

## Three Lives Lost in Boiler Explosion

### CHAS. COX AND TWO NEGROES KILLED; TWO OTHERS INJURED

**HORRIBLE ACCIDENT NINE  
MILES SOUTH OF  
COLUMBUS.**

**DISASTER OCCURRED LAST EVENING**

**Shock From Explosion was Felt  
in this and Surrounding  
Towns.**

A horrible disaster occurred about 6 o'clock yesterday evening at McGowan gin, located on the plantation of Mr. Jim Cox, nine miles south of Columbus on the Macon road, when Mr. Charles Cox, one of the most prominent young men of Lowndes county, and two negroes were killed outright, and two men were painfully injured in a boiler explosion. The cause of the accident is not known.

The shock was plainly felt in Columbus and in several other surrounding towns.

Dr. W. L. Ervin, of the prairie, and Dr. W. R. McKinley, of this city, were hastily summoned to the scene.

Shortly after the news of the explosion was received here, quite a number of local citizens went hurriedly to the Cox plantation, in an effort to aid the suffering.

Mr. Cox was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cox, and he was nearing the age of 22 years, his birthday having been in this month. He had many friends in Columbus, all of whom were completely shocked when they received the sad news of his death. He survived by three brothers, Messrs. Walt, Pete and Jack Cox. Funeral arrangements had not been completed at an early hour this morning.

Mr. Walter Ferguson, the white man who was injured, received only slight bruises. The negro that was injured is thought to have been seriously hurt.

#### Will Lecture to Men Only.

Dr. Joe Munday, a man of national reputation as a lecturer, will talk to men only this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the court house.

As a lecturer the Nashville American compares Dr. Munday to the late Senator Bob Taylor.

He will no doubt be greeted by a large audience this afternoon.

### GERMANS MASS FOR RUSSIANS

**REPORT HAS IT CZAR'S  
TROOPS MARCHING VIA  
ROUMANIA.**

### QUIET PREVAILS ON ALL FRONTS

**Greek Situation Still Confronts  
Allies—Turks Active in Dar-  
denelles.**

London, December 3.—The second phase of the Balkan campaign is developing slowly. With the conclusion of operations against Serbia and the occupation of Monastir, it is believed that the whole Bulgarian army, however, when the weather permits, will attempt to drive the British and French out of Southern Serbia, while the Austrians continue their efforts to overrun Montenegro, and the Germans, aided by the Turks and what Bulgarians and Austrians that can be spared, turn their attention to the Russians, who are again reported to have entered Roumanian territory on their way to Bulgaria.

A report from France that part of the German army will go to the Gallipoli peninsula to assist the Turks in a great effort to drive the allies from the peninsula is hardly credit-

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### PROWELL HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

**THREE HAVE NARROW ESCAPE  
WHEN CAR  
TURNS OVER.**

Mr. Ryland Prowell, a prominent young citizen residing several miles northwest of Columbus, received painful and probably internal injuries about 8 o'clock last night when an automobile in which he and two other men, were riding, turned over and went down a thirty foot embankment. The other gentlemen riding in the car were Messrs. J. F. Pope and Walter Prowell.

The accident occurred at Nail creek several miles southwest of the city on the Macon road. The gentlemen were en route to the plantation of Mr. Jim Cox, where several men were killed in a boiler explosion last evening.

Mr. Pope and Mr. Walter Prowell received only slight bruises.

Mr. Ryland Prowell remained pinned under the car for almost thirty minutes, and was badly burned by gasoline. He was hurriedly brought to this city and taken to the McKinley sanitarium, where he was resting easily at midnight.

The car in which they were riding was completely demolished.

Mr. John West's many friends are glad to learn that he is improving after being in bed the past several days on account of illness.

#### Faculty Club Gives Play.

The L. I. and C. Faculty Club gave two very enjoyable plays on Friday evening to an audience composed of the student body.

"How the Story Grew," by O. W. Gleason, was presented first. The characters were well cast, each one showing unusual histrionic ability.

The cast of characters in the order of their appearance were: Mrs. Brown, Miss Evelyn Windham; Mrs. Green, Miss Etta Atwell; Mrs. Bean, Miss Sarah Neilson; Mrs. Rice, Miss K. Swift; Mrs. Doolittle, Miss L. Ellington; Mrs. Taylor, Miss J. Johnson; Mrs. White, Miss E. Allen.

The second play, "A Day and a Night," was astonishingly well portrayed by the following: Dorothy Brice, idealistic young landlady, Miss H. Jackson; Mrs. Mary Clancey, her Irish aunt, Miss E. Crawford; Jennie, waitress, Miss L. Pace; Gertrude Warbler, singer, Miss B. Culberson; Isella Belt, demonstrator, Miss A. Barringer; Theodora Sweet, anti-suffragette, Miss G. Tann; Constant Rage, suffragette, Miss A. Caulfield; Dissa Plinn, teacher, Miss F. Cunningham; Juliet McBeth, actress, Miss H. Hutchcraft; Mammy Sue, "black mammy," Miss I. Causey.

The excellent way in which the two farce comedies were presented gave evidence of marked talent among the teachers and proves that there is material for a dramatic club at the college. Miss Edna Wiswell coached the plays and deserves much credit for the success of the evening.

#### Parent-Teachers to Meet.

An important meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association will be held in the Industrial Hall, at the Industrial Institute and College next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and all parents having children in the Practice school are requested to be present.

President Whitfield will make a talk on "New Field in Child Study."

#### Missionary Society Holds Meeting.

The Woman's Missionary Society, of the Christian church, held a meeting at the home of Mrs. George Sanders Friday afternoon, and the following program was enjoyed: Hymn; Bible reading by Mrs. Parks; Hymn; Review of third chapter of "Forty Years of Service," by Mrs. J. W. Loving; Solo, Mr. Harker; Reading, "The Gift Without the Giver," Mrs. Sanders; Session of Prayer; Five minute talks on the subject, "Some ways I have been helped by my membership in the Woman's Missionary Society;" Instrumental solo, Mrs. Harker; Questions on the Work by the president; Solo, Miss Sanders; Business period; Benediction; Social hour.

### JACKSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY—WE MUST BUILD IT!

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead that never to himself has said, this is my own, my native land?"

Most of us are native sons, most of us "to the manor born," and we stand face to face today with the greatest opportunity, the greatest business project that has been faced by the present generation. At one time, tradition says, our city had the chance to be the greatest commercial center on the main line of the M. and O. R. R. between Mobile, Ala., and Cairo, Ill. It was before our time; we are not responsible for that error in business judgement that has ever since hung over our head like a veritable sword of Damocles, but, today, we again face a business possibility which, next to a great north and south trunk line of railroad, means more to us as a city and county, than anything that has confronted the present generation.

The reports are all in, the conventions so far as locations are concerned, are all over, it is now "up to us" to do or die. Surely we will not again sit serene and content in our indifference and indigency, (we say it advisedly for that is what it means if the present rate of community interest pertains) and allow another plum to be snatched from our halting hands. The greatest slur we ever heard of on this city was by one of breadth of intellect, keenness of vision, well read, well traveled, and this is what he said: "We are a nickle and dime town." What does that imply? What does it really mean? It means that our horizon is limited, that our grasp is small, that for large enterprises we are incapable, that in "small things" only, do we succeed. We must build it, we can build it, we will build it.

Fellow citizens, arouse yourself from your lethargy, get on to this Jackson Highway job and stay on it 'till its completion, and show to the world that we can undertake, engineer and complete business projects of great magnitude and great labor.

On December 8th in this city will be held a grand rally for the getting together of the four counties, two in Mississippi and two in Alabama, comprising this particular zone of this great highway—put your minds to work, think, talk, act, and let us turn out "to the man" and show by our presence at least, that we are with the project first, last and all the time.

It has been shown that on a similar highway during one twelve months, 35,000 foreign automobiles passed through a town no larger than Columbus. We are topographically the "stop-over point" between Nashville and New Orleans. Suppose 20,000 cars tarried in our midst, and each car's occupants spent \$5.00, would it take much calculation to see that at the expiration of the year \$100,000 of "new money," foreign money, would be rolling about in our tills. Think in thousands a while and suppose it cost us \$200,000 or \$300,000 to complete our portion of the big line, with Uncle Sam always on the job keeping up our magnificent undertaking, "no chance for deteriorating" in a few years, all paid, and then the "velvet"—oh! the "velvet."

We need a little "velvet" and this is our golden opportunity. We must not let it pass. The boll weevil has sung "the last sad requiem" over past conditions and good easy times; and we must work, work, work, not six months in the year, but twelve.

The Jackson Highway is one source of new revenue practically within our grasp—we must build it.

"Who seeks and will not take  
When once 'tis offered  
Shall never find it more."

### MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD BY ELKS TODAY

**MEETING WILL BE AT HOME OF  
ELKS' AND ATTENDED ONLY  
BY MEMBERS OF LODGE**

As a tribute to their departed brothers, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will hold memorial services this afternoon, at the Elks' Home, and only the members of the order will attend the services. The program will consist of regular ritualistic work.

This service is held annually, not only in Columbus but wherever there is an Elks lodge. It is one of the honored principles of the order to meet once a year and pay tribute to the memory of departed members.

Heretofore special services have been held here and the public invited, but this year the meeting will be attended by the members only.

The services will begin at 3 o'clock, and Rev. W. S. Slack, rector of St. Paul's church, will deliver an address.

### PRESIDENT WILSON AND MRS. GALT TO MARRY DECEMBER 18

**NO INVITATIONS WILL BE IS-  
SUED AND ONLY MEMBERS  
FAMILY WILL ATTEND.**

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson and Mrs. Galt will get married Saturday, December 18, at the home of Mrs. Galt in this city.

Formal announcement of the date of the wedding was made from the White House Saturday morning.

The announcement of the day of the wedding ceremony caused no surprise in Washington, it having been previously announced from authoritative source that the wedding would take place shortly before Christmas.

President Wilson wrote the announcement of the wedding plans himself. It is stated that the only guests will be Mrs. Galt's mother, her brothers and sisters and the president's brother and sister, and daughters, and members of the immediate Wilson household.

### HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

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

The government report shows that 7,317 bales of cotton were ginned prior to November 14, 1915, compared to 11,850 to the same time last year.

Seventy-five Texas Democrats headed by Mayor Henry D. Lindsay, left Dallas Friday on a special for Washington. They will place Dallas' claim for the National Democratic Convention before the executive committee. They carry a \$75,000 check. They arrive at Washington today at noon.

Holding the publication of Sunday newspapers a public necessity, the state supreme court of Missouri, upheld the validity of advertising contracts made by the Puitzer Publishing Company's St. Louis Post Dispatch. The advertiser refused payment alleging that the publica-

### PRESBYTERY NOW IN SESSION HERE

**NEW HOPE DISTRICT CUM-  
BERLAND PRESBYTER-  
IANS MEET.**

**MANY DELEGATES  
IN ATTENDANCE**

**Woodlawn is Selected as Place  
For Next Semi-annual Meet-  
ing.**

About one hundred delegates, representing thirty-two Cumberland Presbyterian churches of East Mississippi and West Alabama, are here in attendance upon the semi-annual meeting of the New Hope Presbytery.

The opening session was held Friday morning and the meeting will come to an end this evening.

The Presbytery is being presided over by Hon. J. J. McClelland, of West Point, now moderator of this district. Friday morning a most interesting address was delivered by Rev. E. M. Younghance. Friday evening Rev. S. J. Givens, of Aberdeen, made a forceful and helpful talk, which proved very uplifting. Friday afternoon was spent in the organization and the announcement of committees.

Yesterday morning and afternoon was spent in the reading and the discussion of different reports and selecting next place of meeting. Last night a consecration service was conducted by members of the Presbytery Missionary Society, and was presided over by Mrs. Will Smith, of West Point. At this service Miss Mattie Sanders, of Cairo, Miss., consecrated her life to God's work. Mrs. J. T. Stewart, of Coker, Ala., made a beautiful talk on "Consecration."

At a business meeting yesterday afternoon Hon. J. J. McClelland was named by the elders as commissioner to the general assembly to be held in Birmingham next May, and Mr. T. B. Stanley, of Ackerman, was appointed as the alternate. Rev. J. T. Stewart, former pastor of the church here, who is now residing at Coker, Ala., was named by the delegates as commissioner to the general assembly, and Rev. L. I. Hinds, of Vanderbilt University, was appointed alternate.

The gentlemen in attendance held their business sessions at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and the ladies met at the parish house of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Several meetings will be held today, and at 11 o'clock an address will be delivered by Mr. McClelland.

#### Will Have Pretty Front.

The Columbus Auto Company will in the near future have one of the prettiest display rooms and garages in the state.

Work was started the past week on improving the looks of their building on the corner of College and Sixth streets. The entire front and part of the east side of the structure will be torn out and a pretty glass front will be put in. A new office and sitting room will be placed in the building and most up-to-date furnishings will be used.

### MANY COMING TO HIGHWAY MEETING

**TWO HUNDRED PROM-  
ISE TO ATTEND CON-  
COLUMBUS.**

**WILL BE HELD  
NEXT WEDNESDAY**

**Publicity Committee Will Hold  
Meeting at Chamber of Com-  
merce Monday Night.**

Nearly two hundred delegates have promised to be in attendance at the Jackson Memorial Highway district convention which is to be held here next Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, and plans are being made to highly entertain the visitors during their stay in this city. Representatives will come from Shuqualak, Macon, Brookville, Vernon, Sulligent and Hamilton, and if the weather permits about fifty out-of-town automobiles will be here. Among the prominent men expected to be in attendance are Lieut.-Gov. Theo. G. Bilbo, Hon. J. M. McBeath, of Meridian, vice-president of the Jackson Highway Association, of Mississippi, and Mr. Cliff Williams, a prominent manufacturer and wideawake citizen, also from Meridian.

A meeting of the publicity and arrangement committee, consisting of about one hundred business men of the city, will be held at the Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening for the purpose of completing plans for the entertainment of the visitors during their stay here.

Two boasting committees went to neighboring towns the past week, one going as far south as Shuqualak, and the other northeast to Sulligent, Ala., for the purpose of arousing interest in the meeting Wednesday. At the towns visited promises were made by the citizens to send large delegations. The number of delegates and automobiles promised at such place was as follows: Shuqualak, 30 boosters, 6 cars; Macon, 26 or more boosters, 11 cars; Brookville, 39 delegates, 9 cars; Vernon, 34 delegates, 7 cars; Sulligent, 54 delegates, 14 cars; Hamilton, large delegation.

The people of Sulligent, Ala., are especially interested in the convention and have promised to send one of the largest delegations expected from any other town.

The people of Columbus are urged to make it a point to attend the convention next Wednesday, which begins promptly at 2 o'clock.

### PRETTY COLONIAL HOME IS DAMAGED

**RESIDENCE OF W. D. HUM-  
PHRIES SUFFERS LOSS  
BY FIRE.**

### HEROIC WORK IS DONE BY FIREMEN

**Loss Amounting to Several  
Thousand Dollars is Practi-  
cally Covered by Insurance.**

The handsome colonial home of Col. W. D. Humphries, located on the corner of Seventh and College streets, which has for years been the pride of Columbians, was badly damaged by fire and water shortly after 2:30 o'clock Friday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought that it started from an inside defective chimney.

Col. Humphries and his brother, Mr. John Humphries, were the only occupants of the house Thursday night, and were sleeping on the first floor of the building. The latter was awakened by the dense smoke and hastened to Col. Humphries' room, finding him almost suffocated. They hurriedly put on a few clothes and left the house, Mr. John Humphries going quickly to the fire department and giving the alarm.

Col. Humphries was just recover-

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