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KROUSE SECURES SCHOOL CONTRACT

MERIDIAN ARCHITECT IS SELECTED TO DRAW THE PLANS

SEVERAL SITES ARE CONSIDERED

Council, However, Decided to Defer Action in This Matter.

At a special meeting of the city council held last night, Mr. P. J. Krouse, of Meridian, was selected as the architect for the new high school building which is to be erected here. Mr. Krouse submitted no specific design, but after looking over the situation and acquainting himself with local needs will draw plans commensurate with the requirements here. Mr. Krouse is an architect of proven ability and is by no means unknown in Columbus, having drawn plans for several local buildings, among them being the Elks' Home, the Frances Flats, an annex to the First Methodist Church, and the home of Mr. S. B. Harris.

In addition to selecting an architect, the board also considered the question of a site, bids having been submitted as follows: Col. Humphries, lot corner of College and Seventh streets, \$8,000; Mrs. E. N. Hutchinsan, lot corner of Main and Tenth streets, \$7,000; J. T. Wood, lot on Military, \$5,000; J. G. Ellis, lot corner Main and 13th streets; S. D. Lee Home, \$15,000; Aldridge home, Seventh street and 5th avenue, North, \$11,300; R. R. Stockard, lot corner Third street and Third avenue, South, \$10,000; J. M. Street, lot corner of Second avenue and Sixth street, North, \$7,000; E. S. Moore, lot corner of Third avenue and Tenth street, North, price not given; D. M. Richards, lot corner of Ninth street and Fifth avenue, South, \$9,000. None of these bids however, have been accepted, action of this phase of the matter having been deferred.

Mr. I. T. Gaston was awarded the sprinkling contract for the ensuing year at the same rate which he now receives.

Bonds in the sum of \$50,000 which are to be issued for the erection and equipment of the new high school building were sold at a special meeting of the city council which was held Tuesday afternoon, having been purchased by the Interstate Trust and Banking Company of New Orleans. This concern paid a premium of \$2,020 for the bonds, which will bear interest at the rate of five per cent. The bidding for the bonds was quite spirited, no less than 18 offers having been submitted by brokers and bankers residing in different cities throughout the country.

The question of selecting an architect for the new building was taken up at the regular monthly meeting of the council Tuesday night, but no decision in the matter was reached, the entire session having been consumed in listening to propositions and proposals from the different gentlemen who sought the job. There were nine of these gen-

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"GREEN STOCKINGS" WILL BE SEEN AT COLLEGE SATURDAY

MEMBERS OF THE FRESHMAN CLASS TO PRESENT WELL KNOWN PLAY.

Next Saturday night in the college chapel at 8:15 o'clock, the Freshman class of the I. L. and C. will present "Green Stockings." The play itself has been carefully selected and staged by Miss Helen Hatcher, and the Freshmen will for the first time have an occasion to distinguish themselves in their remarkable dramatic ability.

The story is woven around an old country custom that the eldest sister wear green stockings to the wedding of a younger sister. The play shows how the eldest girl, Celia, in a large family of mischievous girls, thwarts the schemes of her sisters to compel her to wear a third pair of green stockings.

The cast follows:
Celia Faraday Jessie Jackson

TWO GREAT GAMES HERE THIS WEEK

TEAMS REPRESENTING A. AND M. AND ALABAMA TO CROSS BATS.

CLOSE CONTESTS ARE IN PROSPECT

Teams Will Play Here Friday and Saturday, and Large Crowds Will Witness Games.

A great deal of interest is being manifested in the two games which are to be played here Friday and Saturday by baseball teams representing the Mississippi A. and M. College and the University of Alabama. The interest is by no means confined to local fans, but passes beyond the corporate limits of the city and permeates two states, people throughout both Alabama and Mississippi being deeply interested in the outcome of the two impending contests.

Both the A. and M. College and the University of Alabama have many graduates in Columbus, and the alumni of both institutions are pulling for their teams. The games are being freely discussed in clubs, in cafes, on street corners and other places where young people are wont to assemble, and wagers are, it is said, being freely laid upon the outcome.

Columbus has no regularly organized baseball club, and practically the only games played here this season have been those in which college teams were the participants. Interest in games of this character has been continually growing and the number of spectators have increased gradually, the crowd which assembled at Lake Park ball field last week to witness the game which was played there by "Ole Miss" and the "Aggies" having been the largest of the season, and the number of spectators on Friday and Saturday promises to be still larger.

Mrs. Hunter Walker returned to her country home Wednesday after spending several days with relatives in the city.

BELGIANS CHECK GERMANS NORTH OF DIXMUDE

AIRCRAFT OF BOTH TEUTON AND SLAV BUSY ON THE EASTERN FRONT.

London, May 3.—A German attack against the Belgians to the north of Dixmude is the only infantry engagement reported at any point along the western front. Artillery bombardments, especially severe to the northeast of Verdun, have been the sole method of warfare on the other sections. North of Dixmude the Germans, after a violent preparatory bombardment charged and occupied portions of three Belgian trenches, but the Belgians in a counter attack drove out the invaders.

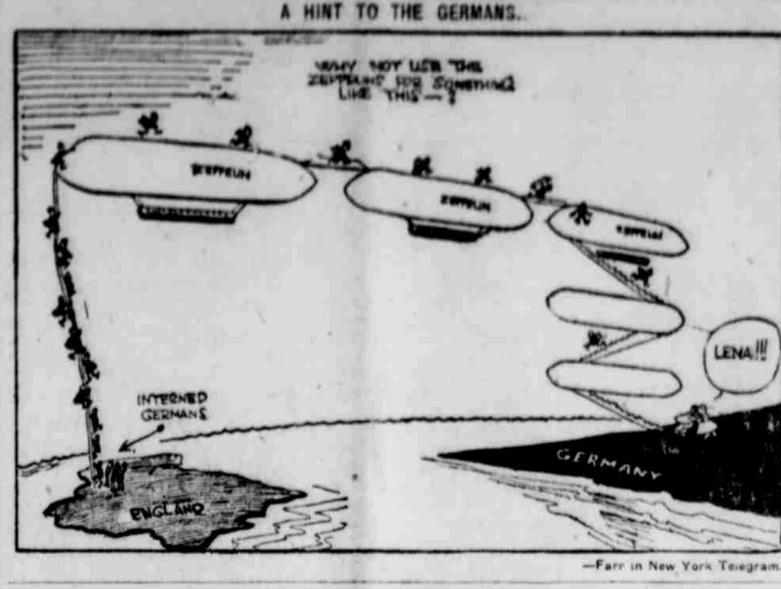
A German attempt to assume the offensive against the Russians at Raggasen, near Riga, was put down, but the Teutons continue their heavy artillery fire against the Ikskul bridgehead and in the Lake Narocz and Lake Vischnevskoye regions.

German aircraft have bombarded several Russian positions in the Gulf of Riga, and a Russian air squadron has delivered an attack against the German naval base at Windau, Courland.

Vienna reports that the heavy fighting between the Austrians and Italians in the Adarnello sector of the Austro-Italian line is still going on, and that Italian attacks against Austrian positions have been put down with heavy casualties.

Mrs. D. H. Bowlin and little son, D. H., Jr., of Muskogee, Okla., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bowlin, on South Fourth street.

Col. Smith, Bessie McWilliams
Admiral Grice Pauline Rose
William Farady Elsie Williams
Robert Farady Ruby Denman
Phyllis Farady Grace Woodley
Mrs. Rockingham Annie R. Longino
Lady Trenchard Mary L. Mitchell
Mrs. Farady Jennie Crawford
Henry Steele Anne Watson
James Raleigh Ethel Bennett
Martin Eva Burns



BIG CHAUTAUQUA TO OPEN IN THIS CITY NEXT TUESDAY

ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIVE DAYS' ENTERTAINMENT ABOUT COMPLETED.

Mr. H. E. Perkins, advertising representative of the Redpath Chautauqua, which will open in this city next Tuesday and continue through the following Saturday, arrived in Columbus yesterday and will remain here the coming week to complete arrangements for the many attractions which will appear here. Mr. Perkins will meet the ladies of the local Civic League this morning and plans for the chautauqua will be discussed. He states that probably on tomorrow a big automobile parade will be held for the purpose of boosting the event.

Beginning this morning the entire town will be covered with advertising matter and quite a number of banners will be placed across the business streets. Circulars are to be sent to surrounding communities and hundreds of out-of-town visitors are expected here for each day's entertainment.

Following is the complete program:

Afternoon, music 3 o'clock; lecture at 3:30. Evening, music at 8 o'clock, entertainment at 8:30.
Tuesday afternoon: Smith-Spring-Holmes Orchestral Quintet; Organization of Children's Hour, "The Why Stories," Miss Anna David.
Wednesday afternoon: Concert, Concertino Solos, Sam Bellino; lecture, "Divine Rights of the Child," Mrs. Lenora M. Lake.
Wednesday evening: Concert, Concertino Solos, Sam Bellino, lecture-entertainment, The Rawls, native New Zealanders.

Thursday morning: Children's Hour, "Stories from the Classics," Miss Anna David.
Thursday afternoon: Concert, Beulah Buck Quartet Company; lecture, "The Golden Fleece," and "Community Building," Dr. Frederick E. Hopkins.
Thursday evening—Grand Concert, Beulah Buck Quartet Company.

HEALTH DAY.
Friday morning: Children's hour, "Stories of Laughter," Miss Anna David.
Friday afternoon: Lecture, "Health and Happiness," Dr. Chas. E. Barker.
Friday evening: Lecture and Physical demonstration, "How to Live 100 Years," Dr. Chas. E. Barker.

Saturday morning: Children's hour, "Hollow Tree Stories," Miss Anna David.
Saturday afternoon, Grand Concert, Frank Kryl and his band.
Saturday evening, 7:30: Mother Goose Festival, Miss Anna David and Children; 8:15, Grand Concert, Frank Kryl and his band.

Begin Work on Club Quarters.

The Choctaw Club rooms on South Market Street will soon be one of the most up-to-date places of its kind in the city, work of enlarging and improving the quarters having been commenced the first of the week, under the supervision of Mr. Arthur Stansell, the well known local contractor.

The Choctaws have leased the second floor of the building south of their present club rooms, and besides enlarging their dance hall, they will have a much larger parlor, a gymnasium, shower baths, etc.

Miss Poindexter spent Monday in West Point.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

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

The circuit court decision which upheld the claims that Francis Bacon wrote the plays and other works attributed to Shakespeare, which was rendered in Chicago recently, will be vacated, according to an announcement issued after a meeting of the judges tribunal Monday. The decision was given by Judge Tuthill in a suit brought by William Selig, a motion picture magnate, to restrain Col. George Fabyan and others from circulating a series of pamphlets upholding the claims of the Bacon sympathizers.

Rev. B. Fay Mills, a former famous evangelist, who is reputed to have made 500,000 conversions in 10 years, died in Grand Rapids, Mich., Monday of apoplexy at the age of 59 years.

America reawakened in national spirit through lessons of the war in Europe, was the theme of an address by President Wilson Monday at the opening of the National Service School for Women. In concluding the President voiced a warning that the honor and integrity of the United States cannot be tampered with. He prayed that the country should not be drawn into war but declared that if it should be, "in the great voice of national enthusiasm which would be raised all the world would stand once more thrilled to hear the voice of the new world asserting the standards of justice and liberty."

Traded for months from New York to Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, and Richmond, Richard Eugene Cuddely, alleged noted silk thief, was arrested Monday in Grand Rapids by F. J. Oppenheim, manager of a New York detective agency, when Cuddely attempted to steal a \$10,000 shipment of silk between Belding, Mich., and New York.

A process for extracting ferro alloys of manganese and silica from slag which, it is claimed, will result in immense savings to steel manufacturers, has been discovered by George A. Hays, of Sewickley, Pa., and G. D. Klain, of Elmira, N. Y., students at the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

A new type of silo, one with four "barrels" to keep as many different stock rations, is the invention of a Mississippian.

Troops Halt Mexicans.

Douglas, Ariz., May 3.—An attempt by a body of de facto Mexican cavalry, the advance guard of General Arnulfo Gomez's troops to enter Chihuahua through Pulpito pass, was blocked by American troops yesterday, according to a reliable report received here from American sources.

The Mexicans, according to the report, were under the command of Col. Jesus Maria Aguirre, and had penetrated 18 miles into the pass before their movement was discovered by a United States military aeroplane, which reported their presence to the American commander.

The American troops are said to have drawn up in strategic formation to hold the pass, and Col. Aguirre did not attempt to press forward, but went into camp and dispatched messengers to the rear presumably to communicate with General Gomez.

Col. Aguirre's advance into Chihuahua is believed to have been the forerunner of a general movement.

CAPT. JAMES FERNANDIS POPE IS SUDDENLY CALLED BY DEATH

POPULAR COLUMBIAN PASSED AWAY AT MCKINLEY SANATORIUM LAST SUNDAY.

Capt. James Fernandis Pope, one of the best known and most popular young bachelors in Columbus, passed away about noon last Sunday, his death having occurred at the McKinley Sanatorium, and having given a most severe shock to his numerous friends, few of whom knew that he was sick. His death, in fact, followed a very short illness, having resulted from an attack of acute indigestion, to which he quickly succumbed.

Capt. Pope was about 40 years old, and had spent his entire life in Columbus, having been an active participant in civic, military and fraternal affairs. He was a member of Columbus Lodge No. 12, Knights of Pythias and up to a few years ago was prominent in the activities of the Mississippi National Guard, having been on the staffs of Governor Vardaman and Governor Noel and having been generally regarded as one of the most proficient tacticians in the state. He was splendidly educated, having completed the literary course at the University of Mississippi and having later graduated from the pharmaceutical department of Vanderbilt University. He possessed an unusually kind heart and was a fine fellow generally, having enjoyed the affection and esteem of countless friends, to whom his death is a source of genuine sorrow. Capt. Pope is survived by two uncles, Mr. Willis Banks of this city and Mr. J. O. Banks of Eutaw, Ala., and numerous other friends removed relatives.

The funeral services were held at St. Paul's Episcopal church at 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon, having been conducted by the rector, Rev. W. S. Slack, and having been attended by delegates not only from the Elks' and Pythians' lodges but by a score of members of the local Boy Scouts, of which organization Capt. Pope was assistant scoutmaster.

The following friends acted as pall bearers: Messrs. B. A. Weaver, T. H. Sharp, J. W. Slaughter, Carroll Hackleman, Jr., Ryland Prowell, J. P. Keith, J. M. Morgan and Chas. Hays. Following was the flower committee: Mrs. W. H. Brooks, Mrs. Frank P. Phillips, Mrs. Jesse P. Woodward and Mrs. Chas. Hays.

Mr. C. M. Harrison Dies.

Mr. Charles M. Harrison, age 37, a well known citizen of Columbus, died at his home on north third avenue Monday morning at 9 o'clock, after an illness of several months, his death being caused from Bright's disease.

Mr. Harrison came to this city a number of years ago and for some time was cashier in the local office of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph company. He is survived by a wife and two sons, all of whom have the heartfelt sympathy of numerous friends in their bereavement.

Funeral services were held from the family residence Tuesday morning, conducted by Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and interment took place at Friendship cemetery.

Mr. W. G. Zwingle has returned from Union City, Tenn., where he was called to the bedside of his brother, Rev. C. N. Zwingle, who was recently injured in an auto accident.

MAKE PLANS FOR HIGHWAY MEETING

FINE PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR CONVENTION TO BE HELD HERE.

EACH COUNTY TO BE REPRESENTED

President Simpson Will Preside and Many Cities Along Route Will Send Delegates.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the meeting which is to be held in this city Thursday, May 11, for the purpose of boosting the Mississippi route for the proposed Jackson Memorial Highway, and it is probable that every county in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee which the route traverses will be represented by delegates.

No city along the route has evinced more interest in the scheme to build the highway than Meridian, and a delegation consisting of Messrs. Frank Kaye, Alex. Loeb, Rice Gaither, C. R. Greenwalt, Burt Stuart, Clyde Soule, James Boreman and M. M. Robertson has been appointed by the Meridian Rotary Club to attend the meeting. The Meridian Board of Trade and other civic organizations will also send representatives, the delegation being headed by Hon. J. M. McBeath, who is an official of the Jackson Military Highway Association and an enthusiastic booster of the good roads movement.

The local meeting was arranged largely through the efforts of Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., of this city, who is a member of the executive committee of the Jackson Military Highway Association. Mr. Locke, after corresponding with Hon. R. I. Simpson of Florence, Ala., president of the association, prevailed upon him to issue a call for the convention, and he will in all probability preside over its deliberations. Mr. J. W. Millner, the secretary of the organization, who likewise resides in Florence, will also be present and the attendance will include highway boosters from practically every city along the route.

NEGROES WILL CELEBRATE EMANCIPATION DAY MONDAY

PROCEEDS GO TO FUND BEING RAISED FOR ERECTION OF HOSPITAL HERE.

The negroes of Columbus and vicinity are making elaborate plans for the celebration of Emancipation Day on Monday, May 8, which date marks the anniversary of their freedom, for while Gen. Lee surrendered to Gen. Grant in April, 1865, the Department of Tennessee did not formally surrender until May 8, and it was on this date that negroes in this portion of the south were actually given their freedom.

The celebration will take place at the fair grounds, and a feature of the occasion will be an address by Rev. Sutton T. Griggs, of Memphis, who has gained some reputation by having raised funds for the erection of a church in that city which will not only serve as a place of worship for negroes but will provide instruction for both sexes, the women being instructed in domestic science and the men in manual arts.

Several local negroes will also deliver addresses and music will be furnished by a brass band from Tupelo. An admission fee will be charged, the proceeds going to a fund which is being raised for the erection of a local hospital for negroes.

Dr. Dye Will Preach.

Rev. Walter R. Dye, of Winchester, Ky., formerly rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church in this city, will preach at that church Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Dye was rector of St. Paul's a number of years ago and many Columbians remember his ministry here with a great deal of pleasure. He will arrive in the city the latter part of the week and be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Robertson.

Senior Recital.

Miss Ross Blann will give her Senior musical recital at the Music Hall on the college campus Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

GERMAN REPLY TO BE CONCILIATORY

KAISER IS INCLINED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

SHOWS DESIRE TO DISCUSS DETAILS

Von Jagow Announces That Reply Will Soon Be Ready For Delivery.

Berlin, May 3, via London.—Herr von Jagow, the foreign minister, at the re-opening of the sitting of the budget committee of the Reichstag today, said that the government had not yet reached final decision with regard to the situation that had arisen from the American note to Germany regarding Germany's submarine campaign. As soon as the imperial chancellor returned from headquarters, Herr Jagow added, he would give the committee definite information. The foreign minister said the government, in view of the importance of the American question, would have been glad to make a statement regarding the status of the problem but that for the reason stated this was impossible.

Washington, May 3.—The German reply to the United States has been prepared in outline. This was learned today from an authoritative source.

The reply proper is expected to be brief. Intimations of its contents have reached Washington and the important features are expected to be:

First—An assurance that Germany will conduct her submarine warfare in accordance with the recognized rules of international law. These rules must be defined, but in general they require that vessels attacked shall be warned, that she has the right of visit and search and that provisions must be made for the safety of passengers and crew.

Second—Changed conditions of naval warfare will be referred to and mention will be made of modifications of the rules of warfare by all the belligerent countries, notably Great Britain, who has attempted to institute new rules of blockade.

Third—An announcement that Germany is ready and willing to discuss with the United States details of the issues involved in the submarine controversy. These details would relate to the indefinite and vague expressions contained in the note to Germany. One of the demands was that "present methods" of submarine warfare be abandoned. There is no definition of "present methods," but Germany may understand that phrase as meaning incidents such as the alleged attack on the English Channel Steamer Sussex which was single out by President Wilson for special mention in his address to Congress.

Fourth—A discussion of detail would also include considerable of the status of armed merchantmen, their status being admittedly arguable. In view of instructions of British merchantmen issued by the British admiralty and taken from

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CHIEF JUSTICE SMITH TO ADDRESS LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATION

INVITATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED AND TALK WILL BE MADE SOON.

An invitation has been extended to Hon. Sydney Smith, chief justice of the supreme court of Mississippi and teacher of the Men's Bar class of the First Baptist church, Jackson, to address the Baraca club of the First Baptist church in this city. The local class is engaged in membership contest with classes Meridian, Jackson and Corinth, and one of the conditions is that each of the four teachers will address other classes during its progress. The invitation was forwarded Judge Smith by Mr. V. B. Im president of the local class, several days since, and it is expected that he will speak here at an early date.

Mrs. J. T. Sanford returned Tuesday from a delightful trip to