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MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

Holds Second Meeting and Elects Permanent Officers

Members of the Greenville Credit Association and a number of the business men met at the City Hall Monday night to perfect the organization and adopt the rules for governing it. Mr. Sam Blum, who was elected President of the association at its last meeting, called the meeting to order and Mr. H. T. Crosby was made temporary secretary.

The report of the committee on rules was read and discussed by all members present, and was finally adopted, section by section, on the majority vote.

A motion was made and carried that the President appoint a committee of three to select a Board of Directors, which board was to consist of seven members together with the President and Vice President. The President and Vice President. The committee retired and in a few minutes reported to the meeting that they had agreed on the following named gentlemen to constitute the board: Chas. Hafner, W. F. George, Sol Klein, George Clifton, T. C. Holmes, Joe Weinberg and H. N. Alexander.

It was then moved that a committee of three be appointed on membership, and to devise ways and means to carry on the organization. The President appointed on this committee, Chas. Hafner, Earl Allen and Chas. Ehlbert; on motion the President was also added to this committee.

It was then moved that the association elect a treasurer. The name of H. N. Alexander was proposed by some member for the important position, and by a unanimous vote was accepted. The officers of the association elected are as follows:

President, Sam Blum,
Vice President, Joe Harrison,
Treasurer, H. N. Alexander.

It was agreed that the secretary of the association be employed by the Board of Directors.

The membership as shown by the roll now represents thirty business houses in the city. The next meeting of the association will be announced later by the President. The constitution and by-laws will be submitted by the directors at the next meeting.

Union Study Class

The Union Study Class, organized this fall and comprising the Missionary Societies of the different churches, promises to be as improving as it is interesting.

The last meeting, held at the residence of Mrs. Gracia Walton, the leader of the class under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of St. James, was much more largely attended than any previous, and warmer interest was evinced in the work.

The motive of the Union Class is promotion of sympathy between the sister churches, the mutual study of the missionary efforts in the various fields worked by the various churches, and doing its best to create a spiritual atmosphere of the Faith, Hope and Charity all churches teach.

Last Monday night, about eight o'clock destroyed the barn on Dr. J. D. Smythe's place, southeast of the city, in possession of Mr. Day. In the destruction of the barn eight mules and ten tons of hay were lost. The loss to Dr. Smythe will amount to over \$2,000 and many dollars to Mr. Day. We sympathize with both in their losses.

The Goyer Co. is closing out its hardware department.

The Greenville Trust and Banking Company is now in its new quarters on the corner of Main and Walnut streets.

Many improvements have recently been made in the Postal Cable Co.'s office in this city that add greatly to the appearance and convenience of the office. Mr. Wadlington, the manager, is doing everything he can to make the service of the Postal up to date in every respect, and the public appreciates every work done in their behalf.

Southern Railway Officers Promoted

Mr. E. R. Oliver, who has been the local agent of the Southern Railway in this city for the past year, was promoted to traveling freight agent of the road out of Chicago, and Mr. J. H. Anderson, who has been assistant agent to Mr. Oliver, was made agent in succession.

The many friends of both gentlemen are pleased to learn of their promotions and wish them success and higher promotion before their railroad careers are ended.

The Rendezvous skating rink opened on Friday evening in a whirl of enthusiasm. Over fifty skaters were on the floor at a time while many spectators enjoyed the fun as well.

The rink is in charge of Mr. Geo. Heard, who is doing everything in his power to insure those who attend a royal good time.

The Silverstein-Franklin Brokerage Co. is proving a very popular concern by their liberality and giving. At the last announcement of Government's report they gave to the one (who luckily was the writer) a \$5.00 Stetson hat who made the closest guess to the Government figures.

This will be repeated by this firm next Tuesday and it costs nothing for you to record your guess. So get the dope and try your kick.

Does a man wear it? The Leader has it.

A YOUNG MEDIUM

Little Colored Girl Who Possesses the Most Wonderful and Remarkable Powers

Tillie, a little colored girl, is now being talked about by all Greenville who have heard of her remarkable powers as a spiritualist medium. She has been in the city only a few months, coming here from the country near Fall Back, Miss., in Bolivar county. From a slow working negro girl about the house, hardly worth her keeping, she has become a prominent figure in sensational events, and will, if her powers stand the supreme test, become one of the most remarkable personages in the State or South.

How she came into notice was in this way: Being employed by Mrs. Vaughn as a house girl on Hinds street, and while she and the cook were sitting in the kitchen, she remarked to the cook that there were spirits in the room. If the cook saw them she did not recognize them, for she hurriedly made her exit out of the back door, at the same time calling at the top of her voice for Mrs. Vaughn.

When Mrs. Vaughn got to the kitchen she asked what was the matter and the old cook out in the yard told her that the little girl was crazy for she claimed she saw "spirits in de kitchen." Mrs. Vaughn then asked Tillie what she meant and she replied that it was true; she did see them and saw them just as plainly as she could see her mistress.

Mrs. Vaughn laughed, for not believing in spirits, it did not frighten or worry her in the least. But she decided to try Tillie, and carrying her to her room, she had her call up the spirits of the departed she desired to converse with, and for over an hour the little coon medium carried on a regular seance. Her statements about persons and scenes which occurred before she was born were true and surprised all in the house, and question after question were put to her which she answered readily.

The little medium told Mrs. Vaughn that when her husband died he had something to tell her, but did not because when he questioned the doctor as to his lease on life during his late illness, the doctor replied that he would recover, and the word or message was not given and Mr. Vaughn died very shortly after.

Mrs. Vaughn verified this statement of Tillie's, saying that everything had transpired just as the little medium said.

When asked by Mrs. Vaughn what this message was, Tillie replied that Mr. Vaughn had buried some money and that she, Tillie, would lead her to where the treasure is buried. She described the spot where the money is claimed to be buried and described the surroundings perfectly. Mrs.

LEVEE BOARD CHANGES

Three New Levee Commissioners Will be Appointed by the Governor

The last regular meeting of the present Levee Board of this District, was held on the 8th and 9th days of this month. This was the last meeting of the old members with the exception of the coming July meeting, when they will assemble to swear in the three new members who will be appointed by the Governor during the present session as successors of Commissioners Atterbury, Brooks and Banard.

Two of the new appointments have already been decided upon and announced by the Governor. They are Hon. J. L. Hebron, Jr., of this city, and the Hon. Jno. Kirk, of Bolivar.

There is a contest on in Sharkey county between Dr. Crump and Malcolm Cameron, both being large planters and prominent citizens, and each have a large following of devoted friends. Just which one will receive the appointment the Governor has not yet announced.

The retiring officers of the Board have each proved honest, faithful and valuable officials and have richly merited by the discharge of their duties the thanks of the press and the people of the entire District.

A VALUED OFFICER

Sheriff Crouch Saves the County Much Expense

Sheriff Crouch has been during the new year one of the busiest men in the county. During part of the last two weeks in December and the first two weeks in January, the Circuit Court of the county was on his



Sheriff Jno. H. Crouch

hands, and at the same time in his office, Deputy Moore and his assistants were rushed collecting the county's taxes, and when one disinterested, who stood off and watched the ease with which he dispatched his duties in both positions, he saw in Sheriff Crouch as able an officer as any the State possessed filling this office.

Since his election into office, Mr. Crouch has closely watched the expense of the court, and with Circuit Clerk Gildart, did his whole duty to bring down this expense to the minimum, while on the other hand, he has pushed the collection of taxes until the delinquent tax list has been cut down below three-quarters of the counties of the State. In a conversation with him Mr. Crouch said a few days ago that even with a short crop the delinquent tax list this year would be no longer than the one of last year.

With such a record behind him Sheriff Crouch, we believe, could be elected to fill any office to which he should aspire in the county, and as long as we are editor of The Times he can count on the efforts of the paper in his behalf.

The Baptist Sunday School award prizes last Sunday to the teachers and pupils who attended the most regularly during the year 1905. To those who never missed a Sunday during the year a gold star medal was presented. Those who received the gold stars were Hugh Alexander, Ivah Jones, Allena Wineman and Harold Crosby. Those who were present one quarter during the year were given a silver star, and these were Howard Wells, Lacta Burns, Ollie Keller, Hattie Shores, Howell Robinson, Wallace Robinson and H. B. Robinson, Willie Crosby, Carl Birmingham, Lucy Crosby, Estellena Dancy, Edward Shores, Winston Borum, Catherine Borum, Mrs. Rehbum, Mrs. Keith, G. M. Keith, Ellen Cowan and Mr. Rosselle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jordan and family are now pleasantly located in the Stoval house, on the corner of Hunt Avenue and Shelby Street.

The Methodist district stewards of the Greenville district met at Clarksdale last Tuesday. It was the largest and most enthusiastic meeting of this body that has been held for several years. Rev. R. A. Meek presided, and Robert Somerville was elected secretary. The presiding elder's salary was fixed at \$2,000.00, and the assessments ordered by the annual conference were apportioned among the several charges according to their strength. The outlook all over the district is considered most encouraging.

Constable Election

The special election for constable, held in this city last Wednesday, resulted in the victory of A. R. L. Duke, who received 271 votes, while his opponent, Louis Vaughn, received 37 votes.

Mr. Duke is an officer in every way qualified to fill the position, and his host of friends are very well pleased over his overwhelming majority.

This was Mr. Vaughn's first race, and politics, like wine, improves with old age, so the voters can look for him next time.

COTTON STATES LEAGUE

Will Open the Season in April—Many Changes in the Cities Forming the League

The Cotton States League will have its clubs again on the diamond this year in the following cities: Vicksburg, Baton Rouge, Jackson, Meridian, Mobile and Gulfport. Greenville, Natchez, Pine Bluff and Monroe, it will be seen, are not in the organization.

The annual "put up" was a little too regular and costly for the sport it furnished. Vicksburg at last got the president so they have no kick coming this year. The season opens in April and closes in August.

Greenville will have base ball this year and the home boys will furnish it for the fans.

Mr. William Ray Toombs returned from New Orleans last Thursday where he had been undergoing a course of treatment for affected vocal organs. His host of friends here are pleased to learn that he is again at his legal work greatly improved.

If you have a house for sale, or to rent, advertise the fact in The Times Results are sure and swift.

THE RENDEZVOUS

Greenville's New Social Club--Its Aims and Purposes

Editor Times:

Having been asked by quite a number of the young men of Greenville concerning the new club, "The Rendezvous," which has recently been organized, I wish you would insert this letter.

During the past summer Mr. Diehl conceived the idea of organizing a club for the young men, a place for them to meet, read, play pool or billiards or anything else that might appeal to them, with the hope that it could be made so attractive and interesting that it would keep them from frequenting all sorts of questionable resorts.

A meeting was held during the summer at the home of Hon. E. N. Thomas and plans were discussed, but the time being considered inauspicious it was decided to postpone further action until fall.

On Tuesday night, Jan. 2nd, a well attended meeting was held in the Armory and it was decided by all present to go ahead with the club and each and every one present pledged himself to do his utmost in pushing it along to success. It was decided that the rooms formerly occupied by the Greenville Athletic Club should be used temporarily until more commodious and better quarters could be secured. It was also decided that an initiation fee of five dollars and two dollars a month dues, should be charged.

The club has now opened in the Armory a thoroughly equipped and up to date roller skating rink for the club members and the general public. A small admission fee is to be charged and the money made from the rink is to be spent in fixing and furnishing up the club rooms.

The shower and tub baths are to be renovated and improved and along with towels are to be free to members. There will be a reading room with all the best periodicals and papers of the day; a pool and billiard table; a writing room; a room for chess, checkers, etc., and the large hall, after the skating season is over, will be used for all sorts of indoor sports, such as base ball, basket ball, hand ball, punching bag etc.

The chief aim of the club is the development, physical, mental and spiritual, of its members. Drinking, gambling and rowdiness are cut out, and any offender of this part of our charter will be preemptorily expelled from the club.

We are forced from lack of funds to start on a small scale, but the most sincere desire of "The Rendezvous" is that each and every member will be an enthusiastic one, and do his share toward making a splendid and everlasting success of the club.

And now just a word to "Ye Mer-

Board of Mississippi Levee Commissioners

In today's issue of The Times appears the proceedings of the Levee Board Commissioners, together with a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Board's funds. The attention of the reader is called to the secretary's statement so that he may see how and where the money is spent.

Chief Engineer West's report is full and complete and will prove very interesting reading to those interested in levee work.

Taken altogether, financially and materially the condition of the affairs of the Mississippi Levee Board is very satisfactory indeed.

Mr. Sidney Eckstone will get a try out with the Bluff City boys this year, and it is the hope of his friends here that he will prove good. His fine work in the box last year in the K. I. T. league brought him prominently before the base ball world and Memphis got him.

The Hon. Chas. Scott, of Bolivar county, Hon. LeRoy Percy and Chief Engineer West, of the Levee Board of this county, represented the Delta at the Rivers and Harbors congress which convened in Washington, D. C., this week.

Gray dress kid gloves are stylish too for men, At The Leader.

WANT FIFTY MILLION

Rivers and Harbors Congress Ask for This Amount

At a meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors congress which convened at Washington this week, a resolution was introduced and carried asking at the hands of the National Government the sum of fifty million dollars for rivers and harbors.

The following officers were elected to serve the following year:

President—Harvey V. Goulden, of Cleveland, O.

One vice president from each State represented, to be named by the delegates.

Colonel William H. Love, of Baltimore, Md., Secretary.

E. R. Sharswood, of Philadelphia, Treasurer.

Executive Committee—J. P. Ransdell, Louisiana, chairman; William U. Lincoln, Boston; Robert Ramsey, Baltimore; E. J. Hale, Fayetteville, N. C.; M. J. Sanders, New Orleans; S. W. S. Duncan, Dallas, Tex.; John A. Fox, Blytheville, Ark.; W. H. Kennett, St. Louis; Albert Bettinger, Cincinnati; W. B. Rogers, Pittsburg; Henry T. Clark, Omaha; Harvey D. Goulden, Cleveland; Captain William J. Crosby, Detroit; John W. Ferriss, San Francisco; A. H. Devers, Portland, Ore.; with J. F. Ellison as secretary, but not a member of the committee.

The Delta Experiment Station

Prof. J. W. Fox, a former citizen of our town, now occupying a chair in the A. & M. College, will be placed in charge of the Delta Experiment Station at Stoneville. He is fully competent to discharge the duties of his position—West Point Leader.

Mr. Fox is now in our city and will bring his family here about Feb. 1st. They will occupy the Head house on Alexander street.

Prof. Fox has been making daily visits to the Experiment Station farm getting everything in shape to make the first crop.

The Times will devote a column of its space each week to matters concerning this farm and what experiments are being made.

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