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### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### For Trustee.

**COX.**—We are authorized to announce J. E. Cox as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**JERNIGAN.**—We are authorized to announce Tom W. Jernigan as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**REYNOLDS.**—We are authorized to announce T. R. Reynolds as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**ATKINS.**—We are authorized to announce Harry Atkins as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**HARRIS.**—We are authorized to announce Dorrel Harris as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**TAYLOR.**—We are authorized to announce John A. Taylor as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**NOONAN.**—We are authorized to announce J. J. Noonan as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**RATLIFF.**—We are authorized to announce Armour L. Ratliff as a candidate for Trustee of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

#### For Tax

**NOAH.**—We are authorized to announce Will P. Noah as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**ROBEY.**—We are authorized to announce Will Robey as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

#### For Sheriff.

**MCCAIN.**—We are authorized to announce J. R. (Bob) McCain as a candidate for Sheriff of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**CHERRY.**—We are authorized to announce Wat Cherry as a candidate for Sheriff of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**NOAH.**—We are authorized to announce T. P. Noah as a candidate for Sheriff of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

#### Dr. Mims' Address.

The address made before the graduating class of the Union City High School at the Methodist Church last Thursday night, the 15th inst., by Dr. Edward Mims, of Vanderbilt University, found a very wholesome and hearty response. Dr. Mims is known as a scholar. His connection with Vanderbilt University is a tower of strength. The address was potentially a defense of education and the public schools, and the speaker in the simplest and strongest English drove the truths straight homeward.

Beginning, Dr. Mims spoke of the beautiful country that he saw, traveling to Union City, and the uplifting effects of the sunshine, but nothing he stated was so beautiful as the human intelligence. The first thought was the love of country, not merely the approval, but the loyalty and patriotism of the people, the democracy and the community spirit in the development of our educational institutions. The true instinct is the love of home. Scott said he would die if he could not see the hedges at least once a year. Burns loved the banks of the Bonny Doone. And so if we would measure up to the best in life the home fires must be kept burning. There is no better exponent in the community life than the public school. It is the avenue thru which every humble home may cherish noble aspirations. The greatest leader of the morrow may be unheard of to-day with the opportunities of the public school.

Education has some critics, but so has the church, and can we afford to judge the church by some of its members. This is one of the tragedies of life. It is said that Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Jackson were not educated men, therefore notable exceptions to the rule. This is, according to Dr. Mims, a faulty view. Abraham Lincoln was self educated and a man of the highest mental growth and poise. The acme of mental training was witnessed in his power of self repression. On the other hand, we have Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson, all college men. President Wilson's profound learning qualified him as leader, we think, of the world. But most of us are people of normal minds, and therefore we need the equipment of an education. You may call it training. The term does not alter the subject. And then the speaker referred to the broader field of training. It is not all of an education to go to school. There is no limit. The culture of the mind may continue thru life. Otherwise the development of the mind may be arrested with the public school, or it may cease with a college course, or

later at thirty. But the proper training never ceases.

The support of the public schools is one of the obligations of American citizenship. The great democracy taught by the world war must find expression in our public schools, the greatest democratic institution in the world.

Everyone should seek the training of the mind and soul, for they go hand in hand. And in this age of opportunity there is no excuse for lack of training. Dr. Mims spoke of the many university students who had educated themselves. The moving force in the world of progress is efficiency. While the efficiency of the Hun was directed to a bad purpose, there was no question of his efficiency. In the various essential elements of national life Germany was a country of development—in science, agriculture, diplomacy and in war she was a force to be reckoned with by the combined allied forces.

Among the greatest men of to-day are those who have worked their way thru school. Dr. Mims spoke of a classmate of his who is one of the leading citizens of McKenzie. Every one of the men who sought a self-supporting education in Vanderbilt University commanded the respect of his fellow-students. And so in the other colleges.

Education is an investment. There are numbers who are paying the expenses of college students. Some of them expect a return of the money. Others have a larger and more generous view in advancing the spirit of education. They are disposing of their means to the best purpose on earth. One of our own citizens, Dr. Mims recalled, was one of the patrons of Vanderbilt University. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt and enjoys the distinction of having made it possible for one of his friends to enjoy the advantages of the same alma mater.

The address attracted the most favorable comment. It was received with the closest attention by a large audience.

#### Another Congressional Investigation.

A quondam friend sometimes good-humoredly referred to The Commercial as the belly ache. All right, somebody's got to do the belly aching, and the time is coming when there'll be an epidemic of the particular disorder in mind. The Republican majority in Congress threaten to probe the war expenses of the U. S. Government. A big bluff, of course, but there is a reason, and that reason is not in the interest of the public. The members who are anxious apparently to expose whatever money has been squandered during the war, are not really interested at all in that part of the work. It is simply an old game that will be persisted in and perpetuated till it becomes so notorious that the public will demand a change. The idea behind the investigation is to increase the Government pay roll. This investigation would probably consume some years of official functioning without results, and during that time the extra committee work and patronage would amount to some millions or more of dollars of additional expense to the treasury of the United States. Everyone understands that lots of money has been used in the war and no doubt much of it wastefully. But there is no demand for an investigation. What good can come from an investigation, even to the political party which is making it? The odium of this spurious investigation should be and no doubt will reflect more on Republican politicians in Congress than anyone else.

The American people are very much like sheep. They are swayed one way or the other. The swaying against the public spoils of Congress hasn't started. It may be belated, but some day it will come, and like a thunderbolt it will sweep everything before it. The misfortune is that it doesn't come before the practice of spoils has become so rank and rotten.

#### Home on Ury Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Vaden have bought the home on the corner of Ury and Grove streets, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McRee. The property was conveyed by Miss Tabble Stanfield. Mr. and Mrs. McRee will move into the residence on the west side of the street adjoining Mrs. N. E. Beck's home, and Mr. McRee will arrange at the earliest possible time to build a new home on this site, which is his property, and to move the old house to the rear. The new residence will in all probability be one of modern type and beauty.

#### Woman's Hospital.

Mrs. Fulton Howard has been appointed district chairman for Union City and vicinity for the American Woman's Hospital campaign, now in progress. Tennessee has been asked for \$1000 and Mrs. Howard has been asked to receive contributions.

## COUNTY HIGHWAY, BRIDGE AND LEVEE COMMISSION

House Bill No. 1039—Chapter 786, By Howard, Obion County.

An Act to authorize and direct the Quarterly County Court of Obion County to elect a County Highway, Bridge and Levee Commission, and to fix the duties and powers of said commission.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That the Quarterly County Court of Obion County is hereby authorized; empowered and directed to elect a County Highway Bridge and Levee Commission, which commission shall expend, under the direction of the Quarterly County Court, all monies appropriated by the County for the purpose of building bridges and levees.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That said Highway Commission shall have full control and direction of the expenditure of all monies accruing to Obion County from the proceeds of the State tax on automobiles and motor vehicles, and said funds shall be expended by said Highway Commission in the manner and method specified in an Act of the Sixty-first General Assembly known as House Bill No. 76, which Act directs the return to the county of its pro rata share of the proceeds of the State tax on automobiles. Said commission shall make any contracts for the construction, maintenance, or improvement of roads for which any of said funds may be used, in accordance with the provisions of said House Bill No. 76; and the County Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to pay out said automobile tax funds upon the warrant of the Highway Commission, when signed by as many as three of the said commission.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, That said Highway Commission shall be composed of five members, citizens and free-holders of Obion County, no two of whom shall reside in the same civil district of Obion County. The five Commissioners first to be chosen shall be elected by the Quarterly County Court at its July term, 1919. The term of office of one of said commissioners shall expire on the first day of October, 1920, and on the first day of each succeeding October until 1924 inclusive, so that there shall be one vacancy and one election to fill said vacancy at each October term of said court. At the time of the election of the first commissioners, the Quarterly County Court shall designate which of said members shall be elected to each of said terms, and thereafter all members elected to the commission shall hold office for a term of five years.

Section 4. Be it further enacted,

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That said Commission shall organize by electing one of their number as Chairman, and another of their members as Secretary whose duty it shall be to keep a record of all the proceedings of the Commission. Three of the members of said Commission shall be a quorum for the purpose of transacting any business, and the action of three of them shall be deemed the action of the Commission. The members of the Commission shall receive such per diem compensation for their services as the Quarterly County Court of said county may determine, payable by warrant of the County Judge upon the County Trustee out of the general revenues of the County. The County Judge shall draw his warrant in favor of the members of said commission only upon the filing with him of a statement sworn to by the members claiming compensation and certified to by the commission, showing the number of days for which said member is entitled to compensation.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, That said Highway Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to employ a supervisor of bridges, levees and highways, at such compensation as may be fixed by the County Court, who shall perform such duties and work as said commission may designate. The compensation of said Supervisor shall be paid by the County Trustee upon the warrant of this said Commission, approved by the County Judge, out of any funds designated for such payment by the Quarterly County Court.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, That the election of any member or members of said County Highway Commission shall be subject to the right of the Quarterly County Court at any time, without notice and without cause, to summarily remove such member or members from said Commission, and to elect a successor to serve the unexpired term, provided such removal shall be ordered and approved by two-thirds of the members elected to the county court.

Section 7. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of said County Highway, Bridge, and Levee Commission to prepare and file with the Quarterly County Court, as soon as possible after the election of the first Commission, a statement showing the number, length, character, condition and location of all levees on public roads, in Obion County. And it shall be the duty of said Commission to investigate and report to the Quarterly County Court the condition of any bridge or levee or section of road, whenever such report and investigation is asked of them by the County Court, or whenever in the opinion of said commission such a report should be made.

Section 8. Be it further enacted, That each Commissioner elected under the provisions of this Act shall be required to take the oath of office required to be taken by county officers, in writing; and shall, before entering upon the duties of said office, execute a bond in any amount required by the Quarterly Court, con-

ditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties as commissioner and to faithfully and truly account for and expend all monies coming into his hands and paid out upon warrant signed by him.

Section 9. Be it further enacted, That this Act take effect from and after passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed April 14, 1919.

SETH M. WALKER,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
ANDREW L. TODD,  
Speaker of the Senate.  
Approved April 16, 1919.  
A. H. ROBERTS,  
Governor.

#### Farmers' Cooperative Organizations.

One county plans to organize a fruit growing association, another desires to feature livestock, another has in mind the purchase of supplies economically.

Such is a good thing for the farmers of the county. The development of all rural interests for farmers generally depends upon their co-operative organization.

Such an organization must be very particular that the man who acts as its selling agent is one who thoroly

understands his business. On him depends the satisfactory solution of the marketing problem for which such an organization is intended. If he is not the right man the organization will fail and be the cause of great dissatisfaction to the members. The success or failure of the project depends in large measure upon the manager. The members of this organization must also have the true co-operative spirit. They usually expect too much of an organization at the outset and when these expectations do not always materialize, friction develops. For this reason it is important that the members be of a mind to see the organization thru and realize what it will accomplish for them in the future, even in the face of a few difficulties at the start.

#### Williams-Love.

Mr. Edward Williams and Miss Mary Love, both of this place, were quietly married at the home of Rev. H. A. Todd on Sunday night, May 18, Rev. H. A. Todd officiating. Only immediate relatives were present. Congratulations are extended.

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