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## WEATHERLY QUILTS THE CIVIC CHAMBER

RELINQUISHES HIS POSITION AS SECRETARY OF LOCAL BODY.

NO SUCCESSOR AS YET ELECTED

Work of Organization Will Not Be Hampered, but will Proceed as Usual.

After having efficiently served the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and Lowndes county as secretary and manager for a period covering several months, Mr. J. G. Weatherly has tendered his resignation, and as he was forced to immediately relinquish his duties the directors have not as yet had time to secure an executive to succeed him. They are determined, however, not to act hastily as they desire a thoroughly efficient and competent man, and until such a man can be secured the place will remain vacant. In the meantime, Miss Ella Mae Jordan, who has been in the employ of the Civic Chamber for nearly a year, will keep the office open, and the directors will see that the business is properly conducted. They will give all correspondence their prompt attention and no letters will remain unanswered.

The annual election of officers for the ensuing year will be held Tuesday, September 26, and in naming these officers the referendum plan will be adhered to. This plan contemplates the nomination of three candidates for each office to be filled, and after nominations have been turned in the members vote on same, and the candidates receiving the largest number of votes are declared elected.

While hard times have beset the Civic Chamber from the closing of Columbus any factories, or industrial enterprises of great magnitude, the organization has by no means been idle, and during the past few months a great deal of efficient work has been quietly accomplished. Now that the fall season is approaching, however, the directors anticipate more activity along industrial lines, and will put forth every effort to keep Columbus before the public and to add to its prosperity and progress in every conceivable way. With this end in view a thoroughly competent and experienced man will be employed as secretary-manager, and with such a man in charge of its affairs the organization will be in a better position than ever before to work for the upbuilding of Columbus and the contiguous territory.

## Z. A. BRANTLEY, STATE GAME WARDEN, MAKES SPEECH HERE

EXPLAINS GAME AND FISH LAWS OF MISSISSIPPI TO LOCAL CITIZENS.

Hon. Z. A. Brantley, state game and fish commissioner, delivered an address at the court house here Friday night. The object of the address was to acquaint local citizens with the game and fish laws of Mississippi as enacted by the legislature at its recent session, and the commissioner explained these laws thoroughly and cogently, having made them so plain that a child could easily understand their full meaning.

Within the borders of Lowndes county there are a great many sportsmen who devote considerable time to hunting and fishing, and as they are all law-abiding citizens they were glad to have the game and fish laws thoroughly explained, so that they can refrain from breaking them.

## Myrick-Latham.

A quiet wedding that came as a surprise to their many friends was solemnized at 7:30 o'clock last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Myrick, on South Seventh Street, when Miss Lura Latham and Mr. Harvey J. Myrick were married. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. R. B. Eggleston, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The bride is the pretty and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Latham. The groom, who is well known in the city, holds a responsible position with the Columbus Marble Works. The Commercial joins the many friends of this happy couple in wishing for them a long and happy married life.

## RECORD-BREAKING SESSION CLOSES

CONGRESS REACHES FINAL ADJOURNMENT AFTER A LONG MEETING.

MANY SALUTARY LAWS ENACTED

More Than 17,000 Bills Were Introduced, and Over 250 Became Laws.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Congress adjourned sine die Friday morning at 10 o'clock, concluding a nine months' session, breaking the record in many respects with appropriations and authorizations for the future running well toward the two billion dollar mark.

During the session 17,800 bills and 642 resolutions were introduced into the House of Representatives. Of these 250 became laws and 33 public resolutions were approved, in addition to 150 private bills and resolutions.

The way for adjournment of Congress was made clear by the Senate shortly before 1 o'clock Friday morning when the emergency revenue measure was reported from conference and adopted by the Senate.

Important bills passed by the sixty-fourth Congress since last December include Preparedness, Rural Credits; Philippines; Child Labor; Vocational Training; Workingmen's Compensation; Shipping; Good Roads; Emergency Revenue; River and Harbors.

Other important acts of Congress

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Mr. M. M. Keith, of Carthage, is spending the week-end here with his family. Mr. Keith, who formerly resided in this city, is now editor of the Carthaginian, at Carthage, and has numerous friends here.

## HENRY FORD SUES TRIBUNE FOR \$1,000,000 DAMAGES

AUTOMOBILE MAKER CLAIMS THAT EDITORIAL BROUGHT DISGRACE.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Suit for \$1,000,000 was filed by Henry Ford, the Detroit manufacturer, against the Chicago Tribune in the United States district court here Thursday. Mr. Ford asks for personal damages as compensation for an editorial printed in the Tribune June 23, which it is charged, called Ford "an anarchist."

The bill charges "that the Tribune sought to bring the plaintiff into public hatred, contempt, ridicule and financial injury" by publishing the editorial.

The editorial, it is charged, referred to Mr. Ford as "ignorant; a dejected human being," and "an anarchistic enemy to the nation which protects him in his wealth."

The editorial was based on the report that Mr. Ford's employees would lose their places if they went to the border as members of the National Guard. The bill quotes the editorial as saying: "Ford is an anarchist." "Inquiry at the Henry Ford offices in Detroit discloses the fact that employees of Ford who are members of or recruits in the National Guard will lose their places. No provision will be made for anyone dependent upon them. Their wages will stop, their families may get along in any fashion possible, their positions will be filled and if they come back safely and apply for their jobs again they will be on the same footing as any other applicants. This is the rule of the Ford employees everywhere."

"Information was refused as to the number of American soldiers unfortunate enough to have Henry Ford as an employer at this time, but at the Detroit recruiting office it was said that about 75 men will pay their price for their services to their country."

The editorial continues: "Mr. Ford thus proves that he does not believe in service to the nation in the fashion a soldier must serve it. If his factory were on the southern and not the northern border we presume he would feel the same way. We do not know precisely what he would do if a Villa band decided that the Ford strong box were worth opening and that it would be pleasant to see the Ford factories burn."

## THE END OF THE TRAIL.



—Bronstrup in San Francisco Chronicle.

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST

GATHERED HERE AND THERE

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

Casualty lists for the first two weeks of August show that the British army suffered 1,702 wounded and 204 missing, total of 2,506. This brings up the losses since the beginning of the war to 38,922 officers, of whom 11,442 have been killed or died from wounds, 24,680 wounded and 2,800 are missing. In the fortnight six lieutenant-colonels were killed.

The Senate on Thursday passed the resolution providing for the transfer of the government exhibit at San Diego to Gulfport for the Mississippi Centennial celebration next year. It had already passed the House. The resolution carries a \$75,000 appropriation for the transfer.

Japan will not inform the United States of her new demands on China unless information is specifically requested. Japanese officials at Washington say that it is their belief that American rights were neither violated nor concerned and that Japan was under no more obligation to discuss the negotiations with this government than the United States was under obligation to discuss the Mexican situation with Japan. It was intimated, however, that information would be forthcoming if requested at Tokyo.

The Prohibition party's special train which will carry J. Frank Hanly, of Indiana, candidate for president, and Ira Landrith, of Tennessee, candidate for vice-president, and other party leaders on a two months' coast to coast speaking campaign of the country, left Chicago Friday morning at 7:50 o'clock. The slogan of the campaign is: "One million votes for prohibition." The special train will travel 9,000 miles and make nearly 1,000 stops before the trip ends at Indianapolis in November. One month will be spent in a trip to the Pacific coast and another month in a tour through the eastern states.

The general deficiency bill, carrying \$15,000,000, including \$3,000,000 for paying Nicaragua under the new treaty for an inter-oceanic canal route and coaling base, was approved by the Senate and the House the past week.

Mr. R. E. Leigh, who for the past two weeks has been in New York and other eastern cities, returned to Columbus Friday evening. While away Mr. Leigh purchased a complete stock of fall and winter stock for "The Woman's Store."

It is evident that it is possible for millionaires just south of the Canadian border to be indifferent to what happens just north of the Mexican border.

"If Ford allows this rule of his shops to stand he will reveal himself not as merely an ignorant idealist, but as an anarchistic enemy of the nation which protects him in his wealth."

## CITY AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY VISITED BY RAIN

SHOWERS SERVE TO PURIFY ATMOSPHERE AND HELP FALL GARDENS.

Columbus and the contiguous territory were visited by a hard rain Friday afternoon, and it was the first shower of any consequence that had visited this section in several weeks. It not only brought a respite from the intense heat, but helped fall gardens and benefitted to a limited extent cotton, corn and other agricultural products.

Cotton and corn, however, are in such bad shape that the plants are in most instances beyond resuscitation. The flood which visited this section in July washed up thousands of plants, and in addition to damage from this source cotton has suffered materially from boll weevil ravages. The insects are scattered practically throughout the entire county, and the damage to the crop resulting from their ravages and from the flood is estimated at between 60 and 75 per cent.

Baptists Hold Convention. The annual meeting of the Columbus Baptist Association was held Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Macon and was largely attended. Strong Station was named as the place of meeting in 1917. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: B. L. Owen, of Columbus, moderator; Mr. I. L. Dorrah, of Macon, clerk.

Out of the twenty-six churches in the association, ninety-nine baptisms during the year were reported, six of this number having been from the Second Baptist church of this city, of which Rev. W. I. Allen, is pastor.

DR. VON EZDORF, MALARIAL EXPERT, DIES SUDDENLY

New Orleans, Sept. 9.—Word has been received here of the sad death late Friday at Lincoln, N. C., of Dr. Rudolph H. Von Ezdorf, surgeon in charge of the United States marine hospital here and for the past eight years in the government health service.

Dr. Von Ezdorf went to North Carolina a few weeks ago to supervise mosquito survey work in that state. During the past six months he has supervised malarial fever investigations and mosquito survey work in the states of Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Virginia, North Carolina and Missouri.

He was born in Pennsylvania 43 years ago. He leaves a widow and a daughter, the Countess Olga, of Austria.

Mr. W. C. Beard has returned from eastern markets, where he purchased a stock for the firm of W. C. Beard, Inc. Mrs. W. C. Beard, who has been visiting her daughter at Atlanta, Ala., has also returned to the city.

## DR. KINCANNON DEFENDANT IN A \$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT

FORMER PRESIDENT OF INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE AND COLLEGE IS SUED.

The Memphis News-Scimitar of Thursday publishes an article stating that suit has been filed in the circuit court of Shelby county, Tenn., against Dr. A. A. Kincannon, superintendent of the public schools of Memphis, and J. C. Kincannon, by Melvin Rice, former assistant secretary of the city board of education, in which he asks damages in the sum of \$10,000 for alleged false imprisonment and intimidation.

Dr. Kincannon was for many years president of the Industrial Institute and College in this city, and his friends here believe that he possesses too much honor and manhood to indulge in such conduct as is charged by Rice. The story appearing in the News-Scimitar follows:

"Claiming that he was held a prisoner in his own office under dire threats" from Prof. A. A. Kincannon, superintendent of the city schools, and J. C. Kincannon, Jr., Melvin Rice, former assistant secretary to the city board of education, Thursday filed suit in the circuit court asking for \$10,000 damages against the defendants.

"According to the declaration filed by Rice, Prof. A. A. Kincannon and J. C. Kincannon, Jr., on Aug. 18, 1916, went to his office, entered the game in a mandatory, menacing manner, closed the door in a hasty, abrupt way and commanded the plaintiff to sit down in a chair designated by the defendants." "They then surrounded Rice," so the bill reads, "unlawfully and willfully arrested and imprisoned him in his own office and held him for half an hour, using abusive, vicious, insulting and threatening language, demanding that he (Rice) go and demand of A. M. Bowen that certain statements made by him and currently circulated for months in Memphis concerning A. A. Kincannon, be withheld from an ouster bill which it was believed was being drawn against Prof. Kincannon and members of the city board of education."

"The bill recites that the defendants said to Rice that he would have one hour to carry out these demands or 'dire punishment would be meted out to him.'"

"Rice alleges in his bill that he had reason to believe that both the Kincannons were armed and that any statements Bowen might have made against Prof. Kincannon was an affair over which he had no personal control. S. L. Cockroft is attorney for Rice."

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Adams have returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Macon. Mr. Adams holds a position as clerk at J. C. Hackleman and Son.

Prof. J. T. Spann will leave tomorrow for the University of Mississippi, where he will teach the coming session.

## SYKES' ELECTION IS NOW CONCEDED

UNOFFICIAL COUNT GIVES ABERDEEN MAN MAJORITY OF 204 VOTES.

FINAL CANVASS OCCURS TUESDAY

State Democratic Executive Committee to Meet at Jackson For That Purpose.

While the official count will doubtless be necessary to definitely determine the result of the Democratic primary held last Tuesday to nominate a supreme court justice from this, the Third district, it is now pretty generally conceded that Judge E. O. Sykes of Aberdeen, the incumbent, defeated his opponent, Hon. R. H. Knox, of Houston, by a small majority.

Official returns which have been received by the secretary of state show that the majorities in every county claimed by Judge Sykes coincide with his figures, while there are many discrepancies in the figures upon which Mr. Knox predicates the contention that he has been nominated.

From official and semi-official returns, practically complete, Judge Sykes has won the nomination by a majority of 204 votes.

The State Democratic Executive Committee will meet in Jackson Tuesday to canvass the returns from the election, and Mr. Knox states that he will be on hand to witness the count. He has not given up all hope, but will doubtless abide by the decision of the committee.

Mr. Carroll Hackleman leaves today for Washington, New York, Chicago and St. Louis, where he goes to enjoy a ten days' vacation. While away Mr. Hackleman will purchase stock for the firm of J. C. Hackleman and Son.

## ENROLLMENT AT COLLEGE TO BE UNUSUALLY LARGE

ALL TEACHERS AND SOME STUDENTS WILL BE FORCED TO SEEK HOMES

The thirty-second annual session of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College will open on Tuesday, September 19, and the number of letters received from prospective students indicates a record-breaking attendance.

Applications for admission have been so numerous that all members of the faculty have been notified that they will not be permitted to occupy apartments in the dormitories. Heretofore a limited number of teachers have slept in the dormitories and take their meals at the college dining hall, but the demand for rooms on the part of prospective students has been so great this year that all the dormitory space is to be reserved for them, and instructors will be forced to secure accommodations in the numerous boarding houses which surround the campus.

Not only will members of the college faculty be compelled to seek boarding houses as places of domicile but it is likely that some of the students will also be forced to seek similar quarters. In allotting space in the dormitories preference will be given students who are residents of Mississippi, and those who come from other states will be required to secure lodgings in boarding houses.

Harris Goes to Little Rock. Mr. DeWitt Harris, who for several years past has been in the cotton business in this city representing the Farnsworth-Evans Company, has been given quite a promotion by being transferred to Little Rock, and left here Thursday for that city where he will make his future home. His family expects to remain in Columbus until November, when they will join him. Mr. Harris has hundreds of friends in this city and county who regret to have him leave, but who congratulate him upon his well deserved promotion.

Mr. Marvin Bell, of East Lowndes, was in the city Thursday on business.

Mr. Tom Tate, Jr., of Brooksville, spent Wednesday in the city.

## A STEADY DECLINE IN COTTON MARKET

LOSS OF \$7.50 PER BALE HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED DURING PAST WEEK

ESTIMATE SHOWS HEAVY GINNING

Total of 850,032 Bales Had Been Picked and Packed up to September 1.

A sharp reaction has followed the buoyancy which permeated the cotton market during the closing days of August, and the past week has witnessed comparatively steady decline in prices, the total loss having amounted to about 150 points, which is tantamount to something like \$7.50 per bale.

A bearish ginning report on Friday had the effect of helping along the downward trend in prices. It was generally known that ginnings had been rather heavy, and a report of something like 600,000 was anticipated, but the government figures showing that 850,032 bales had been ginned prior to September 1 was so bearish in its nature that heavy selling immediately followed and the market took another slump.

A report that the cotton exchange in Liverpool may soon close its doors has been another potent factor in weakening the market. There is general belief in England that present prices are entirely too high, and it is contended that these prices have resulted largely from the activities on the part of the English speculators, who have been insistent in their demands for cotton and who for several weeks have kept the market firm by continued purchases of the staple.

Yesterday's session brought another mark, the total loss on the day having been between 15 and 20 points. At the close of business yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 14.98, December futures in New York at 15.15, New Orleans spots at 14.88 and December futures in New Orleans 14.93. In the local market good middling was quoted at 14.50.

Justice of the Peace R. M. Nickles leaves today for Minter City where he goes to spend several days with his son, Mr. Clinton Nickles.

Mr. Winfield Hancock, of Ethelville, Ala., spent Friday in the city the guest of Mr. Edward Chapman.

Mr. R. R. Barrentine, of Caladonia, visited the city Thursday.

## WALTER SCOTT, MEMBER OF MEMPHIS CREW, IS SAFE

WAS RESCUED BY CRUISER SOLACE, NOW IS AT SANTO DOMINGO CITY.

Mr. E. C. Scott, a prominent local merchant, whose son, Walter Scott, was on the cruiser Memphis, which went against the rocks at Santo Domingo two weeks ago and who, it was feared, had perished, yesterday received from the young man a letter in which he stated that he was safe and well.

Mr. Scott, together with other sailors, was rescued by the cruiser Solace, and now is at Santo Domingo City. He states in his letter that he narrowly escaped death and there was much suffering among sailors on board the ill-fated Memphis, some of whom almost became insane from fear and exhaustion.

## New Princess Completed.

The New Princess Theatre, which is now one of the handsomest picture theatres in the state has been completed, the work having been done by the well known contractor, D. S. McClanahan. Though not yet certain as to the date, Manager E. L. Kuykendall stated on yesterday that the new play-house would probably be opened on next Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon.

The New Princess has not only been made much larger, but has been beautifully decorated and every convenience made.

The Princess orchestra will again be enlarged this week. Mr. Antonia Butera, who plays the base violin, and who has been off during the past month will return.