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SOUTHERN INCREASES ACTIVITY

ATTRACTING
SETTLERS SOUTH

2 IMMIGRATION AGENTS

Are New Appointees well Equipped
With Experience and Training
In Immigration Work.

Washington, March 20.—Increased activity on the part of the Southern Railway company in the work of attracting settlers to the south is indicated by the announcement that two additional traveling immigration agents have been appointed in the land and industrial department, J. H. Jones, with headquarters at St. Louis, will travel in the central west and J. B. Finster will have headquarters at Washington. These new appointees are well equipped with experience and training in immigration work and their duties will be to solicit desirable classes to locate in the south.

With these additional agents in the field, the work of the Southern railway for the upbuilding and development of the south should be even more effective than in the past. For years the Southern Railway company has devoted its energies and employed its means for the development of the territory it serves as for the betterment and expansion of its lines and equipment. Through its land and industrial department a carefully prepared plan for the promotion of immigration and industrial enterprises was devised when the company was organized in 1894 and this has been steadily followed. It has drawn the attention of capital and enterprise from all parts of the United States and from Europe to the south, its opportunities and resources and has thus identified itself with the progress of the south.

That the company is convinced of the efficacy of its past efforts and the wisdom of the expenditures thus detailed is manifest in the announcement that this work is to be continued on a larger scale.

MR. HOUK TALKS.

Washington, March 20.—The attitude of the administration toward the republicans in Tennessee, which has been one of sympathy and interest in the Sanders-Hale faction, does not merit the admiration of John C. Houk, who represented the Knoxville district in the Fifty-second and Fifty-third congresses. Speaking of the republican party in Tennessee the senator from Knoxville said: "If this administration does not change its attitude in national politics so far as Tennessee is concerned, it will need another steam roller of much larger design and pattern than the one it employed at Chicago at the national convention that meets next year. There is just one man who can bring about harmony among Tennessee republicans," continued Mr. Houk, "and that man is William Howard Taft. He can accomplish such a result only by giving all elements of the party in the state that much-talked-of square deal of which we have heard so much. Let him make the officeholders in the state attend to their official duties, and quit packing political conventions."

The ease and facility with which Congressman-elect Sells has railroaded appointees into office even before he has been sworn in as a congressman has been much discussed by Tennesseans here. It is not only charged that Sells has made so much headway this early in the game as the result of the support of Postmaster-General Hitchcock, but it is even asserted that he has had a helping hand from Senator-elect Lea.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church, will meet with Mrs. Frank Baxter on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Officers will be elected for the coming year.

MRS. MILLER DIED MONDAY MORNING

Mrs. Elbert S. Miller, Jr., died at her home in this city Sunday night at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Miller had been an invalid for several years and although more than once she had been so near the brink that her ears had caught the echo of the final call, yet the purity of her life, the sadly sweet influence radiated from a soul hovering so long near the great eternal, the sad touch of fate that kept her suffering husband from her in the last moments, the long list of relatives standing in the highest of esteem, causes the cloud of sorrow to cast a darker shadow across us all.

Mrs. Miller was Miss Adelaide Miller, daughter of Dr. Elbert S. Miller, Sr., before her marriage with Dr. Miller. She was fifty-four years of age and leaves three sons, a daughter and her husband, who, as is generally known, has been in a critical condition for several months. The funeral services were held Tuesday at the Munsey Memorial church, and interment will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

Endless expressions of sympathy and sorrow have been showered upon the bereaved family, and The Comet sincerely adds its own in the fullest measure.

THE APPALACHIAN PARK DISCUSSED BY PROF. GLENN

Prof. L. C. Glenn, of Vanderbilt, who has done much field work for the United States geological survey and forest survey in the southern mountains, and who is very familiar with the big conservation project, said that it was not the idea to establish one immense mountain park, but that the commission would probably consider a number of detached areas for reserve purposes. The acquisition of these would be governed not only by their desirability to meet conservation needs, but by the ease with which they can be acquired, as the commission will not be held up. Good farms in the reserve areas will not be disturbed, nor is it the idea of the conservation authorities to convert the forest reserves into so many tracts of wilderness. On the contrary, systems of good roads will be built through the reserves and every encouragement given the people to go into them for their recreation.

Prof. Glenn will assist in preparing the bill which is to be introduced in the Tennessee legislature. It is an amendment to an act of 1901, which gave the United States government the right to acquire territory for forest reserves within twenty miles of the North Carolina border. It is designed to remove this restriction. —Nashville Banner.

THE VINDICATOR ON CONGRESSMAN SELLS

The game of peanut politics that Sam R. Sells has been playing in the First congressional district on account of his jealousy of Dr. Massey, has lost him the support of many of his former strong supporters. It is generally conceded by those who are posted in regard to political conditions in the First district that Mr. Sells will be a one-termer in congress. His meddling in matters that belonged to Dr. Massey has made him weaker and Massey stronger. Massey, during his short term in congress, has proven himself to be a worthy successor to the lamented Brownlow, and congress, by electing him as manager of the Soldiers' Home, showed his high standing in the greatest law-making body on earth. It is generally admitted that if Massey is a candidate two years from now he will be an easy winner over Sells—Montgomery's Vindicator (Republican).

IRON SUPPLY TO EXHAUST IN THIRTY YEARS

Philadelphia, March 20.—Speaking on the subject of the conservation of iron, Dr. Albert S. Cushman, director of the bureau of industrial research at Washington, declared at the Franklin institute that at the present rate of production the iron supply of the United States would be exhausted in thirty years.

"If the average rate of increase by decades should be continued," he said, "it would require the production in the next three decades of 6,088,000,000 tons of ore. The ore supply available in the United States is estimated at 4,788,000,000 tons.—Bristol Herald Courier.

The High School "Annual," made up of the literary efforts of the pupils of the city public schools, will appear in a few weeks. We are anxiously waiting for it, as the talent displayed by the members of the high school classes promises something artistic. We will even promise to read the poems.

FEDERALS SHOW NO PITY TO AMERICANS

DON'T CARE IF
THEY ARE KILLED

VISITS JAIL AT JUAREZ

Converse Expects Release Soon of
His Son and Edwin Blatt Who
are Confined in Prison

El Paso, March 20.—"The Mexican insurrection is no place for American boys or American men. Conditions are all hostile to them. The federal troops will show them little mercy and the insurgents don't care whether Americans are killed."

H. C. Converse, of Glendora, Cal., made this statement today after a visit to the jail at Juarez, where his son, Lawrence, twenty-one years old, together with Edwin Blatt, of Pittsburg, is confined on a charge of participating in the Mexican insurrection.

"Since the state department of the United States has made representations to Mexico City that the boys were captured on the American side of the boundary," Mr. Converse said, "the boys are receiving better treatment. They are not allowed to receive food sent from the outside."

Midnight in the Ozarks
and yet sleepless Hiram Scranton, of Clay City, Ill., coughed and coughed. He was in the mountains on the advice of five doctors, who said he had consumption, but found no help in the climate, and started home. Hearing of Dr. King's New Discovery, he began to use it. "I believe it saved my life," he writes, "for it made a new man of me, so that I can now do good work again." For all lung diseases, coughs, colds, a gripper, asthma, croup, whooping-cough, hay fever, hemorrhages, hoarseness or unwell, it's the best known remedy. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Miller.

BARNYARD PHILOSOPHY.

O, the valliant charge he made! Out of the east he came, yea, from the east came he. Waking the echoes of the sleeping village with the thunder of his iron hoofs, he outran his shadow on the cloud of dust in his wake. Pan cannot picture the grandeur of that brave old steed, charging as if the bugle call still sounded in his ears, fire breathing from his nostrils, white foam from his heaving flank flecking the spottiest street, as he swung into Market Street, from somewhere up around the tannery knobs.

On and on he galloped—traces to the right of him, traces to the left of him, bridge on the front of him, breeching to the rear—no, the breeching was busted; so was the belly-band; right into the city's busiest mart, across the sun-kissed verdure of Fountain square, right into the arms of the iron-sinewed lady holding the perpetual water jug. She didn't budge. She didn't even frown. Not a hairpin fell to the earth. She kept on smiling the same old smile, just as if hugging runaway horses was part of her daily job.

And then 'tore came a feller on a mule. Mules don't run as fast as scared horses—this one didn't, anyway. But by dint of digging hob-nails into protruding ribs the one-man cavalcade arrived in time to rescue the red horse from the bronze lady, and it was all over.

Cause: A dray horse klicked snid dray from his immediate vicinity, and took a little constitutional on his own account. Effect: There wasn't any effect.

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Friends.
After a man passes 50 he is pretty fortunate if he doesn't find more acquaintances on the tombstones in the cemetery than he finds on the door plates in town.

Captain and Mrs. Coy, who have been in charge of the Salvation Army here for some months, left yesterday on the Memphis special for Silver City, New Mexico, the captain goes there for his health. His many friends here regret his departure.

DR. ALLISON DELIVERS FORCEFUL SERMON

Dr. John Lee Allison's sermon Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian church attracted considerable attention and comment on account of its forcefulness, beauty and directness. Dr. Allison's subject was "The Preeminent Book—The Bible, as the Revelation of God," and his text was taken from Isaiah 40:8: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of God shall stand forever."

The text was considered in treating of that portion of the sermon relating to the indestructibility of the Bible. As his opening remarks, Dr. Allison said: "You may take all the Bibles that have ever been published and make a pyramid as large as the pyramid of Cheops, placing them one upon the other, and of these have one colossal bonfire, but you could not destroy God's word. As Dr. Wendling, of Washington, said of the imperishable book, 'you cannot destroy God's word, you cannot destroy the Bible in its sanctity; you may destroy all the forms called the Bible, but you would have to go farther, you would have to get all of our books of law and out of them cut all pages referring to the Bible; then you would have to go into the great field of literature and art and destroy all the paintings, the word of God in colors, and out of literature every vestige of reference to the preeminent, indestructible book. Then you would have to destroy the human mind before you could destroy this book. You would have to destroy the oral Bibles written on the tablets of the mind, upon the tablets of memory, the tablets of the heart. The word of God is indestructible!"

Dr. Allison's four divisions of his sermon were: First, the heavenly or divine origin of the Bible; second, the great antiquity of the Bible; third, its indestructibility; fourth, its immutability.

Under the respective heads were forcibly brought out the divine inspiration of the writers, from Moses in the desert of Arabia to St. John on the Isle of Patmos, covering a period of 1500 years; the fourteen verses in the book of Exodus which have yielded more influence than all the law books of the world—the ten commandments; the strong and lasting influences of the writers, although they were all kinds and classes of men. "It is the cathedral of truth, it is the temple of all the years," said Dr. Allison. "Many have wrought upon it, but as the builder has the great plan in his mind, so this word of God was conceived in the mind of the Infinite long before he gave the first golden thoughts to Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel. The Bible is the oldest book extant; it goes back to the cradle of the human race."

Speaking of the criticisms of skeptics Dr. Allison considers these as really proof of its indestructibility and truth, and says they are to be invited rather than condemned. "Truth," he said, "is like a torch, the more it is shaken the brighter it shines."

The fulfillment of the prophecies was taken as one of the strongest arguments of the indestructible and immutable qualities of the Bible. These are unanswerable by the sceptic.

Dr. Allison laid down three rules or canons by which the infallibility of prophecies might be shown: First, the prophecy must be such that it is beyond the wisdom of man to guess it; second, it must be detailed sufficient to exclude guess work; third, there must be such a lapse of time between the prophecy uttered and its fulfillment as to preclude the prophet himself from knowing the result of the thing he prophesied.

For comparison, other books of great antiquity were referred to, and it was asked if the philosophy of Plato and Aristotle and other once great books, were read now except for literary or historical interest, if they were really intelligible at the present time. The only things in the ancient writings which live today are the references in them to the truths contained in The Book.

In closing, Dr. Allison said: "Today as a nation, the United States, and we as a people, standing in the forefront of civilization and greatness, owe our position nationally to the Light and Truth of this Word; so shall all other nations, if they shall ever stand abreast of us, find that only through this permanent word of God can they lay claim to the saving knowledge of God in Christ Jesus."

MRS. CARRIE NATION REMAINS VERY ILL.

Leavenworth, Kan., March 20.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, the militant Kansas temperance worker, who is at a sanitarium here, is gradually growing weaker. Her condition, which is due to a general breakdown, is regarded as serious. None of her mail is given her, but is forwarded to a daughter in Kansas City, who is managing her mother's affairs.

GOV. PATTERSON BUYS A HOME

Memphis, March 20.—Former Gov. Patterson has purchased a home in Idlewild, a fashionable residence section of Memphis, and is expected to complete arrangements to open law offices here next week.

GOOD ROADS MEETING AT ELIZABETHTON

COMMITTEE
APPOINTED

TO CONFER WITH HOOPER

Court House Is Filled With Enthusiastic Citizens Who Want the Highway in Carter

Elizabethton, March 20.—A large and enthusiastic crowd attended a meeting held in the court house here tonight in the interest of the Memphis-to-Bristol highway. E. C. Alexander was made chairman of the meeting and Lee F. Miller, secretary. Resolutions were adopted commending Governor Hooper for his interest in this great enterprise. W. F. Carter, of Washington county, was endorsed as East Tennessee's member of the highway commission. Dr. E. E. Hunter, ex-Congressman Blackburn, Lee F. Miller and others made strong speeches in the interest of the road coming through Carter county. A committee was appointed to go to Nashville and insist on the appointment of Mr. Carter and ask the selection of this route and guarantee the building of the road by Carter county people. A number of gentlemen were appointed to receive contributions to pay the expenses of the committee to Nashville.

MRS. TAYLOR PASSED AWAY SUNDAY MORNING

Just after The Comet had gone to press Sunday morning news was received of the death of Mrs. W. Lawson Taylor at her home on Pine street of erysipelas at one o'clock. Mrs. Taylor was about 65 years of age and an active member and energetic worker of the First Presbyterian church of this city. She has lived for a number of years in this city and has attracted to her a large circle of devoted friends who attested their devotion by their presence and many beautiful floral offerings. The services were simple and impressive. Rev. John Lee Allison speaking of her Christian character and devotion to her family and church. Before her marriage she was Miss Martha Matilda Miller and she is survived by her husband W. Lawson Taylor, her daughter Miss Lila Taylor and three sons, Frank and Charles Taylor, of this city, and D. S. Taylor, of San Angelo, Texas.

She is also survived by two sisters, Miss Mary Miller and Mrs. Smith, of Hendersonville, N. C., and one brother, John B. Miller, of Greenville, S. C. The burial took place at 2 o'clock in Oak Hill cemetery. A full choir rendering the music, Mrs. C. O. Biddle and Mrs. Lamb sing a duet entitled "He Calls His Own." Pall bearers were R. A. Wood, T. V. McCown, W. B. Harrison, S. A. Bowman, A. F. Hoss and J. A. Parsons.

REMAINS REMOVED TO JOHNSON CITY

The body of Geo. Sells, father of Congressman Sam R. Sells, of the First Tennessee district, was exhumed in Beulah cemetery Friday afternoon, and from here it was taken to Johnson City for burial beside the grave of Mrs. Sells, who died recently. Mr. Sells died in Bristol thirteen years ago. The casket in which the remains slept had gone to decay, so that it fell apart when exposed to the air. It was necessary to provide a new casket.

The monument which marked the grave was also taken down and sent to Johnson City.—Bristol Herald Courier.

RUSSIAN MINISTER TO CHINA KILLED.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—It is announced here that Mr. Korostovetz, the Russian minister to China, has been murdered in Peking. Neither the foreign office nor the war office has been able to confirm the report this afternoon.