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## DELEGATES MEET OFFICERS OF ROAD

Seek Service Similar to That Given for Thirty Years Prior to 1918.

Following a conference Thursday afternoon between the management of the N. C. & St. L. Railway and a delegation of representative citizens from Union City, Hickman, Ky., and Nashville, the matter of reinstating a daily train each way between Hollow Rock and Hickman was placed in the hands of the traffic department of the road for further investigation.

The out-of-town group of business men who conferred with General Manager W. P. Bruce on the subject, composed Major J. C. Burdick, Jr., H. M. Oliver, Hugh Smith, H. A. Bransford, Sam Bratton, all of Union City, and C. L. Walker, of Hickman, Ky. The Nashville men who attended the conference and boosted the reinstatement of the train, were Mayor Felix Wilson, Charles S. Martin, president of the Nashville Traffic Bureau; Vernon Tupper, president of the Chamber of Commerce; J. H. Corbett, secretary of the State Railroad and Public Utilities Commission; T. M. Henderson, commissioner of the Nashville Traffic Bureau; Walter Clarke, secretary-treasurer of Phillips & Buttorff Manufacturing Company; George Farmer, assistant cashier of Fourth and First National Bank; Green Benton, Ed F. Nemon, R. E. Porter, Lee Douglas, Ivo Glenn and John R. Jackson.

The train referred to was operated between Hollow Rock and Hickman for 30 years prior to 1918, when the service was eliminated to curtail expenses. The delegation from Union City and Hickman claimed to Mr. Bruce that no direct connections are made at Hollow Rock now, thereby placing that section one day further from Nashville.

The management is asked to place a train reaching Hollow Rock from Hickman at about 7 a. m., to meet the Memphis train moving to Nashville and to authorize a return train at 11 a. m. to Hickman, following the arrival of the Memphis train coming from Nashville. In this way, it is argued business men of that territory may come to Nashville and return home within the passing 24 hours. At present, however, three days are required to make the trip on account of the poor connection at Hollow Rock.

According to figures presented to Mr. Bruce, Nashville is farther away from towns between Hollow Rock and Hickman, in the matter of length of time necessary to make connections, than St. Louis, Cincinnati or Louisville.

**BIG TIME DIFFERENCE.**  
It was stated that these towns are only eight hours from St. Louis, 12 hours from Cincinnati, 12 hours from Louisville and 36 hours from Nashville. This means, they stated, that the other cities will get the business.

One of the delegates said that if two identical orders were sent at the same time from Union City to Nashville and St. Louis, respectively, the latter would be received, filed, packed and ready for shipment before the former had been opened. Orders to St. Louis move over the Mobile & Ohio or the Illinois Central Railroad. It takes 36 hours to place an order on the receiving clerk's desk in Nashville.

The reinstatement of the trains would bring Nashville into closer touch with at least six additional counties, it was said, as follows: Carroll, Gibson, Weakley, Dyer, Obion, Lake and Fulton County, Kentucky. It was specifically pointed out by the men that such service is particularly needed by the live stock shippers. Since the trains were taken off in 1918 the Union Stock Yards has been organized in Nashville. Consequently this city has come into the limelight as a live stock center, and therefore the number of shippers to this city has increased proportionately. It was argued that shippers wish to go in person to the city to which they have sent live stock. However, it was said, under the present conditions, three days time must be spent to make such a trip to Nashville.

So anxious are the business men for the new trains that they expressed a willingness to do without a part of the present service to secure it. There are at present two trains

each way during the day between Hickman and Hollow Rock. The cost of operation, including labor, fuel, station expenses, etc., is estimated at \$2000 a month.—Nashville Tennessean.

A decision on the matter of reinstating certain trains between Hickman and Hollow Rock, as urged Thursday afternoon by a delegation of citizens from that section, will probably not be made for thirty days, it was said Friday by officials of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway.

The question, which was placed in charge of the traffic department for investigation, will have to be threshed out in detail before a final decision is made, it was said.

Whether or not the amount of patronage which is offered by the citizens of the Hickman route justifies the operation of an additional passenger service is the principal question to be considered, according to officials of the road.—Nashville Tennessean.

## BASKETBALL BATTLE ROYAL TEST PROWESS AND SKILL

Champions of Game Grapple on Local Gridiron.

One of the most interesting and exciting games that the Union City people have had the opportunity of witnessing was played in the Gymnasium Friday night. Union City should be proud of the fact that her High School team succeeded in defeating a university team, although the latter gave them a hard fight. The Union University girls from Jackson have an excellent team, and one of the cleanest and fairest teams in the State. Although the U. C. H. S. girls succeeded in eging the first goal, the University girls followed it immediately. This continued during the entire first half, both sides keeping the score almost even. But during the last half, thru the excellent ability of Miss Chilcoat, from Jackson, to find the basket when she obtained the ball, Jackson succeeded in piling up many scores against the High School girls. For a time it seemed that Jackson would be the winner, for the Union City forwards were unable to cage any goal although the ball was constantly in their territory. However, during the fourth quarter, thru the excellent ability of Bernice Flack to secure the ball and deliver it to her forwards, Union City climbed up until Jackson was only one point ahead. In the last second of play Union City caged a goal, making the score stand 18 to 17 in her favor. This is the fourth consecutive victory of the Union City High School team.

## ISAACS IN NEW OFFICE.

Former Union City Boy Assistant Director Textile Division.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Ward T. Pickard, director of the textile division, Department of Commerce, has announced that C. G. Isaacs, formerly textile expert with the War Department, has assumed duties as assistant director of the textile division.

Mr. Isaacs, who is a Union City Tenn. boy, was for some time textile expert with the office of the director of sales, War Department, and aided the government in disposition of its surplus stocks of textiles and clothing. During the war he was engaged in the testing and analysis of balloon fabrics for the signal corps. Previous to that he was with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Mr. Isaacs is a graduate of the Georgia School of Technology. Mr. Isaacs will be general assistant of the textile division, with special supervision over the cotton piece goods and knitted goods.

## Died in Florida.

News of the death of an old Obion County citizen, Mr. Witt Morris, reached Union City last Friday. With his family Mr. Morris left this county sixteen years ago and located at Clearwater, Fla. He had not enjoyed good health for some months. He was born and reared near Polk and was about sixty-four years of age. He leaves a wife and two children and two brothers. The brothers are Mr. I. P. Morris, of this city, and Mr. John Morris, of near Troy. He was a good man and his death is regretted by a large number of old time friends and acquaintances in this county.

## G. T. TAYLOR BANK- RUPT FILES PETITION

Action of Candidate for Postmaster is Voluntary.

G. T., or as more commonly known, G. Tom Taylor, of Memphis, prominent Mississippi and Missouri planter and one of the Republican candidates for postmaster in this city, and a former postmaster at Union City, Tenn., yesterday filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in Federal Court in this city.

Secured liabilities are given as \$372,736.67, but out of this amount the petition states that there is to be taken the sum of \$353,000 representing encumbrances subject to which property has been sold, and is therefore to be paid by the owner and is not shown as assets of the petitioner. This would leave the net total of secured indebtedness \$19,736.67.

The unsecured liabilities are placed at \$52,265.51, or \$72,002.18 for both secured and unsecured. Assets are given at \$184,500, part of which is represented by encumbered realty and part by deed notes of property sold.

Among listed secured creditors are the Union Motor Car Company, \$2,000, title being retained by the company to a Jordan car; the Maxwell Investment Company of this city, \$50,000, secured by trust deed on plantation known as Vanderburg place, located in Quitman County, Mississippi, containing 1,418 acres, sold to Bob I. Taylor, subject to indebtedness; Miss Kate Shapiro, Memphis, \$5,300, secured by trust deed on Barham place, plantation located in Panola County, Mississippi, containing 354 acres; Rainer & Connell Company, Memphis, \$41,000, secured by trust deed on Vanderburg place, also chattel deed on stock, tools and cotton on that place; also chattel mortgage on crop on Barham place, Vanderburg place and stock and crops sold to Bob I. Taylor, subject to this mortgage; Planters' Bank, Clarksdale, Miss., \$60,000, secured by trust deed on Sarah and Barham places and chattel trust deed on stock, implements and crops on Sarah place, which place with stock and implements, was sold to Bob I. Taylor, subject to this mortgage; Ward-Coppedge Company, Caruthersville, Mo., \$2,000, secured by trust deed on gin at Hayti, Mo., said gin sold to Wood Taylor, subject to indebtedness; Prudential Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., \$45,000, secured by trust deed of Alfalfa Farms Company, Hayti, Mo., \$150,000, secured by trust deed on Hayti place, sold to Wood Taylor, subject to this encumbrance.

## UNSECURED CREDITORS.

Among the larger unsecured creditors are the following: S. E. Murray, Memphis, \$200, open account attorney fees; D. B. Puryear, Memphis, attorney fees, \$800, not including suit against Stone & Shelton, et al.; H. E. Graper, Lexington, Tenn., \$200, indorsement on note; trustee in bankruptcy, Cadillac Motor Car Company, suit in Chancery of bankrupt claim of indebtedness, \$2,000; Continental Gin Company, Memphis, \$4,000; Security Bank and Trust Company, Memphis, \$350; Shippers Cotton Company, Memphis, \$10,000; Peoples Bank and Trust Company, Memphis, \$4,500; Miss Kate Shapiro, Memphis, \$424; Malone & Hyde, Memphis, \$3,000; Jno. C. Flaut, Memphis, \$300; Caruthers Shoe Company, Memphis, \$400; John A. Demie's Sons Company, \$350; Crane & Co., Memphis, \$300; Armstrong Furniture Company, Memphis, \$200; W. N. Sloan, Memphis, Julius Levy Sons Company, Memphis, \$700; Wm. R. Moore Dry Goods Company, Memphis, \$300; Scheibler & Co., Memphis, \$400. In addition to those there are numerous creditors in St. Louis, Chicago, New York, Baltimore and other cities for merchandise of various sorts.

Among claims having priority under the law are taxes due in Panola County of \$500 for current year, taxes due in Pemiscot County, amount not given, and \$525 salary due N. M. Taylor and Harry Kahn, of Hayti, Mo., for three months.

Included in the assets are the following items: Real estate, Barham place, Panola County, Miss., estimated value, \$25,000; on this place is indebtedness of \$5,300 to Miss Kate Shapiro, made in December, 1918, and \$60,000 to Planters Bank, of Clarksdale, Miss., made in February, 1921; warehouse and lot at Crenshaw, Miss., estimated valuation, \$4,000, on which is due \$1,650 to Wm. R. Moore Dry Goods Company, and \$400 to Stratton-Warren Hardware Company, Memphis, and attached by the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Crenshaw, Miss.; storehouse and lot at Hayti, Mo., estimated valuation \$4,000, on which is trust deed to Sanders for purchase money, of date January, 1921, for \$4,000.

Included in the personal property itemization are notes of J. D. Stone, A. B. Shelton, J. J. Brite, Wm. Robb and W. C. Robb, for \$128,000, suit for payment of which has been entered; note of Wood Taylor for \$24,500 to secure trust deed on Hayti place; note of Bob I. Taylor for \$15,000 to secure trust deed on Sarah place, and note of Bob I. Taylor for \$15,000 to secure trust deed on Vanderburg place. Stock in trade of merchandise business of G. T. Taylor, at Hayti, Mo., \$10,000; Jordan automobile, secured by title retained in process of foreclosure, \$2,000.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

## AUSTIN PEAY TURNS DOWN THE HANNAH CHALLENGE

Joint Debate Would Benefit Nobody Clarksville Man Says.

Clarksville, Tenn., Dec. 8.—Austin Peay, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, to-day replied to Gen. Harvey H. Hannah, declining the latter's invitation to a joint debate. Mr. Peay's letter follows:

"Dear General Hannah: I thank you for your courteous letter of yesterday. My candidacy for Governor is solely directed to the relief of the people from burdensome taxation, and to a business administration in simplicity and economy of all institutions and affairs of the State. These are not matters for the fustian and rivalry of political debate. My views and plans for this needed relief can best be presented to the people in plain and uninterrupted discussion.

"Permit me to say that the course you suggest, in my judgment, would benefit nobody, but only exploit ourselves, and be fatal to party harmony and success. Hence, I decline the suggestion. With assurance of high esteem and my personal regard for you, I remain, respectfully,

"AUSTIN PEAY."

## COMMUNITY PRIDE.

Mr. Wilson Baker and family have moved to their farm near Obion. Thaise takes several pupils from us and we regret to lose them. They take our kindest wishes to their new home.

Mr. Fowler took several of the boys to see the Rives-Troy basket ball game at Rives last Friday. Our boys are arranging their own court this week and are getting ready to play. Church services at Beech were well attended last Sunday; services on second and fourth Sundays. All are cordially invited to these and all other services.

Week before last our girls went to Dixie, both first and second teams, and took two games, scores being 22-11 and 8-1, respectively. Dixie plays a good, clean game and we enjoy going there.

## Death of Mrs. J. T. Chiles.

Thursday morning at 10 o'clock Mrs. J. T. Chiles breathed her last. She had been a sufferer for some time and recently was operated on for hernia. On her return the matter of her ultimate recovery was a question of doubt, though she seemed to show improvement until Wednesday when she suffered a hemorrhage, and another Thursday took her away.

Mrs. Chiles was Mrs. Willie Bobbitt when she married Mr. Chiles. She was, at the time of her death, about 65 years of age. She leaves no children.

Funeral services were conducted at the family residence by Rev. U. S. McCaslin, and the remains taken to Union City for interment.—Obion County Enterprise.

## COUNTY TEACHERS HAVE FINE MEETING

Meeting of the Obion County Teachers' Association at Cloverdale.

The meeting of the Obion County Teachers' Association at Cloverdale on Dec. 3 was a most satisfactory success from the point of instruction and community interest. There was a full audience and the parents of the Cloverdale and adjoining communities showed keen interest by their attendance and attention.

The devotional was conducted by Rev. A. B. Walker. Prof. B. F. Foster made some thoughtful remarks on "First Grade Work in Rural Schools," and the audience was delightfully entertained with a violin and vocal duet by Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Walker.

All those who are interested in "How to Organize and Conduct a Parent-Teachers' Association" missed some very valuable and practical thoughts and ideas in not hearing Prof. C. F. Fowler and Prof. C. D. Hilliard on this topic. Both of these gentlemen have had quite a bit of experience in this work and they brought a good message on the topic.

At the business meeting the place and time of the next program was fixed at Cunningham School, in Civil District Number Nine, in the southwest corner of the county, for Jan. 14, 1922. This is the most distant school from Union City, and that community will show the teachers of the county a most delightful entertainment.

Prof. C. B. James spoke after the business session and as usual gave his audience some real profitable thoughts to consider. He always brings a thoughtful message to his hearers. He told of the advantages of the county unit system and the

advantages of consolidation.

The County Superintendent made a few remarks relative to the association and the schools. He said that a real live and aggressive County Teachers' Association would be a most potent factor in building up the educational integrity of the county and in giving educational incentive. He said that the schools and the children of Obion County belong to the people of Obion County and that the people had the unquestioned right to say what kind of schools they would have; that it was their province to say whether they would swing far ahead in some lines and let the school situation stand stationary, with old buildings in some places, that are less slightly than stock barns, with inadequate seating capacity because every possible dollar has to be saved to have a short term without sufficient equipment.

The association was most agreeably entertained with a reading by Mrs. Oma Lightfoot.

There are 174 teachers teaching in the public and private schools of Obion County this year. Of the 174 there have been enrolled 35 in the County and State Teachers' Association, or 20.1 per cent; at the three meetings of the Obion County Teachers' Association there has been an average attendance of 46 teachers, or 26.4 per cent; there have been 93 different teachers who have attended some one of the three meetings, or 56.5 per cent; 10 teachers have attended all three of the meetings, 22 two of the meetings, and 66 one of the meetings. Will the 139 teachers who have not enrolled make the association a Christmas present by sending an enrollment fee of \$1.50 to Miss Callie Howell, Treasurer, or to B. A. Vaughn? This will admit you into the County and State Association and you will receive the State Bulletin.

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