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FRIDAY'S INSTITUTE

Farmers Want Experiment Station in Obion County.

Farmers in West Tennessee are taking hold of Commissioner Thompson's idea to have the elements of agriculture and practical culture of the plants more generally taught in the public schools, with great interest and enthusiasm. This has been demonstrated in the meetings which have been held in a half dozen of the counties of that division this week. Commissioner Thompson, of the Department of Agriculture, has just returned from West Tennessee, where he has been for the past week attending the county institutes.

"I am highly gratified," said the Commissioner, "at the great interest which the farmers are manifesting in the work of the Department, and at the large attendance which everywhere has greeted our speakers. All agree that the institutes have never been so largely attended as they have been this year. The most encouraging feature of the institutes to me has been the manner in which the farmers have taken hold and the interest which they have taken in the debates.

"Another significant and encouraging feature of the institutes has been the enthusiasm with which the idea of giving more attention to the teaching of agriculture in the public school has been endorsed. This suggestion was met with unanimous approval at every meeting but one, where a lone farmer arose in opposition. Resolutions endorsing such a law have been passed everywhere. I am expecting splendid results from the meeting.

"The farmers down in West Tennessee, and especially in the trucking section, are enjoying prosperity to an unusual degree. The profits from the truck crop this year have been so flattering that everybody seems to have the trucking fever. There have been some good rains recently and crops generally are in fairly good condition."—Nashville Tennessean.

The Farmers' Institute was held in this city Friday and the above notice appeared in Sunday's daily. This notice, however, does not apply to the session held in this county.

When the chairman rapped for order and announced that Dr. F. M. McRee would deliver the welcome address the Doctor suggested that the Institute take recess for two hours and give the farmers time to gather, less than a dozen being present. At ten o'clock a few more had come in and the work of the day commenced. The talks of the day by the gentlemen on the program were highly complimented and well received by the few who happened to be in attendance. At one o'clock, when there was an even dozen men present, a little piece of cheap politics was attempted. Hardy C. Davidson, of Number Nine, appeared with a set of printed resolutions endorsing Madison County as the proper location for the West Tennessee Experiment Station. He read his piece and sat down. Then the Hon. J. Henry made a speech urging the adoption of the resolution, which was done, six men

participating in the farce.

This kind of thing has killed farmers' meetings in this county, as well as crippled the old Confederate soldiers' gatherings.

Obion County has been and is to-day an applicant for the Station, and everybody thought we had a good chance to land, as we undoubtedly have the best agricultural county in the entire State. But Hon. J. Henry, during his remarks, stated that Obion didn't have a "ghost of a show," that the Governor had so stated, and that the proper thing to do was to recommend Jackson.

What he knows about it, and when he commenced to hob-nob with the Governor, we do not know; but we do think Governor Patterson is a man, an honorable man, a man who will fulfill his every promise, and we are here to say to the Hon. J. Henry that when the Governor complies with his voluntary promise, made and repeated time and time again, to give Gibson one commissioner and Obion the other, Jackson and Madison County won't have a shadow of a chance.

The farmers and citizens of the county, upon hearing what had been done Friday, met in mass consultation Monday. Short talks were made by Hons. Seid Waddell, Geo. R. Kenney, F. M. McRee, John White and Morris Miles. A resolution by Mr. Miles was passed. It provides that Obion County stay in the fight to the finish. "Madison may have the cards stacked," said Mr. Miles, "but Obion wants to 'see' the hand." Every one present seemed to be of the opinion that it would take kings or better for Jackson to win.

Upon motion, the chair appointed Newt Whipple, Wm. Stanley and Seid Waddell a committee on resolutions. These gentlemen retired and in a short time presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, at a mass meeting of the farmers of Obion County, held at the courthouse in Union City on August 5, 1907, the following resolutions were adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the farmers of Obion County earnestly desire that the Agricultural Experiment Station for West Tennessee be located in Obion County.

Resolved, further, That it being generally reported that at a meeting of the Farmers' Institute for this county, at this place on August 2, certain resolutions were adopted recommending that such Experiment Station be located in Madison County; such resolutions, if adopted at said meeting, which was not attended by a dozen farmers, we emphatically repudiate and protest against as not being in accordance with the wishes and sentiments of the farmers of this county, who would greatly appreciate the location of said station in Obion County.

Hon. Rice A. Pierce was unanimously endorsed for Commissioner.

Col. R. P. Whitesell was elected chairman and members of the local press as secretaries.

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Sacra's Court.

Esq. Sacra was very busy Sunday and Monday. Geo. C. Buck and Miss Clara Shelby, of Hickman, were married at the home of S. F. Howard. They came over in an auto. C. A. Bradley and Miss Mandie Watson, of Water Valley, Ky., were also married by Esq. Sacra here Sunday, and on Monday he tied the knot which united Robt. Young and Laura B. Snow, of Fulton.

Wreck.

A wreck on the M. & O. at Cayce last week damaged a number of cars and trackage, but no one was seriously injured. Two sections of 85 were going north. The first section broke loose and the night being clouded with fog the next section struck the train in front.

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Fire Near Glass.

The residence of Dr. I. N. Johnson, near Glass, was destroyed by fire last Saturday. The home was formerly the property of W. F. Barry, a handsome two-story building, valued at about \$3,500. The house was insured.

Maupin-McDaniel.

Mr. Alton Maupin, of Fremont, and Miss Lena McDaniel, of Crystal, accompanied by Mr. DeBow Rice and Miss Lizzie Bramham and quite a number of friends and relatives drove from the home of Mrs. G. G. McDaniel at 6 Sunday, August 4, and arrived at the home of Mrs. Lafayette Glover at 6.30, and while seated in their buggy were united in marriage in a very impressive manner by Rev. H. E. Watters, of Martin, Tenn.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party returned to the home of the bride, which was beautifully decorated in cream roses and ferns. Delicious cake and cream were served in the dining room at 7.30. Only the immediate family was present at the home, on account of the delicate health of Mrs. G. G. McDaniel.

Miss Lena has been for some time quite a social favorite, being loved and admired by a large circle of friends. Mr. Maupin well deserves the prize he has won, he being a young man noted for his amiable disposition, honesty and integrity.

Mr. and Mrs. Maupin will begin housekeeping at an early date. May the blessings of heaven rest upon this union.

CUMBERLAND CHURCH

Wins Fayetteville Suit—Chancellor Bearden's Decision.

A full copy of the final decree rendered in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church case by Chancellor S. Bearden has been received here and, as the exact language of the court may be of interest to many members of the church, it is given in full. It is noted that both sides pray for an appeal to the Supreme Court. The style of the decision is *Ira Landrith vs. J. L. Landrith et als.*, and the full decision is as follows:

Ira Landrith et als. vs. J. L. Landrith et als. Final decree. This case was heard on this, August 1, 1907, as well as on former days. Two deacons adjourned special term court, before Chancellor Walter Bearden upon the bill, the answer of the defendants, exhibit files, formal proceedings and the whole record. After argument of counsel heard and we considered, the court is of opinion that the equities alleged in the bill are met and denied by the answers and are not sustained by the proof and accordingly now ordered, adjourned and decreed that said bill be dismissed with costs.

The petition filed against Dunaway and others in the Jackson church matter is dismissed and the arrested defendants are released and discharged, but satisfactory reasons and in view of the court orders and decrees that the parties have and enjoy the rights of alternate use of the church properties at Fayetteville, Kentucky—2 McDaniel as hereinbefore agreed to in the agreement of the parties under term of 1906 of that date, however, to modify and amend by mutual consent.

Nashville to Senator view regard to Senator HERMAN E. HOWARD.

pay the remaining costs, including all the cost of the petition case relating to the Jackson case.

From the foregoing decree, except the portion adjudging costs against defendants, complainants in the original bill and petitioners in the petitions for attachment for contempt pray an appeal to the Supreme Court of Tennessee, sitting at Nashville, which is granted upon complainants, being said petitioners, giving bond for costs as required by law.

And defendants pray an appeal to the next term of the Supreme Court at Nashville from so much of the foregoing decree as taxes them with any of the costs of the cause; which is granted upon the execution of proper appeal bond. By consent thirty days is allowed both complainants and defendants to prepare their appeals.—Nashville American.

Unveiling at Antioch

The crowd attending the unveiling of the Billy Boston monument at Antioch Sunday is estimated at 2,500, a great tribute to a worthy citizen. There were about two hundred and forty Woodmen in line and a number of Odd Fellows. The orators of the occasion were A. Y. Simmons, State Secretary, and Rev. C. C. Brown, of Obion. It was probably the largest of a similar gathering in the county. The day was fine and a magnificent dinner was enjoyed.

St. Louis-Chicago.

Cheap excursion rates over I. C. R. R. on Saturday, August 17. Tickets will be on sale at Gibbs as follows: Round trip—To Chicago, \$12; St. Louis, \$8; Louisville, \$9.50; Cincinnati, \$11.50. Final limit Sept. 1. For further information call on

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