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PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 18

TRUSTEES FIX DATE FOR FALL AND WINTER SESSION.

SEVERAL CHANGES IN THE FACULTIES

Three New Teachers are Elected to Fill Vacancies Caused by Resignations.

The trustees of the Columbus School District met yesterday, and fixed Monday, September 18, as the date on which the public schools of the city will throw open their doors for the 1916-17 session.

There were several changes in the school faculties, three new teachers having been elected to fill vacancies occasioned by resignations, Prof. W. C. Moore, of Jackson, Miss., was elected to succeed Miss Emma Bell as instructor in English in the high school, Miss Beulah Buckley, of Winona, was elected to succeed Miss Miriam Sykes as teacher of Latin in the same institution, and Miss Belle Lanier, of Brooksville, was named to succeed Mrs. Fannie Barham as teacher of the fourth grade at the Franklin Academy grammar school.

The meeting was presided over by Prof. E. A. Stanley, county superintendent of education, and the trustees present were Messrs. J. T. Searcy, W. N. Puckett and Dr. J. W. Lipscomb. Prof. W. V. Frierson, superintendent of the city schools was also present.

COLUMBUS TEAM DISBANDED; SEASON COMES TO CLOSE

INDIANOLA TAKES THE FINAL GAME BY A SCORE OF 1 TO 0.

The baseball season in Columbus came to a close yesterday afternoon, the final game of a series with Indianola having resulted in the score of 1 to 0 in favor of the visitors. The local team disbanded last night, owing to the fact that the support on the part of local fans has not been the best, and Mr. E. L. Kuykendall, president of the team here, thought it advisable to bring the season to a close.

In the game yesterday afternoon Harris, on the local firing line, struck out nine men, and although he allowed only three hits, the visitors succeeded in making a run in the second inning. Ridley, who pitched for Indianola, allowed only five hits.

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Columbus and Indianola crossed bats at Lake Park Friday afternoon and the visitors won the game by a score of 8 to 1. Roberts pitched for Columbus and Suggs was on the firing line for Indianola, and each allowed an equal number of hits, but errors in the field at inopportune times were responsible for the defeat of the locals. There was a large crowd present and rooters cheered vociferously at several brilliant plays made by the Columbians. Among the features most worthy of favorable comment were the fielding and hitting of Shaw, who plays left field for Stapleton's aggregation. All Indianolians swatted effectively, several three-baggers having been made by members of the team.

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Messrs. T. A. McGahey, T. F. Whitten and J. H. Cox, of the Columbus Marble Works, left yesterday for Cleveland, Ohio, where they will attend the Marble Dealers' Convention the coming week. Before returning home they will visit New York, Washington and several other cities. During their absence all of the employees in the plant of the Columbus Marble Works will enjoy their annual vacation.

Mr. J. G. Sharp will spend the coming week in West Point on business for the Columbus Marble Works.

HIGHWAY MEETING AT VERNON MONDAY

BOOSTERS WILL ASSEMBLE TO SETTLE DISPUTE IN LAMAR COUNTY.

PRINCIPAL TALK BY R. T. SIMPSON

Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., and Others Will Also Deliver Short Addresses.

A large crowd is expected to attend the meeting which is to be held at Vernon, Ala., Monday for the purpose of settling a dispute which has arisen between citizens of Lamar county regarding the route of the proposed Jackson Highway through that county. There is some difference of opinion regarding the route, and work on the highway has been temporarily suspended pending a settlement of these differences, which it is hoped will be effected at the Monday meeting.

Hon. W. B. Oliver, of Tuscaloosa, representative of the Sixth Alabama district in Congress, was invited to address the meeting, but as it was impossible for him to leave Washington just at this time he was forced to decline the invitation, and the principal address will be delivered by Hon. R. T. Simpson, of Florence, Ala., president of the Jackson Military Highway Association. Addresses will also be delivered by Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., local member of the executive committee of the organization, and other enthusiastic highway boosters.

More than a score of Columbians will attend the meeting, among them being Secretary J. G. Weatherly, of the Chamber of Commerce. Messrs. T. J. Locke, Jr., P. W. Maer, S. B. Street, Jr., E. L. Kuykendall, Carroll Hackleman, Ike Winston, Sam Kaye, W. A. Brackett, I. T. Gaston, J. H. Propst, Battle Bell, W. C. Banks, F. R. Simms, J. T. Sanford, J. B. Williams, J. A. Jordan, T. O. Burris, W. H. Carter and a representative of Wright's Auto Company, Arthur Stansel, George Senter, W. R. McManus, W. P. Stribling and others.

Harding New Chairman Federal Reserve Board.

Washington, Aug. 12.—President Wilson Thursday afternoon designated W. P. G. Harding, of Birmingham, Ala., as chairman of the federal reserve board, succeeding C. E. Hamlin, whose time as chairman had expired.

Mr. Harding has been vice chairman. He is succeeded in that office by Paul Wortburg. Mr. Hamlin remains a member of the board.

Mrs. Isaac Parker, who has been spending the past few days with Mrs. G. W. Boyd at "Cradland," her beautiful country home in the Dunbar neighborhood, is now the guest of Mrs. T. A. Stinson on South Sixth street.

WILLIAMS APPRECIATES HONOR DESTOWED UPON HIM

WRITES LETTER OF THANKS TO CHAIRMAN OF STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Holly Springs, Miss., Aug. 12.—Hon. S. W. Mullins of this city, as chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, is in receipt of the following splendid letter from Senator John Sharp Williams. The letter speaks for itself and will be read with much interest throughout the state:

"U. S. Senate, Aug 4, 1916. "Mr. S. W. Mullins, chairman state Democratic executive committee, Holly Springs, Miss.

"Dear Mr. Mullins—I have yours of Aug. 1 notifying me of the action of the state Democratic executive committee and of the fact that I have been declared the nominee of the party for the office of United States senator for the term beginning March 4, 1917, and enclosing me the resolutions passed upon the occasion.

"I feel so deeply grateful to the people of the state, to whom I owe the fact that I have no opposition for this nomination, that it is quite beyond my power to express it in this letter to you. They have been very kind to me—kinder than I deserved. No service that I have rendered nor that I can hope to



—Weed in Philadelphia Public Ledger.

RUSSIAN FORWARD MOVE CONTINUES UNHALTED

LEMBERG IS SERIOUSLY MENACED BY THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE.

London, Aug. 12.—A further series of surprising successes by the armies of Gens. Sakharoff and Letchitzky were announced today by the Russian press. The capture of the important railway junction and town of Stanslau, the definite occupation of Monastyrskia and the seizure of important positions on the Zlota Lipa line. Coupled with these victories was the capture of many thousands of prisoners, especially on the right bank of the Sereth river, where the prisoners taken amounted to 5,000.

The Germans appeared to regard the Kovel-Lemberg sector as the most critical on the eastern front, and the appointment of Field Marshal von Hindenburg to the chief command undoubtedly had the effect of temporarily stemming the Russian advance on the northern sector of the line. But Field Marshal von Hindenburg does not hold the controlling command over the troops guarding the southern approaches to Lemberg, where the Russians, after taking Stanislaw, are rapidly completing their encirclement of the army of Gen. Count von Bothmer.

The German official statement today admitted that a regrouping of the Teutonic forces was taking place in order to meet the new positions of the Russian army.

The Italians continue their successes against the Austrians and announced today the occupation of the entire Dobrodo plateau.

Nothing sensational is happening on the Franco-British front, where the entente allies are maintaining a steady pressure. Although the British forces have shown little activity north of the Somme, the French report the capture of additional German trenches near Maupas and a fortified quarry north of the Hemwood.

Boy Scouts in Camp

Sixteen members of the local troop of Boy Scouts left Friday for Waverly, Miss., where they will enjoy a ten days' outing. Waverly is located ten miles above Columbus on the Tombigbee river, and the camp site is an ideal one. The boys are in charge of Scoutmaster W. B. Hamilton and Assistant Scoutmaster E. N. Kelly.

render, can prove a sufficient return. I will try to prove faithful to the people, platform and party, as I have endeavored to be in the past. I will try to be industrious, and the service which I shall render them will at least be honest and will be actuated always by a deep seated affection for them.

"I select you, being chairman of the state executive committee, as the proper person to whom to communicate these views in order that through you they may be known to the people of the state.

NATIONAL GUARD WILL GO TO BORDER

TROOPS NOW IN CAMPS SOON TO LEAVE FOR MEXICO.

TRANSPORTATION IS ARRANGED FOR Thirty Thousand Men Will Soon be En Route to Scene of Strife.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The war department announced today that all of the militia in mobilization camps totalling about 35,000 men would be sent to the Mexican border immediately. Arrangement for transportation has been made. Department officials say the organization will not wait to be recruited to their full strength, but that further recruiting would be made after their arrival at the border.

Officials said the order was issued so that all militia units can get border experience.

The following order was issued by the war department: "Commanding general, eastern department, has been instructed to send Kentucky troops to the border as soon as they are equipped and transportation can be obtained and to see that special attention is given in getting West Virginia troops to the border as soon as possible.

"Commanding general of the central department has been directed to send Ohio troops to the border as soon as they are equipped and transportation obtained.

"All department commanders have been directed to send all national guard troops in their department to border as soon as they are equipped."

To Perfect Aircraft.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Plans were completed today by the war department for the complete mobilization of the aircraft to make the army aero service superior if possible to any in the world. In brief the plan is this: Government inspectors will be stationed at each plant in the country, and the government stamp will be placed on each machine put up. The prospective flyers will be passed on by the government before entering the schools and being enrolled as army flyers.

The national guard will be completely equipped, one squadron for each division, of which there are 12. A squadron will consist of 20 officers and 149 men.

Each squadron will have twelve first line flying machines, twelve to replace these in case of loss or accident, and a further reserve of 12 machines.

Mrs. A. C. Halbert and Miss Alice Halbert left the past week for Hot Springs, Ark., where they went in hopes of improving Mrs. Halbert's health.

APPLICATION OF COLUMBUS FOR BANK IS ACKNOWLEDGED

McADOO SAYS LOCAL CLAIMS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY FARM LOAN BOARD.

Secretary Weatherly, of the Chamber of Commerce, is in receipt of a letter from Hon. W. H. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, acknowledging receipt of the application of Columbus for one of the 12 farm loan banks which the Federal government proposes to establish. The secretary informs Mr. Weatherly that the farm loan board will make a tour of the country for the purpose of hearing the claim of the different cities, and assures him that the application of Columbus will receive careful consideration.

Secretary McAdoo's letter to Mr. Weatherly follows:

"Dear Sir: "I have your letter of July 29th in connection with the application of Columbus for the location of one of the Farm Loan Banks. The Federal Farm Loan Board, when organized, will undoubtedly make a trip through the country and will hold hearings for the purpose of collecting data and information at first hand to guide in outlining the boundaries of the twelve districts provided by the act and locating farm loan banks in each district. I assure you Columbus will be given an opportunity to be heard and that her claims will receive careful consideration.

"Sincerely yours, "W. H. McAdoo."

Pretty Music This Afternoon.

The weekly concert given by the Princess Theatre orchestra will be enjoyed at Lake Park this afternoon. The following program will be rendered: Faithful and True March; Day and Night Overture; Reine Valse; Asama Intermezzo; Prince of Pilsen; Selection; Danube Waves; Sunny South Medley; Hero of the Isthmus; Alaha Oe (By request); Star Spangled Banner.

In addition to the above instrumental music an exceptionally fine program will be rendered by the quartette composed of Messrs. Miller, McCrary, Zwingle and Moss. The harmonious blending of these male voices is so well known to the people of Columbus we feel sure that the large number of music lovers who take advantage of this opportunity will enjoy a very pleasant afternoon.

Musicals at First Baptist Church Tonight.

The following program will be rendered at the musicals at the First Baptist church this evening at 8 o'clock under the direction of Mrs. B. K. Sessums: Prelude—violin, cornet and organ. Venite—choir. Solo—Selected, Mrs. M. F. Flood. Duet—"Whispering Hope," Miss Olive Sanders, Miss Nell Sanders. Quartette—Selected, Mr. W. G. Zwingle, Mr. Ed. Miller, Mr. Paul Zwingle, Mr. George McCrary. Solo—Cornet, Mr. Fullo. Solo—"Man of Sorrows," Miss Ana Terrell Hamilton. Solo—Selected, Mr. Moss. Solo—Violin, Mr. A. M. Jacob.

MEDIATORS FAIL TO SETTLE STRIKE

ONLY HOPE TO EVADE IT LIES IN SELECTION OF LARGER BODY.

NEITHER SIDE IS WILLING TO YIELD

Brotherhoods Object to Provisions of Newlands Act, and Want Some Other Plan.

New York, Aug. 12.—Whether the leaders of the 400,000 employees of the railroads of the country will make good their threat of a general strike unless their demands for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime are granted by the managers of 235 railway systems, is still undecided.

The only hope of a peaceful settlement apparently rested upon the possibility that the men might be induced to accept a new form of arbitration, although thus far they have steadfastly refused all such proposals. Their chief objection to arbitration has been lack of representation upon any of the boards provided under existing statutes.

The members of the federal board of mediation and conciliation are said to be hopeful that an expansion of the size of the board provided for under the Newlands act may meet their objection. Effort to obtain from Washington approval of this plan was reported to have been responsible for an apparent suspension of the mediators' activities today.

If this suggestion is not accepted, it was said, the mediation board will have failed in its efforts and the only recourse will be an appeal to President Wilson to use his influence to avert a strike. It was pointed out, however, that the President's powers will be limited to suggestion and recommendation.

The three mediators—Chairman Martin A. Knapp, William I. Chambers and G. W. Hanger—were to meet with the brotherhood men early Friday, but an adjournment was taken until Saturday. The mediators also failed to meet the railroad managers.

Leaders of the brotherhoods have declared that they would not consider arbitration under the Newlands act, as it now stands. The railroads have rejected the men's demands and have stood out firmly for arbitration. The men have served notice that rather than arbitrate they will strike.

With both sides taking such an unbending attitude there is no solution to the problem except the new arbitration plan, according to a responsible authority.

The principal feature of the new plan is said to be the formation of a board of arbitration, which will give each of the brotherhoods a representative on the board while the arbitrators of the railroads will be increased to an equal number with four neutral arbitrators, making a total membership of 12.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

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

The epidemic of infantile paralysis showed another slight decline in the city of New York on Friday, and health experts were more hopeful that the cool weather which relieved the city Thursday, would materially check the plague. The daily bulletin showed that during the 24-hour period which ended at 10 a. m., 21 children died of the disease and 165 new cases were reported.

A score of persons were injured, four probably fatally the past week in Chicago, when a double explosion caused by short circuits wrecked a street car. Windows were smashed, wire guards bent and all woodwork set afire.

President Wilson has practically decided to make a speaking tour across the country before the November election. Details of the tour have not been arranged.

The oldest office girl in the world is said to be Mrs. Harriet H. Martin of New Castle, N. H., who is ninety-nine years old and has the care of a physicians office who practices in her house. Certainly Mrs. Martin

FALL COURT TERM IS PRETERMITTED

JUDGE CARROLL GRANTS PETITION PRESENTED BY LOCAL BAR.

BACKWARD CROPS CAUSES ANNULMENT

Farmers are Badly Behind With Work, and Could Ill Afford to Leave Fields.

Responding to a petition presented to him by the Columbus Bar Association, Hon. T. B. Carroll, judge of the Sixteenth circuit court district, has issued an order pretermittng the fall term of circuit court for Lowndes county, which, under the provisions of the code, is scheduled in this city on the second Monday in September.

In requesting Judge Carroll to pretermitt the term local attorneys were actuated by a desire to protect the agricultural interests of the county. Farmers have been materially hindered by the heavy rains which fell throughout this section in July, and are therefore very much behind with their work. To have forced them to leave the fields just at a time when crops will be about ready for harvest, would have worked an unnecessary hardship upon them, and realizing this fact, members of the bar requested that the September court term be pretermitted.

The docket is rather light, and few, if any litigants will be discommodated or inconvenienced by the pretermittion of the term.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR PRIMARY TUESDAY

CONTEST INCITES LITTLE INTEREST AND SMALL VOTE EXPECTED.

Members of the Lowndes County Democratic Executive Committee have completed arrangements for the primary which is to be held Tuesday to nominate supreme court judges and congressmen, and clerks and managers appointed for the various polling places have been furnished tickets and other necessary supplies.

There are to be nominated in this county one congressman and one supreme court judge. For the former office there are two candidates, Hon. E. S. Candler, of Corinth, the incumbent, and Hon. J. E. Rankin, of Tupelo, while for the latter there are three aspirants, Hon. E. O. Sykes, of Aberdeen, who is now on the bench, Hon. J. G. McGowan, of Water Valley, and Hon. R. H. Knox, of Houston.

While Mr. Candler has made no canvass it is generally believed he will be nominated, as the fact that he has remained at his post in Washington demonstrates his loyalty to his constituents and shows that he is worthy of their support.

Will Give Another Minstrel.

The Merry, Merry Minstrels, under the auspices of the Choctaw Club, will be given at Lake Park next Thursday night under the direction of Mr. Paul Zwingle, and there will be some new songs, new quartettes, new dances and new jokes. The minstrel was seen recently at Lake Park and is said to have been the best show of its kind ever given by local talent.

The young men who are in the show went to West Point Friday evening and gave the minstrel in the city hall under the auspices of the Shuquantahie Club, and the citizens of that place who saw the show highly enjoyed same.

is deserving of a more dignified name than office girl, but such she has been called.

Flour is selling in the New York markets at 5 to \$10 a barrel, an advance of seventy to 80 cents, as a result of the increased price of wheat. The average price of flour for domestic use is now \$8 per barrel.

A golden, silver and first wedding anniversary recently was celebrated at Liberty, Ill. The former Miss Marie Bauer and Henry Whitwell were married a year, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Flick, fifty years, and her parents observed their silver anniversary.