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JACKSON MILITARY HIGHWAY BOOSTERS WILL HOLD MEETING HERE TODAY

HUNDREDS COMING TO HIGHWAY MEET

CROWD OF BOOSTERS WILL BE IN COLUMBUS TODAY.

MERIDIAN CROWD COMING IN CARS

Visitors Will Be Given Dutch Lunch at Mullin's Well Near City.

Hundreds of people are expected to attend the meeting which is to be held in this city today for the purpose of boosting the Mississippi route of the Jackson Memorial Highway, and the convention promises to be one of the greatest events of its kind ever held in Mississippi. Mr. R. T. Simpson, of Florence, Ala., president of the Jackson Military Highway Association, has been invited to preside over the meeting and has tentatively accepted the invitation, having written a letter to Mr. T. J. Locke, Jr., the local member of the executive committee, in which he states he is very anxious to attend the meeting and will make every effort to be present.

Meridian will send a large delegation, several members of which will come through the country in automobiles. One car will bring officials of the Highway association who reside in Meridian, another will be occupied by the five members of the board of supervisors of Lauderdale county and members of the Rotary Club will probably fill two or three vehicles. Florence, Vernon, Crawford and other towns along the route are also expected to send large delegations.

The meeting will convene at the court house at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon and will be followed by a Dutch lunch at Mullin's well, which is located about six miles northeast of Columbus on the Military road. This road forms a part of the proposed route of the Jackson Military Highway, and the visitors, who will be transported to the well in automobiles, will be enabled to see the splendid condition of the road.

GOVERNMENT REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI CROPS

FIGURES SHOW THAT THE STATE HAS GOOD PROSPECT THIS YEAR.

Washington, D. C., May 10.—A summary of the May crop report for the state of Mississippi, as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates, and transmitted through the Weather Bureau, United States Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

Winter wheat: May 1 forecast, 89,000 bushels; production last year 100,000; two years ago, 13,000. Meadows: May 1 condition 85, compared with 10-year average of 87. Pasture: May 1 condition 86, compared with 10-year average of 88. Spring plowing: Per cent done to May 1, 1916, estimated at 87, compared with 85 last year and 80, the 10-year average. Spring planting: Per cent done to May 1, 1916, estimated 79, compared with 77 May 1 last year and 70, the 10-year average. Hay: Old crops on farms May 1, estimated 60,000 tons, compared with 40,000 a year ago and 50,000 two years ago.

Ready for Call.

Jackson, Miss., May 10.—When informed today that the national guard of three states had been called out for duty along the Mexican border, Adj.-Gen. Seales, of the Mississippi National Guard, said: "If the call comes the Mississippi boys will be in readiness. We can put approximately 1,200 officers and men along the Mexican border just as quickly as transportation can be furnished. All the boys will ask is time enough to say goodbye to the home folks, and that won't take more than five minutes."

COLUMBUS HAS HER FIRST CHAUTAUQUA

ENTERTAINMENTS BEGAN TUESDAY, WILL CONTINUE ALL OF WEEK.

GOOD PROGRAMS ARE BEING GIVEN

Tent is Located on Bradford Lot and is Well Filled at Each Performance.

Columbus is now enjoying her first Chautauqua season, the series of entertainments comprising the programs, which were furnished and arranged by the Redpath Lyceum Bureau of Chicago, having been inaugurated Tuesday afternoon, when the Smith-Spring-Holmes Orchestral Quintet gave a musical entertainment, and Miss Anna David, who is in charge of the children's work, organized her classes. On Tuesday evening there was another concert by the Smith-Spring-Holmes combination, and a lecture by Dr. George H. Bradford on "America's Destiny," brought the first day's program to an official close.

The Chautauqua was brought here by the Chamber of Commerce, which organization obligated itself to sell 400 season tickets at \$2 each. Forty members of the Civic Chamber signed the guarantee and the tickets were apportioned among them. At a meeting which was held Monday night the fact developed that only a comparatively small number of the tickets had been sold, but the guarantors began to hustle pretty lively Tuesday, and when 3 o'clock, the hour for settlement, arrived most of them had sold all or nearly all of the tickets allotted to them.

The engagement will continue throughout the remainder of the week, the afternoon entertainments beginning at 3 o'clock, with lecture or other attraction at 3:30 and the evening program starting with music at 8 o'clock, followed by a lecture or other attraction. Friday will be "Health Day," and the principal speaker will be Dr. Charles E. Baker, who was physical adviser to Hon. Wm. H. Taft, while he served as president of the United States. Dr. Barker will deliver two lectures, speaking in the afternoon on "Health and Happiness," and in the evening on "How to Live 100 Years." In connection with the latter lecture he will give a physical demonstration and the program for the children in the afternoon will be especially attractive, Miss David's subject on that occasion being "Stories and Laughter."

Saturday will be the final day of the Chautauqua, the program being brought to an auspicious close with afternoon and evening concerts by Frank Kyril's band.

The following is today's program: 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.

REPORTS ASSERTS BANKHEAD WINNER OVER HOBSON

RACE IN TENTH ALABAMA DISTRICT INCITES MUCH INTEREST.

An unofficial report received from Montgomery at a late hour last night states that Bankhead was leading Hobson in the race for Congress from the tenth district.

B. G. Roberson was elected probate judge of Pickens county, having won over his opponents, Messrs. Johnson and Bell.

A great deal of local interest was manifested in the congressional race in the tenth district, as both of the candidates are well known in Columbus. This is a newly created district and the recent contest was the first to be held therein.

METHODISTS ARE IN SESSION HERE

ANNUAL MEETING OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT CONFERENCE HELD.

BROYLES MAKES OPENING TALK

Session is Being Presided Over By Rev. W. W. Woollard, Presiding Elder.

The annual meeting of the Columbus District, North Mississippi Conference, convened here Tuesday evening and will remain in session until this afternoon. Nearly twenty-five delegates from surrounding towns are in attendance.

The opening sermon on Tuesday evening was delivered by Rev. E. Nash Broyles, of Macon. Yesterday several business sessions were held. In the morning devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Halfacre, of Artesia, after which a sermon was delivered by Rev. H. M. Ellis, of Memphis, field secretary of the Methodist Hospital. Mr. Ellis also made an interesting talk in the afternoon, having as his subject, "The Hospital." Devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. E. Gregory, of Caledonia. At the services held last night a sermon was delivered by Rev. R. H. B. Gladney, of Sardis.

The meeting is being presided over by Rev. W. W. Woollard, presiding elder of this district.

The following is the program for today:

Morning session—Devotional Exercises, I. F. Holland. Report on Education, T. H. Lipscomb, chairman. Our colleges: (1) Emory University, R. L. Selby; (2) Millsaps College, A. F. Watkins; (3) Grenada College, B. P. Jaco.

Report on Lay Activities, D. Lipscomb. (1) A Treasurer's Systematic Bookkeeping, E. S. Carothers; (2) The Work of a Charge Lay Leader, J. J. Gill; (3) A Church Organized for Efficiency, C. E. Colony.

The Election of a District Lay Leader.

Who Constitute the Committee on Lay Activities?

Who Are Elected Delegates to the Annual Conference? 11 a. m.—Sermon.

Afternoon session—Devotional exercises, A. W. O'Bryant. Where Shall the Next Conference Be Held?

Report on Books and Periodicals, L. P. Wasson, Chairman. (1) Our Campaign for 10,000 New Orleans Advocates and the Honor Roll, A. S. Raper; (2) The Proper Distribution of Tracts, E. Nash Broyles.

Report on Orphanage and Hospitals, T. J. Halfacre. (1) Our Orphan's Home, J. B. Randolph; (2) Our Hospital, H. M. Ellis.

Report on Finances, A. S. Raper.

Report on Quarterly Conference Records.

(Who are the trustees of our District Property?)

Opening of New Bakery.

The Model Bakery, under the management of Messrs. R. E. Cheatham and Robt. Cheatham, Jr., will be opened to the public this afternoon and evening from 5 to 9 o'clock, and refreshments will be served to all who visit the place during this time.

Cheatham and Son have one of the finest, most modern and most sanitary bakeries in the south. Their plant is fully and expensively equipped with the finest electrical apparatus. They have employed the services of a very competent baker, a graduate of the Chicago School of Technology, and one who knows his business.

The Model Bakery has selected "Quality" as its trade name, and this will apply to all of its products as well as be its motto.

Both Mr. Cheatham and his son are well known throughout Columbus and Lowndes county, and they will no doubt do a thriving business.

Small Fire Yesterday.

A cottage owned by Mr. J. M. Easton and located on the corner of Eighth street and Ninth avenue, south, was damaged to the extent of about \$15 by fire at 10:20 o'clock yesterday morning. The blaze was started by flying sparks.

Chautauqua Lecturer to Treat of Phases of Community Building



DR. FREDERICK E. HOPKINS.

Dr. Frederick E. Hopkins is a brilliant, magnetic and charming speaker, an orator, an entertainer and an educator. As pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, of Chicago, he was considered one of the most notable examples of the modern thinker. Dr. Hopkins' lecture, "The Golden Fleece," which will be heard at the chautauqua in this city this afternoon has become one of the most popular lectures of the day.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

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

James M. Sullivan, former United States minister to Santo Domingo, who was arrested following the recent uprising in Ireland, notified the American embassy in London from Dublin, that he had been released.

Frank H. Canning, of Clarksboro, N. J., is making arrangements to take possession of the \$200,000 which he has been informed was bequeathed to him by Mrs. J. W. T. Elkins, of Detroit, for defending her in a street car in Westchester, Pa., several years ago. Mrs. Elkins was the widow of a wealthy ranch owner. When Canning saw a group of men annoying her he drew his revolver and forced them to leave the car.

The jury which for ten days heard testimony at the trial of Robert Fay, a former lieutenant in the German army; Walter Schol and Paul Dacche, at their trial in New York in which they were charged with conspiracy to destroy munitions through bomb contrivances, returned a verdict of guilty Tuesday against all of the defendants.

Hundreds of women in the Jewish quarters of Pittsburgh have declared a boycott on bakeries and stationed pickets at many shops because of an advance in the price of bread. Master bakers declare the advance was due to a new wage scale enforced by the union bakers.

A. and M. Defeats Sewanee. Agricultural College, Miss., May 10.—In the second contest of the two-game series played here between baseball teams representing Sewanee and the A. and M. College, the Aggies won this afternoon by a score of 8 to 6. Yesterday's contest, which went 10 innings, was won by Sewanee 7-6.

Will Talk at College.

Mrs. Lenora M. Lake, who is on the chautauqua program this week, will make a talk to the public in the college chapel this morning at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Lake delivered a most interesting lecture yesterday afternoon at the chautauqua on "The Divine Rights of the Child."

George Foote Re-elected.

In a recent city election, Hon. George Foote, a former Columbian, was re-elected mayor of Gulfport. For several years past Mr. Foote has been at the municipal head of affairs in Gulfport, and his popularity was proven in the race there last Saturday.

FRENCH AND GERMANS, FOR THE MOMENT, DEADLOCKED

FIGHTING ON VERDUN FRONT HAS AGAIN COME TO A STAND STILL.

London, May 10.—The French and German forces fighting to the northwest of Verdun apparently, for the moment at least, are deadlocked, the Germans being unable to advance further and French attempts to expel the invaders from captured positions being unavailing. To the east and northeast of Verdun where violent infantry attacks and bombardments have characterized the recent fighting, only intermittent cannonading is now going on.

The only infantry engagement reported anywhere along the French front was launched by the Germans against a French trench to the west of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun. The French, however, brought into play their curtain of fire and the Germans were unable to debouche. The shelling by the Germans of the Russians at the Baskull bridgehead on the eastern line, which has been in progress for many days, still continues. There has been military activity on various other sectors of the Russian front, but no infantry maneuvering of importance has been reported.

New County Created.

Gulfport, Miss., May 10.—At the special election held in the northern part of Harrison county yesterday to create a new county known as Stone county, with Wiggins as the county seat, the proposition carried by a majority of about 75 votes.

The voting in the district was light and no organized effort was made to prevent the creation of the county.

The special election held for this purpose was authorized by the Legislature of 1914.

Will Give Pretty Operetta.

Columbus people will enjoy a treat Monday evening when a pretty comic operetta, "The Japanese Girl," will be given in the college chapel under the direction of Miss Mattie Lou Brown, who is in charge of the voice department at the I. I. and C.

Nearly fifty young ladies will take part and very handsome Japanese costumes will be worn.

One feature of the operetta will be the "Drill of the Fans," which is very tuneful, fascinating and catchy.

The members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. John R. Laws, on South Seventh street.

TROOPS SENT TO MEXICAN BORDER

NATIONAL GUARD OF THREE STATES TO TAKE UP ARMS.

EIGHT THOUSAND MEN CALLED OUT

A Total Force of 50,000 Men Will Soon Be in Field To Protect Americans.

Washington, May 10.—With additional troops under orders to Mexican border, including national guardsmen from Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, administrations felt that that immediate necessary steps had been taken to prevent further raiding of American border towns by bandits. Meanwhile the final outcome of the conference at El Paso between General Scott and General Obregon, the Carranza war minister, was awaited with considerable anxiety.

President Wilson and his cabinet discussed the Mexican situation yesterday, but the President had authorized the new troop orders before his advisers gathered. General Scott and General Funston recommended early in the day that additional forces be sent to the border.

Secretary Baker said the question of calling guardsmen from other states into service was not under immediate consideration. It was learned, however, that General Funston already had been supplied with all papers, forms and instructions necessary to muster into service the guardsmen of all states near the border and that ordnance and quartermaster stores to outfit all such troops on a full war basis are held at convenient points for quick distribution.

Mr. Baker refused to discuss reports that General Funston had urged that he be given a total of 150,000 men to maintain the border guard.

Including the troops ordered out today there will be nearly 45,000 soldiers, perhaps 50,000 along the border of Mexico, according to the best available figures here.

Weds Before Execution.

Dublin, May 9.—A thousand rebel prisoners captured in the south have arrived in Dublin on their way to England. The rebels are reported to have adopted all sorts of ruses to avoid arrest. Several of them were found hiding in coffins in an undertaking establishment.

Details of the marriage of Grace Giffard to Joseph Plunkett an hour before Plunkett was executed are published here. The bride wore widow's weeds as the ceremony. The bride's mother, who had long opposed her daughter marrying Plunkett, was not informed of the marriage until the day after it took place. Plunkett settled all of his property upon his wife before he was executed.

Call phone No. 340 and get the best meat and quick delivery. 5-11-1mo. Queen City Market.

NORTH CAROLINA CONCERN RECEIVES ROAD CONTRACT

BLANKINSHIP BROTHERS ARE TO IMPROVE JACKSON HIGHWAY IN DISTRICT 1.

At a meeting of the road commissioners of district 2, held at the court house yesterday afternoon, J. D. and J. F. Blankinship, road contractors of North Carolina, were awarded the contract for improving that part of the Jackson Military Highway in district 1 from Mullin's well to the state line. The work is to be started by June 1 and completed on October 1.

Only four bids were received, Blankinship Brothers having offered to do the work for the sum of \$18,100.

The board of supervisors will meet in this city today to ratify the work of the commissioners yesterday.

FANS MAY PUT TEAM IN LOCAL FIELD

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO ORGANIZE BALL CLUB HERE.

COLLEGE PLAYERS TO BE SECURED

Business Men Are Subscribing Liberally to the Expense Fund.

Games played here by college teams during the past few weeks have aroused so much interest in baseball that local fans have inaugurated a movement to organize a regular team and have met with enthusiastic support on the part of merchants and business men, many of whom have contributed liberally to the fund which is being raised for organization purposes.

Charles Kuykendal, a local automobile man, is at the head of the movement, and is in correspondence with several college players of recognized ability, among them being Kinney, the star twirler of the "Aggies," and Rogers, the famous A. & M. backstop. Both of these players have been seen in college games played here this season and both are extremely popular among local fans.

Amateur teams have organized in several towns nearby, including Tupelo, West Point and Brooksville, in Mississippi, and Vernon and Reform in Alabama, and it may be that Columbus will unite with these towns in forming a league to play regularly scheduled games.

Airdome Opened Last Night.

The Airdome Theatre, under the management of Mr. E. L. Kuykendal, was opened last night for the summer. Each evening, with the exception of Sunday, when the weather permits shows will be held there instead of at the Princess. Matinees will be held in the afternoons at the Princess.

The Airdome was crowded last night, hardly standing room being available.

EMPTY SLEEVE GOT KENNON LOCAL POSTMASTERSHIP

DEATH OF FORMER COLUMBIAN RECALLS NOTABLE INCIDENT.

The death of W. H. Kennon, which recently occurred at Jackson, has caused Hon. John T. Wood, a prominent local citizen, to recall an incident which occurred in 1876, when President Grant appointed Mr. Kennon postmaster at Columbus, which position he held until 1885, when he removed to Jackson.

It seems that other applicants had been introduced to the President as General, Colonel, Major or Captain Blank, and when it came to the turn of Mr. Kennon, who had lost an arm in the service of the Union army, he was introduced simply as Mr. Kennon. General Grant noted his empty sleeve and said: "Mr. Kennon, you seem to be the only man from your section who done any real fighting," and he thereupon gave him the appointment as postmaster.

K. of C. Meet in Natchez. Natchez, Miss., May 10.—The twelfth annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus opened here yesterday with services at St. Mary's Cathedral. Following the celebration of the mass Rev. Father J. D. and J. F. Blankinship, road contractors of North Carolina, were awarded the contract for improving that part of the Jackson Military Highway in district 1 from Mullin's well to the state line. The work is to be started by June 1 and completed on October 1.

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Mr. Harrison Johnston's numerous friends are pained to learn of his illness the past several days.