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## DRESDEN BOY MEETS DEATH IN MICHIGAN

Fell Beneath Moving Train and Met Tragic Death. Remains Reach Here Tuesday. Interment at Dresden Cemetery

Three weeks ago last Saturday night Hubert McWherter left Dresden, answering the call for ambitious, energetic young men to go to Lansing, Mich. Full of hope and ambition, energetic and buoyant, cheerful and happy, light-hearted and care-free, the lad bade his Dresden friends goodbye, promising to return in the fall.

Sunday morning the family were gathered about the hearthstone reading a letter from Hubert. While this letter did not betray symptoms of home-sickness, yet it showed his love for the farm and the things of the farm, for he inquired of the stock, the condition of the crops and all connected with the farm. Hardly had the letter been finished when the sad message came of the boy's death. In the twinkling of an eye day had been turned into night, sunshine into the darkest gloom, not only in that home, but in the hearts of all the young people of the town, for Hubert was a favorite with all. He was loved by all. He was one of our most ambitious, energetic young men. No job of work was ever too hard or too tiring for Hubert to tackle, and it has been the comment here that he was always busy—always hard at work—farming, hauling wood, logs or some other manual labor. With this he was ever cheerful—singing or whistling as along he plod his way. His cheerful disposition lightened his labors. It made him admirers, and the number of friends he had was shown by the large delegation which met the train bearing his body on Tuesday morning at the depot, and the many handsome floral tributes placed upon his grave.

Hubert and other companions, after their hard day's toil on last Saturday, started over to a neighboring town late in the evening. There being no passenger train due at returning time they decided to ride a passing freight. Hubert missed his footing, fell beneath the moving wheels and met his death. It is a sad story, and the Enterprise shall not attempt to detail it. Suffice it to say he is dead and there is a sad home in Dresden and many sad hearts. The grief-stricken father and mother, who have never known a great sorrow before this, are grieved beyond consoling. The sisters and the brother are heart-broken. Hubert was the youngest of the family. He was the pet of the family. He was a good, noble, manly little fellow, and we mingle our tears with those who weep, offering them this hope

There is no death! The stars go down  
We shine upon some fairer shore;  
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown  
They shine forever more.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. G. T. Mayo, assisted by Rev. A. B. Jones and Rev. Kirkland.

## MANY ELECTIONS THURSDAY, AUG. 3

Four Ballot Boxes to Be Provided at Each Precinct. Constitutional Question Is to Be Voted On.

Each voting precinct in the county will have four different ballot boxes on the day of the regular election, where there are to be four separate and distinct elections held.

In the first place, there is the attorney-general, Hon. T. O. Morris, to be elected to fill out the unexpired term of the late D. J. Caldwell. This election, however, will be held along with the county election and the same ballot used as for county officers. Then, there will be a separate ballot box provided at each precinct for the vote on the constitutional question, but the same officers and judges preside for this election as for the regular county election. This makes two elections. The next is a primary for the nomination of a democratic candidate for congress, and this will require a separate set of officers, judges and clerks. Then, there is to be the primary for state senator, and this will require a separate ballot box with officer, judges and clerks at each voting place.

Constables are to be elected in each district and also an advisory board of education. Then in each of the five school districts of the county there is to be elected a member of the county board of education, and it is understood none of the present members will stand for re-election.

Voters, on Thursday, Aug. 3, will have to be very cautious, else they will find themselves puzzled. Here is what you will have to vote for:

- Constitutional Convention,
- Attorney-General,
- Trustee,
- Sheriff,
- Tax Assessor,
- Member County Board Education,
- District Advisory Board,
- Constable,
- Special School District Trustees.

This latter applies only to Dresden, Sharon and Gleason. The above is for the regular August election, while the following are primaries:

- Representative in Congress,
- State Senator.

## Weakley County's Taxable Wealth.

The tabulated figures in Clerk Jeter's office show the 1916 assessment for Weakley county to be \$6,861,333; less the railroad, telegraph and telephone assessment.

This is a little more than \$200,000 below the 1915 assessment. The Second district fell about \$80,000 below last year's assessment this time. This being the largest decrease of any district in the county.

The number of polls for the county amount to 5,553, and the total number of acres of land liable for taxation is 349,420. These are assessed at \$4,426,633. The number of town lots in the county is 2,069, and valued at \$1,500,680. The personal property subject to taxation is \$933,990.

Weakley county is one of the wealthiest in West Tennessee, and it is regretted that our 1916 assessment falls so far below that of the previous year. However, an investigation might reveal the fact that the 1915 assessment was too high.

## Suit in Chancery Is Tried by Jury.

For the second time in a period of twenty-three years, a jury is hearing the evidence in a chancery suit in this county, the cause being that of R. H. Davis and others vs. T. H. Carney and others, growing out of the sale of a Jack some two years ago by Carney to Davis and others. Shortly after the purchase of the jack, which was sold on a guarantee as to soundness, the animal died, and this suit is brought to recover the purchase price of the jack, it being alleged by the purchasers that the animal was not sound. A jury was called for in the case, and the following citizens compose the same: J. W. Trentham, J. F. Wiseman, E. W. Williams, G. W. Russ, J. M. Hodges, B. W. White, C. W. Bullock, R. B. Trentham, J. H. May, W. L. Bullock, E. D. Parsley, B. L. Hodges. Seventy-five witnesses have been summoned and two or three days will be required in hearing the case.

Chancellor McKinney arrived Tuesday afternoon from Dyersburg, where he was detained, having ten jury cases before him there.

There are several railroad injunction suits, growing out of the placing of railroad telephone poles on private property in this county, to be heard at this term.

## Joint Discussion Garrett and Senter.

A list of appointments for a joint discussion has been made out for a joint discussion between Garrett and Senter, candidates for congress. The campaign opens Saturday afternoon at Union City, at which time many friends of the aspirants will be present.

No dates for a joint debate between the gentlemen have been arranged for either Weakley or Gibson county, but there will likely be a discussion between them in these counties before the campaign closes on Aug. 3.

Mr. Senter was at home in bed sick on Monday, when the list of appointments was arranged at McKenzie by Mr. Garrett and friends of Mr. Senter.

## Receiver for Rural Credits Association.

Lexington, Ky., July 15.—Following suit for receiver filed two weeks ago by T. W. Henderson of Dresden, Tenn., Robert J. Colbert, this city, today was appointed receiver of the Kentucky Rural Credits association, incorporated two years ago under the laws of Delaware, with a million dollar capital stock. Directors today joined in the receivership request. This receivership marks the collapse of the most ambitious financial scheme ever attempted in the south. There are 4,000 stockholders in Tennessee, Kentucky and adjoining states who have paid in \$375,000. Of this, Promoters Stanley Watson and O. L. Valldingham of Kansas City got \$171,000 as their share. There is \$136,000 held on good mortgage loans and the remainder has been spent for expenses. The promoters left here several months ago.

The intention was to loan money on farms at a low rate of interest on long terms. When Gov. James B. McCreary left office he was made president at \$5,000 a year. Other leading men were made officers at large salaries. McCreary and some others resigned shortly after the Tennessee man filed his suit for receiver. Offices were secured in the city's largest building, and until recently matters were apparently on a highly prosperous basis.

Claude Mercer, an attorney for the receiver, started tonight that agents of property had misrepresented matters.

One hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars in stock was sold in Tennessee and commissions in that state were \$40,000 to the promoters.

Alleged as unknown to the Lexington officials of the company, no legal right to do business in Tennessee was secured. Petition filed by L. E. Holladay of Dresden and Hon. T. B. McGregor of Frankfort.

## RAISE \$3,500 TO BUILD GOOD ROADS

Progressive Citizens of Martin Respond Most Liberally to Call for Funds for Road Construction.

Fifty wide-awake, progressive citizens of Martin, at the solicitation of Geo. Knox, the youngest, most enthusiastic, wide-awake live wire in Weakley county, have signed a note for \$3,500 to be used for the purchase of six good mules, graders, scrapers and plows and the employment of hands, and all the roads within a radius of five miles of Martin, West Tennessee's livest town, will be put in apple pie order so as to receive the promised state and national aid. That is every road out five miles from Martin where the farmers and land owners co-operate will be made regular first-class roads.

This will be kept up by these fifty progressive citizens for a period of one year, in which time these roads ought to be in strictly first-class condition and ready to be declared state-aid roads. The money not required for the purchase of machinery will be used in cutting grades, etc., and at the end of the twelve months the mules and machinery will be put up and sold, the sum realized from the sale to be equally divided among those who signed the payment of the original \$3,500, which will be borrowed, and then the fifty citizens will go down into their "jeans" and pay the balance. A competent committee will supervise the road work, acting without compensation, and a civil engineer from the state highway department will direct the improvements.

To our mind, this is one of the most important movements undertaken in this county in a long time, and we commend the wide-awake citizens of Martin. The idea ought to take deep root and be adopted by Dresden and Gleason and Sharon and Greenfield, and all farmers and land owners ought to lend every co-operation.

## Cattle Sale to be Held Here.

Mr. L. C. Freesh, of Bradford, who, some months ago, conducted a successful and satisfactory sale of cattle at Sharon, will put on a big cattle sale at Dresden on Tuesday, Aug. 1, selling some twenty-five or thirty head of Holstein grade cattle—bulls, springers and milkers. The sale will be held at Johnson's livery barn. Watch the Enterprise for full particulars.

## Rural Telephone Increases Popularity

A man's popularity increases immediately he installs a rural telephone, as Clerk Jordon Jeter will attest. For some time Jordon has promised Mrs. Jeter he would install a rural in their residence, and on last Monday the 'phone was put in. Somehow, not known to the uninitiated, the word went out over the Tenth district, Jordon's old home, that he had a rural, and Miss Spears, the very efficient and accommodating rural operator at the Liberty exchange, says that for an hour there were calls for Clerk Jeter. As soon as he got through with one call there was another waiting, until he had talked over his new 'phone for a solid hour, conversing with most all his old neighbors "across the river." Jordon thinks it a huge joke perpetrated upon him, but his friends naturally wanted to hear his voice again. Mrs. Taylor, who so satisfactorily operates the Dresden board, says that if all the Dresden merchants and lawyers and doctors would put in a rural their popularity, too, would increase. Try it, gentlemen.

## FINIS J. GARRETT IN THE CAMPAIGN

Arrived Home Last Friday Night and Will Spend Several Weeks Campaigning for The Democratic Nomination.

Representative Garrett arrived in Dresden Friday night and will spend the time from now until after the congressional primary which is to be held Thursday, Aug. 3, campaigning the Ninth congressional district.

Mr. Garrett, being a leading member of the house, has been a most busy man, and this is his first opportunity to get away from the congressional grind. He did not even have opportunity of attending the national democratic convention, and could not have come home now except for the temporary settlement of the Mexican trouble and international questions which have been confronting the congress for many months. But both these seem to be settled, at least for the time being, and Mr. Garrett will spend several weeks here looking after his political fences.

A large delegation came over to Dresden Sunday from several of the counties in the district to confer with the congressman, and our understanding is they assured Garrett that he had lost none of his old-time following. These gentlemen were very optimistic concerning Garrett's success in the primary.

While here Mr. Garrett gave out an interview, published in Sunday's Commercial Appeal, correcting a misleading special sent out some days ago from Humboldt, the home of Mr. Garrett's opponent. The special stated, in substance, that when the national prohibition amendment was before congress that the record shows Garrett was present and not voting. This is untrue, as every citizen of Dresden knows that at that time Mr. Garrett was confined to his bed at his home in Dresden, which fact was mentioned in the columns of the Commercial Appeal, as well as local papers, the Enterprise printing an item of Mr. Garrett's illness at the time.

In his interview, published in Sunday's Commercial, Mr. Garrett has the following to say:

"When I learned through the public press that the prohibition amendment was to be brought to a vote on Dec. 22 I immediately wrote one of my colleagues from Tennessee advising him of my inability and of my desire that the record should be made to show that I favored the amendment by being paired in the manner that the rules of the house provide. It requires the two-thirds vote of the house of representatives to pass a resolution submitting a constitutional amendment and so in arranging pairs upon these propositions it is the custom to pair two who are for it with one who is against it. My colleague arranged this and immediately following the record of the roll call the list of pairs that was made is given and it shows Mr. McGuire of Oklahoma and Mr. Garrett of Tennessee (for,) with Mr. Burke of Pennsylvania (against.)"

"I secured the arrangement of this pair in order that my attitude upon the question might be officially shown and that there might be no possibility of misrepresentation. I succeeded in having it officially shown, but do not seem to have succeeded in preventing misrepresentations. I do not understand such tactics. I invite comparison of my official record upon every question of temperance or prohibition legislation which has arisen during my term of service in the congress with that of any member of the congress or with that of any member of the legislature of this state, who has been charged with any responsibility in connection with such state legislation."—Edwin C. Dinwiddie, Legislative Superintendent.

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