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## COLUMBUS WILL WELCOME STATE BAPTISTS THIS WEEK

SEVERAL HUNDRED VISITORS COMING HERE TO ATTEND THE GATHERING.

FIRST SESSION ON WEDNESDAY

Dr. J. L. Johnson, President of Woman's College to Preside Over Meeting.

TO BE PRECEDED BY A PASTORS' MEETING

Many Brilliant Speakers Are Scheduled to Deliver Addresses.

Flushed with the success which attended the reunion of the Mississippi Division, United Confederate Veterans, which was recently held in this city, Columbians are preparing to break their own record as hosts in extending hospitalities to the Mississippi Baptists, who will hold their annual convention here next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and with that end in view have made elaborate plans for the reception and entertainment of the seven hundred delegates who will be in attendance.

The convention will be preceded by a meeting of the Pastors' Conference, which will be held Tuesday, and at which matters pertaining to pastoral duties and responsibilities will be the principal theme for discussion. The annual sermon to the pastors will be delivered by Dr. R. L. Scarborough, of Fort Worth, Texas, and there will be short talks by other equally distinguished divines.

Wednesday will mark the beginning of the convention proper, and the session, which will continue for three days, will be presided over by Dr. J. L. Johnson, president of the Woman's College at Hattiesburg, and the annual sermon will be delivered by Rev. Martin Ball of Clarksdale.

One of the features of the convention will be the annual meeting of the alumni association of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. This meeting will be held Wednesday, and on Wednesday evening the annual alumni banquet will take place at the Hotel Gilmer. Mission workers throughout the country who will assemble here for the convention will also be given a banquet, but neither the date of the entertainment or the place at which it will be given has as yet been fixed.

The sessions of the convention will be held at the First Baptist church, which is one of the largest and handsomest edifices in the state, having a seating capacity of nearly 2,000. Dr. J. L. Vipperman, one of the South's most brilliant divines, is the beloved pastor of this church, and has displayed both wisdom and energy in directing the work of making plans and arrangements for the coming meeting.

Woolworth to Open Friday.

All Columbians are cordially invited to the opening of the new store of the F. W. Woolworth Company on South Market street, which will take place Friday afternoon.

The building has been remodeled and redecorated throughout and now presents a neat and attractive appearance.

The store will be under the capable management of Mr. B. J. Jaqueth, and the same methods which have popularized Woolworth stores in all parts of the country will be adhered to.

"Hurrah for Wilson"

After the torchlight procession Friday night, and after the returns of the election were made sure, a group of college teachers went out at 11 o'clock and raised "Old Glory" in triumph over the campus. As the stars and stripes wafted overhead in the moonlight cheers and cries for Wilson went up from the patriotic crowd. Next morning when the girls went to breakfast the old college mule stood very significantly under the flag as if to say, "Hurrah for Wilson and Democracy. I take my stand under the flag for four years more."

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Claim Woman Elected.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 11.—The state Republican central committee on revised and fuller figures from the state today claimed the election of Miss Jeannette Rankin to Congress, and the entire state ticket excepting the governor and lieutenant governor.

## SIMRALL HEADS FRATERNAL BOARD AT STATE EXPOSITION

LOCAL MAN GIVEN IMPORTANT POSITION BY DIRECTOR H. E. BLAKESLEE.

Hon. H. F. Simrall of this city, has been invited by Director General Blakeslee to act as chairman of the fraternal section of the Mississippi Centennial to be held next year at Gulfport.

In order to properly carry out the plans and ideas connected with this department, Mr. Simrall has invited the following ladies and gentlemen, all of whom are prominent in fraternal circles throughout the state, to serve with him as directors:

Hon. L. A. Benoist of Natchez, representing the Masons; Mrs. Bertha M. Seales, Grand Matron of Starkville, representing the Eastern Star; Walter S. P. Doty, Grand Secretary, of Grenada, representing the Odd Fellows; Mrs. Agnes Williamson Miller, Grand Clerk, of McComb, representing the Woodmen Circle; Judge J. R. Kelley, Grand Chancellor of Gulfport, representing the Knights of Pythias.

The management of the Centennial will erect on the ground a beautiful temple to be dedicated to Fraternity. Here will be found rest rooms and a bureau of information for all fraternalists visiting the exposition. Certain days will be set apart for each of the great fraternities, on which occasions it is expected that many thousands members will attend and interesting meetings will be held in the great auditorium.

The fraternal spirit is as wide spread in Mississippi as in any state in the Union and embraces within its folds thousands of the most prominent and useful men and women of the commonwealth.

More firesides have been made brighter, more widows and orphans have been given protection through the realms of the various fraternities than through any other agency outside the church. There is not one of them but what teach and practice the relief of the needy and uplift of the down-fallen. So it is very fitting that this splendid influence for good should have a place in the Centennial celebration of our great state.

## MEMBERS OF CIVIC LEAGUE OBSERVE ILLITERACY DAY

AFTER IMPORTANT BUSINESS MEETING FRIDAY, PROGRAM RENDERED.

Friday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce the Civic League held its regular monthly meeting, entering at the same time on its second year of work.

Mrs. Z. P. Landrum was re-appointed Director of the Health and Sanitation Department and Mrs. J. T. Sanford of the Department of City Planning.

Mrs. Landrum has named the following ladies chairmen of committees in their respective wards: Ward 1, Mrs. Ben Owen; ward 2, Mrs. Albert Loeb; ward 3, Mrs. G. M. Flynn; ward 4, Mrs. G. R. Neumann; ward 5, Mrs. S. L. Caine; ward 6, Mrs. Irene Burke. These ladies will have general supervision over sanitary matters in their wards, and will be glad to have the public cooperate with them by reporting to them unsanitary conditions, which they, in turn, will endeavor by recourse to the proper authorities, to have corrected.

Other committees were appointed as follows: Committee on Leagues among School Children and Colored People: Chairman, Mrs. W. S. Lindamood, Mrs. J. B. Love, Mrs.

## WILSON VICTORY CELEBRATED HERE

LOCAL ADMIRERS OF THE PRESIDENT PARADE IN HIS HONOR.

## PRINCESS BAND HEADS PARADE

Participants Cheer Vigorously as They March Through the Streets.

Not since 1884, when Grover Cleveland was triumphantly elected president of the United States over his Republican opponent, James G. Blaine, has there been such an enthusiastic rally as was held here Friday night to celebrate the triumph of Woodrow Wilson over Justice Charles E. Hughes. It was an old time Democratic jollification, filled with merriment, mirth and exaltation, the feeling of buoyancy which filled the hearts of the participants having been all the greater because they had been kept in suspense such a long time before the outcome of the contest was definitely known.

The parade formed in front of the Princess Theatre on North Market street at 9:30 o'clock, and marched through the business and residential sections of the city, those who participated cheering vehemently as they passed along through the streets. The Princess band led the procession, and the marchers kept time both with their pedal extremities and vocal organs to the martial music issuing from the instruments in the hands of members of the band. It was, indeed, a glorious occasion, and local admirers of President Wilson, who veritably snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, showed in many ways the jubilation which they felt.

While no forensic program was provided, arrangements for the demonstration having been too quickly consummated to include a feature of this character, the marchers stopped in front of the residence of Hon. P. W. Maer and called upon him for a speech. Mr. Maer is a Wilson appointee, having been named by the President as collector of the port of Mobile, and readily responded to the call, having declared in a neat little speech that he appreciated the feelings of the celebrators and shared with them the joy which was in their hearts as a result of the magnificent victory for Democracy.

They then went to the home of Capt. J. I. Sturdivant on South Third street, where they heard another eloquent approval of the voice of the people as expressed in Tuesday's election from the lips of Mr. Sturdivant.

After leaving the Sturdivant home the marchers called on Capt. T. H. Sharp, who is another Wilson appointee, having been given the local postmastership, and Capt. Sharp made them an appreciated talk.

Meeting of Highway Committee.

Col. P. L. Atherston, president of the Jackson Memorial Highway Association, has issued a call for the executive committee of the organization to meet at the Seelback hotel in Louisville, Ky., Monday, November 20, for the purpose of receiving the report of the pathfinders who recently went over the two proposed routes between Nashville and New Orleans.

It was thought that this meeting would be held in Nashville, but Col. Atherston has recently been ill, and did not care to make the journey to the Rock City, so requested members of the committee to assemble in Louisville. The report of the pathfinders will be received and considered, and it is probable that an official route of the highway will be named. It is possible, however, that advocates of the Alabama route will endeavor to have final action in this matter postponed, but such a move will be fought by those who favor the Mississippi course.

Mrs. H. F. Simrall is expected home tomorrow from Dallas, Texas, where she has been attending the national meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Master Don Richards entertained some of his little friends at a party on Friday afternoon. Games were played and delightful refreshments served.

Charles H. Hale; Committee on Notification and Transportation: Chairman, Mrs. L. H. Shapiro; Committee on Sale of Red Cross Seals: Chairman, Mrs. Leopold Loeb.

## ELECTION CONTEST SEEMS PROBABLE

COURT FIGHT THREATENED BY REPUBLICAN LEADERS.

## REGARD ELECTORS STATE OFFICERS

Congress Decides Only When Commonwealths Fail to Take Action.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Government officials here were deeply interested in and not a little concerned over today's announcement from Democratic and Republican campaign leads that contests might be expected, with a possibility of legal proceedings, over the votes for presidential electors in several of the close states.

Examination of the decisions of the Supreme Court and of the revised statutes disclosed that electors plainly are regarded as state officers. The highest court has held in two leading cases that questions of their proper and improper choice are for state election officers or state courts to determine, and that the federal government is not lawfully concerned, even if fraud is shown.

When congress meets to receive the votes it is still possible for a majority to reverse the certified results from any state, in certain cases. As the votes are read to the joint session, the statutes give the right to any member of either house to object, the objections to be considered in separate session. When only one return has been made from a state, congress cannot overturn the certified result, except the two houses concurrently may reject any vote where it appears not to have been given by the properly chosen electors.

Where more than one certificate for a state has been sent, the vote of those electors who the two houses shall concurrently decide have been supported in a contest by the proper state authorities shall be received and accredited. Where there has been no determination of a contest by state authorities and there is more than one certificate returned, the choice as to those properly selected is with the two houses. If the two houses disagree, the certificate signed by the executive of a state concerned shall be binding and the votes so certified counted.

Upon the question of state jurisdiction over choice of electors, several cases have been before the Supreme Court, but apparently none directly on the question over a recount of such electoral votes. In 1890, in a Virginia case, upon prosecution for fraudulent voting for electors, Justice Gray said the only powers of the federal government with regard to the appointment or the votes of presidential electors "are those which authorize congress to determine the time and the day on which they shall give their votes, and which direct that certificates of their votes shall be opened by the president of the senate in the presence of both houses and the votes be then counted. Although electors are appointed under the constitution they are no more officers or agents of the United States than are members of the state legislatures when acting as electors, or federal senators."

In the Hayes-Tilden contest in 1878, before a joint congressional commission, it was held that the states, and not the federal government, provide the means for verification of the returns on votes cast for electors.

## AGGIES LOSE GAME TO LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

HARD FOUGHT BATTLE YESTERDAY RESULTED IN SCORE OF 13-3.

Several thousand people, including quite a number of Columbians, witnessed the football game on the A. & M. College campus yesterday afternoon, played between Louisiana State University and the Aggies. The L. S. U. won by a score of 13 to 3.

One touchdown and two field goals won the game for the Louisiana team. A placed kick by Schwilf gave to the A. & M. team the only scores made.

The people from this city who saw the game claim that it was one of the hardest fought battles ever witnessed at the A. & M.

## ALLEGED JEWEL THIEVES ARRESTED

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH ENTERING SANFORD HOME CAUGHT.

## ONE IS NAMED AS COLLEGE INVADER

Instructress Identified Charles Boyer as Man Found in Her Room.

Two white nomads, George Robertson, 36, and Frank Boyer, 35, who were arrested by Constables W. H. Foreman and Jesse Roberson near Pickensville, Ala., Friday night, are being held in the county jail here, and it is believed that they are not only the men who stole jewels valued at \$2,000 from the home of J. T. Sanford, North Third avenue, while a parade was in progress on the morning of November 10, but are responsible for other grave crimes which have been committed in this city and vicinity during the past six weeks.

Boyer has been positively identified by an instructress at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College as the man whom she found concealed in her room in one of the dormitories of that institution on the night of October 11, and this serves to connect him with the assassination of Frank Dashiell, which took place the same night.

The two men were seen in a boat on the Tombigbee river near this city several days ago, and their actions incited suspicion. They got away before their arrest could be effected, but officers at points down the river were requested to keep a lookout for them and Friday they were taken into custody by Ben Gunter, a former sheriff of Pickens county, Ala.

Officers spent practically the entire day Saturday catechizing the men, and they told conflicting stories. They have every appearance of criminals and some of their clothing bears marks serving to indicate that it was issued from the store room of some prison.

It is believed that the two men are not only responsible for local crimes, but are wanted elsewhere, and their photographs will be sent to leading Southern cities for identification.

Cattle Market Report.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Nov. 11.—Today's receipts: Cattle, 1,500; hogs, 8,000; sheep, 350.

Cattle: Market very active this week, killing steers 25c higher than last week's close, mixed stuff 25 to 50c higher, yearlings 50 to 60c higher, stocker stuff strong.

Quotations: Choice to prime steers \$6.75 to \$7.50; good to choice \$6.15 to \$6.75; medium to good \$5.50 to \$6.15; common to medium \$5.15 to \$5.50; fat cows \$5.50 to \$6.25; medium cows \$5 to \$5.50; choppers \$4.50 to 4.75; canners \$4.10 to 4.50; heavy bulls \$5 to \$5.75; light culls \$4.75 to \$5; yearlings \$5 to \$5.35; heretics \$6 to \$6.50; veal calves \$7 to \$10; stock cattle (tick-free) good to choice quality thin steers \$5.50 to \$6.25; medium to good \$5 to \$5.50; common to medium \$4.75 to \$5; good stock heifers \$5 to \$5.50; stock cows \$4.50 to \$4.75.

Hogs: Trade generally steady, except on pigs, light stuff and roughs, with a very weak feeling shown for these kinds. Choice hogs 180 lbs. up \$9.65 to \$10; mixed hogs, 150 to 190 lbs. \$9 to \$9.60; 120 to 140 lbs. \$8.40 to \$8.75; light pigs \$7 to \$8.25; best rough hogs \$9.25 to \$9.35; half-fat rough hogs \$6.75 to \$7.75; stags \$10.

Sheep: Lambs 75c higher for the week with sheep 25c higher. Choice lambs \$11.50 to \$11.75; medium to good lambs \$10.50 to \$11.50; cull lambs \$8 to \$9.50; fat sheep \$7.25 to \$7.50; choppers and bucks 5.50 to 6; canners \$3.50 to \$4.50. The outlook is good for next week.

Young Boy Dies.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Loftis have the heartfelt sympathy of numerous friends in the death of their thirteen-year-old son, Preston, which occurred recently at their home several miles south of Columbus. Funeral services were held at Trinity church, conducted by Rev. W. I. Allen, pastor of the Second Baptist church in this city, and the body was tenderly laid to rest in the family cemetery.

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## CALIFORNIA SEEMS TO MAKE ELECTION OF WILSON CERTAIN

Wilson's Popular Plurality.

New York, Nov. 10.—The total popular vote received in each of the states by President Wilson and Charles E. Hughes, based on incomplete reports and estimates, indicated that the president received 403,312 more votes than Mr. Hughes.

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

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

H. M. Threefoot, millionaire merchant and senior member of Threefoot Brothers Company of Meridian, died Friday morning at Atlantic City following a short illness. He was one of the South's best-known lumbermen.

Although Carl Strakosch, husband of the late prima donna Clara Louise Kellogg, had plenty of relatives, he willed one-seventh of his \$150,000 estate to Celia Goranson, his housemaid, says a special receiver from Winsted, Conn.

Capt. Albert D. Henriques, Confederate veteran and prominent in Louisiana politics for many years, died at his home in New Orleans Friday night, aged 74 years. Captain Henriques assisted in the organization in 1874 of the so-called "White League," during the reconstruction period.

Total investment in film concerns, moving pictures and accessories in this country is said to be more than \$2,000,000,000.

The prediction that earth movements in the Panama Canal will be overcome "finally and for all time" is reaffirmed by Maj.-Gen. Goethals, governor of the canal zone, in his annual report made public by the war department. This will be accomplished, Gen. Goethals says, "notwithstanding the calamity howlers and in spite of the disastrous predictions of the 'know-it-alls.'"

Demanding an increase of from \$3 to \$4 per thousand on cigars, according to trade, some 1,500 cigar makers went on strike in Tampa, Fla., late Friday. Efforts are being made to compromise the differences.

The state school fund amounting to \$622,590 has been allotted to the various counties on the basis of \$2,367.2 per capita. Lowndes county gets \$10,084.70 of the fund for 12,779 educable children. This is one-third of the annual apportionment.

Mr. J. C. Perkins and son, Donnell, of Caledonia, were visitors to Columbus yesterday.

## RURAL SCHOOLS OF COUNTY TO OBSERVE WATERWORKS DAY

CHILDREN WILL BE ADDRESSED BY PROF. PATE OF A. & M. COLLEGE.

Arrangements have been perfected to celebrate Waterworks Week in Lowndes county, and the celebration will be under the joint auspices of the local Chamber of Commerce and the extension department of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, of which Miss Sara Frances Rowan is the competent directress.

Prof. R. H. Pate of the Mississippi A. & M. College, will be the principal speaker at rallies which will be held at the various rural schools throughout the county as follows: Thursday, Nov. 16, Air Line, 8:30 a. m.; Mount Vernon, 10:30 a. m.; Rural Hill, 1:30 p. m.; Steens 3:30 p. m.; Friday, Nov. 17, New Salem, 9 a. m.; Caledonia, 10:30 a. m.; Dowdle, 12:30 p. m.; Wodlawn, 2 p. m.; Lone Oak, 3:30 p. m.

Messrs. S. L. Caine and H. F. Simrall go over to Starkville this morning to assist in unveiling the monument erected by the Woodmen of the World in memory of General Wiley Nash. Hon. E. S. Candler will deliver the oration.

## FINAL COUNT PUTS STATE IN THE DEMOCRATIC COLUMN BY SMALL MAJORITY.

TWO STATES STILL DOUBTFUL

Minnesota and New Hampshire Yet to Be Officially Heard From.

## HUGHES CARRIES WEST VIRGINIA

President Has 272 Electoral Votes and May Have 276 When All Are In.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Woodrow Wilson has been re-elected President of the United States with votes to spare.

He has carried California, which will make his total electoral vote 269 or three more than enough to elect him.

The latest returns practically assure his capture of New Mexico with its three electoral votes, which would make the President's total 272.

Tonight's dispatches bring the word that an error in New Hampshire gives the President a lead of 70 votes in that state. New Hampshire has four electoral votes.

So that even if the President's California vote should be split, he apparently has a margin which nothing can overcome.

Wilson's Lead Increases. San Francisco, Nov. 11.—With 18 precincts missing in the state, Woodrow Wilson's lead over Charles E. Hughes was 3,286. The count for 5,852 precincts of 5,870 was: Wilson 466,999, Hughes 462,813.

Will Tell The Tale. St. Paul, November 11.—Thirty-eight precincts whose records show they should poll about 400 votes, the 3,200 ballots cast by the state soldiers in Texas and the votes of railroad and traveling men under the absent voters' law, tonight held the balance in Minnesota, between Wilson and Hughes. Therefore the state was still classed as doubtful, with predictions varying widely as to the outcome of the guardsmen's balloting and a wide difference of opinion over the number of votes cast under the absent voters law.

Latest returns gave Wilson 177,534 to Hughes' 178,037, a Hughes plurality of 503 in 3,008 precincts. Of the missing 38, 10 are in Koochiching county and 12 in Beltrami. It is estimated tonight that it will take three or four days to hear from the former and nothing is expected from the latter before Monday. Both counties were strongly Wilson, but the missing precincts are not considerable in population. Eight missing precincts in Aitkin gave a Hughes plurality.

In Tuesday's election the Democrats elected sixteen senators and the Republicans sixteen, with one state yet to be heard from. The senators who were chosen, according to the latest indications, were: Arizona—Henry F. Ashurst, Democrat.

Arkansas—William F. Kirby, Democrat.

California—Hiram W. Johnson, Republican.

Connecticut—George P. McLean, Republican.

Delaware—Josiah O. Wolcott, Democrat.

Florida—Park M. Trammell, Democrat.

Indiana—Long term, Harry S. New, Republican; short term, James E. Watson, Republican.

Maine (elected in September), long term, Frederick Hale, Republican; short term, Bert M. Fernald, Republican.

Maryland—Joseph I. France, Republican.

Massachusetts—Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican.

Michigan—Charles E. Townsend, Republican.

Minnesota—Frank B. Kellogg, Republican.

Mississippi—John Sharp Williams, Democrat.

Missouri—James A. Reed, Democrat.

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