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COMMERCIAL CLUB STARTS NEW YEAR

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RE-ORGANIZATION CAMPAIGN CLOSES.

FINE RESULTS NOW EXPECTED

Members Council Will be of Great Assistance During the Next Twelve Months.

Yesterday saw the completion of the re-organization campaign for the Chamber of Commerce. At a meeting Friday night of the Board of Directors the completed organization was taken over and the wheels of machinery were set in motion on the activities for the coming year.

During the past week the entire time has been spent in building the Members' Council, the divisions of the different departments and the program of work which will be followed out during the next twelve months. A complete line-up of the different branches of the organization will be announced in a few days.

Several of the divisions of the different departments have already started their work, having received bids on the printing necessary and getting their forms and details ready for work.

The organization on the new plan creates a place for every member, the belief being that every man has a "pet hobby" and if placed at work following the line of the personnel wish his efforts will be directed for the good of the community and himself. With that in view the officers of the organization are being very careful with their selection of men for the different positions.

McKeand, who has been in the re-creation for the past four weeks, left the city yesterday. In an interview with a representative of the Commercial before leaving he expressed himself as being well pleased with the campaign here in Columbus and the spirit of the business men in taking hold of the matter. The local organization according to the experts in charge is the most modern in every way and constructive results are expected from the work of the body.

The program of work as outlined from the suggestions as gathered on the referendum covers a wide range of activities and everyone of them is possible of accomplishment. With the departmental plan of work, the dividing of the different branches of the program of work among the divisions and the fixing of the responsibility means a possibility of carrying out a large number of activities without a big call on anyone for a large amount of time.

LOCAL MEN TO ORGANIZE AN ADVERTISING CLUB

WILL HOLD MEETING AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THURSDAY EVENING.

A number of the business men of the city held a meeting Thursday night for the purpose of discussing the organization of an advertising body in the Chamber of Commerce. Another meeting will be held next Thursday night, at which time a permanent organization will be effected. When organized it will be the intention of the members of the club to affiliate with the Associated Advertising Clubs of the world, the largest business organization in existence.

Twenty Children Burned to Death.

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 28.—Twenty children, most of them girls seven to 17 years old, lost their lives today in a fire that destroyed St. John's Parochial School. Another girl probably was killed; several were severely hurt.

The 600 children had entered their classrooms for the morning session when the fire was discovered, and although most of them were guided to safety by sisters of the Order of Notre Dame, who were their teachers, panic seized many as they neared the front door, and in their rush to escape they lost their footing and their bodies blocked the exit. It was in the front vestibule that nearly all the bodies were found.

Of the 100 bodies at an undertaking shop tonight, 10 had been identified. They were Mabel Beauchamp, Nellie Burns, Florence Bourke, Elizabeth Comeau, Helen Bresnahan, Annie Boleski, Ida Essi-

INTEREST TAKEN IN CIVIC LEAGUE

COLUMBUS LADIES CO-OPERATE TO IMPROVE LOOKS OF CITY.

MEETING FRIDAY WELL ATTENDED

Work of Members Will be to Follow Plans Outlined by Chamber of Commerce.

Nearly seventy-five ladies were present at a meeting of the members of the Civic Improvement League, held at the Chamber of Commerce Friday morning, proving that the organization is of paramount interest to the ladies of this city.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. William Baldwin, and a report from the membership committee was heard.

Mrs. Battle Bell, chairman of the temporary program committee, read a report, which was adopted to be incorporated in the fixed program at the next meeting. The president was empowered to appoint committees and arrange a tentative program of work.

An interesting talk was made by Mr. C. A. McKeand, of Indianapolis, who has been conducting a re-organizing campaign here for the past three weeks for the Chamber of Commerce. He gave an outline of work done by the women of Charleston, S. C., which will in part be followed by the members of the local civic improvement organization.

The work of the league will follow the plans outlined by the Chamber of Commerce and will be in departments. Each member will write the president or the secretary of the association states that she thinks is most needed in this city in the way of improvements and on which committee she prefers to work.

The meeting was very enthusiastic and lasted more than an hour. The president states that the meeting next Friday will last only one hour.

Mrs. McElroy Passes Away.

The funeral of Mrs. C. P. McElroy, who died in Memphis Friday morning, was held from the First Methodist church at 10 o'clock yesterday morning conducted by Rev. W. L. Duren, and interment took place at Friendship cemetery.

The remains reached the city Friday evening and were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smith, on South Seventh street.

Mrs. McElroy, who was about 75 years of age, lived in Columbus many years, and was a great worker in the Methodist church and Sunday school, and wherever she felt that she could do the greatest good for Christ's cause. For the past six months she has resided at the home of her son, Dr. J. B. McElroy, in Memphis. For several weeks past she has been seriously ill, and the end came peacefully. Besides her son, Dr. McElroy, she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Poe, of Sidon, Miss. To the bereaved the Commercial extends sympathy.

The following friends acted as pall bearers: Messrs. John Richards, W. W. Richards, Kenneth Harrison, C. B. Smith, Walter Beard and Grady Stephenson. The honorary pall bearers were: W. C. Beard, A. Pegues, Joe Love, G. D. Harris, Dabney Lipscomb and D. R. McClary.

Mrs. Mildred Fay, Helen H. Keefe and Annie M. O'Brien.

All of the sisters carried but Mother Superior. Marie Carmelita was seriously burned.

How the fire started may never be known. The first word of the blaze it is believed, came from a tardy pupil who smelled smoke and reported it to the mother superior. The children had just finished morning prayer when the gong sounded for fire drill. Mother Marie hurried to tell the sisters of the actual danger, and the movements of the fire drill were quickly started.

A few days ago in a practice drill the building was emptied within two minutes; it would have been cleared in almost the same time today, in the opinion of some, but for the falling of a child believed to be a cripple, in the front vestibule. Over her body child after child pressed on by the crowd behind, stumped and fell. The opening was choked and escape cut off.

Trouble at the rear door, which became jammed for a time, also impeded the movement of the children. This exit was reopened, however, and many escaped through it.

Mr. F. A. Rowan, of Artesia, visited the city Friday.



—Carter in New York Evening Sun.

MEMORIAL TO MISS CAVELL HELD FRIDAY IN LONDON

LARGE NUMBER, INCLUDING WOUNDED SOLDIERS, ATTEND SERVICES.

London, Oct. 29.—A service at St. Paul's Cathedral today in memory of Miss Edith Cavell, the British nurse who was executed in Brussels, was attended by a throng which recalled the funeral of Lord Roberts at the cathedral almost a year ago.

Before 8 o'clock a great crowd stood shivering in the first cold fog of the season, awaiting the opening of the doors. Shortly after ten o'clock signs bearing the words, "church full," were hung at all the doors except the one reserved for ticket holders. Conspicuous among the crowd which waited patiently in the gloomy fog was a large number of wounded soldiers, attended by Red Cross nurses.

The sombre clothing of the congregation which packed the great edifice was relieved here and there, singularly, by spots of color of the uniform of soldiers and sailors when military and naval dignitaries took their places in the pews. The only seats reserved were for the Lord Mayor, the diplomatic corps of the entente allies and 600 of Miss Cavell's fellow nurses.

The service was begun with the "Dead March" played on the organ. Then came "Abide with Me," by the Life Guards' band. Except for the Lord's prayer and the reading of one lesson, the service was entirely musical, no sermon being delivered.

King George and Queen Mary were represented by Edward W. Whallington, groom in waiting to the king; Queen Mother Alexandra by Earl Howe, and Field Marshal Kitchener, by Surgeon-General Sir Alf. Keogh, director-general of the British medical service.

Falls From Pecan Tree.

Master Walter Beard sustained painful injuries yesterday when he fell about twenty feet to the ground from a pecan tree in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ottley, on College street.

In company with a number of playmates the young man climbed into the tree to gather some nuts, and in some way lost his hold and was precipitated to the ground, and it is almost a miracle that he was not killed.

Dr. T. H. Henry was summoned and gave medical attention, and found that no bones were broken. In a short time he had recovered sufficiently to be carried to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Beard, where he is improving.

Mr. Richardson Improving.

The latest news from Mr. Jonathan Richardson, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Baptist Memorial Hospital, in Memphis, stated that he was free from fever and that he was doing as well as could be expected. This is very pleasant news to Mr. Richardson's countless friends here.

SENIORS AT I. I. AND C. ENTERTAIN THE JUNIORS

BEAUTIFUL BANQUET GIVEN LAST NIGHT ENJOYED BY 250 STUDENTS.

The seniors at the Industrial Institute and College, who have been "breaking in" the juniors during the past week, made up for all they had done by serving a banquet in their honor last night. Each year the graduating class entertains for the juniors, and the affair last evening was the most elaborate ever given.

The gymnasium was the scene of the feast. The hall was transformed into a landscape scene, with a moon in the background. The table was set in the shape of a star. Covers were laid for two hundred and fifty, and the dinner was served in six courses. Little red devils were used for place cards, while witches, black cats and pumpkins were arranged about the table, giving it a Halloween appearance.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

L. S. U. 10, A. and M. 0. Auburn 12, Georgia 0. U. of A. 23, Sewanee 12. Georgia Tech. 23, North Carolina 3.

North Carolina A. and M. 14, Navy 12. Mississippi College 20, Tulane 8. Vanderbilt 35, Tennessee 0.

Golf Match at Aberdeen.

A verbal invitation has been extended to the members of the Lupa-lila Golf Club, of this city, to take part in the contests between Tupelo and Aberdeen, which are to be played on the links at Aberdeen Thanksgiving day.

Columbus now has a number of fine players, and it is expected that several of them will avail themselves of the opportunity of taking part in the match at Aberdeen.

Mr. George Buder, of Memphis, spent a few days last week with his sister, Miss Bessie Buder.

LINDSEY DUNCAN GRANTED PARDON BY THE GOVERNOR

BREWER RELEASES LOWNDES COUNTY MAN SERVING NINE YEAR SENTENCE.

Mr. Lindsey Duncan, member of a prominent family living at Caledonia, a small town twelve miles northeast of Columbus, who was serving a nine year term in the penitentiary for manslaughter, has been granted a pardon by Gov. Brewer.

During the Christmas holidays of 1912 Duncan killed a young man named Arthur Manning, of the Caledonia neighborhood. He was convicted at the April term of circuit court in 1914.

ARISTADO BRIAND FORMS A NEW FRENCH CABINET

NEW COALITION COMBINES ALL ELEMENTS OF FRENCH REPUBLIC.

Paris, Oct. 29.—A new French cabinet, headed by Aristide Briand as premier and minister of foreign affairs, came into existence tonight. This is the first time in the history of the French republic that there is a coalition ministry of all the opposing parties and factions. It follows closely on the recent innovation of forming a British coalition cabinet of conservatives and liberals.

The action taken today in forming the cabinet was a culmination of a deep popular sentiment that at the supreme crisis of the war that party division should give way to united action by all the parties in common support of the government. As the result of the cabinet of Rene Viviani being representatives of only a few political groups the ministers presented their collective resignations and President Poincaré immediately charged Aristide Briand with the formation of a new organization, combining all elements.

The resulting coalition is remarkable in personnel, and includes many venerable figures. The modern element is represented by conspicuous leaders of all the political groups of the country. Thus the coalition will bring together France's oldest and younger statesmen, and in personnel represents all the history of modern France since the fall of Napoleon III.

Big Attractive Program All The Week at the Princess.

The attraction at the Princess for Monday is the noted Broadway comedy, Clifton Crawford, in "The Galloper," a Pathe Gold Rooster play in five reels, adapted from Raymond Hitchcock's famous success, "The Yankee Consul," a cleverly conceived comedy that is good for many laughs. A big feature at regular prices, 5c and 10c.

The "Paramount" attraction for Tuesday, Nov. 2, is an unique double bill of two features. "Bootsie's Baby," by John Stanage Winter, is a delightfully pleasing child story, enacted by Mimi Yvonne, the wonderful little child actress and a famous players' cast, in four reels. "The Man on the Case," by Grace Livingston Furniss, is the story of a millionaire who is looking for a girl that will love him and not his money. It is replete with many laughable situations, and enacted by a famous players' cast, in two reels.

Making a program of comedy and drama of the "Paramount" kind, which means better six reels of wholesome entertainment. Children 5c; adults 15c.

Mr. H. K. Foster, who has been spending several months with his father-in-law, Mr. W. L. Ellis, at Artesia, has returned to his home at Greely, Texas.

GENERAL ELECTION TO OCCUR TUESDAY

CITIZENS OF STATE TO VOTE FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

LITTLE INTEREST IS MANIFESTED

Electors of Mississippi To Vote for State, District and County Officials.

On next Tuesday the general election for state, district and county officers will be held, and although the socialists have placed candidates in the field, but will have but little effect on the outcome of the election.

The candidates who have been nominated by the Socialists for various offices, and whose names appear on the official ballot which is to be voted next Tuesday, are as follows: For governor, J. T. Lester; for lieutenant-governor, F. T. Maxwell; for secretary of state, V. L. Eggar; for auditor public accounts, M. P. Williams; for state treasurer, E. F. Miller; for insurance commissioner, W. C. Kennedy; for clerk of the supreme court, Enos Farmer; for land commissioner, H. A. Harbaugh; for railroad commissioners, R. N. Smith and T. J. Lyon.

Democratic nominees for county and beat offices have no opposition, and qualified electors should vote for all of them.

The following officers have been appointed by the election commissioners of Lowndes county to conduct the election at the different polling places throughout the county:

District 1—Caledonia: W. N. Hutchinson, D. M. Wood, J. E. Morris, judges. J. K. Vaughn, W. H. Otley, clerks.

District 2—North Columbus: S. M. Nash, Joe Harris, W. C. Meek, judges. B. K. Sessums, John Morehead, clerks.

District 3—South Columbus: Julius Marx, J. D. Lawrence, W. M. Clark, judges. Homer Kilpatrick, J. S. Marx, clerks.

District 3—Steen: J. M. Brownlee, J. E. Harris, J. A. Dowdle, judges. J. W. Eubanks, J. O. Dowdle, clerks.

District 3—Mt. Vernon: J. G. Goings, E. L. Phillips, G. H. Hartsell, judges. C. J. Christopher, A. L. Davis, clerks.

District 3—Old Zion: E. Randle, S. T. Sparks, S. L. Davis, judges. J. C. Golding, J. P. Halbert, clerks.

District 4—Crawford: W. A. Hartman, G. W. Hairston, Chas. Kier, judges. N. B. Seales, F. T. Carr, clerks.

District 4—Dearing Store: Peto Cox, J. N. Bailey, J. T. Hairston, judges. Dr. T. L. Ervin, Hugh Townsend, clerks.

District 5—Artesia: W. S. Wadsworth, W. W. Davis, John McIlwain, judges. J. T. Mitchell, Jr., John L. Butts, clerks.

District 5—Mayhew: W. H. Castles, J. D. Burgin, F. C. Smith, judges. F. R. Parker, F. H. Bailey, clerks.

District 5—Thomas' Store: C. H. Coeke, J. M. Salter, W. G. Evans, judges. Walter Swoope, R. B. Ervin, clerks.

Franklin a Notable Visitor.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 29.—Jackson friends were pleased to again greet yesterday afternoon Hon. Malcolm Franklin, collector of the port of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, and for many years a member of the Mississippi legislature. Mr. Franklin was passing through Jackson on his way to Yazoo City to visit Senator John Sharp Williams, to whom he owes his appointment. He has spent several days in his old home at Columbus.

The Hawaiians have been made immensely wealthy by the war, Mr. Franklin says, the prices received for their sugar products during the recent months, being the highest they had ever known. The sugar cane plantations are largely in the hands of big interests, however, and there is little opportunity for the small grower, available lands having been entirely taken up. The cost of living is also an acute problem with the man of moderate means, says Mr. Franklin, and the salaried employees in Honolulu with a family, consider themselves fortunate if they can break even at the end of the year.

But for the tourist the Hawaiian climate is ideal all the year around, and Honolulu is a city of great natural beauty, and built along strictly modern lines.

Dr. Brewer Returns.

Dr. W. C. Brewer, who for the past month has been taking a special course at Mayo Brothers, in Rochester, Minn., returned home the past week.

The Columbus Hospital, which was closed during the absence of Dr. Brewer, will reopen tomorrow.

The Young People's Missionary Society of the Christian Church will meet at the church this afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are invited to be present.

TEUTONS WANT TO SURROUND SERBS

RUSSIA HOPES TO SEND HER TROOPS THROUGH ROUMANIA.

AUSTRIANS CROSS SERBIAN BORDER

Only Artillery Engagements Are Taking Place in East—Germans Still After Riga.

London, Oct. 29.—The Germans, with their Austrian and Bulgarian Allies, are still trying to cut off the retreat of the main Serbian army, which is offering spirited resistance as it retreats.

While Field Marshal Von Mackensen's force advances slowly from the north, the Austrians have crossed the western border of Serbia, south of Visegrad, and are moving eastward, and the Bulgarians are marching westward on a large front from Piro, southeast of Nish, to Sejecar, northeast of Nish.

It is a long way across and the country is difficult to traverse, but the Serbians are bound to defend it as long as possible, as their great arsenal at Kraguyevatz is situated in this area, and they doubtless will hold on with the hope of making an eventual retirement in the mountains in the Montenegrin frontier and in that country.

To forestall this the Austrians are also attacking in Montenegro, but have made little progress as the Montenegrins under their veteran fighting King, have had a long time to prepare for just such an event, and have beaten off all attacks.

In what way Serbia is to be assisted has not yet been disclosed. Some British troops are co-operating with the French in the South, and others are on their way. Russia's plan also has not been disclosed, although from German sources it is reported that Roumania is about to throw her lot in with the entente allies and will allow the passage of a half million Russians through her territory to attack Bulgaria from the north.

Greece has assured the entente powers that her neutrality remains friendly to them, and has pointed out that she has already given them assistance by permitting the landing of troops at Saloniki.

On the other fronts there is little or no change in the situation. In the west artillery remains the chief method of warfare, although there has been some trench fighting. In the east the battle is still raging for Riga and Dvinsk, which for nearly two months Von Hindenburg has been trying to reach.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

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

The ginner's report shows that 3993 bales of cotton were ginned in Lowndes county for the crop of 1915 prior to October 18, compared to 6,663 bales ginned to October 18, 1914.

The new super-dreadnought, Nevada, the first oil burning battleship of the United States navy, is ready for her government tests off the coast of Maine. The tests are expected to continue for about a week.

Formation of a supplemental air fleet of 5,000 aeroplanes whose special mission is to conduct a ceaseless campaign of destruction on German factories, is the object of the new French aerial league. The league was founded by a group of prominent Frenchmen.

British submarines have sunk four more German steamers in the Baltic. This announcement is made in the Russian official statement.

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