dent, Bowling Green, Ky.; W. L. Brown, Frankfort, Ind.; and R. G. Toms, government engineer, at Washington.

Tuesday morning the locators were up almost by daylight and were motoring about town seeing the sights. Although Highland avenue and Chestnut Hill were shown them Monday, there were other portions of the town, including the industrial centers, which they were anxious to see. Secretary W. D. Radcliffe went with them on their sight-seeing trip, and explained the points of interest.

At 9:30 o'clock the visitors left for Decatur by way of Cullman. Several members of the Board of Revenue, including Dr. R. F. Lovelady, Hugh McGreaver, Lawrence Pennington and Rufe Bivins, accompanied them to the Jefferson county line.

Negro Attempts Holdup.

John Guyton, a well known negro in police circles, drew a pistol on Mr. W. D. Davis and a party of ladies as they were crossing the county bridge at the foot of Main street, shortly after dark Sunday evening in an automobile. Mr. Davis paid little attention to the negro and hurriedly drove his car down the road. Upon reaching the home of Mr. A. D. Spiers, who lives a short distance west of the river, Mr. Davis telephoned local police, and Officers Morton, Cook and Cummings at once went to the scene. After a few moments time the police overtook Guyton about one-half mile west of the river. He was arrested and later identified by Mr. Davis as the man who attempted the hold-up.

Guyton was brought before Mayor Gunter Monday and was fined \$100 and sixty days for exhibiting a deadly weapon, and \$25 and thirty days for carrying concealed weapons. He was later released on bond to await the action of the grand jury.

Parent-Teachers to Meet.

The Parent-Teachers Association of Barrow Memorial school has issued invitations to a social tea Thursday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock, in honor of the six boys of County Corn Club. A prize of \$5.00 will be awarded the one of these six young men who have made the best record. A feature of the program will be a stroy by Miss McLemore, of Eutaw, Ala., who will make an interesting talk on corn club work.

The Barrow School is the second town school that has taken up corn club work, which promises to arouse much interest in the future.



—Lindsay in Albany Knickerbocker Press

THIRTEEN MEET DEATH WHEN BOX FACTORY BURNS

BIG PITTSBURGH FIRE REAPS GHASTLY HARVEST—IDENTIFICATION DIFFICULT.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 25.—Thirteen persons were killed and eight injured by a fire in a four-story building, the two upper floors of which were occupied by the Union Paper Box Company, on the north side here today. Of the dead, all but one were young women employed by the company. Many bodies were so badly burned identification was difficult. Mayor Armstrong tonight ordered that the police, city council and police jury make a thorough investigation of the fire.

The dead are Colletta Sellman, Henel Warner, Sophia O. Zobeck, Carolina Farara, Dorothea Link, Florence Baker, Cecelia Joss, Bertha Dunapple, O'Tillie Brinning, Laura Brinning, Myrtle Miller, Marcella Rauch and Peter Vallon.

The flames started in a pile of straw in the rear of a feed store on the first floor. William C. Kimbal, manager of the box factory, immediately went to the third and fourth floors, and warned the girls to leave quietly. The flames gained such headway, however, that escape by stairway and fire escapes were soon cut off. Some of the girls attempted to go to the dressing room for their hats, and there huddled on the floor, firemen found most of the bodies.

Joseph L. Bash and A. J. Seagle employed on the second floor, were about to jump when they heard the screams of the girls in the windows above. The men told the girls to jump. One by one the girls jumped, Bash and Seagle caught them, lowered them as far as they could and let them drop to the sidewalk.

Miss Nickles Dies.

The untimely death of Miss Jala Nickles, the young daughter of Mr. W. R. Nickles, which occurred last Sunday morning, brought profound sadness to her relatives and a wide circle of friends.

She was a member of the Methodist church, and before she passed away told her loved ones she was ready to meet her mother, who proceeded her to the grave only a few years.

The deceased was ill for several months with a complication of diseases and she bore her sufferings with patience and Christian fortitude.

The funeral services were held at the Nickles home at four o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. M. Carpenter, pastor of the Central Methodist church. The remains were taken to Covin, Ala., and interred in the family lot.

Messrs. Ames Saunders and William Ward, Jr., of Starkville, were visitors to the city the first of the week.

Mrs. L. D. Barrentine and Miss Lucile West, of Caledonia, spent Tuesday in Columbus shopping.

THREE MEN INJURED WHEN SCAFFOLD FALLS TO GROUND

MR. C. C. HAYSLETT AND TWO NEGROES RECEIVE PAINFUL WOUNDS.

Mr. Charles C. Hayslett, a well known contractor, and two negroes, Simon Hairston and Mose Sturdivant, received very painful injuries about four o'clock Monday afternoon, when a scaffold on which they were standing fell twenty feet to the ground. The accident occurred on the plantation of Mr. J. N. Bailey, a prominent planter who resides 12 miles west of Columbus, where Mr. Hayslett and the negroes were erecting a large barn.

Mr. Hayslett received painful wounds over his body, and sustained some internal injury by having a plank fall on him.

Dr. P. L. Berry and Dr. M. S. Chandler hurried to the scene of the accident and gave surgical attention to the three injured men.

Elsie Janis at Princess Today.

The "Paramount" attraction at the Princess for today, Thursday, October 28, is the tomboy of the American stage, Elsie Janis, in a delightfully pleasing comedy, "Betty, in Search of a Thrill," one of those rollicking care free productions that will make you feel better. Elsie Janis romps through the five reels in a way that will make for many hearty laughs.

If you like comedy, as enacted by the foremost comedienne of the stage, then attend the Princess today. Children 5c; adults 15c.

Two Small Fires.

The firemen were called to the corner of South Fourth street and Eighth avenue about 10 o'clock Monday morning to a small cottage which is owned by Mrs. Henry Davis, and which is unoccupied. The blaze, which is supposed to have been ignited by a passing locomotive was quickly extinguished.

The firemen were also called out at 6:30 o'clock Monday evening to the home of Mr. Tom Keith, 914 N. Third avenue. The blaze which was caused by the explosion of a lamp, was soon extinguished.

Much Interest in Revival.

Large crowds each afternoon at 3 o'clock and each evening at 7:30 o'clock attending the revival services which are being conducted by Rev. George F. Barton, of Winona, at the Second Baptist church. The music is being directed by Prof. Robert Cooper, of Aberdeen.

The public is given a cordial invitation to attend the meetings.

Weekly Weather Forecast.

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the week beginning Oct. 27, 1915. For South Atlantic and Gulf States: With the exception of local showers Wednesday, generally fair temperature will prevail through the week with seasonable temperatures.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN BRIEF FORM.

Foreign countries bought \$74,000,000 worth of American automobiles and parts during the past fiscal year, the bureau of domestic and foreign commerce announced Monday, an increase over the previous year of \$36,000,000. Prospects are that the exports for the calendar year will be \$120,000,000.

Figures made public by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce reveal the high record in American export trade and export balance. September, 1915, exports totaled \$297,766,650, and exceeded by \$79,526,749 the total for September 1913, and by \$141,714,417, that for September 1914. September imports this year aggregated \$151,422,831, being less by \$19,662,012 than those of September 1913, and more by \$11,712,220 than those of September last year.

A large majority of the 13,000 employes of the General Electric Company, who have been on a strike three weeks for an eight hour day, returned to work Monday at Schenectady, N. Y. The machinists, between 2,500 and 3,000 in number, remained out, the union having voted not to accept an agreement at a nine and half hour day, at a wage increase of 5 per cent. The machinists made no demonstration as the men of other crafts returned to the shops.

Abraham Lincoln's book of examples in arithmetic, which he used as a school boy about 1824, when he was 15 years of age, brought \$240 at a sale of Lincolniana from the library of John C. Burton, of Milwaukee, which is being conducted in New York.

Dowdle-Phillips.

A quiet and pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday evening, October 20th, at 8 o'clock, when Miss Teresa Phillips became the bride of Dr. George Dowdle, of this city. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride in the Mt. Vernon neighborhood, and was impressively said by Rev. W. H. Newton, of the Baptist church.

Little Miss Erlene Griffin, the attractive little niece of the groom, came in and lighted the candles at the altar, while Little Miss Evelyn Heard, and Master Leighton Phillips, relatives of the bride, daintily attired in white frocks, distributed flowers in the path of the bride and groom.

The bride is a charming and cultured young lady, being the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Phillips, and has countless friends who congratulate the groom upon his good fortune. Dr. Dowdle, who is a recent graduate of the dental department of the Vanderbilt University, is now practicing in this city, and his genial and courteous manners are making him many friends.

GENERAL ELECTION TO OCCUR TUESDAY

CITIZENS OF STATE TO VOTE FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

LITTLE INTEREST IS MANIFESTED

Electors of Mississippi To Vote for State, District and County Officials.

On next Tuesday the general election for state, district and county officers will be held, and although the socialists have placed candidates in the field, but will have but little effect on the outcome of the election.

The candidates who have been nominated by the Socialists for various offices, and whose names appear on the official ballot which is to be voted next Tuesday, are as follows: For governor, J. T. Lester; for lieutenant-governor, F. T. Maxwell; for secretary of state, V. L. Eggar; for auditor public accounts, M. P. Williams; for state treasurer, E. F. Miller; for insurance commissioner, W. C. Kennedy; for clerk of the supreme court, Enos Farmer; for land commissioner, H. A. Harbaugh; for railroad commissioners, R. N. Smith and T. J. Lyon.

Democratic nominees for county and beat offices have no opposition, and qualified electors should vote for all of them. The following officers have been appointed by the election commissioners of Lowndes county to conduct the election at the different polling places throughout the county: District 1—Caledonia: W. N. Hutchinson, D. M. Wood, J. E. Morris, judges. J. R. Vaughn, W. H. Otley, clerks. District 2—North Columbus: S. M. Nash, Joe Harris, W. C. Meek, judges. B. K. Sessums, John Morehead, clerks. District 3—South Columbus: Julius Marx, J. D. Lawrence, W. M. Clark, judges. Homer Kilpatrick, J. S. Marx, clerks. District 4—Stearns: J. M. Brownlee, J. E. Harris, J. A. Dowdle, judges. J. W. Eubanks, J. O. Dowdle, clerks. District 5—Mt. Vernon: J. G. Goings, E. L. Phillips, G. H. Hartsell, judges. C. J. Christopher, A. L. Davis, clerks. District 6—Old Zion: E. Randle, S. T. Sparks, S. L. Davis, judges. J. C. Golding, J. P. Halbert, clerks. District 7—Crawford: W. A. Hartman, G. W. Hairston, Chas. Kier, judges. N. B. Scales, F. T. Carr, clerks. District 8—Deering Store: Pete Cox, J. N. Bailey, J. T. Hairston, judges. Dr. T. L. Ervin, Hugh Townsend, clerks. District 9—Artesia: J. S. Wadsworth, W. W. Davis, John McElwain, judges. J. T. Mitchell, Jr., John L. Butts, clerks. District 10—Mayhew: W. H. Castles, J. D. Burgin, F. C. Smith, judges. F. R. Parker, F. H. Bailey, clerks. District 11—Thomas' Store: C. H. Cocks, J. M. Salter, W. G. Evans, judges. Walter Swoope, R. B. Ervin, clerks.

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