

E. S. CANDLER WINS OUT IN CLOSE RACE

PRESENT CONGRESSMAN DEFEATS J. E. RANKIN BY SMALL MAJORITY.

SYKES LEADS IN JUDGESHIP RACE

Has Plurality of Between One and Two Thousand—Run-off will be Necessary.

Complete unofficial returns from the Democratic primary held Tuesday to nominate congressmen and supreme court judges show that in the congressional race Hon. E. S. Candler defeated his opponent, Hon. J. E. Rankin, by a safe majority, while Hon. E. O. Sykes led in the race for supreme court justice, with Hon. R. H. Knox second and Hon. J. G. McGowen third. Judge Sykes has a lead of from one to two thousand votes over Mr. Knox, and a second contest will be necessary to determine the final result.

Last night returns from all but nine of the thirty-one counties in the district gave the results of the race for justice of the supreme court to be as follows: Sykes, 9,967; Knox, 7,551; McGowen, 3,561.

Mr. Candler is the present representative of the First Congressional district and Judge Sykes now represents the Third district on the supreme court bench. Both these districts include Lowndes county.

In this county Mr. Candler and Judge Sykes are the favorites, the former having received 504 votes out of a total of 772, while the latter had a plurality of 197 votes over his two opponents.

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal estimates Mr. Candler's vote at 5,417 and that of Mr. Rankin at 4,188, giving the former a majority of 1,229.

The contest incited but little interest, the vote not only in Lowndes county but throughout the state having been not more than 50 per cent of normal.

The unofficial results in Lowndes county follows:

Columbus, Northside—Candler 187, Rankin 26; Sykes 126, McGowen 16, Knox 38.

Columbus, Southside—Candler 182, Rankin 21; Sykes 152, McGowen 16, Knox 38.

Caledonia—Candler 109, Rankin 43; Sykes 61; McGowen 85; Knox 3.

Steeles—Candler 17, Rankin 15; Sykes 26, McGowen 3, Knox 3.

Mt. Vernon—Candler 24, Sykes 23, McGowen 1, Knox 2.

Old Zion—Candler 12, Rankin 0; Sykes 5, McGowen 7, Knox 0.

Crawford—Candler 35; Rankin 9; Sykes 16; McGowen 1, Knox 25.

Artesia—Candler 32, Rankin 10; Sykes 29, McGowen 3, Knox 10.

Trinity—No election.

Thomas' Store—Candler 24, Rankin 6; Sykes 30.

Mayhew—Candler 16, Rankin 2; Sykes 15, McGowen 0, Knox 3.

The following officiated as judges and clerks at the two boxes in Columbus: North—side: Mr. Carroll Hackleman and Mr. J. T. Clardy, clerks; Mr. J. M. Morgan and Mr. W. H. Duncan, judges. South side: Mr. John J. Richards and Mr. H. H. Gunter, clerks; Mr. Homer Kilpatrick and Mr. George Curtis, judges.

In the fourth district returns show a good lead for the present incumbent, Congressman T. U. Sisson, over his two opponents, W. C. Ward of Montgomery county and C. E. Franklin of Pontotoc without a run-off. Later returns may make a run-off necessary, however, with Ward probably being eliminated.

J. W. Collier's renomination in the eighth district over J. W. Howie seems assured. Collier carried his own county, Warren, by almost 1,500 votes, which gave him such a lead that despite the loyal support given the Hinds county man Collier is no doubt returned the winner.

In the Seventh Congressional district Percy E. Quin of Pike is conceded nominated over Robert N. Miller of Copiah county.

Representatives Stephens in the Second, Humphreys in the Third, Venable in the Fifth and Harrison in the Sixth districts have no opposition and have already been declared the nominees by their respective district committees.

Addresses Boy Scouts.

Rev. W. S. Slack, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, last Sunday went to Waverly, ten miles above Columbus on the Tombigbee river, and delivered a sermon to members of the Columbus Troop of Boy Scouts, who are in camp there.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO SELECT ROUTE

HIGHWAY BOOSTERS MEET AT VERNON TO DISCUSS MOOTED POINT.

TALKS SERVE TO RESTORE HARMONY

Members of Board of Revenue Agree to Abide by Committee's Decision.

A meeting of vital importance to the Jackson Highway was held at Vernon, Ala., Monday, its purpose having been to settle a dispute among citizens of Lamar county, of which Vernon is the county seat, regarding the route of the proposed thoroughfare through that county.

The meeting was presided over by Hon. J. T. Millner, of Vernon, and was largely attended, it being estimated that there were fully 750 people present. Hon. R. T. Simpson, of Florence, Ala., president of the Jackson Military Highway Association, was the principal speaker, and addresses were also delivered by Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., local member of the executive committee; J. G. Weatherly, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Hon. W. P. Stribling, senator from Lowndes county; Judge Richard Bradley, a prominent Lamar county politician, Hon. Walter Neesmith, a well known attorney of Vernon, and others.

At the suggestion of Mr. Weatherly it was agreed to appoint a committee to go over the two proposed routes and decide as to which one is the most feasible. Members of this committee are to be men who do not reside on either one of the proposed routes and whose decision therefore will be unbiased and unprejudiced. All of the members of the board of revenue of Lamar county were present and each of them agreed to abide by the decision of the committee. Mr. Millner, who presided over the meeting.

The meeting was characterized by perfect harmony, and the people of Lamar county seemed to be entirely willing to lay aside personal desires and ambitions in order to bring about results which will be for the public good and which will result in the speedy construction of the highway. Columbians in attendance take a very optimistic view of the situation, and believe that a route acceptable to all will be speedily agreed upon and that construction of the highway through Lamar county will be resumed at an early date.

CITY COUNCIL DECIDES TO EXTEND RAILWAY FRANCHISE

MEMPHIS, COLUMBUS AND PENSACOLA GIVEN ONE YEAR LONGER.

At a special meeting held Wednesday afternoon the local municipal council decided to extend for a period of one year the franchise of the Memphis, Columbus and Pensacola railroad. The franchise, which was originally granted several years ago, was about to expire, and its extension was requested by Mr. G. T. Heard, president of the company.

There was some opposition to granting the proposed extension, and petitions asking the council to deny the request were circulated. They were not liberally signed, however, and the municipal solons, upon motion of Councilman Harris, voted to extend the franchise as requested.

Five of the six members of the board were present, and only one vote was recorded against the extension of the franchise.

Name Committee to Solicit Funds.
A local committee consisting of Messdames J. W. Lawley, M. E. Patterson, H. J. Brewster, Annie Brooks and John R. Laws has been appointed to solicit donations to the fund which the Anti-Saloon League is raising to prevent a referendum vote on the law limiting shipments of liquor to persons residing within the borders of the state.

Mr. Hollis Imes' many friends congratulate him upon being named as correspondent for the Commercial-Appeal at the University of Mississippi the coming session.

SWELTERING SOLDIERS TAKE COOL DIP IN TEXAS



Photo by American Press Association. Members of the Seventy-first New York Infantry in Texas refreshing themselves in a stream near their camp.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

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

The war bill of France at the end of July was 39,000,000,000 francs, according to figures available in Paris. The miscellaneous expenses of the government were 10,000,000,000 francs. The average cost of the war the figures show is now 1,987,000,000 francs monthly.

Formal notification of President Wilson of his nomination will take place September 2. The day was definitely selected Tuesday. Arrangements were made for the President to go to Long Beach, N. J., for the ceremony. The President already has completed his speech of acceptance. The notification speech will be made by Senator James.

Dr. Abraham Zingher, of the Willard Parker Hospital, New York, on Tuesday advised the injection from parents of a fatal blood serum into their children to render them immune from infantile paralysis on the theory that something in the blood of an adult prevents this disease. Dr. Zingher said the serum can be administered by any reputable family physician and if parents are normally healthy the treatment is entirely harmless and is worth trying.

A lively fight is in prospect when the House today takes up the conference report on the naval appropriation bill carry approximately \$815,800,000. The principle contests ahead are over the Senate building and personnel increases. These provide for construction of 157 ships in a three-year program, including four battleships and four cruisers in 1917 and an enlisted strength of 74,000.

The Italian dreadnaught Leonardo da Vinci caught fire and blew up in the harbor of Taranto, Italy, and 300 of her crew were drowned, says a Turin dispatch. The date of the dispatch is given only as a day in August. Her displacement was 22,000 tons and she carried 957 men. Several thousand strong and sturdy young Americans will embark today on a fleet of Uncle Sam's warships, preparatory to spending four weeks in learning the fundamentals of naval science and thereby fitting themselves for service in the event of war. Officials of the Navy Department believe the importance of these cruises cannot be overestimated.

City Now Owns Lee Home.

The Stephen D. Lee home on North Seventh street, which was recently purchased for a high school building, is now in the hands of the city, local municipal officials having taken charge yesterday. The deal for the property has been executed by Mr. Blewett Lee, of Chicago, executor of the estate, and is now on record in the chancery clerk's office. There is some doubt about the validity of the title, and Mr. Lee has executed a bond of \$25,000 to protect the city from possible litigation.

Checks Mailed to Creditors.

The affairs of Moss Brothers, bankrupts, have been finally adjudicated and it has been found that the firm will pay 17.3 per cent of their liabilities. Hon. I. E. White, trustee in bankruptcy, has mailed checks to creditors for amounts due them according to their prorations.

Negro Normal to Close.

The summer normal for negro teachers, which has been in progress at Union Academy since July 17, will close today. The normal was originally planned to last six weeks, but the prescribed work has been finished and the session will therefore close.

THE SALE OF "CREAM TOP" IN MISSISSIPPI IS ILLEGAL

MERCHANTS CAN NOT SELL BEVERAGE WITHOUT PAYING SPECIAL LICENSE.

Police are making war against local merchants who have been selling "Cream Top," a foaming beverage which, according to the officers, can not be legally sold without the payment of a special license of \$750 per annum. It seems that there is a state law imposing a tax of \$500 upon dispensers of the liquid, and as municipalities are entitled to collect an additional amount equal to 50 per cent of the state, city officials declare that all merchants handling "Cream Top" must come across with \$750. Profits on the concoction will hardly warrant the merchants in paying this sum, and they will probably discontinue its sale.

RUSSIANS MAKE IMPORTANT CAPTURE IN CARPATHIANS

ITALIANS CONTINUE TO VIGOROUSLY PRESS OFFENSIVE ON CARSO PLATEAU

London, Aug. 16.—The Russians have captured Jablonitz, one of the principal gateways from Galicia to the Hungarian plains, and Petrograd reports that their offensive in this direction is continuing. This is the first news of an advance by the Russian southern army since the conquest of the Austrians crownland of Bukovina was completed.

Further to the north the Russians are completing their drive against the Austrians with unimpeded success. Their troops are pouring across the Zlota Lipa at several points in spite of desperate resistance on the part of Teutonic forces. Fierce fighting is being waged along the entire line south of Brody and General Brussiloff apparently is making a supreme effort to cut off the army of Gen. von Bothmer and force its surrender.

As far as other theatres of war are concerned, main interest centers in the Italian operations, no important action having been reported on either the British or French fronts. The Italians are vigorously pressing their advance on the Carso plateau and Rome reports the capture of several sections of Austrian trenches and the taking of 1600 Austrian prisoners. Vienna does not admit of any advance for Gen. Corderova's army, but in their official statement reports several repulses for the Italians with sanguinary losses.

The Turks are still claiming successes over the Russians in the Caucasus, and claim to have made a big advance beyond Mush.

WILL GIVE GOOD SHOW AT LAKE PARK TONIGHT.

"Fun in a Cabaret" said to be one of the best shows ever given by local talent, will be the attraction at Lake Park this evening at 8:30 o'clock. The play is to be presented by the Choctaw Club under the direction of Mr. Paul Zwingle.

The Choctaws presented the "Merry, Merry Minstrels" at Lake Park about two weeks ago, and the hundreds of people who witnessed the show were highly pleased.

"Fun in a Cabaret" will be different from the minstrels recently given, and there will be new songs, new jokes, new quartettes. The price of admission has been reduced to 25 cents.

Mr. Edward Mullen, of Meridian, spent Sunday in the city with friends and relatives.

ELABORATE NAVAL PROGRAM IS ADOPTED BY CONGRESS

MEASURE CALLING FOR IMMENSE EXPENDITURE IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Congress virtually completed the national defense program tonight by finally approving the great increases in navy construction and personnel written into the naval bill and urgently supported by the administration.

The House accepted the building programme, to which its conferees on the measure had refused to agree by a vote of 283 to 51, with seven of the members present not voting. The personnel increases, on which there was also a disagreement in conference, were approved with a record vote.

The personnel and construction sections, which already have the approval of the Senate, authorize an increase in enlisted men to 74,700 and the building of 157 war vessels within the next three years, with four battle cruisers and four battle ships included among the ships for 1917. Previously the House had refused to adopt a continuing building programme, and had authorized only five capital ships, all of them battle cruisers, and had provided for a personnel of only 65,000.

On several less important sections including appropriation for appointment of navy yards, the House insisted on its disagreement to Senate increases and voted to send the bill back to conference for settlement of these points. An early agreement is expected however, and the measure may be sent to the President for his signature within a week.

Secretary Daniels issued a statement pointing out that the building authorizations in the bill were the greatest ever passed in any country and would give the United States, in the opinion of naval authorities, the second largest navy in the world. He declared the measure "so complete and nearly perfect that it will stand as a model for all navy bills for future legislators."

Old Men's Home.

Several months ago a body of citizens of Jackson met for the purpose of forming an Old Man's Home Association. The organization was effected, a charter secured and an agent put in the field for the soliciting of subscriptions for the purchase of a building site and the erection of a comfortable home for the institution.

It is the desire of the Old Man's Home Association to erect in our state a home for the homeless old men. They are going about the work in a businesslike way. The board of directors is a body of experienced men in business of executive undertakings. This gives assurance to all who may invest some of their means in this good work that they shall hold the trust sacred and shall seek to make every dollar 100 per cent effective in work which they seek to do. They ask the help of the good people of our state in carrying out the plans of this organization.

Four Killed in Auto Accident.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 16.—Herbert Harris and Charles Sanders, of Jackson, and H. C. Thompson, of Columbus, Miss., and Tom Evans, of Rome, Ga., were killed, and P. B. Hargroves, of Birmingham, was seriously injured at 10:30 Tuesday night when their auto went "dead" at an Illinois Central crossing in this city. All are well known traveling men. Harris and Sanders leave families here.

Messrs. S. W. Harvey and J. E. Hurt, Mrs. W. N. Hurt and Mrs. M. C. Harvey, of Meridian, motored to Columbus yesterday, and are spending several days here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hurt.

MRS. EMMA DOWDLE KILLED BY TRAIN

MEETS ALMOST INSTANT DEATH AS RESULT OF COLLISION.

HUSBAND IS ALSO PAINFULLY HURT

Their Three Children Had Just Left Vehicle, Probably Escaping Death.

Mrs. Emma Dowdle, 35, was almost instantly killed, and her husband, K. Howard Dowdle, was painfully bruised on the forehead, in a horrible accident which occurred at Beersheba crossing on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad about eight miles east of Columbus at 10:20 o'clock Sunday morning, when a buggy in which they were riding was struck by passenger train No. 106, due here at 10:30.

The railroad crossing where the accident occurred is on a high grading and only a short distance from a curve, and neither Mr. Dowdle or his wife knew that the train was approaching. Mrs. Dowdle realizing that her life was in danger, leaped from the buggy and fell beneath the engine. Both of her legs were severed and practically every bone in her body was crushed. Her husband remained in the carriage, which was thrown off the track. Besides several bruises, he received two cut places on his face.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowdle were en route to Beersheba church to attend services, and upon leaving home took with them their three children, one son, Leighton, and two daughters, Lorraine and Laverne. Before reaching the railroad a friend in an automobile passed and at his request took the children on to Sunday school in his machine, and but for this there is but little doubt but what the entire Dowdle family would have been killed.

The remains of Mrs. Dowdle were brought to this city and prepared for burial, having been later carried to Beersheba cemetery where the funeral took place.

Mrs. Dowdle who resides at the home of Mr. W. L. Ellis, nine miles east of Columbus, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Greer, who live in Alabama, a short distance from the state line.

Mr. Westley Jernigan, of Caledonia, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION BEGINS MEETING SATURDAY

ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT NEW SALEM THIS YEAR.

The Lowndes County Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention at New Salem, in the northern section of the county, Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20.

The meeting will be presided over by Mr. J. A. Goree, president of the organization, and a splendid program has been prepared, prominent among the speakers being Rev. W. Fred Long, of Jackson, secretary of the Mississippi Sunday School Association, and Hon. V. B. Imes, business manager of the Columbus Dispatch.

Make Trip on Jackson Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Felts and four children, of Russellville, Ky., are spending the week in Columbus the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Tribble, at 2015 College street. Mr. Felts and his family came to this city in their car over the Jackson Military Highway, and they report a very delightful trip.

Pres. Whitfield Returns.

Hon. H. L. Whitfield, president of the Industrial Institute and College, and Mrs. Whitfield, who have been spending the past few months at Asheville, N. C., have returned to Columbus. As already announced, the institution over which Mr. Whitfield presides, will open September 19, and he has returned in order to make preparations for the new season.

Misses Susie Will and Leon Gunter are spending ten days with friends at the Revira in Biloxi.

STRIKE PROBLEM STILL UNSOLVED

CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE FAILS TO RESULT IN SETTLEMENT.

SOME PROGRESS IS MADE HOWEVER

Magnates May Concede Eight-Hour Day, which will Greatly Simplify Matters.

Washington, August 16.—President Wilson's efforts to bring the railroad managers and the brotherhood leaders together in some form of settlement of the differences which threaten a nation-wide strike has, after two days' conferences, progressed only to the point where a groundwork for further negotiations has been laid.

Hope of arbitration of all issues waned yesterday but the situation was brightened by the possibility of a settlement being reached by the railroads conceding the principle of the eight-hour day and both sides settling collateral issues by some form of negotiation as yet undetermined.

After communicating with President Wilson the employees' sub-committee sent word to New York for the 640 members of the general assembly to come to Washington in order to facilitate negotiations. They are expected here Thursday and will probably see the President Friday. The managers committee will also confer with him again.

Two official statements issued from the White House during the day merely stated that the discussions still were in progress and that no report could be made on results.

The first statement, issued by Secretary Taft, after the President had met the railroad managers during the forenoon, follows: "The President spent an hour and a half this morning with the representatives of the railway management. After the conference he said it was impossible as yet to report on the results, all that he could say was that a very candid and honest discussion was in progress about a practical basis of settlement."

Later in the day, after the President's meeting with the representatives of the men, he made this statement:

"There is no change. There is a earnest effort being made to work out a settlement."

When it became clear that arbitration of the entire problem probably never would be agreed to, but the railroads might concede the principle of the eight-hour day and dispose of other issues by some form of negotiation, the President directed his energies to obtaining expressions from both sides on how negotiations could be carried on. Direct conferences and inquiry by an investigating committee were suggested and the President indicated his willingness to appoint such a commission himself.

It was understood that the employees' representatives offered no suggestions on this feature of the situation. The railroads were reported to be ready to concede the principle of the eight-hour day on condition that all collateral issues be thoroughly investigated by the interstate commerce commission or some other body.

Chandler Carried to Penitentiary.

Lowery Chandler, a member of a prominent family residing near Crawford, who several years ago was given a life sentence in the penitentiary for the murder of a negro woman and who was later granted a parole by Gov. Brewer, was taken back to prison Tuesday having left here in charge of Traveling Sergeant Duval.

Chandler broke his parole by becoming involved in a difficulty at Crawford about two weeks ago and resisting a local officer who attempted to place him under arrest. He was captured by officers sent out from Columbus, and remained in jail here until sent back to prison.

Large Crowd at Dance.

The largest crowd that has attended an all fresco entertainment here this season was present at a dance given at Lake Park Tuesday night. Music was furnished by an orchestra from Greenwood, and there were more than 100 couples on the floor.

Mr. J. C. McGuire, of Yazoo City, representing E. C. Palmer & Company, Ltd., of New Orleans, was in the city on business yesterday.