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MERIDIAN BARACA CLASS HERE TODAY

THREE HUNDRED MEN COMING TO VISIT LOCAL ORGANIZATION.

HARDY STONE TO DELIVER ADDRESS

Visitors Will Be Met at Depot, And March Through City to First Baptist Church.

Three hundred Baracas from Meridian will be in Columbus today, and members of the Baraca class of the First Baptist church, whose guests they will be while in the city, have made elaborate preparations to entertain them, the program including a meeting at the church, dinner at the Industrial Institute & College and other interesting features.

The visitors will arrive in a special train over the Mobile and Ohio railroad at 10:30 o'clock this morning and every member of the delegation, including the engineer at the throttle, the conductor who punches the tickets and other members of the train crew will be Baracas and will attend all exercises and entertainments here in the garments worn while in the discharge of their regular duties.

Upon arrival at the depot the visitors will be met by the entire membership of the local class and will march through the business portion of the city to the First Baptist church, the procession being headed by a band of 18 pieces made up of the Princess orchestra and a similar organization that will accompany the Meridian delegation.

Upon reaching the church there will be an overture by the augmented orchestra, after which the visitors will be formally welcomed to the city by Mr. V. B. James, president of the local class. Then will follow a song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," which will be led by Mr. E. C. Chapman, after which Dr. J. L. Vipperman, the pastor of the church, will invoke the blessing of God upon the assemblage. The orchestra will then render a sacred selection which will be followed with addresses by Hon. J. I. Sturdivant, teacher of the Men's Baraca class of the First Methodist church, and Hon. John F. Frierson, teacher of the Brotherhood class of the First Presbyterian church. After another selection by the orchestra Hon. B. A. Lincoln local chancery clerk, will introduce Hon. Hardy Stone, teacher of the Meridian class, who will deliver an address on "The Divinity of Christ." The choir will then sing "Lead Kindly Light," after which the congregation will be dismissed.

At the conclusion of the exercises at the church the visitors will proceed to the Industrial Institute & College, where they will be the dinner guests of students of the institution. After dinner a photograph will be made of both classes, after which the guests will be given a ride over the city, and at 4:00 o'clock the visitors will leave on their return trip to Meridian.

Hon. J. Q. Poindexter, Mr. J. B. Poindexter and Mr. Sylvester Mullens, of Noxubee county, were visitors to Columbus Friday.

CIRCUIT COURT IS TO CONVENE HERE MONDAY

WILL BE PRESIDED OVER BY JUDGE THOS. B. CARROLL, OF STARKVILLE.

The Spring term of circuit court will convene here tomorrow morning, and will be presided over by Hon. Thos. B. Carroll, of Starkville, judge of the sixteenth judicial district. Hon. Guy Rencher, of DeKalb, will act as prosecuting attorney.

A feature of the opening day will be an address delivered by Hon. Guy Mitchell, of Tupelo, candidate for Congress from the First district, who will speak at 10 o'clock.

Nearly seventy-five cases are on the docket awaiting adjudication, and the term will probably last more than two weeks.

Beautiful new styles in fancy parasols just received at Leigh's.

"OLE MISS" TO PLAY THE "AGGIES" HERE

TEAMS TO CROSS BATS AT LAKE PARK THURSDAY, APRIL 27.

A GREAT GAME IS IN PROSPECT

Both Institutions Have Many Graduates Here, and Game Will Incite Much Interest.

It is officially announced that the baseball teams representing the University of Mississippi and the A. and M. College will cross bats at Lake Park Thursday, April 27, and the announcement is hailed with delight by local fans, as Columbus has no regularly organized baseball team, and about the only opportunity these fans ever have to witness a spirited contest is when college teams play here.

Both the University of Mississippi and the A. and M. College have many graduates residing in Columbus, and this fact will naturally lend additional interest to the impending contest, as the alumni of each college will be anxious to see their alma mater win.

The Aggies crossed bats with Mississippi College at Lake Park last Tuesday, the game having been witnessed by a large aggregation of enthusiastic fans, and the impending contest will doubtless be viewed by an equally large crowd.

Earl Williams and Anita Stewart at Princess Monday.

The attraction at the Princess for Monday, April 17th, is a Vitagraph Blue Ribbon feature in five reels, featuring Earl Williams and Anita Stewart in "The Sins of Mothers," a modern drama that has received the highest praise from critics throughout the country.

It is lavishly staged in the usual finer details for which Vitagraph is noted, and the supporting cast is composed of the famous stars that have made the name Vitagraph stand out as the best in photo-plays.

Admission for Monday is Children 5c; Adults 15c.

The attraction for Tuesday, April 18th, is a Paramount production, "The Sowers," adapted from Henry Seton Merriman's famous novel of the same name, and produced on a lavish scale by the famous Jesse Lasky Company.

"The Sowers" is a story of Russian political intrigue, and deals with life among the aristocracy of Russia. It also allows the star, Blanche Sweet, an opportunity to wear some beautiful gowns for the first time in quite a while.

The supporting cast includes such stars as Theodore Roberts, Mabel Van Buren, Thomas Meighan and others.

The admission for Tuesday is 5c and 10c.

To Publish Woman's Edition.

The Jackson Daily News is soon to issue a Woman's Edition. This big state paper is to allow this section to have one division of the edition. Several interesting articles on places and people of Columbus are being arranged and together with a number of pictures of people and homes in this city will be sent soon for publication.

6000 CARRANZA SOLDIERS ARE MASSED IN CHIHUAHUA.

El Paso, Texas, April 15.—Army aviators brought the news to Columbus today that about 6000 Carranza soldiers were massed along the American line of communication in Chihuahua.

The main detachment, the aviator reported, is in the neighborhood of Janos and is supported by machine guns and field pieces. The information apparently contradicts Mexican official denials of a mobilization in Chihuahua of Sonora soldiers.

Reports that another fight has taken place between United States troops and Mexicans in the vicinity of Parral in which some Americans were killed, were circulated here today but they lack official confirmation.



—De Mar in Philadelphia Record.

JEWISH CITIZENS ARE TO OBSERVE FEAST OF PASSOVER

SPECIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD HERE ON MONDAY EVENING.

The Jewish people of Columbus will observe the annual Feast of the Passover, beginning tomorrow and lasting for several days. Special services will be held at Temple B'Nai Israel Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock conducted by Mr. Simon Loeb, and the public is cordially invited to attend. A musical program will be given.

It is the first festival of emancipation in the history of civilization. Its commemoration is based on the Biblical narrative which tells how the people of Israel enslaved in Egypt were led from bondage into freedom by the great leader, Moses.

The Passover festival speaks for the sanctity of the home as well as for self-respect and liberty. The Jews accordingly assemble in their homes on this festival, and signalize it by a solemn service in which the story of the ancient struggle is recounted with pious fervor. This Seder, as it is called, is unique in spirit and form. It is earnest and yet happy, and its ritual, though archaic symbolizes the facts of human experience in all conditions of life.

The roasted bone reminiscent of the paschal lamb of the first Passover; the bitter herbs calling to mind the hard labor of the Israelite slaves; the unleavened bread, known as the

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DR. OLIVER PAINFULLY HURT IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

IS PINNED UNDERNEATH MACHINE AND HAS LEG BADLY CRUSHED.

Dr. John Oliver, a leading veterinarian of this city, was badly hurt in an automobile accident which occurred about four miles south of Macon Friday morning, having had his leg badly sprained and having sustained numerous cuts and bruises.

The automobile was driven by Dr. Oliver, its only other occupant having been a small negro boy, and when the machine struck a sand bed it became uncontrollable and turned over, pinning him to the ground. He was finally extricated by the negro, and after having spent Friday night in Macon, returned to this city yesterday morning.

Upon reaching Columbus Dr. Oliver was carried to the office of Drs. Henry and Cox, where he underwent a thorough examination. This examination revealed no serious wounds, and unless internal injuries develop he will doubtless be alright within the next few days.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

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

A special from El Paso, Texas, says more than 19,000 United States regulars are guarding the Mexican border from Brownsville, Texas, to San Diego, Cal., while hurried troop movements southward from Columbus, N. M., shows that the line of communications reaching over 400 miles into Mexico is being rapidly strengthened to meet any emergency.

The United States Steel Corporation announced that after May 1 contracts placed for Bessemer and open hearth steel rails for delivery after May 1, 1917, will be at the rate of \$33 a ton. The present price of \$28 a ton has prevailed for thirteen years.

There are 48 banks in the United States with deposits of \$25,000,000 or more each.

The daily reading of five verses of the Old Testament is now required by the law in New Jersey public schools.

The "Washington," which was the first American line-of-battle ship was placed in commission one hundred years ago this year.

Henry Heck, of St. Cloud, Minn., a sufferer from spinal trouble has undergone 128 operations in the last ten years.

The latest available reports of an official character give \$645,000,000 as the amount of American capital invested in Mexican railroads.

There is said to be \$15,000,000 of American capital invested in oil properties in Mexico, and \$200,000,000 of American money is said to be invested in Mexican mines.

Buster Brown Coming.

Buster Brown and Tige will be seen at Simon Loeb & Brother's store Tuesday, and the little folk who visit this place of business during the day will be given a souvenir.

Hon. Jas. A. Cunningham, of Booneville, candidate for Congress from the First district, has been spending the past several days in Columbus.

Mr. L. P. Mathews, of New Orleans, traveling passenger agent for the Southern Railway Company, was a visitor to the city Thursday.

Mr. Clayton Stephenson is spending today with relatives in Caledonia.

BASEBALL RESULTS.

New Orleans 4, Atlanta 1. Memphis 5, Little Rock 1. B'ham 8, Mobile 3. Nashville 15, Chattanooga 2.

INFANTRY ATTACKS SUBSIDE ON FRONT AT VERDUN

BIG ARTILLERY, HOWEVER, ON BOTH SIDES CONTINUE ACTIVITY.

London, April 15.—Except for the artillery wings of the corresponding armies there has been no fighting at any point in France and Belgium.

Several days now have elapsed since the Germans launched a heavy attack on the positions in dispute near Verdun, but their artillery has continued vigorously to shell the Le Mort Homme sector northwest of Verdun and the second line of positions of the French to the east of the Meuse.

The French in the former sector are still answering with their big guns the German fire and evidently are holding themselves in readiness in anticipation of the infantry attack that usually succeeds preparatory bombardments.

In the Argonne the French continue to operate with their guns against German points of vantage and in the region of Pont-a-Mousson they have shelled convoys of Germans.

Remains Interred Here. The remains of Mr. John Talliferro, a West Point citizen who died Thursday night, were brought here Friday afternoon and interment took place at Friendship cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. I. Allen, pastor of the Second Baptist church in this city.

AFTER A LONG AND USEFUL LIFE, MRS. M. R. BISHOP PASSES AWAY

AGED AND HIGHLY RESPECTED LADY DIES AT HOME ON MAIN STREET.

After an illness which lasted only five days, Mrs. M. R. Bishop died at her home No. 1203 Main street, at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Mrs. Bishop was 83 years of age, and the active years of her long and useful life were largely devoted to religious and temperance work. She is survived by a son, Mr. J. H. Bishop, a daughter, Mrs. Ella Westmoreland, numerous grandchildren and other further removed relatives, all of whom have the heartfelt sympathy of numerous friends in the profound grief which her death entails.

The funeral occurred at the family home at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, having been conducted by Rev. W. L. Duren, pastor of the First Methodist church. Interment occurred at Friendship cemetery. Messrs. H. H. McClanahan, T. W. Harris, E. S. Donnell, J. T. Champneys, A. E. Love and J. L. Fant having officiated as pall bearers.

IS INCINERATED AS HE COOKS MEAL

MR. THOMAS YOUNGER, AGED FARMER, MEETS HORRIBLE FATE.

BODY IS BURNED ALMOST TO CRISP

Old Man Lived in House Alone And Died Before Neighbors Became Aware of Plight.

Mr. Thomas Younger, an aged farmer living about four miles northwest of Steens, met a horrible fate between ten and eleven o'clock yesterday morning, when he was incinerated while preparing dinner, his clothing having accidentally caught fire and his body having been burned almost to a crisp.

Mr. Younger was a bachelor and lived alone. The flames which caused his death also ignited the farm house and attracted the attention of neighbors, who went to his assistance but were too late to save him, having found only his parched and blistered body when they arrived.

A negro who lives only a short distance from the Younger home, had his attention attracted by the flames and is said to have been the first man to reach the scene. White neighbors soon arrived, and finding that they could do nothing for Mr. Younger, directed their efforts toward extinguishing the blaze which was consuming the building.

Mr. Younger was about 50 years old, and is survived by four brothers, Messrs. Gus, Louis, Willis and Walter Younger. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been announced.

Car Overturn, K.H. Dentist. West Point, Miss., April 15.—Dr. Will Watkins, about 45 years old, a dentist, living at Griffith, a small town about 12 miles west of West Point, was killed, and a companion hurt, though not seriously it is believed, in an automobile accident Friday night, at a point between West Point and Aberdeen, near a small place known as Benford.

Dr. Watkins, with three companions, kinfolk, names not known, left West Point, where they had spent the day, late Friday afternoon to return to their homes.

Dr. Watkins, it is said, was driving the car, and is supposed to have been speeding, anxious to get home before darkness set in. In some manner not yet explained the car was overturned, pinning Dr. Watkins underneath, killing him instantly.

Other occupants of the car were thrown for quite a distance, but only one was hurt, and he not seriously.

Highway Bonds Voted. Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., member of the executive committee of the Jackson Military Highway Association, received a telegram yesterday from Mr. R. T. Simpson, of Florence, Ala., stating that Lawrence County, Tenn., had voted bonds in the sum of \$500,000 to build the Jackson Highway through that county. This completes the route through Tennessee.

The Ben Greet Players. The Ben Greet Woodland Players gave two al fresco performances at the Industrial Institute and College Friday, having presented "The Comedy of Errors" at the matinee and "Romeo and Juliet" in the evening.

Miss Elsie Herndon Kearns, who plays leads with the organization, is an accomplished actress and charmed her audiences at both performances.

Choctaws to Meet. A business meeting of the members of the Choctaw Club will be held Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Mr. Joseph P. Billups, general freight agent for the Atlanta and West Point R. R., and Mr. J. B. Patterson, who is employed in the passenger department of the same line, are in the city on a visit to relatives.

Mr. Edwin Dalstrom, representing the Graham Paper Company, of St. Louis, is spending the week-end in the city.

Mr. G. M. Flynn and Mr. Leo Flynn attended the game at the A. and M. College Thursday.

CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY

PRIMARY TO NOMINATE OFFICIALS INCITING MUCH INTEREST.

THREE ASPIRANTS ARE UNOPPOSED

Nash, Weaver and Stevens Are Without Opposition, And Declared Nominees.

Tuesday will witness the holding of a Democratic primary to nominate officials who are to serve Columbus during the two years beginning January 1, 1917, and it has been a long time since a similar contest brought out so many aspirants for office or incited such interest.

This interest naturally centers in the race for the office of mayor, for which there are three aspirants, Hon. W. C. Gunter, Capt. E. S. Donnell and Hon. Louis Shull. Mr. Gunter is the city's present mayor, while Capt. Donnell, whom he defeated two years ago, had previous to that time filled the office for nearly a decade and made one of the best chief executives that the city ever had. This is Mr. Shull's initial entrance into the political arena, he having never before offered for an office of any kind. He is a most worthy gentleman, however, and has hundreds of friends who are giving him enthusiastic support. All three of the mayoralty candidates have done some vigorous campaigning and each seems confident of his election.

All the councilmanic candidates have opposition except three, Hon. B. A. Weaver who for more than twenty years has represented the first ward on the board, Mr. L. W. Stevens, who was last year elected from the second ward to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late John A. Snell, and Prof. S. M. Nash, who is the only candidate from the second ward. All three of these gentlemen have been declared the official nominees by the City Democratic Executive Committee, and it was unnecessary to place their names on the official ballot which has been printed for Tuesday's contest.

In the third ward there are three councilmanic candidates, Hon. L. A. Vaughan, the incumbent, Messrs. Henry Rechin and R. N. Gibson. The remaining wards of the city have two candidates, Hon. D. S. McClanahan, the present councilman from the fourth ward being opposed by Mr. J. T. Clardy, while Hon. T. W. Harris, who now represents the fifth ward, has as his opponent Mr. J. B. Love.

For membership on the board of public school trustees, with four places to be filled, there are eight candidates, Messrs. A. H. Pegues, G. Y. Banks, E. S. Moore, H. J. Dashiell, W. T. Lawrence, E. C. Chapman, T. M. Pullen and Warren M. Cox.

The election will be held at the city hall, the polls being open from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m., and the City Democratic Executive Committee has named the following officers to conduct the contest: Judges, Messrs. P. H. Wakefield, J. T. Sanford, J. R. Randle; clerks, Messrs. R. E. Mahon, Homer Kilpatrick, Julius Marx.

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PERCEPTIBLE INCREASE IN LOCAL POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS

THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, SHOWS GAIN OVER SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

The receipts of the local postoffice for the quarter ending March 31, 1916, were \$7,205.30 against \$6,479.25 for the same period in 1915, showing a gain of \$726.05.

This revenue was derived from the sale of stamps, newspaper postage and box rents, and does not include the money order business handled by the office.

Postal receipts are regarded everywhere as a good business barometer, and the increase shows that conditions are improving. Postmaster Sharp is naturally very much gratified with the splendid showing and hopes that there will be a corresponding increase during the succeeding quarter.

Attend church today.