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## FINE PROGRAM FOR VETERANS' MEETING

PATRIOTS WILL BE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED DURING STAY IN CITY.

## GREAT PAGEANT TO BE A FEATURE

Principal Address Will Be Delivered By Former Senator Frank S. White.

The program for the annual reunion of the Mississippi Division, United Confederate Veterans, and of the Sons of Confederate Veterans of the state, which is to be held in this city November 1, 2 and 3, is complete, and provides not only rare mental pabulum, but brilliant pageantry to delight the eyes of those who attend. The principal address of the occasion will be delivered by former United States Senator Frank S. White, of Birmingham, Ala., who is a native of Mississippi, while among other prominent speakers will be Gen. C. B. Vance, commander of the veterans; Dr. D. B. Waddell, chaplain general, and Mrs. Daisy McLaurin Stevens, formerly president-general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

One of the features of the reunion will be a magnificent pageant, which will be given Friday, Nov. 3, and which will be participated in not only by students of the Industrial Institute and College and the local public schools, but by the full cadet corps of the A. & M. College at Starkville. The splendid band of the A. & M. College will furnish music not only for the parade, but during the entire time that the reunion is in progress. The official program follows:

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 10 a. m.—Calling convention to order by Col. J. W. A. Webb, adjutant-general, Mississippi Division, U. C. V.; invocation by Dr. D. B. Waddell, chaplain-general, Mississippi Division, U. C. V.; music; Address of Welcome on behalf of the city of Columbus, Hon. W. C. Gunter, mayor; Address of Welcome on behalf of Isham Harrison Camp, No. 27, U. C. V., Hon. Jas. T. Harrison, commander; Address of Welcome on behalf of Columbus Camp, S. C. V., Hon. Jno. F. Frierson; Response on behalf of veterans, Gen. W. A. Montgomery, Edwards, Miss.; music; Response on behalf of Sons, Gen. N. B. Forrest, Biloxi, Miss.; music; Adj.-Gen. Jno. A. Webb turns the convention over to Gen. Calvin V. Vance, commander of the division; Response by Gen. Vance; appointment of committees on credentials and resolutions. Ad (Continued on Page 4)

## D. D. RICHARDS IS TEMPORARY SECRETARY OF CIVIC CHAMBER

FORMER CHANCERY CLERK OF LOWNDES COUNTY IS IN CHARGE OF OFFICE.

Mr. D. D. Richards has been named as temporary secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and Lowndes County and is now in charge of the office. The Civic Chamber has been without a secretary since Mr. J. G. Weatherly tendered his resignation more than a month ago, and when Miss Ella May Jordan, the assistant secretary, tendered her resignation a few days since in order to accept a more lucrative position it became necessary to place some one in charge of the office, and the director decided upon Mr. Richards as the best man available.

Mr. Richards served for eight years as chancery clerk of Lowndes county, and since that time has had valuable experience in other activities, having rendered efficient service in the recent appraisal of the physical assets of the Southern and Mobile and Ohio railroads. He possesses not only experience but good business judgment, and the directors have displayed wisdom in placing him in charge of the affairs of the organization.

Mr. Wiley Dixon, a prominent railroad man, has been assigned to delta run, and the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon regret to see them leave Columbus. They will make Greenwood, their home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Paesler are enjoying a visit to Niagara Falls.

## TWO ASSAULTS BY NEGRO HIGHWAYMAN

UNIDENTIFIED MARAUDER MAKES ATTACKS ON WHITE MEN.

## ASSASSIN MAKES GOOD HIS ESCAPE

Frank Dashiell Badly Wounded, While E. J. Noland Escapes Without Injury.

Mr. Frank Dashiell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dashiell, was mysteriously shot by an unidentified negro highwayman about 10:40 o'clock last Thursday night, the shooting having taken place at a bored well about one mile west of Columbus on the Robertson road, and the assassin, after firing four shots into the body of his victim, having made good his escape.

Mr. Dashiell had spent the evening in Columbus, and was on route to his father's plantation when the shooting took place. He was riding horseback, and when he stopped at the well to allow the animal to drink was ordered by a negro who stood partly concealed in a thicket nearby to throw up his hands. Instead of obeying the command the young man reached for his revolver, which was fastened to the saddle, but before he could take aim the weapon was shot from his hand by the highwayman.

The shots awakened Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Lawrence, in front of whose home the hold-up took place, and they immediately went to the assistance of Mr. Dashiell, who was rushed in an automobile to the McKinley Sanatorium in this city, where his wounds received surgical attention.

A little earlier in the evening an unknown negro had visited the plant of the Refuge Cotton Oil Company in the southwestern portion of the city, where he attempted to assassinate and rob Mr. E. J. Noland, the night watchman. Several shots were exchanged by the two men, none having taken effect, and it is the theory of local officers that the negro, after having left the oil mill, made his way across the river to the bored well, and that when Mr. Dashiell rode up he thought he was a constable or deputy sheriff, and shot him in order to escape arrest.

News of the shooting aroused considerable excitement in Columbus, and half a dozen or more local officers got busy on the trail, Sheriff Williams, Deputy Sheriff Vandiver, Constables Robertson and Foreman and Policemen Morton, Cook, Glover and Hudson having all united in an effort to apprehend the highwayman. Blood hounds were secured from the county farm, and trailed the negro to the point where the Mobile and Ohio railroad crosses the Macon road, which is only a short distance from the scene of the hold-up, and it is believed that the negro boarded an outbound train which passed that point about 11:30 o'clock.

On the same evening an intruder had occasioned widespread consternation at the Industrial Institute and College by having concealed himself in an apartment of one of the dormitories at that institution, and it was thought at one time that this was the same individual who attacked Mr. Noland and Mr. Dashiell.

Dr. McKinley stated last night that Mr. Dashiell was in a precarious condition, but hope for his recovery is still entertained.

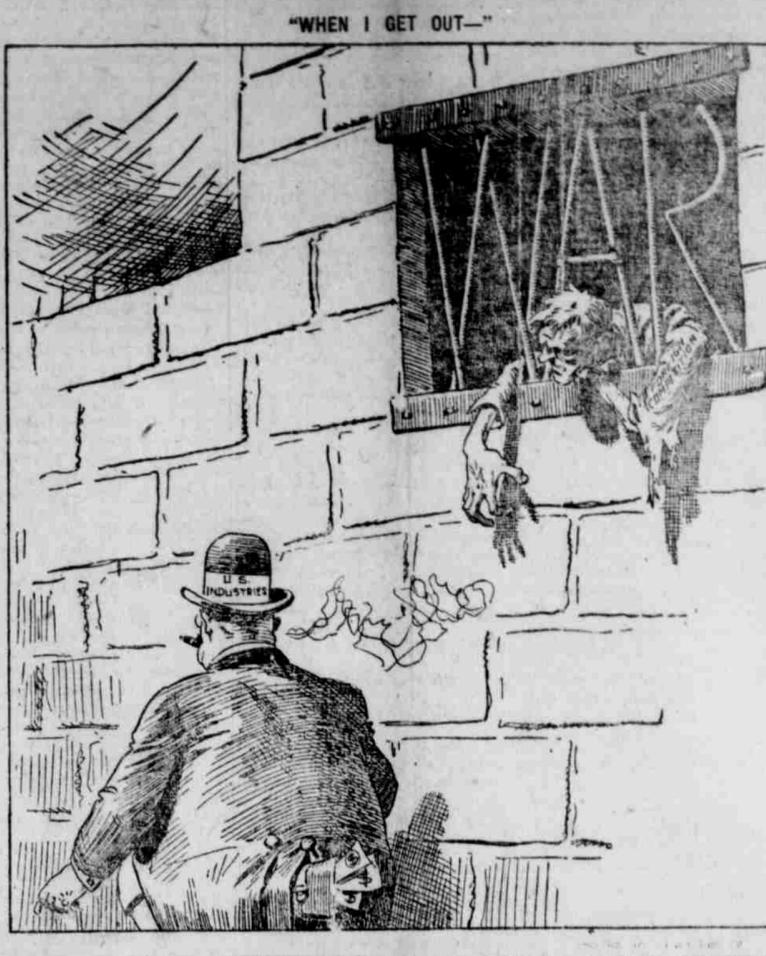
## Attention Sons of Veterans.

Members of Columbus Camp Sons of Veterans are requested to meet at the city hall on Monday evening, October 16th, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Business of importance is to be transacted relative to the coming reunion of the Mississippi Division, Confederate Veterans on November 1, 2 and 3. A full membership is requested.

B. A. LINCOLN, Com. Davis Patty, Act. Adj.

Mr. H. E. Hoffmeister, a well known local photographer, returned the past week from a visit of several weeks to Oklahoma City, Muskogee and Memphis. He later went to Atlanta, where he spent some time at the Tri-State School of Photography. Although Mr. Hoffmeister has done much work here, he feels that he is now in a better position to look after his trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkworthy and attractive daughter have returned from a delightful visit to relatives in Cleveland, Ohio.



## BEAUTIFUL OPENING HELD AT BEARD'S DEPARTMENT STORE

THRONGS OF PEOPLE ATTEND FASHION SHOW AND SEE LATEST STYLES.

A large crowd attended the beautiful fall opening of W. C. Beard, Inc., on Thursday evening.

Excellent taste was displayed in the decorations from the artistic windows with their beautiful creations of satin, lace and ribbons, to the rear of the store. Autumn colors, red and yellow, were carried out in leaves, flowers and ribbons.

The counters down stairs were artistically arranged with the prettiest of satin and velvets in pastel shades, with draperies of silver and gold laces.

The ready-to-wear department vied in beauty with the handsome line of millinery on display. There were wonderful creations in picture hats as well as the more tailored effects. The dresses were unusually artistic and serviceable, as were the suits, coats and sweaters shown. There were numbers of clothes on display for children.

Much credit is due Mr. M. F. Flood for the elegance shown in the decorative plan throughout the store as well as all the cordial clerks who assisted him.

The sweet music by the Birmingham band was thoroughly enjoyed by the hundreds of customers that called between the hours of 8 and 11.

## GROUND IS BROKEN FOR MISSISSIPPI CENTENNIAL

THE CORNERSTONE OF STATE BUILDING AT GULFPORT LAID—5,000 PRESENT.

Gulfport, Oct. 14.—Citizens from all the coast towns and representatives of 63 counties of the state assembled at the Centennial Exposition grounds today to witness the laying of the cornerstone of the Mississippi Building. A little girl and boy selected from the large audience carried the shovel to Chief Justice Smith of the supreme court, who then removed the initial shovel of earth preparatory to laying the foundation of the Mississippi Building. Fully 5,000 people were present.

Rev. Dr. Ormond of the First Presbyterian Church of Gulfport, opened the services with an eloquent prayer. Director-General Blakeslee was the first speaker. He expatiated on the importance and the lasting benefits that would be attained by the success of the centennial to the state.

The speaker then introduced Gov. Bilbo, who read congratulatory

## SECTIONALISM DENOUNCED BY WILSON AT INDIANAPOLIS

PRESIDENT, IN ADDRESS TO HOOSIERS MADE APPEAL FOR CO-OPERATION.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 14.—In his address here Thursday afternoon President Wilson, replying to the charge made by Republican campaign speakers that the Democratic party was a sectional party, declared that "any man who revives the issue of sectionalism in this country is unworthy of the confidence of the nation. He shows himself a provincial, he knows that he himself does not know the various sections of his own country; he shows that he has shut his own heart up in a little province and that those who do not seek special interests of that province are to him sectional while he alone is national. That is the depth of anti-patriotic feeling."

This declaration came in an address delivered in the Coliseum at the fair grounds, which was fairly well filled with an audience made up principally of farmers.

Most of his address at the Coliseum was devoted to the "nationalizing of America," the president declaring for "the nationalization, mobilization and co-operation of the country's resources." He said that after the European war it will be necessary for the United States to join all its forces together. He repeated his former declaration in favor of a league of nations to maintain peace.

Bordering on the political, the President declared that "talking through the hat" ought to be made a dead industry, and that every man who speaks in public "should have the motto 'put up or shut up.'"

He added that he was willing to take "my own medicine" and that "if I don't put up I am ready to shut up."

At the second address Mr. Wilson was greeted by a packed hall, every seat being taken and many standing up in the rear. On this occasion President Wilson devoted most of his speech to the federal reserve bank, rural credits and warehouse legislation put through congress by the administration.

Telegrams from centennial commissions of Louisiana, California, Georgia, Texas and one from President Wilson.

Following the governor, Chief Justice Smith was introduced, during which time a delegation of old Confederate soldiers encircled the speaker's stand. The moving picture men got busy amid the waving thousands of American flags, and the first pictures of the coming Mississippi show were made.

The visitors were composed of county and city officials, newspaper men and others. They were cordially received and entertained here and equally as well at Pass Christian and Biloxi.

## LARGE CROWDS ATTRACTED BY LOEB'S FALL OPENING

AFFAIR PROVED TO BE ONE OF THE PRETTIEST EVER HELD HERE.

Simon Loeb and Brother's store presented a charming appearance on Thursday evening when their doors were thrown open to a large crowd to display their fall and winter line of materials, trimmings, suits, coats, hats and shoes.

The handsome windows were greatly admired, and Mr. G. E. Moss showed perfect taste in the planning of each. Autumn boughs, wild flowers and pretty paintings by Mr. Moss, were festooned throughout the store.

The lower floor, where the piece goods, notions, shoes and gents clothing were seen, was artistically arranged.

The ready-to-wear department was filled with numbers of elegant suits, coats and dresses of the most beautiful materials and make.

The millinery department attracted a large percentage of the callers as there were numbers of lovely dress hats and chic tailored hats shown. Also some beautiful and nobby children's millinery.

Negligee, underwear and other numerous articles on this floor were of the most up-to-date make.

Music was enjoyed and coffee was served by Japanese maidens in elegant kimonos of silk and satin.

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

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

Only 323 bales of cotton were ginned in Lowndes county prior to September 25, 1916, as compared to 1,677 bales prior to the same date last year.

Greece has accepted the demands of the entente powers, says the Daily Chronicle's Athens correspondent.

The Mississippi team under command of Adjutant-General Seales on Thursday afternoon won the Southern rifle championship over the Georgia team by one point, at Jacksonville, Fla. This victory makes the Mississippi team the champion of the Southern States.

Health of national guard and regular army troops on the Mexican border showed an improvement for the week ending Oct. 7, over the previous week. A report made by the war department gave the sick of the militia as 1.91 per cent, with three deaths. The regulars reported

## FIRMNESS RULES IN COTTON MARKET

PRICES ADVANCE AFTER DECLINE FOLLOWING SUB ATTACKS.

## STAPLE NEARING THE 20 CENT MARK

December Futures Now Quoted at 17.59, With Further Advances Probable.

The cotton market has recovered from the temporary decline which followed the recent destruction of English ships by German submarines, and the market is now stronger than it was before these vessels were destroyed. December futures were quoted yesterday at 17.59, and the staple is rapidly advancing towards the 20-cent mark.

At the close of business yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 17.55, December futures in New York at 17.59. New Orleans spots at 16.81 and December futures in New Orleans at 17.08. In the local market good middling was quoted at 16.50.

A brief review of the activities of the market during the past week follows:

Apprehension that the extension of submarine warfare to this side of the Atlantic, as indicated by the developments of last Sunday, served to cause great nervousness in the cotton market at the beginning of the week. The fear that the appearance of German submarines off the American coast would tie up export clearances and lead to a burdensome accumulation of supplies in the domestic markets.

Reports of a very sharp advance in war risks and that some of the British steamship lines were holding their vessels in port naturally added to such apprehensions, and for a time on Monday the market was very weak and unsettled. January contracts, which had sold at 17.24c on Saturday, broke to 16.73c and practically all the active months showed losses of nearly a cent from recent high records as a result of general realizing or liquidation. There was also considerable scattered selling by reactionists who figured that hedging would soon develop against delayed shipments, and that the break might assume still more important proportions. Offerings were very well absorbed at the decline, however, with the bulk of the demand coming from spot houses, which suggested that domestic spinners were fixing prices, and the market soon steadied on a more optimistic view of the shipping conditions. After making new high ground on the rally, sentiment became very nervous again late Wednesday, owing to reports that the British admiral had taken over control of all allied sailings from this side and there was another sharp break of some 25 to 27 points in prices. The market on Friday, however, showed renewed strength, owing to reports of numerous sailings over Thursday's holiday, and prices reached the highest point of the week and season, with January selling up to 17.63c or approximately \$4.50 per bale above the low point of Monday and practically 40 points above the highest price reached on the advance of the previous week.

Crop and weather advices have indicated very favorable conditions for picking and ginning, but little prospect is reported for any top crop outside of Oklahoma, and the talk has reflected no change of sentiment with reference to the size of the yield or the extent of the domestic requirements.

Miss Hines Entertains. Miss Marguerite Hines delightfully entertained a few of her friends at her home on North Sixth street on Wednesday afternoon from 3 until 5 o'clock.

The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and ferns. Cards were played at three tables, after which a delicious salad course with hot chocolate was served. The guest list included Misses Morris, Beckwith, Cotrell, Rodes, Bradley, Joyner, Carothers, Johnson, Karsten, Miller.

3.23 per cent sick with five deaths. Admiral Mayo, commanding the Atlantic fleet, notified the navy department that he ordered a survey of the New England coast to investigate reports that belligerent ships had established a base there or that wireless plants were being operated in violation of American neutrality.

## CONTROVERSY OVER WILL UNSETTLED

FILING OF BILL BY MRS. WEAVER NECESSITATES A CONTINUANCE.

## J. E. LANTRIP IS GIVEN DIVORCE

City of Columbus Confesses Judgment for \$4,056 in the School Tax Case.

The fall term of chancery court for Lowndes county, which convened last Monday, adjourned Thursday. Chancellor Woodward has returned to his home in Louisville, Miss.

One of the most important matters to come before the court for adjudication was a controversy regarding the will of the late Harrison Johnston, the wealthy cotton-planter, who died here several months ago. The phraseology of the document, which was holographic in character, was ambiguous, and Chancellor Woodward was requested to place an official interpretation upon it. The controversy centered around a codicil concerning a bequest of \$5,000 to Mrs. Harris Johnston Weaver, of Birmingham, a granddaughter of the testator, and Mrs. Weaver, through her attorney, Hon. Harry Upton Simms, of Birmingham, filed a cross bill, on which the chancellor continued the case until the next term of court. The executors, Col. W. B. Leedy, of Birmingham, and Hon. R. T. Williams, of this city, were represented by Hon. D. W. Houston, of Aberdeen, Miss.

The city of Columbus, through its attorney, Gen. E. T. Sykes, confessed judgment for \$4,000, which sum is due Lowndes county as its share of school taxes collected in the Columbus separate school district during the past 10 years. Under the old law municipalities were entitled to all school taxes collected within their corporate limits, but in 1906 the legislature enacted a new statute making counties eligible to participation in revenue derived from this source.

The suit of Mrs. Georgia Lantrip against her husband, J. W. Lantrip, for divorce was decided in favor of the defendant. After the original bill had been filed by Mrs. Lantrip her husband filed a cross bill, and besides being granted a divorce he was awarded the custody of the two children.

From the testimony it was proven that certain charges brought against Mr. Lantrip were unfounded and for this reason Judge Woodward decided in his favor.

## TWO MEN ARE ARRESTED FOR ENTICING LABOR

WHITE MAN AND NEGRO ARE CONVICTED IN MUNICIPAL COURT.

J. C. Perkins, a white man, and Albert Dickerson, a negro, were arrested by Chief of Police Morton and Officer Munzer yesterday on the charge of enticing labor, and upon being tried before Mayor Gunter, Perkins was fined \$500, while Dickerson was sentenced to serve six months on the county farm.

Investigations brought out the fact that Dickerson had sent a telegram to R. C. Burt, an Arkansas planter, in which he stated that he could furnish him twenty-five families. This telegram is said to have been sent to Burt in reply to a message from him asking the negro what he could do towards securing labor in this vicinity. It is contended that Perkins had been assisting Dickerson in securing the negroes.

Mr. Gus Hauser, a popular civil engineer of this city, deserves much credit for the interest that he has taken in the Jackson Military Highway, through Lowndes county. He has spent much of his time in an effort to have this route named as the official highway, having recently gone as far as Meridian with the pathfinders who passed through here.

Mr. Harold McGeorge, of Meridian, was a visitor to Columbus last Thursday.

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