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From Wednesday's Paper.

REGISTER AT ONCE.

Attorney-General Williams has ruled that the August primary is an election within the scope and meaning of the constitution and thinks that one has to be registered four months before to vote in that election. The Board of Supervisors of this county has ordered a new registration for the entire county. The State Executive Committee is empowered to order the first primary between the first and tenth of August. Four months before that time would be April 1st to 10th. If the primary election is ordered for August 1st all who are not registered by today, four months in advance, if the ruling of the Attorney-General is allowed to stand, will be disqualified; if the August election occurs on the 5th voters can register up to April 5th and so on to the 10th of April provided the election is ordered for August 10th.

This is written to urge every man in the county to REGISTER AT ONCE. Delays are dangerous. The books for District No. 1 will be at Caledonia Wednesday night, April 1st and Thursday, April 2nd and all who do not have the opportunity to register there can do so at the Court House in this city. The books for Districts Nos. 4 and 5 were at Crawford yesterday, will be at Artesia and Mayhew today. The books for the remaining boxes of the county will be at the Court House. Register at once while there is time in case there is no escape from the law as interpreted by the Attorney-General.

The McWilliams Case Compromised.

The case of Mrs. M. F. McWilliams against the Southern Railway for damages for the killing of her husband has been compromised, Mrs. McWilliams agreeing to accept five thousand dollars from the company. The case was tried at the last term of the circuit court and Col. Wm. Baldwin, who represented Mrs. McWilliams, succeeded in getting a verdict for her of ten thousand dollars. The railroad company appealed the case to the supreme court and pending the appeal the above compromise was agreed upon.

Mr. J. E. Murray, assistant superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, with headquarters in Atlanta, spent yesterday in the city meeting the patrons and friends of his company here.

Mr. Rupert Richards and his wife are home from their bridal tour and are happily and comfortably domiciled at the home of Col. and Mrs. W. D. Humphries.

What is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law, even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in constipation, headache or liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly re-adjusts this. It's gentle yet thorough. Only 25c at Chapman & Mayfield's drug store.

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Critz's Card.

WEST POINT, MISS., March 29.—Judge Critz to-day gave out the following in reply to Congressman Fox's open letter:

WEST POINT, MISS., March 28, 1903.

Hon. A. F. Fox,
West Point, Miss.

Dear Sir—My reply to your open letter of March 17 has been delayed by my engagements in the State canvass. I shall only answer your proposition to submit the issues between us to a special Democratic primary election in Clay county.

If it had not been for the facts of my withdrawal from the congressional race in your favor in 1896, and, if your proposition had been made five months earlier, it would have been more plausible.

The paper you refer to as "a circular distributed through the mails over this State" is a copy of my open letter of February 17, 1903, which, as you know, was published in the leading papers circulated in the State.

In corroboration of my said letter of February 17, 1903, I give the following statement of Judge R. C. Beckett:

"WEST POINT, MISS., March 28, 1903.

"In 1896, when Hon. A. F. Fox and Judge Critz were rival candidates for congress in the Fourth district of Mississippi, Fox told me that he was not willing for them to run against each other; that it was not of sufficient importance to him to make such a race against Critz, both being from the same county. My recollection is that I suggested that it be left to the voters of Clay county to decide which should run, and to this Fox replied he was not in favor of leaving it to the vote of Clay county, but intended to leave it to Critz himself to say which should make the race. He said that the people of West Point and Clay county had always been united and that there was no matter at issue of sufficient importance to get up division and dissension among our people; and I believe he said he had rather withdraw himself than to do that or go into a scramble for the office.

"I then saw Critz and told him Fox was going to leave it to him to decide, and I advised Critz to withdraw, telling him it would put Fox under obligation to him and be to his advantage in the future. Fox did see Critz and Critz did withdraw, but I was not present at their interview.

"All of this occurred in West Point, Critz being a member of the legislature, afterwards returned to his post in Jackson.

"Still later, according to my recollection, I was going down from West Point to Jackson and Mr. Fox requested me to see Critz and say to him that his, Critz's friends in some of the counties did not seem to know that he had withdrawn; and Fox asked me to ask Critz to publish a withdrawal. I complied with Mr. Fox's request, and after that Critz did publish his letter of February 20, 1896.

(Signed) "R. C. BECKETT."

I have made a vigorous canvass of the State at large up to this time, at great cost of time, labor and money, and I have no right to ignore my friends and supporters in other counties, if I were willing to do so, and I would not if I could. I am not willing to afflict my county with the factional bitterness which the primary election you suggest would occasion. The only issues of importance to me are State issues and a State primary must settle them. I love West Point and Clay county and feel assured they will give me an endorsement of which any man should be proud.

I never have claimed that Clay was almost solidly for me, but even if I believed it was practically solidly for me, under the facts above stated, I would not consider your proposition.

Very respectfully,
FRANK A. CRITZ.

The Greenville Situation.

The situation at Greenville was further aggravated Monday night by an additional break in the levee below that city a few hundred feet above the LaGrange break. It soon washed until it was three hundred feet wide and it is now thought that the intervening levee between this break and the first one will soon be swept away, which will open a crevasse nearly a mile wide for the waters to pour into the delta.

All of Greenville with the exception of a few business blocks is under water, which is not of great depth, however, except in the low places. The additional break below the city has caused the water to rise and the inhabitants are moving into the second stories in anticipation of more water.

Little loss of life is reported. The warnings sent out by the levee boards seem to have prepared the people of the Delta and they had prepared to save themselves and their stock. Last night the situation was not improved and the water in Greenville was reported gradually rising.

Caladiums. Laws.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S RULING.

A special from Jackson under date of Sunday to the Commercial says: "The opinion of Attorney-General Williams rendered yesterday on the primary election law is causing much comment here. The opinion will give much trouble in a great many counties. The attorney-general holds that a man must be registered four months before the primary election in order to vote at the primary election. It is contended here by many lawyers that the legislative intent was to allow qualified electors who would be qualified at the time of the general election to vote in the primary election. This would mean that if a man was registered four months before the regular election he could vote in the primary election. In Jefferson county the board of supervisors has ordered an entirely new registration to be had in May, and many counties might desire to revise their registration books entirely by ordering new registrations. Under the opinion of the attorney-general, the registration in May would disqualify every man from voting in the primary.

The new primary election law provides that "qualified electors" only shall be allowed to vote in the primary election. It is contended here that a qualified elector under the constitution is an elector qualified to vote at the elections referred to and provided for by the constitution. It is also contended that a primary election, so-called, is not an election" within the meaning of the term as employed by the makers of the constitution. The question is a very interesting one."

Jackson Special.

This construction of the primary election law obtains among the best legal talent of this city, who adhere to the opinion that if a voter is a qualified elector for a general election he is entitled to participate in the primary to make nomination for that election.

The predicament which confronts Jefferson county in which the entire voting strength of the county would be disqualified unless the board of supervisors can rescind their order for a new registration and order the old registration books used, finds a parallel in Lowndes county. Several months ago the election commissioners, realizing that the registration and poll books were in bad condition, requested the Board of Supervisors to order a new registration which was done. Since that time many have claimed the privilege of registering, but about one-half of the voters of the county, relying upon the old rule of registering when the registrar visited their precinct for that purpose, have failed to exercise this right. To deny them the right to participate in the August primary because they have not registered and especially since they had no official notice to do so would be an outrage upon their rights as citizens and as men, and one certainly which the party authorities in this county will not tolerate for an instant.

However, it will be well for all who can, especially the people of the county who have awaited the visit of the registrar, to register at once in case the Attorney-General's Ruling is enforced. The August primary, the first one will be held between August 1st and August 10th. August 1st is exactly four months off from today so if the State executive committee orders the election for as late a day as August 10th, the people of the county will still have ten days to qualify. They should register at once and at the proper time the proper representation should be made to the State Committee with the request that the first primary be put off as far as possible. In the meantime register, and register at once. Tell your friends of the Attorney-General's ruling, urge upon them the importance of prompt action in this matter. The registration books are open at the circuit clerk's office in the Court House who will be glad to accord you this privilege.

Vocal Recital at College.

The vocal recital of Miss Mattie Lou Brown's pupils at the Industrial Institute and College occurs on next Saturday night and a cordial invitation is extended the music loving people of the city to attend. For this entertainment Miss Brown has had her pupils preparing for some time and a charming program has been selected and it is unnecessary to state that it will be charmingly rendered. The recital begins at eight o'clock and a delightful evening is assured.

Mr. W. C. Robertson, of Fayette, Ala., spent last Sunday and Monday in the city the guest of Mr. W. H. Brooks.

Mr. W. D. Stevenson, of Caledonia, was in the city yesterday and paid THE DISPATCH a pleasant call.

Get your moth balls now to put away with your winter clothing. Chapman & Mayfield.

Just received at Selig's a thirty-six inch, eighty-four square percale for 10c, a cloth worth 12 1/2c.

Chat of People and Events.
(Continued from Sunday's Paper.)

The reception given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church to Mrs. Lyon of Nashville, and her daughter, Mrs. Eagleton Smith of Holly Springs, was a lovely tribute of old friends to former residents here, whose lots have been cast elsewhere, but who, through the years that have passed since they left us, have ever had a place reserved for them in our hearts. Friday evening the lecture room of the church was adorned with the sweetest wild flowers of early spring—honeysuckle, yellow jessamine and boughs of snowy dogwood, which stood out again a background of luxuriant palms and ferns, making exquisite decorations in their honor and to greet them again. Many responded to the invitations generally issued. The elders of the church, over which the beloved and lamented Dr. Lyon long presided, were assisted in receiving by their wives, by the Rev. Dunbar H. Ogden and Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. Lelia Sykes, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Sturdivant, Miss Street and Miss Ogden, while in the centre of this group were the honorees, Mrs. Lyon, though past her eighty-fifth mile-stone, remarkable in her youthful vigor and though wearing the "silver livery" of age, keeping the sunshine of a nature that defies time. Chocolate and wafers were served throughout the evening which was distinguished by a musical program of exceptional charm and later by an appropriate address delivered by Mr. Ogden in happiest style. Interesting facts were woven in his history of the church inaugurated with only eleven charter members, and at the last a graceful finish was given in the presentation of a beautiful souvenir to Mrs. Lyon.

It is gratifying to Columbians to receive evidence of the high recognition accorded Dr. Williams States Jacobs in the religious world. Dr. Jacobs was recently offered one of the secretaryships of the International Sunday School Association, an offer that conveyed a distinct compliment to his ability, but was declined in order that he might continue his splendid work in Nashville.

Mr. Robert Thompson leaves shortly for Atlanta to join Mrs. Thompson, whose condition is much improved, and as soon as she is able to undertake the journey, they return to their home in Raleigh, N. C. Their Columbus friends hope to have them here again next winter, and to see Mrs. Thompson quite well again.

Mrs. Phillips, of Atlanta, is the guest of her son, Mr. F. P. Phillips. Other visitors are Mrs. Menninger of Charleston, S. C., who is with Mrs. Ann Franklin, and Mrs. Fant, of Macon, the guest of her relative, President and Mrs. Kincannon.

A talk over tea cups is the informal way in which a party of Columbus girls have been entertaining for a fortnight past. This week has been characterized by several afternoon tea-drinkings that have further established them as favorites.

At an elaborate banquet tendered Secretary of the Treasury Shaw by the bankers of Atlanta Monday, Mr. John K. Otley, a former Columbian, acted as toastmaster and introduced attractively the speakers of the evening.

Miss Mary Harrison, chairman of the Confederate bazaar committee, requests that all the contributions promised for the fair be sent to her not later than to-day, when a final shipment will be made to Richmond.

The young people's societies of the various churches will unite on Friday evening and have a reception at the Baptist church. The event is anticipated as one of the most pleasant affairs of the present week.

Mrs. Yerger, principal of Fairmont College near Sewanee, left Wednesday to resume her duties there, after spending the winter vacation with Mr. and Mrs. George Banks.

Mr. H. E. McClure, the clever and efficient superintendent of the Palmer Orphanage, leaves today for a business trip to Humboldt, Tenn.

Mrs. Odeneal and Mrs. Flewellyn Shingleur, of Jackson, will arrive soon to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Odeneal.

Mrs. E. B. Waddell's friends are glad to learn of her convalescence from an attack of grippe.

Miss Virginia Chapman is welcomed as a guest at the home of Col. and Mrs. J. W. Garth.

Prof. A. B. McKay, of the Agricultural College, was in the city Sunday.

Selig shows a great line of medalion effects in lace and embroidery, the proper trimming this season.

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BARGAINS IN MATTING

In order to make room for our New Millinery Parlors, we must get rid of some of our Matting stock. We offer them this week for less money than you ever bought such good Mattings before. For the house-keepers who are preparing for spring cleaning these bargains are opportune. Note this, every piece of Matting in this store is NEW, fresh goods—no old, dried out stuff that would be apt to break and wear out in a season.

At 10c China Mattings that you usually pay 12c to 15c for.
At 12 1/2c Good Quality China Mattings. Credit store price, 18c to 20c.
At 20c Very Heavy China Matting in neat designs; cannot be had elsewhere for less than 25c.
At 25c Extra Heavy China and Beautiful Jap Matting; the grade that sells elsewhere at 35c.

GRASS CARPETS

We are agents for the new floor covering called Crix Grass Carpet. Makes a beautiful floor, wears well and is inexpensive. We have the large Rugs of the same material at \$1.40.

SPECIAL SALE OF WASH GOODS

In order to swell our March sales we offer the following at special low prices for the first three days of this week (three days only).

At 10c 32-inch Colored Madras in a large range of patterns; a regular 15c value.
At 7 1/2c Neat and new designs in Zephyr Gingham; sold all over town at 10c.
At 19c Imported Scotch Zephyr, in all the newest patterns, regular 25c quality.
At 22c Beautiful Embroidered Swisses a sheer white ground embroidered in pink, blue red and black; regular 30c quality.
At 5c Another lot of those good Bleached Huck Towels; the kind that are 10c elsewhere.
At 25c All Silk Satin Liberty Washable Ribbon, No. 40; value 30c.
At 25c All Silk Satin Liberty Washable Ribbon, No. 80; both widths come in the following colors, black, light blue, navy, Nile, apple green, heliotrope, yellow, turquoise, castor, red, cream, black and white.

MILLINERY OPENING...

We had hoped to have our Millinery Parlors ready by April 1st, but owing to the slow arrivals of freights and our desire to have everything in perfect order, we have decided to hold the opening...

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 8 AND 9

We will show the finest and most artistic Pattern Hats and Millinery this town ever beheld. We want to make this opening one long to be remembered. Dainty souvenirs are being manufactured and each lady customer will be presented with one. Souvenirs are for the first day only. Come and bring your friends.

'The Woman's Store.'

R. E. LEIGH.

Little Emily Frances Dillard Dead.

Emily Frances, the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Dillard died last Monday morning at three o'clock at their home in South Columbus, after an illness lasting only a few days. The little girl was taken ill last Wednesday and appeared to be doing well until Sunday, when alarming symptoms developed. Although the best medical skill was employed death ensued as above stated resulting from membranous croup.

The funeral was held yesterday morning from the home at ten o'clock, Rev. A. J. Miller officiating and the interment followed in Friendship Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Dillard are heartbroken in the terrible bereavement which has befallen them and in their sorrow they are sustained by the sympathy of the entire community.

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Base Ball Decoration Day.

Mr. Edward Harris informs THE DISPATCH that the Columbus Baseball Club has arranged a match game of ball with the A. and M. College team to be played at the fair grounds in this city on the afternoon of Decoration Day. The A. and M. club is a strong one this year but the Columbus aggregation will compare favorably with it in all the points which go to make a strong nine. There will be Cox behind the bat, with Law or Hickman in the box, a new man named Taylor on 1st and Harris, the two Colemans and Wofford, Walker and others filling up the team. The game will be extensively advertised and it is expected that it will be played to a tremendous crowd.

Mrs. John K. Otley, Mrs. Percival Smeade and little Passye May Otley are expected to-day from Atlanta to be guests at the Gilmer. Mrs. Smith is niece of Senator Foraker, of Ohio. The party will be in this city for some time.

From the number of candidates whose names are mentioned in connection with beat offices in district No. 1 there will be a lively political scramble in that section of the county before the race is over. Yesterday it was reported in this city that Mr. G. A. Pullen, one of the best and most exemplary men of that section, would be a candidate for justice of the peace in the C. B. Stinson neighborhood and Mr. Van Wheeler, who was in the city, re-affirmed his candidacy for the position of supervisor, setting at rest some rumors which have gained circulation that he was not a candidate. The race is getting interesting in District No. 1.

In order to insure delivery the same day all orders for whiskeys, wines, beers, etc., must be telephoned us by 10 a. m.

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