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Allows Our Claim.

It is your country editor who will find a crumb of comfort if there is one. After noting briefly some of the casualties of the recent cyclone—especially those in Tennessee—the Union City Commercial philosophizes thusly:

"Abe Martin says you always know where to find Debs. And this line is added to notify the world of our permanent location—Obion County. The returns tell of no better place. The voters here are the best, come a little nearer doing it right. We have less disgruntled, flat-headed, frog-footed, rattle-brained, wart-disfigured, pot-bellied cussedness than any county in Tennessee. Read the record. Here it is—the official count: Cox, 4,547; Harding, 1,307. Roberts, 4,389; Taylor, 1,283."

The Commercial is right. The figures above tell the story. Obion County is a good place to live. Let the record of her work on Nov. 2 be spread abroad over Tennessee that other counties may study and learn to imitate her example. We tip our Stetson to Obion County and bid her go up head.—Chattanooga News.

A Good Man.

The Trenton Herald-Democrat is interested in the fortunes of the Democratic party in Tennessee and suggests a new leadership in order to revive the confidence of Democratic voters. The suggestion carries with it the name of a native citizen of Gibson County, Hon. Hillsman Taylor, who is in all probability equal to the occasion and responsibility. Mr. Taylor is a lawyer, a former member of the Tennessee General Assembly and speaker of the lower branch of that body. He has the qualities of leadership and personal character, the spirit of patriotism and true citizenship, and should he become impressed that his services to the party and the great State of Tennessee might be useful, we do not hesitate to indorse the good judgment of the Herald-Democrat.

But with implicit confidence in Mr. Taylor and his friends, we do not accede to the suggestion that the vanquished Democratic leaders have been discredited. On the contrary we have an abiding faith in the efforts of Governor Roberts to enthrone economy and business integrity in the administration of Tennessee government. We believe that these efforts, tho perhaps crudely set up in some particulars, will in a perfected system prevail and finally receive the sanction of the people of Tennessee.

We don't believe men have ever been more relentlessly persecuted than Governor Roberts. We believe his hands, his heart and his life are clean, and that he was moved by unselfish motives. We believe that he was assaulted by men who either knew they were making false statements or wilfully circulated unfounded reports.

We believe in Democracy, but there will be no Democracy which is not honorable, open and fair.

Governor Roberts was moved by a sense of duty and his political life was sacrificed. We trust another may take his place who has a conscience to guide, and do not hesitate to accept Mr. Taylor's leadership.

Mrs. T. P. Palmer has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Memphis, Sledge, Miss., Cotton Plant, Heber Springs and Little Rock, Ark. At the latter place she attended the wedding of her son, Ensign K. W. Palmer, which appears in another place in the paper. Our good friend is now at home in Rives and we opine will be heard from regularly in the columns of the paper. Whatever The Commercial has been there has never been a time when it could boast of a more wholesome influence nor a truer ideal in local journalism than that of its Rives correspondent.

Crime drives are raging in almost every city in the United States. One thousand arrests were made in Chicago Saturday and Sunday. Maybe someone thinks Governor Roberts made a mistake in having the Legislature pass a State police law. They may have another thought coming before this thing is over. It looks now like Tennessee is to be congratulated in having this law. Obion County is fortunate in having located in Union City one of the companies of the State guard (or police), and these men will be ready when the crime drive begins here.

Col. Ferd Thomasson, of St. Petersburg, Fla., was mingling with Union City friends the first of the week. He had been on a business trip west and stopped here for a short visit. He is president of a million dollar bank at St. Petersburg and is prospering. He looks it, too; well and hearty. Friends here were glad to see him.

REMEDY FOR DIVORCE.

Knoxville, Nov. 19.—"Tennessee's marriage laws should be changed," declared Dr. Theodore W. Glocker, professor of economics and sociology at the University of Tennessee, in an address to the Southern Association of College Women here. "If we are to remedy the divorce laws, it seems to me that better attack the marriage laws first," he said. "In Tennessee a girl of twelve can be legally married. A boy of fourteen can be legally married. The ages should be at least sixteen for the girl and eighteen for the boy. Eighteen is the age of consent for both parents. Many marriages, that later end in the divorce courts, are too hasty."

"I am in favor of the old English custom of having the names published at least five days before the ceremony so that the parents can be given a chance to know of the intentions of their children, in case they do not know of it, and so that people who have any objection to the marriage may have time in which to say so. In Tennessee it is possible for only one of the contracting parties to secure the license. Both parties should be made to appear for the license. Marriage of persons who are veraciously diseased should be restricted by law. A few States have passed such laws, but they have met with only moderate success. If they are to be successful, a county physician would have to be employed, as it has been found that it is a very easy matter to secure a doctor's certificate permitting marriage."

Dr. Glocker also spoke of constructive legislation for the protection of illegitimate children, saying that the present laws were designed more for the protection of the State than that of the children.

U. S. Army News.

Under the hurry-up telegraphic orders sent out by the War Department on November 9, all recruits who now enlist in the Army for a course in farming will be sent to the Vocational School of Agriculture at Camp Travis, Texas, unless the soldier desires otherwise. The famous Second Division, affectionately known as the "Indian Heads," which saved Paris by stopping the Hun along the Paris-Metz road at Belleau Wood and Vaux, is on duty there. The telegrams directed that this division be recruited to full strength immediately.

The agricultural schools maintained by the Second Division are among the best-equipped in the army. Courses are provided in horticulture, agronomy, dairying and animal husbandry, and a fine irrigated farm has been bought, where soldier students may be turned into scientific farmers.

The course in horticulture includes theoretical and practical work in the growth of fruits, flowers and ornamental shrubbery. In agronomy the student takes up the study of soils, with special reference to irrigating agriculture. Great artesian wells supply the water necessary.

Instruction in dairy husbandry includes types and breeds of dairy cattle. Practical work is given in judging stock, and visits are made by the soldiers to famous cattle farms near by. The school farm also provides practical work in animal husbandry.

To the average farmer it may seem strange that Uncle Sam's soldiers are engaged in making the desert bloom. But this is exactly what they are doing. Adjacent to the great military reservation is a 400-acre farm, under the supervision of George G. Snow, who comes from Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, where he taught for twelve years. Assisting Mr. Snow is Joel I. McGregor, former dairy specialist for the Houston Chamber of Commerce, in charge of the department of animal husbandry.

Quoting Major General P. C. Harris, the Adjutant General of the Army:

"The aim of the school is to give each soldier in the army as thorough and practical an education as he is willing to accept; to give him instruction in any subject that he desires to take; and so to arrange the courses and hours of instruction that his military duties will not be slighted."



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Matinee Music Club.

The Matinee Music Club met Saturday afternoon with Miss Pauline Barney, splendid attendance symbolizing the club interest. Mrs. Dean Keiser led the lesson, a continued study of the musical atmosphere of the Scandinavian country.

Prominent among the list of those who created this atmosphere stands the name of the Norwegian violinist, Ole Bull. A man of patriotism, who gave to the world, through the strings of his violin a message of the Norse life—a life rich in noble ideals and aesthetic understanding. Longfellow's description of the "Norse Ole" in "Tales of a Wayside Inn"—

"The angel with the violin
Who lived in that ideal world
Whose language is not speech, but song;
Around him evermore the throng
Of elves and sprites, their dances whirled,
The Stromkarl sang, the cataract hurried
Its headlong waters from the height
..... and when he played the atmosphere
Was filled with magic, and the ear,
Caught echoes from the Harp of Gold."

is an American appreciation of, and a tribute to the great master.

Jenny Lind and Christine Nilsson, fair daughters of Sweden, also deserve honorable mention in the musical roll call. Their work in creating and sustaining the national spirit of music has been an inspiration to those who have followed after.

PROGRAM.

"To Spring" (Grieg), Miss Adams.
"My Laddie" (Thayer), Miss Barney.
"Impromptu" (Schubert), Miss Botts.
"Crescendo" (Per Lasson), Mrs. Reynolds.
"I Love Thee" (Grieg), Mrs. Keiser.
"Marche Mignonne" (Poldini), Miss Clemmons.
"Valse" (Chopin), Mrs. Cunningham.
"Staccato Etude" (Friml), Miss Moffatt.
At the close of the program refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Brought Here for Burial.

Mabry R. Cutler died at the family home at Blytheville, Ark., Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1920, and the body, accompanied by A. P. Cutler, father, and P. Hal, D. M. and Hammond, brothers, arrived here Friday and was interred at East View, Rev. W. B. Cunningham conducting a service at the grave.

Mr. Cutler was born here and grew to manhood in and near Union City. He was married about ten years ago to Miss Mary Noah and they had one son, Marvin. Wife and son died in 1912.

Mr. Cutler when a young man professed religion and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in this city. He was an industrious man and good citizen and had many friends here at his old home who regretted to learn of his death.

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LETTING OF CONTRACT.

In the matter of Cypress Creek Drainage District of Weakley and Obion Counties, Tennessee.—Pending in the County Court of Obion County, Tennessee.

The undersigned Directors in the matter of Cypress Creek Drainage District of Weakley and Obion Counties, Tennessee, pursuant to a resolution of said Board of Directors, approved by the Court, hereby give notice of the letting of the contracts on Saturday, the 4th day of December, 1920, for the clearing of the right of way and the construction of the canal or ditch, as provided by the decrees and orders of the Court in this cause in accordance with Chapter 185 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1909 and the amendments thereto. Said drainage District begins at a point in the South line of the right of way of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad Company and in the West line of the high water or overflow line of said Cypress Creek, in Weakley County, thence southwestwardly crossing the line between Obion and Weakley Counties to the North side of the Obion River, immediately east of the right of way of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad where Cypress Creek empties into the said Obion River, thence with the North side of said Obion River, in an easterly direction to the east side of said Cypress Creek valley, thence northeastwardly with the high water or overflow line of the East side of said Cypress Creek valley crossing the line between Obion and Weakley Counties to a point on the South side of the right of way of the said Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad Company and on the East side of said Cypress Creek valley, thence westwardly with the South side of said Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad Company's right of way across said Cypress Creek valley to the point of beginning. Said Drainage District extends southwestwardly following the general course of said Cypress Creek valley, which includes the water soaked lands embraced in the Engineer's report filed in this cause that are benefited by the improvement proposed in the proceedings in this cause.

Said construction is a one boat job and will be let as a whole, and the estimated yardage is 325,054 cu. yds. The maps and profiles are on file with the County Court Clerk and can be inspected by prospective bidders. Bids must be filed with the County Judge of Obion County, Tennessee, by ten o'clock a.m. on Saturday, December 4, 1920, accompanied with a certified check for the sum of three thousand dollars to be held pending the acceptance of the construction bond of the successful bidder. Bids for the clearing of the right of way must be filed in the same manner as the bids for the construction contract and must be accompanied with a certified check for the sum of six hundred dollars to be held pending the acceptance of bond of the successful bidder for the construction of the canal or ditch and the clearing of the right of way as a whole in the same manner as above set out. Said work will be let to the lowest responsible bidder and the right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

This November 5, 1920.
J. B. WADDELL,
County Judge and Chairman.
J. A. SMALLY,
U. O. PARRISH,
Directors.