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## TRUCK GROWERS HOLD MEETING

FARMERS OF LOWDES COUNTY  
WILL RAISE FRUITS AND  
VEGETABLES ON BIG  
SCALE NEXT YEAR.

Reports from Other Truck Growing  
Communities Show Big Profit  
to Producers, and Local  
Farmers Interested.

There was a meeting of the Lowdes County Truck Growers' Association at the city hall last Thursday morning, and while the attendance was small a great deal of enthusiasm was displayed by those present, and each man promised to do everything in his power to insure the success of the venture. The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. F. Friday, and J. A. Hudson officiated as secretary. Capt. Hudson read a report from the Truck Growers' Association at Humboldt, Tenn., which is one of the largest shipping points in the South for fruits and vegetables, showing that enormous profits had been made by the truck growers of that section. It is estimated that three hundred truck growers live in the territory contiguous to Humboldt, and last season about one hundred and fifty of them shipped through the Humboldt Fruit Growers' Association. During the season this association shipped 161,084 crates of tomatoes, 18,115 crates of strawberries, and 6985 crates of cabbage. The tomatoes brought on an average of fifty-four cents, the berries \$2.02, and the cabbage \$1.45 per crate. The report included statements from several different growers showing that large profits were made. R. B. Bledsoe netted \$925 from two and one-half acres of cabbage, while from six acres planted in tomatoes Thos. Williams received approximately \$2500, the same ratio having been maintained by M. T. Bledsoe on a three acre patch.

Mr. C. F. Sherrod, president of the Columbus Canning Company, was present, and tendered the association the use of the canning factory as a warehouse and shipping depot. The plant is large and commodious, and is equipped with spacious sheds and platforms, which can be advantageously used by the truck growers for storing and shipping their fruits and vegetables. Upon motion of Capt. W. C. McClure, the chair was authorized to appoint a committee of five to draft a constitution and by-laws for the government of the association. President Friday appointed on this committee Capt. W. C. McClure, Capt. J. A. Hudson, Messrs. Geo. H. Curtis, R. B. Farrar and J. E. Slaughter, but Capt. McClure stated that while he would be glad to render this committee all the assistance in his power he preferred not to serve as a member thereof. He was accordingly relieved from service as a member of the committee, having, at his suggestion, been replaced by President Friday. The above named gentlemen also constitute the executive committee, in which the management of the affairs of the association is temporarily vested.

While the association starts out with a small membership, its members are men of determination who are bent upon making a success of the venture, and a fairly large quantity of fruits and vegetables will be raised for shipment during the coming season. A specialty will be made of cabbage and tomatoes, while one or two farmers expect to raise a large number of canteloupes for foreign markets.

Dr. W. W. Westmoreland has just completed the remodeling of his dental office on Main street, offices that he has occupied longer than any professional or mercantile establishment in this city, a period of tenure lasting for thirty-two years. The interior of the building has been divided into offices for both himself and son, who will graduate this spring in Philadelphia, and the entire building has been handsomely papered and painted, making it one of the most comfortable and complete dental quarters in the State. Dr. Westmoreland has just refused an invitation to give a clinic before the First District Dental Society of New York, professional engagements preventing his acceptance of the same.

Mrs. H. L. Whitfield has returned from Jackson.

### Clever Clara Inge.

From a New York paper we take the following, which notes the success of Clara Inge upon the professional stage. As the daughter of Rev. George S. Inge, who was at one time a resident of this city, she is fondly remembered by many people of this place. The New York paper says:

"The career of Miss Clara Inge, who is 'The Girl' in 'The Earl and the Girl,' which is at the Majestic Theater this week, is one of the many examples of the remarkable opportunity that stage life offers for quick success. This is only the second season that Miss Inge has been on the stage, and yet she is already playing the prima donna role in a large and important company. She is a little Mississippian, her home being in Corinth. She secured a place in the chorus of 'The Earl and the Girl' last year. While the company was playing at Janesville, Ill., Miss Elsie Moore, who was playing the principal feminine role, slipped and injured herself so severely that she was unable to play for several weeks. Miss Inge, who had been learning the words of the various roles, volunteered to take Miss Moore's part. Her offer was accepted, although there was no time for a rehearsal, and she made an immediate success, not only going through the first performance without trouble, but playing with a grace and charm which greatly pleased the management. She was kept in the part until Miss Moore's return, and when the latter left the company permanently Miss Inge was assigned to it again. Later in the season the Shuberts sent her to 'The Tourist' company to take Miss Julia Sanderson's part. When the present season opened Miss Inge returned to 'The Earl and the Girl.'"

"The company in which Miss Inge appears will make a Southern tour the coming winter, being in Chattanooga New Year's night, and then in other important towns South."

### Col. Mayo May Be Adjutant General.

For some time past it has been rumored that Col. Jno. P. Mayo, of this city, had aspirations to succeed Gen. Arthur Fridge as adjutant general of the Mississippi National Guard and a recent special from Jackson stated that he was an applicant for the office. Col. Mayo was seen by a Dispatch reporter yesterday, and stated that while he had made no formal application for the position his appointment at the hands of Governor-elect Noel was being urged by his friends.

Col. Mayo has been closely identified with the Mississippi National Guard for the past fifteen years, and now holds the office of assistant adjutant general. He has always evinced a keen interest in military matters and has rendered yeoman service to the citizen soldiery of the State. In the event of his appointment Col. Mayo would still maintain his residence here. Although the office of the adjutant general is at Jackson, and all former incumbents have resided in that city, there is no law making residence there compulsory.

### The Federal Building.

Postmaster Wood is in receipt of a letter from Congressman Candler enclosing a communication from the treasury department at Washington regarding the much discussed location of the Federal building which is to be erected here. Mr. Candler wrote the department that the McQuown property at the corner of College and Sixth streets, which was originally selected as a site for the proposed structure, had been sold to Mr. C. F. Sherrod, and the letter received in reply states that while the department has not been advised of the fact that if the sale has been consummated the government will proceed to secure another site for the building. The property has been sold to Mr. Sherrod, as was stated in Mr. Candler's letter, and it appears that the matter will be reopened and another site selected.

### Mr. Burns' Market Robbed.

The meat market conducted by Mr. John H. Burns near the Mobile & Ohio depot was broken into on last Friday night, the thief gaining an entrance by cutting a wire screen window and forcing open the sash. The cash drawer was relieved of its contents, which, fortunately for its owner, contained only two dollars in cash. In addition to taking the money the thief also took along several of Mr. Burns' famous bologna sausages. No clue as to the identity of the thief was obtained.

## SECURING HOMES FOR DELEGATES

COMMITTEES ARE BUSY SECURING HOMES FOR DELEGATES TO THE NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

Conference Meets Here December 4, and Will be Presided Over by Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix of Kansas City.

The committees appointed to secure homes for the delegates who will attend the North Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which meets here in annual session on Wednesday, December 4th, are still at work, and by the time that conference convenes ample provision will have been made for each and every delegate. There will be about three hundred of these delegates, and they will begin to arrive on the Tuesday before the regular session of the conference begins. The examination of young ministers seeking admission to the conference will begin Tuesday, and not only the young men who are to be examined, but the members of the various examining boards will arrive here on that date.

The examination of applicants for admission to the conference will consume the entire day Tuesday, and at seven o'clock Tuesday evening there will be a meeting of the Conference Historical Society. This meeting will be held in the lecture room of the First Methodist church, and will be followed by a reception. The visiting ministers and the people of Columbus generally are invited to attend this reception. The visiting delegates will be introduced to each other and to the local citizens at this time, and members of the First and Second Methodist churches are especially urged to be present.

The first business meeting of the conference will be held Wednesday morning, being presided over by Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix, of Kansas City. Bishop Hendrix will arrive in the city either Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, and during his stay here will be the guest of Mr. C. F. Sherrod at the Stone Hotel. On Wednesday night the Conference Epworth League Board will celebrate its anniversary, and the local leaguers will be present, wearing the colors of the organization. The public is invited to attend this meeting, and Dr. Shoaff, the pastor of the First, extends a special invitation to the officers and members of the various young people's societies of the city to be present.

The conference will remain in session six days, adjourning on the Monday following the opening of the session. The detailed program, except for the opening day, which is outlined above, has not been completed, but there will be sermons and addresses by many eminent divines, and on Sunday, December 8th, the pulpits of the various churches of the city will be filled by visiting ministers.

### Delegates Appointed.

Mayor Donnell has appointed Capt. C. A. Johnston, Maj. Jno. P. Mayo, Dr. R. S. Curry, Hon. E. R. Sherman and Judge J. T. Harrison delegates to attend the waterways convention to be held in Birmingham next Tuesday. Most of these gentlemen have been prominently identified with the movement which has been on foot for some time past to secure an appropriation for the Tombigbee, and all of them realize what great benefit Columbus would derive from adequate river transportation facilities. It is the object of the convention to devise a scheme which will result in opening up the various streams in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and adjacent States, and in formulating plans to bring about the desired results the local delegation will see that the Tombigbee is not overlooked.

### Will Petition the City.

The residents and merchants in the Mobile & Ohio depot neighborhood of the city are preparing a petition that they will present to the city council asking that a patrolman be assigned to this district at night. This petition is occasioned by the recent night maraudations and other acts of law-breaking which they wish to be protected from. From what can be learned these citizens should be given the protection they ask.

## SUMPTUOUS IN ITS APPOINTMENTS

NEWLY REMODELED HOTEL GILMER OPENED LAST WEEK, AND IS ONE OF HANDSOMEST IN STATE.

Proprietor Murray Has Just Cause to be Proud of His Caravansary, Which Reflects Greatest Credit Upon the City.

The Hotel Gilmer, after having been completely remodeled and thoroughly modernized, is again open to the public, and the hostelry, with its present equipment and furnishings, is second to none in the State. The hotel opened for business last Thursday and on Wednesday evening Mr. John W. Murray, the proprietor, gave a reception, on which occasion the people were given an opportunity to go over the hotel and view the numerous improvements that have been made. Many Columbians availed themselves of the privilege, and from eight to ten o'clock the building was crowded with well groomed men and handsomely gowned women.

Every department of the hotel was open for public inspection, and after loitering a while in the spacious lobby the visitors ascended by the broad stairway to the floors above. Here they found the parlors and a number of bed chambers. The sleeping apartments on this floor all contain private baths and are elegantly furnished, the furnishings including brass beds, rockers and arm chairs upholstered in leather, and soft rugs of the finest texture. These apartments, as well as those on the two floors above, are equipped with telephones, hot and cold water, and steam heat.

While the lobby, halls and bed chambers all attracted merited admiration, it was the dining room that called forth the most extravagant praise. No hotel in the South boasts a more sumptuous refectory than that of the Hotel Gilmer. The green ingrain walls, with white enamel ceiling and white moire windows, form a color scheme which is most beautiful to behold and which cannot fail to appeal to the diner of aesthetic tastes who appreciates artistic surroundings as well as an elaborate menu. The tables were in readiness for a meal, and there was a lavish display of silver, cut glass and china-ware. From the dining room the guests proceeded to the kitchen, where the massive ranges and extended array of cooking utensils were displayed for their inspection, and while in this apartment were regaled with delicious punch, which was prepared from a special recipe by T. Erbschlaw, the steward of the hostelry. Mr. Erbschlaw comes from St. Louis, having recently been employed as steward in the dining car department of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad. He will have charge of the culinary department, and will have a white chef, M. Galanos, who has cooked at some of the leading hotels and restaurants in New Orleans.

Following the reception on Wednesday night, there was a banquet to the traveling men Saturday night. An elaborate menu was served, the function having been one of the most elegant affairs of its kind ever given in this city.

It is the intention of Mr. Murray to conduct the Gilmer Hotel on a scale of magnificence that will soon gain for it an enviable reputation among the traveling public. His office force is composed of experienced and urbane gentlemen who know the wants of the traveling men and who will spare no pains to please the guests of the house. Mr. J. R. Randle, Jr., as manager for Mr. Murray, will be in charge of the office and will have as his assistants Messrs. B. L. Allen and "Bis" Aron.

### A Possum Supper.

Mr. R. T. Williams, Jr., entertained a number of friends at a possum supper which was given at Gerard's restaurant on last Wednesday evening. A delightful menu was served, and the occasion was a most enjoyable one. Those present were Capt. T. H. Sharp, Messrs. J. S. Billups, Jr., M. W. Otley, H. P. Sherrod, Reuben Banks and P. Gerard.

The numerous friends of Col. C. L. Lincoln, who has been confined to his home by illness for some time past, are glad to note that he is able to be out again.

### The Ducks Arrive.

The cold weather of the past few days has brought the ducks Southward, and a flock of the feathery fowls winged their flight over the city last week. Like ships at sea, they passed in the night, and although a Dispatch reporter got a glimpse of them it was impossible to secure an interview with any member of the flock. They were by no means taciturn and uncommunicative but seemed coy and shy, and while their quacks were heard at a distance it was impossible to corner off either Mr. Canvasback or Mr. Mallard, who seemed to be the leaders of the flock, and ascertain their views on the financial situation. In using the term "quack" it is not intended to assert that the ducks were engaged in the vending of patent medicines or cure-alls, but the word is used as a verb, and indicates the guttural noises emanating from the throats of the ducks as they passed.

While no interview could be obtained from a single fowl in the flock, it was rumored on the streets that the ducks came South not only to enjoy the equable climate, but to investigate the financial conditions here and inquire into the efficiency with which the prohibition laws are enforced. They stopped in Atlanta, and finding no blind tigers in which they could "liquidate their bills," they journeyed to Birmingham, arriving there in season to obtain liquid nourishment before the first palaces closed their doors forever. They did not tarry here long, but proceeded to Louisiana, where the sun shines perpetually and where, as well as water, flows freely and abundantly.

### To Urge State Prohibition.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 12.—Chairman W. T. Lowrey, of the prohibition executive committee of Mississippi, will shortly issue an address in reference to the convention that will be held in Jackson on Tuesday, January 9th, for the purpose of framing the memorial to be presented to the legislature asking for the enactment of prohibition statutes.

Several erroneous publications have been made concerning the date of the meeting. A reference to the minutes of the last session of the committee held in this city shows that the date named was January 9th, and it is not likely that any change will be made by the chairman.

The prohibition leaders are practically of one mind concerning the nature of the legislation that will be asked. They will request the legislature to first enact a statutory prohibition law abolishing every saloon in Mississippi, and at the same session submit an amendment to the people at the November, 1908, election, proposing constitutional prohibition.

Every county in the State will be expected to send delegates to the January 9th convention, and as the legislative session will be under way at that time, the gathering is expected to make a decided impression on the lawmaking body.

While no actual poll of the legislative membership has been made, the prohibition leaders are confident that they have a good majority in each branch of the body, and they do not anticipate a strong opposition from the saloon element. This is the first time that the prohibition forces have been solidly united in a demand for State prohibition, opposition within the ranks having been manifested at former legislative sessions when the subject was pending for consideration, many of the most influential leaders believing that it would be better to strengthen the local option laws. With all elements united, however, in the demand for statutory and constitutional prohibition, and the new governor elected on a platform of that character, nothing short of a miracle can stem the prohibition tide.

### The Cotton Market.

Cotton is still declining, the market having lost ten points Saturday. At the close of business Saturday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 10.60, January futures in New York at 9.80, New Orleans spots at 10%, and January futures in New Orleans at 9.92. In the local market middling was quoted at 10%.

Mr. R. E. Cheatham will leave on Tuesday for a Western trip, during which he will visit Oklahoma and that section. Mr. Cheatham goes West on a prospecting tour, but it is the earnest hope of his friends that in his travels he will find no place that he likes as well as he does Columbus.

## MOBILE REFUSES TO PAY FORFEIT

GULF CITY QUITS THE COTTON STATES LEAGUE AND SEEMS TO EVADE PAYMENT OF REQUIRED FORFEIT.

If Other Clubs Stand Firm in Their Demand for Payment of Forfeited Oystermen May Wear Same Uniform Next Season.

It seems that Mobile is to experience some difficulty in breaking away from the Cotton States League. There is a clause in the constitution providing that any club withdrawing from the Cotton States league and securing membership in another league must pay a forfeit of \$2500, and the holders of the Gulf City franchise are by no means desirous of parting with this tidy little sum. In order to evade the payment of the money the backers of the club have evolved a neat little scheme which provides for the complete emancipation of Mobile, and removes the headquarters of the organization to Algiers, La. Of course this is merely a subterfuge to avoid the payment of the proscribed forfeit, and the deception is so patent that any man with half an eye can see through it.

It is perfectly natural that the remaining cities of the league should be indignant on account of the action of the Gulf City directors. Mobile is the largest city embraced in the circuit, and was to a certain extent the backbone of the organization. Notwithstanding this fact, however, Mobile's sister cities in the league were willing to allow her to withdraw from their ranks, provided that the proscribed forfeit was paid, but when it comes to pulling her without so much as saying "by your leave," it was to be expected that opposition to the move would now be felt.

In order for Mobile to retire from the league and remain eligible for admission to a league of higher class it will be necessary to have the consent of three-fourths of the Cotton States cities. This means that in order for the scheme now on foot to go through, four out of the five remaining cities must vote for her retirement without the payment of the forfeit. It is not within the realms of probability that this will be done, and as the Gulf City magnates do not seem to be the least inclined to put up the forfeit money, Mobile may be found in the Cotton States ranks again next season. The matter will come up for adjudication at the annual meeting of the Cotton States directors, which is scheduled to take place at Gulfport on Monday, December 2nd, and nothing definite will be known until that time.

The Schumann-Heink Engagement. Madame Schumann-Heink gave a song recital at the chancel of the Industrial Institute and College last night, and the brilliant audience that heard her embraced not only the elite of Columbus, but scores of musicians and music lovers from surrounding cities and towns. Several of the world's greatest singers have appeared here during recent years, but none ever received a more cordial welcome than the one extended Madame Schumann-Heink last night. The glowing indications that such was expected of the singer, and her listeners were not disappointed. She possesses both the innate talent and the finished technique of the truly great artist, and the bird-like tones of her wonderful voice cannot fail to thrill and enthral the true lover of music.

It is the custom of nearly all singers undertaking a concert tour to engage the services of one or two artists of more or less ability to assist them in their entertainments, but this custom has been discarded by Madame Schumann-Heink. She has no one save an accompanist, and last night rendered alone a long and varied program.

Madame Schumann-Heink is accompanied on her present tour by her husband, and while in Columbus the couple have apartments at the Stone Hotel.

Mr. Robert Albright is temporarily filling the position of bill clerk of the express office. Mr. Albright was former incumbent of the position, resigned and left for Gulfport, where he goes to accept a position with a large cotton firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Allen were in the city Thursday.