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## LET'S GO AFTER 'EM.

Let's go after more conventions and meetings of different fraternal, religious, educational, financial and commercial organizations that each year amalgamate for their annual meetings in different towns and cities throughout the state.

Conventions of this character are the best business boomers and furnish the best kind of advertising that a city can command, and Columbus should secure more of them.

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi, Order of the Eastern Star, assembled here in annual session last week, and the presence of the several hundred delegates who came here to attend the meeting put new life into the old town, having given it for the nonce the appearance of a live, progressive, hustling, up-to-date commercial metropolis. The streets were thronged; the trolley cars were crowded; the restaurants had all the business they could handle; the hotels turned away people, the stores were well patronized, there was life, color and animation everywhere.

Profiting by this experience our people should put forth more earnest efforts to secure meetings of the various organizations, and instead of entertaining only one convention every two or three years should entertain half a dozen or more each season. This would not be difficult to accomplish, as Columbus is not only one of the most beautiful cities in the state but is famed for the hospitality of its citizens, and its many attractions serve to make it an ideal convention city. Foremost among these attractions is the Industrial Institute and College, which is as well known as any educational institution in Mississippi. Many prominent people throughout the state have sent their daughters here to be educated, and would naturally be glad to take advantage of an opportunity to inspect the institution at which they pursued their studies. Then, too, there are many historic spots in and about the city which are well worthy of inspection by citizens who have studied the history not only of this state but of the Confederacy, for Columbus was an important point during the civil war and a number of notable events took place here.

The Chamber of Commerce has recently employed a new secretary, and the Commercial takes the liberty of suggesting to the directors that they impress upon Mr. Weatherly, who has been engaged to succeed Mr. Carter, the necessity for making a special effort to induce organizations of various kinds to come here for their annual meetings.

Conventions are great city builders, and if she does not make an effort to secure more of them, Columbus will be passing up a golden opportunity.

A recent special from Washington states that in ordinary times seventy-five per cent of the mail leaving that city goes under franks, and that when a political campaign is on the amount increases to about eighty or eighty-five per cent. The franking privilege is greatly abused, and we recently had specific proof of that fact in the receipt of a speech delivered by a certain congressman which came to us under the frank of a senator from another state. The two men were evidently exchanging franking privileges for the purpose of securing free advertising in each other's territory; but, lest we should cause embarrassment, no names will be mentioned.

The city of Columbus is paying a policeman to watch the local property of the Southern Railway, thus bearing an expense amounting to several hundred dollars per annum which should be borne by the company. The Southern recently issued a statement showing a vast increase in its earnings during the quarter ending April 1 over the corresponding period in 1915, and if the company is so prosperous it should certainly pay a man to guard its property during the nocturnal hours, thus relieving the municipality of an expense which is unfair and unjust.

## MISSISSIPPIAN MAY SOUND KEYNOTE.

A distinguished Mississippian, Hon. Pat Harrison, who for many years past has represented the Gulf Coast district in Congress, is being prominently mentioned as the proper person to deliver the keynote speech at the coming National Democratic Convention in St. Louis, and his selection would be quite an honor not only to him but to the state, and this is an important duty, and one which only men of proven ability are ever called upon to perform.

It is a foregone conclusion that President Wilson will be renominated at the St. Louis convention, and his chances for re-election seem to improve with the passage of time, an incident which occurred last week having served to show that he is daily growing stronger not only with the members of his own party but with the people generally. Hon. James Mann, of Illinois, minority leader in Congress, recently delivered a speech on the floor of the House in which he declared that the President was endeavoring to force the United States into war with Mexico for the purpose of furthering his own political ends, it being a well established fact that the people are loath to make a change in administration policies while war is in progress. Congressman Mann received telegrams from a number of his constituents expressing disapproval of his remarks, and several of the messages were sent by prominent Illinois Republicans, thus showing that the people, irrespective of party affiliations, are with the President and heartily endorse his policies.

There seems to be grave doubt as to whom the Republicans will nominate for President at their coming National Convention in Chicago. The choice seems to lay between Roosevelt and Hughes, and until recently the former appeared to be in the lead. Last week, however, Republicans in three states selected delegates to the Chicago convention, and in each instance men who are known to oppose the Colonel were named. Roosevelt always played to the grand stands, and a man of his caliber is naturally popular with a certain element when war impends. His popularity, however, is confined to the masses, and does not extend to the party leaders. These leaders are opposed to him for two reasons, one being that he deserted the party four years ago and the other having as its basis the fear that, if nominated and elected, his hot-headedness might lead him to commit such an injudicious act which should unnecessarily plunge the country into war.

Many of the most prominent men in the Republican party look upon Roosevelt as a demagogue, a hypocrite and a megalomaniac; a man who has a most exaggerated idea of his own importance and who will sacrifice both friends and party to further his individual schemes and ambitions. For this reason they are unalterably opposed to him, and will do everything in their power to prevent his nomination.

From present prospects, a vast majority of the delegates will go to Chicago uninstructed, and there is absolutely no information available on which to predicate a logical prediction as to who the nominee will be. It may be either Roosevelt or Hughes; but, on the other hand, some comparatively unknown man may step in, stampede the delegates and cop the nomination, just as Bryan stampeded the Democratic convention in 1896, and not only walked off with the nomination but became, for a time at least, the pampered prophet of the party.

## SENATOR WILLIAMS UNOPPOSED.

While the turbulent times which the Federal government is now experiencing has afforded opportunities for many congressmen and senators to say and do things which invoked considerable unfavorable comment, we hear nothing but praise for Hon. John Sharp Williams, the distinguished senior senator from Mississippi, who is one of the best informed men in the country not only on international law but on public matters generally, and who, when he arises from his seat, always has something to say which is not only to the point but which is well worthy of the most serious consideration.

The ability of Senator Williams is so well known throughout both state and nation that there seems to be no politician in Mississippi possessed of sufficient temerity to endeavor to wrest from him his seat in the Senate, and, from present indications, he will be re-elected without opposition. Commenting upon the situation, the Southern Sentinel in a recent issue, publishes the following editorial:

Senator John Sharp Williams will have no opposition for re-election to the Senate this year. His unanimous re-election will be a fitting compliment to him and one he has deserved by his hard work and splendid leadership in the Senate. The Sentinel does not always agree with Senator Williams but fully recognizes his ability and is glad to support him for re-election.

## Ku Klux Klan.

Editor Commercial:  
Fulfilling my promise, I herewith hand you a roster of this Klan. There were two or three other klans who operated and affiliated with this one, but I did not have their rosters and cannot give their names.

The oath of fidelity and secrecy then administered was the most stringent and binding of any obligations ever sworn to, but time has absolved all of that, history is unfolding all the origin of its purposes and the names of those who gave it existence, hence now I see no good reason for silence.

Of the names below only thirteen are known to be living still, and they are mainly aged men, or beginning to become so, and there will soon be none left to "tell the story."  
W. D. H.

## ROSTER OF KLAN.

W. C. Richards, D. M. Richards, H. Osborne, H. S. Merritt, J. H. Bankhead, A. S. Humphries, J. H. Turner, R. D. Powell, W. E. Gibbs, Beverly Matthews, Sr., Dr. S. W. Franklin, Jos. P. Billups, Dr. W. W. Humphries, D. P. Blair, Col. S. M. Meek, G. W. Westmoreland, George Whitfield, Alex. Cobb, Cornelius Hardy, R. R. Spiers, A. J. McDowell, John Gilmer, Lewis Waldburg, A. M. Gunn, T. B. Franklin, W. R. McCrary, J. M. Joiner, D. J. Cribbs, John Burke, B. F. Duncan, W. T. Hamilton, Winn Worthington, Robb Donnelly, John Mays, Ed. Terry, W. W. Cox, Ed. Richards, John Ervin, W. C. Beard, Chas. Hale, Sr., F. W. Pope, Sr., L. C. Terry, C. M. Williams, J. H. Field, Emil Gross, R. W. Banks, J. T. Harrison, Jr., C. L. Lincoln, W. C. McCrary, W. D. Humphries, Clarence Peters, Lucien Cruesoe, J. B. Dillohanty, L. G. Oden, James Pope, W. W. Humphries, W. H. Gaston, Wm. Shaw, James Shaw, R. R. Osborne, Wm. Sandford, Wm. Cady, Joseph Turner, Henry Schooler, George Gilmer, J. O. Banks, J. B. Hudson, Wm. Winston, J. A. Martin, W. H. Worthington, W. E. Lacy, R. B. Williford, Butler Bryan, R. A. W. Brown, J. B. Hodo, J. P. Moore, B. J. McKinney, J. W. Rhea, Wm. Rhea, J. W. Baddridge, Frank Green, Jesse Walker, W. M. Snell, J. D. H. Brown, W. R. Cannon, J. W. Spillman, J. H. Sharp, W. R. Barry, W. B. Harris, J. E. Leigh.

## O. Schweitzer, How Could You?

The following is taken from the New York World of April 26:  
**THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS.**  
To the Editor of the World:  
Mann and Vardaman appear to be in the same class. The sheep and the goats are being separated at Washington. Wilson is doing that if he is doing nothing else.

Conrad Schweitzer,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

## W. I. SWAIN SHOW.

The annual engagement of the W. I. Swain Show each spring brings joy for the small boy and his sister, and for father and mother also, for this is the one time of the year when the older folks renew their youth and throw away the cares of business.

Each year Mr. Swain has added to his enterprise until today it has reached the essence of perfection, when this popular showman added to his entertainment chautauqua features, making the Swain show in a class of its own presenting the two classes of amusements. The Swain show needs little introduction to the people of the south, for it has been their favorite amusement for years. Mr. Swain has received the financial and social support of them and in return has spent considerable money to further gain their support and confidence. The plays to be presented here this season are from the pen of America's best authors, and most of them have had big city runs. The opening play will be "The Minister's Son," written and played by W. B. Patton for several seasons. It is a comedy drama with an interesting story that will be pleasing to all. It will be followed by "Father and Mother in Society," "Thorns and Orange Blossoms," "Helen's Experience with the World of Today," "The Virginian," "Lady Audrey's Secret," and "The Hidden Hand."

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## Notice to Creditors.

The State of Mississippi, Lowndes County.  
Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the Estate of Mrs. Annie L. Alford, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, on the 14th day of April, A. D. 1916.

This is to give notice to all persons having claims against said estate to Probate and Register same with the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, within one year from this date. A failure to so probate and register said claim will forever bar the same.

J. B. ALFORD,  
Administrator.

This, April 14, 1916.

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For Congress.  
GUY W. MITCHELL  
E. S. CANDLER  
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Statement of the Ownership, Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912.

Of The Columbus Commercial, published weekly and semi-weekly at Columbus, Miss., for April 1, 1916. State of Mississippi.

Lowndes County.  
Before me, a notary public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared George O. Senter, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor of The Columbus Commercial and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on reverse side of this form, to-wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are: Editor, George O. Senter, Columbus, Miss.; Managing Editor, George O. Senter, Columbus, Miss.; Business Manager, George O. Senter, Columbus, Miss.

2. That the owners are: (Give names and addresses of individual owners, or, if a corporation, give its name and the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of the total amount of stock.) George O. Senter, Annie Lee Senter, Ruth Senter, Josephine Senter, John T. Senter, Mrs. Hawley Knox, all of Columbus, Miss.

3. That all the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: (If there are none, so state.) Estate of Mrs. J. T. Senter, Columbus, Miss.; T. H. Alexander, Fort Worth, Texas.

George O. Senter, Editor.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 25th day of April, 1916.

W. Lansdale Dyer.  
(My commission expires May 14, 1919.)

## Notice to Creditors.

The State of Mississippi, Lowndes County.  
Letters of testamentary having been granted and issued to the undersigned upon the estate of W. I. Mitchell, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, on the 5th day of April, A. D. 1916.

This is to give notice to all persons having claims against said estate to Probate and Register same with the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County within one year from this date. A failure to so probate and register said claim will forever bar the same.

T. P. HARRIS,  
Executor of last will and testament of W. I. Mitchell, deceased.  
This April 5, 1916.

No words were spoken when they met.

By either---sad or gay;  
And yet one badly smitten was,  
'Twas mentioned the next day.  
They met by chance this autumn eve  
With neither glance nor bow;  
They often come together so---  
A freight train and a cow!---Ex.

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