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NEW OIL MILL TO BE LOCATED HERE.

Plant Costing One Hundred Thousand Dollars Will be Owned by Local Capitalists.

It seems pretty certain that before the beginning of another cotton season Columbus will have a new cotton seed oil mill. Mr. F. S. Grimes, an experienced cotton seed oil man from Atlanta, has been in the city the past few days for the purpose of organizing a stock company to build a mill and his efforts have met with such a liberal response on the part of the people that the success of the venture is practically assured.

Mr. Grimes met a number of our citizens at a meeting which was held at the city hall last Thursday afternoon, and outlined the plan on which he expects to organize the company and which he believes will bring the most satisfactory results. It is the idea of Mr. Grimes to form a stock company to be capitalized at one hundred thousand dollars and to secure among the stockholders a number of planters residing in the territory contiguous to Columbus. By this plan he believes that there will be no trouble in securing seed in sufficient quantity to keep the mill in constant operation throughout each season, as the planters owning stock in the enterprise will naturally carry their seed to the mill in which they are financially interested.

That our citizens have faith in the success of the new enterprise is evinced by the fact that a number of them have subscribed liberally to the capital stock. As stated above, it is the intention of Mr. Grimes and the gentlemen associated with him to organize a stock company with a capitalization of one hundred thousand dollars and to erect a mill that will have a capacity for crushing 80 tons of seed per day. The mill will be equipped with machinery of the latest and most approved pattern, and it is hoped that it will be ready to begin operations early next fall.

Sully is Bulling Cotton.

A New York special to the New Orleans Picayune says:

"Daniel J. Sully, the deposed king of the cotton pit, has come into his own again. Upon the announcement on Monday that he had been discharged from bankruptcy cotton began to soar, yesterday every bale of cotton in the United States increased in value at least one dollar, and today the advance continued. May cotton closed last night at 7.85c, it opened this morning at 7.84c and in less than an hour it had advanced to 7.94c. The highest point reached during the morning for May cotton was 7.97c. A determined effort of the bears at this point had the effect of lowering the quotations several points, and from then on a slight decline set in until 7.88c was reached soon before one o'clock. This was an advance of 4 points over the opening and 3 over the close last night. Mr. Sully said at his office when approached:

"It is my firm conviction that cotton will continue to rise. The slight fall this morning from 7.97 to 7.88 was, in my opinion, due merely to profit-taking. I am a firm believer in higher cotton, and I predict that it will continue to rise."

He would say nothing about the rumors that he is backed by a syndicate in which James H. Hoadley is the principal character.

The pit at the Cotton Exchange presented a scene that rivaled in excitement those days last year when Sully was forcing cotton to prices higher than prevailed since the Civil War. Orders poured in from every quarter. Advices from England were most invariably bullish. There was a frantic effort by the shorts to cover their holdings. Led by Theodore H. Price, the bear general and arch-enemy of Sully, there was a stampede of the shorts to cover. This was a continuation of the tactics adopted by Price yesterday when he tried to cover on 10,000 bales and forced up the price in doing so. Rumor has it that Theodore Price is 100,000 bales short, and he is forced to fight desperately for his life. The bear leader does not deny that he is short, and that last night he sent telegrams broadcast stating that he had succeeded in covering a portion of his shorts. Although

barred from the Exchange, Sully's domination was apparent there today on every hand. His name was to be heard on all sides, and the pit was a miniature pandemonium.

Advices were sent out by a well known firm to the effect that Sully is backed by a Wall Street syndicate headed by Joseph H. Hoadley, who supported him at about the time of his failure and dismissal from membership in the Cotton Exchange. According to these statements the Sully pool proposes to force the covering of some heavy short lines in New Orleans and New York. One report had it that Theodore Price had covered on 75,000 bales.

In Police Circles.

Will Doss was before Mayor Gunter last Thursday on the charge of disturbing the peace, and upon being convicted was fined \$5.00.

With the addition of Officers Thad Brazeale and John Morton, who were recently elected policeman, the force now numbers eight men, four of whom are on duty in the day and four at night. Two of these men are kept in the business district and two in the suburbs, thus giving all parts of the city ample protection both day and night. Chief Munger has the entire confidence of his men, and through his efforts and the efforts of Mayor Gunter the force is kept up to the highest standard of efficiency.

Jim Haggerty, a white boy about seventeen years of age who recently came here from Paducah, Ky., was before Mayor Gunter yesterday on the charge of petit larceny. On last Thursday night Haggerty spent the night with L. J. Halliday, a young man who boards at the home of Mr. C. T. Wood, and soon after the young man retired Haggerty got up and stole a sum of money from the trousers pocket of his host. There was only \$1.65 in Halliday's purse, and though the amount was insignificant Mayor Gunter thought that the young man ought to be taught a lesson that would probably have the effect of inducing him to be honest throughout the remainder of his life, so gave a sentence of thirty days on the county farm.

Ferns, palms and lillies. Laws.

CITY ENGINEER TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

And is Succeeded by T. F. Dillard--Dispatch Secures Contract for Printing Minutes.

At a meeting of the City Council which was held Tuesday night THE DISPATCH was awarded the contract for publishing the proceedings of the Council, and the minutes of each meeting will hereafter appear regularly in this paper.

On motion, it was ordered that new cement sidewalks be laid as follows: east side of Tenth street from North Sixth avenue to residence of E. E. Buder; Twelfth street, from North Third avenue to South Third avenue; South Sixth avenue, from Fourth street to Seventh street.

After discussing some matters of minor importance the Council adjourned until 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night.

The first thing to be taken up at the meeting Wednesday night was the question of street sprinkling. The matter was discussed at great length. With a map of the city before them the members of the Council went over the streets and avenues, and selected the territory to be sprinkled. Practically all the territory bounded by Eighth avenue on the north, Fifteenth street on the east, Seventh avenue on the south, and Second street on the west will be sprinkled. In determining the streets and avenues over which the sprinklers will work the members of the Council were guided largely by the character and importance of the houses abutting thereon, as well as by the amount of traffic on these thoroughfares. Parts of nearly all of the streets and avenues included in the above described territory will be sprinkled, though on many of them the sprinkling will only extend for a few blocks. The total number of miles to be sprinkled is about seven and this area will be sprinkled in a most thorough manner. After it had been decided to sprinkle only about seven miles of streets it became impossible to award the contract for the work as most of the bids before the Council were from ten to fifteen miles. In view of this fact the Council decided to advertise for bids on a seven mile basis, and these bids will be opened at a special meeting to be held Monday, March 27.

The resignation of Nicholas H. Butler as engineer of the city waterworks was received and accepted. Mr. Butler was severely scalded as the result of an accident which recently occurred at the waterworks and will be incapacitated from work for some time to come. Upon motion, Mr. T. F. Dillard was unanimously slated to succeed Mr. Butler as engineer at the waterworks.

Upon motion, the matter of replacing the wooden bridge in front of the Eclipse livery stable on Main street was referred to the street committee with power to act.

Upon motion, the time for the payment of money due on sidewalks was extended until May 1st.

Council then adjourned until Monday, March 27.

The Progressive Union.

To The Citizens of Columbus:

The Directors of the Progressive Union beg to invite every citizen of Columbus who is interested in the material growth of the city to a citizens' meeting to be held at the City Hall Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to reorganize the Progressive Union. If you are satisfied with the work we did last year, adding nearly a half million dollars to the industrial interests of Columbus, increasing your real estate values fully 50 per cent and bringing 2000 people to Columbus, don't come to the meeting. If you are that easily "gorged" stay away and "knock" those of us who desire to make Columbus the metropolis of east Mississippi, add more industries and increase your real estate 50 per cent more this year. Every industry established here gives promise of success. I have personally investigated the condition of each one of them. Every citizen who invested will get the dividends promised and expected. This notice is issued to every citizen of Columbus. Not especially to the man who has "money to burn" but doesn't like to "smell the smoke," but the man of small income, who wants to help things along and thereby help himself. We have two or three factories knocking at our door, a railroad, and can doubtless do as well this year as we did last with half the effort. If there is a subscriber who contributed to the Progressive Union last year who will say that he was not benefitted by many times the amount he subscribed the Progressive Union will give him his money back. Every citizen of Columbus is urged to be present at this meeting.

WALTER WEAVER,
President.

Smith-Gentry.

Mr. T. J. Smith and Miss Georgia Gentry were married at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. Slaughter, in the Billups Gate neighborhood last Wednesday evening. Mr. Smith is one of the most prominent planters in the western section of the county, being the owner of a large farm in the Artesia neighborhood. His bride is a native of Virginia and has been spending the past winter with her sister, Mrs. Morris. She is a refined and highly cultured lady and has made many friends since coming to Mississippi. THE DISPATCH tenders to the newly wedded pair its congratulations and best wishes for a long life of conjugal bliss.

Messrs. Kelly and Pope, the cement contractors, have an ad in this issue which every one should read. Nothing adds more to the beauty of a home than cement walks and curbing, and these gentlemen are prepared to do all kinds of work in this line promptly and at reasonable rates.

The board of directors of the Columbus Opera House Company will meet next Wednesday for the purpose of leasing the opera house for next season. It is understood that there will be quite a number of bidders.

Last Friday was St. Patrick's Day, and though the event was not elaborately celebrated in Columbus there were shamrocks and other boutonnières in evidence on the lappels of many coats.

Mrs. Charles Worrell and Mrs. Ada Earnest, of Birmingham, are in the city, having been called here by the illness of their mother, Mrs. Susan Smith, who we are glad to learn is improving.

PITTSBURG ORCHESTRA ON MAY SECOND.

Greatest Musical Organization Ever in Mississippi Will Appear at Industrial Institute and College.

THE DISPATCH is in receipt of a telegram from Mr. R. A. Carson, secretary of the Industrial Institute and College Lyceum Association, stating that Tuesday, May 2nd, has been definitely fixed as the date on which the famous Pittsburg Orchestra will appear here. Mr. Carson is now making a tour through Texas in the interests of the New Dixie Lyceum Bureau, of which he is one of the officials, and the telegram was sent from Tyler, Texas, in compliance with the request of THE DISPATCH that the paper be informed of the date of the appearance of the attraction here just as soon as the same was definitely decided upon.

The Pittsburg Orchestra is without question one of the largest and most expensive musical organizations in existence and in the tour of the South which is about to be undertaken only the largest and most important cities are to be included. It was only by the offer of a large guarantee that the company was secured for Columbus, and it is expected that the concert here will be heard by music loving people from all sections of the State.

Accompanying the Pittsburg Orchestra is Madam Galski, who as a soloist is second only to Melba, and the pleasure to be derived from listening to her splendid voice will be by no means an insignificant one.

The coming of the orchestra will be an event of unusual importance as it will mark the opening of the new music hall which has recently been erected at the Industrial Institute and College. This is by far the handsomest building in the South devoted exclusively to music, and when the Pittsburg Orchestra appears there on May 2 the people of Columbus will be afforded their first opportunity to see and admire the building. Both President Kincaannon, of the College, and Secretary Carson, of the Lyceum Association, have worked zealously and untiringly to secure this splendid attraction, and that their efforts are appreciated will be evinced by the large and brilliant audience that will gather for the purpose of listening to the concert.

Lodge Lore.

There was a meeting of Columbus Lodge No. 555, B. P. O. E., last Thursday night at which time Messrs. C. R. Richards and J. D. Hayward, Jr., were initiated into the mysteries of Elkdom. At the conclusion of the meeting the members of the lodge enjoyed a social session.

Hon. T. B. Franklin, of this city, Grand Master of the Grand Masonic Lodge of the State, has during the past week been in conference with Grand Secretary Frederic Speed in regard to the selection of the new District Deputy Grand Masters, the names of whom will be announced at an early date. In conformance with a resolution adopted at the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge in Jackson thirty District Grand Masters are to be appointed instead of twelve as heretofore, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary are now engaged in the rather tedious task of redistricting the State, dividing into equal jurisdictions the three hundred or more local lodges in the commonwealth. When this task is completed the new appointees will be named, as it is stated that Grand Master Franklin has already practically decided who the new officials are to be.

Mr. Nicholas H. Butler, who recently resigned as engineer at the city waterworks, left last Thursday night for Birmingham, where he will enter a hospital and remain until he recovers from the injuries sustained as the result of a recent accident at the waterworks. During his residence in Columbus Mr. Butler made many friends who sincerely regret his departure and who wish him much success in the future.

Miss Annette Schlinger, an experienced trimmer from Chicago, who is to have charge of the Millinery department of The Woman's Store during the coming season, has arrived in the city to assume the duties of her new position.

Architect R. H. Hunt, of Chattanooga, has been spending the past few days in the city.

The Head Camp Adjourns.

The Head Camp of Mississippi Woodmen has adjourned after a most delightful session held in Natchez, Miss. There were about two hundred delegates present from all sections of the State and the session lasted three days, the people of the City on the Hill vieing with each other in making the meeting one of the most delightful of any similar gathering ever held in the State. There were boat rides and banquets, theatrical entertainments and trolley excursions, a reproduction of some of the Mardi Gras features and a ball and Dutch supper, besides all kinds of social attentions to make the visitors' stay pleasant.

The Head Camp decided to meet in Greenwood, Miss., two years hence and after transacting the business before the body adjourned. The election of officers resulted in the selection of J. W. Collier of Vicksburg as Head Consul and among the other elections was the re-election of Sovereign S. L. Caine of this city to the position of delegate to the Sovereign Camp which is to meet in Chattanooga May. Mr. Caine had two opponents, men especially strong over the State and he won out after a spirited fight by a majority of twenty three votes, his friends everywhere working loyally for his re-election.

Mr. H. F. Simrall of this city was endorsed for reelection to his present position as Sovereign Escort and his paper the Woodmen Advocate was made the official organ of the order in this State and it was commended to the support of Woodmen everywhere. The Columbus delegates returned on Friday night and all agree that they had a most delightful session.

Mr. W. R. Moody has been spending the past few days in the country, and during his absence his position at the Mobile and Ohio freight depot has been filled by Mr. D. J. Sessums.

Mr. Roy. Weaver, of Nashville, Ark., is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow for an extended visit to the family of his uncle, Rev. J. B. Oakley.