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MAKING FIGHT FOR SHARE OF MILLIONS

Columbus Has A Claimant For an Interest in The Hartfield Estate in New York.

Messrs. Orr & Harrison have been retained to represent Mr. William B. Matthews in his claim against the estate of Abner Hartfield in the city of New York. Hartfield owned originally a hundred and sixty acres in New York, the Central Park section now, and it is valued at over a hundred million dollars. Hartfield's heirs are now seeking to recover their property upon legal grounds and the fight has enlisted eminent legal talent in two States in the cause. There are heirs of the estate, so said, at Hattiesburg, Miss., and Lt. Gov. Carter has been retained to represent these heirs.

Matthews is an old man who moved to this city from Alabama. He lives in East Columbus. He

claims to be a grand child of Abner Hartfield, the original owner of the New York property. Matthews has a sister residing at Vernon, Ala., and one in Texas, and that there appears to be something in his claim is shown by the fact that he has received letters from New York, from a Texas attorney, who was in that city on business connected with this law suit. In an interview with the daily papers this attorney, Jos. T. Cowan, claims that he was offered a hundred million dollars by certain New York capitalists for his interest in the case.

Messrs. Orr & Harrison have been at work on the case for some time and expect to fully protect their client in the litigation which will follow.

PAID THE PENALTY WITH HIS LIFE

Negro Brute at Cedar Bluff, Mississippi, Hung by a Mob For the Usual Crime.

Cedar Bluff a small station on the line of the Southern Railway west of Columbus and between West Point and Winona, was the scene of a fiendish and atrocious crime last Thursday morning about eight o'clock. The twelve year old daughter, of Mr. Jack Thomas, a well-to-do and prosperous farmer residing twelve miles from that place, was viciously and brutally assaulted by a negro boy on the place, who maimed and injured his victim fearfully. The brute was captured a few

moments after the commission of the crime and Mr. Thomas locked him in his barn and had his son guard him while he went to Cedar Bluff after physicians to attend his little girl.

Cleveland McBee was the negro's name and he was carried to Cedar Bluff. A mob gathered and he was very quietly and very orderly hung and his body riddled with bullets. The mob cut the railroad wires so that the outside world, including the Governor, would not know what was transpiring.

THE PRESENT YELLOW FEVER SITUATION

Gulfport Infected. Memphis Has A Scare. New Orleans Fever Under Control.

Gulfport announces three cases of fever, supposed to have resulted from the outbreak at Mississippi City, three miles away. The appearance of the fever at this point is not surprising considering its close proximity to the stricken Mississippi town.

The fever in New Orleans remains about the same. Some days there is a falling off in the number of cases and then the

number increases. The marine officers consider that they have the disease under control and they are seeking to prevent communication between the infected parishes around the city now with a view of protecting the city and preventing a further spread of the fever.

Memphis had her scare on Friday, but they report all quiet on the Mississippi now with no cases whatever.

Two New Bales.

To Mr. John D. Long, one of the enterprising farmers of the Pickensville section, belongs the honor of marketing the first bale of the new cotton crop in Columbus. A man arrived in the city early Friday morning with a bale which he stored at Gardner's Warehouse and which he claimed was a bale of the new crop. It was sold under this misrepresentation but later it was learned that it was an old bale and the correction was made.

Mr. Long brought to this city two bales one weighing 582 pounds and a small bale weighing 342 pounds. Both were of the crop of 1905. The cotton was stored at the warehouse of Gardner & Co., and was sold yesterday to H. E. Johns & Co., the first bale bringing 15 1/2 cents a pound.

Mr. Will Halbert accompanied by his sisters, Misses Nancy, Mary Foote and Alice, are home from a pleasant visit to friends at Louisville, Miss.

Death of Mr. A. F. Keith.

Mr. A. F. Keith, a well known citizen of the Prairie section west of Columbus, who resides five miles south of this city on the Macon road, died last Thursday afternoon about six o'clock, his death being attributed to apoplexy. Mr. Keith has not been well for several weeks and was under medical treatment at the time of his demise which was quite sudden and unexpected.

The deceased man was in his fifty fourth year and had resided in this county for the past twenty odd years. He came here from Tennessee, and was a representative of that State's most leading families, his sister being the wife of United State Senator Frazier. He leaves one daughter, Miss Annie, whose large circle of friends in Columbus sincerely sympathize with her.

The funeral was held last Friday afternoon, the interment being in Friendship Cemetery. Rev. Isaac Borders, conducting the burial service. Many friends attended as a last mark of respect to his memory.

Change of Location.

Messrs. Carson and Moony, proprietors of the New Dixie Lyceum Bureau, have rented the office above Buder Bros. on Main street and will move into it on the 1st.

Mr. Leighton Lyde, representing McFadden Bros., will have his office on South Market street above the Columbus Clothing Co.

Mr. G. H. Mathis, who will continue in the cotton business here, will have his office on South Market street in the Richardson store, up stairs. Mr. Mathis' former office above T. J. Locke's grocery store on Main street will be occupied by Mr. J. P. Woodward.

The City Furniture Company will take possession of the Chapman building on Main street on the first. Roseberry & Co. will occupy the second story of the Western Union Telegraph Co. office and Dibelbiss' news stand will be moved into the old Columbus Clothing Company's stand on Main street.

The drug firm of L. Lide & Co. will open for business on South Market street in the stand at present occupied by C. Tesch, merchant tailor. Mr. Tesch moves on the 1st to Merchants' Block.

Mr. Rupert Richards, who has had an office in the Robertson building on South Market street, will move his office to his warehouse at the M. & O. depot on the 1st.

Messrs. J. R. Horton and Joe Licata have temporarily moved their harness and shoe shop from the west side of North Market street to the old stand of Peter Geraud's oyster parlor where they will be installed until they can get possession of the stand of the Gilbert Supply Co. in the Barrow building on the corner of Market and 2nd Avenue North. The Gilbert Supply Co. will occupy the stand formerly occupied by Ransom Wynn, on North Market street, which will be thoroughly overhauled preparatory for their occupancy.

WORK WILL BE RESUMED THIS WEEK

Street Railway Company Will Begin Track Laying Again. Trolley Poles To Go Up At Once.

The work of completing the insulation of the track of the street railway, which has already been laid, has been practically finished, and the erecting of the poles will soon begin. The insulation is secured by joining the rails together with copper wires, and in order to do the work in proper manner the company was compelled to bring to Columbus an expert from Decatur, Ala., who instructed the local laborers in the method of installing the wires.

The company has been somewhat hampered in securing material of all kinds by the stringent quarantine regulations which have been in existence for the past month, but a letter was received last week stating that the poles are all ready for shipment, and they are expected to arrive within the next few days. The poles are to come from Grandy, Ala., and are of juniper,

which is claimed to be the best wood for the purpose, as it has a tough fibre, and lasts a great many years. On Main street the poles will be erected on the north side of the track, this being done with a view of installing a second track on this thoroughfare during the course of a short time. Cross arms will extend over the track, and these cross arms will be of metal. On the side streets poles will be erected on either side of the track, and will support the trolley wires, which will run over the center of the track.

Track laying on the south side of the city has been temporarily suspended but a force will soon be put to work again in this section. Col. O'Neill, the local representative of the company, was asked by a DISPATCH reporter as to what streets the road would pass over, but in reply stated that no route had as yet been determined upon.

LADIES' AUXILIARY HAS BEEN ORGANIZED

The Ladies of The City Enlisted In the Movement To Support the Park Concerts.

The park concerts have been such a success and they have afforded such pleasure and recreation to the people of Columbus that it is more than probable that the organization will resolve itself into a permanent society for the purpose of providing amusement and enjoyment to the people of this city. The concerts have been largely attended and they will be continued until the end of the season.

At the concert which was given last Tuesday night a suggestion was made that a Ladies Auxiliary to the park association be organized and Mrs. John D. Odeneal was made president of this society and Mrs. Chas. Buder was made secretary. It is the purpose of this organization to assist in raising funds to defray the expenses of the park and to further provide for its

improvement and attractiveness.

One of the initial entertainments of the Ladies Auxiliary will be the lawn party and fete, which will be given at the park on the night of September 1st. It is the intention of those in charge of the entertainment to have not only an attractive program of brass music rendered upon that occasion but a number of the leading vocalists of the city have been invited to contribute vocal numbers and other pleasing features are to be added. In addition to the musical program refreshments are to be provided and contributions to this feature of the entertainment are solicited. It is expected that quite a sum will be realized from this initial enterprise of the ladies' organization and that it will bring together a large number of our people and give them an evening of rare enjoyment and pleasure.

THE COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH

Takes Action Against Atlanta. No Yellow Fever in Memphis Wires Dr. Jones.

There was a meeting of the City Board of Health yesterday which was called for the purpose of considering the question of admitting people from Atlanta. It has come to the knowledge of the board that quite a number of persons had gone from New Orleans to Atlanta, and after having remained there for only a few days came on to Columbus, presenting health certificates by Atlanta physicians. It was ordered by the local Board of Health that all persons coming into Columbus from Atlanta be required to furnish health certificates signed by some duly recognized authority and bearing the official seal of the State of Georgia or of some incorporated town or city, and the quarantine officers were instructed to admit only persons bearing such certificates.

The question of lifting the quarantine against bananas came

up before the Board, but after some discussion it was decided to let the quarantine remain in force.

There was a second meeting of the Board of Health at two o'clock yesterday afternoon which was called for the purpose of investigating a report which was being circulated here to the effect that there was yellow fever in Memphis and to quarantine against the city provided that the report was correct. Upon motion, Mayor Gunter was requested to telegraph Dr. Heber Jones, president of the Memphis Board of Health, and ask for an official denial or confirmation of the report. In response to the inquiry Mayor Gunter received a telegram from Dr. Jones stating that there had not been a case of yellow fever or even a doubtful case in Memphis this year. This message set all fears at rest, and no quarantine was established against the Bluff City.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE AT PORTSMOUTH

Late Reports From Russia Foreshadow A Successful Outcome of Negotiations.

Yesterday's reports from Portsmouth, where the peace commissioners representing Russia and Japan are engaged in an effort to settle amicably their differences, indicate that the President's efforts to arrive at a solution of the peace problem will prove successful. A reply had been received by Witte, the Russian commissioner, in which it is hinted that Russia is receding from her position and she will agree to the terms as dictated by

Japan, provided they are modified by the spirit of compromise.

At one period the past week it looked as if the conference had reached its crisis and there was nothing to do but adjourn and go home. It was here that Roosevelt stepped into the breach and the continued negotiations are the fruits of his work. The fact that Russia is reported as receding from her position inspires the hope that peace will ultimately be secured.

The change in the weather yesterday morning was welcomed by everyone. The temperature in the past two weeks has been around the sweltering point and the past week especially the heat was overpowering. The weather being the hottest of the season. On Thursday and Friday afternoons a severe rain and electrical storm visited this section and as a result the atmosphere was greatly cooled and clarified. The rains did considerable damage to the crops over the county.

Look over Maer's real estate advertisement in this morning's paper. A large number of properties are listed and you will find anything you are looking for. Several bargains are offered, especially in the division of the Jobe property. If you want to buy a fine lot on time, or a nice cottage cheap or some good cabin property this is your chance.

Rev. L. M. Broyles' friends are pleased to see him out again after a short illness.