

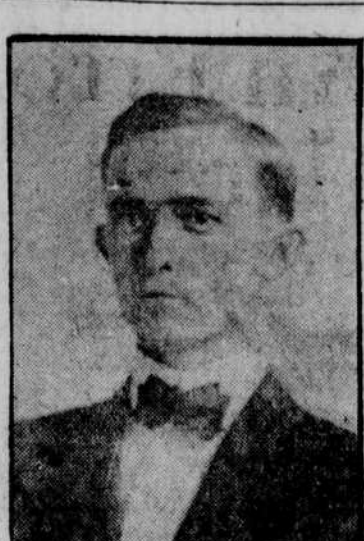
## Annual Debaters At Birmingham College



B. H. BRANSCOMB  
Of Birmingham, representing Lee society speaking on affirmative. "Resolved, That labor unions have been conducive to best interests of our nation."



S. McP. MIMS  
Of Oxford, the other representative of Lee society to aid in upholding affirmative.



D. K. PEGUES  
Of Scottsboro, one of the Eumenean society representatives who spoke on negative side of question.



W. B. NOLEN  
Of Alexander City, Eumenean's other representative—Photos by Peddinghaus.

## GLOWING REPORT ON PROSPERITY OF BIRMINGHAM MADE

Bradstreet's Local Superintendent Tells of Conditions at Atlanta Meeting

## CONDITIONS NEVER BEFORE SO BRIGHT

Calls Attention to Immense Amount of Construction Going on—New Business in Every Line Is Being Commenced

R. A. Epperson, Birmingham superintendent for Bradstreet's Review made a glowing report on conditions in Birmingham to the meeting of superintendents which was held in Atlanta yesterday.

"New business in every line is being commenced," said Mr. Epperson, "and Birmingham is regarded by leading capitalists and bankers as at the high tide of its prosperity and the outlook has never appeared so bright."

Mr. Epperson called attention to the immense amount of building going on in Birmingham, touched on the production of pig iron in the Birmingham district, sketched traffic conditions and called attention to the general prosperity prevailing here.

Mr. Epperson's report in full was as follows:

"The surest indication in Birmingham lies in the fact today there is under construction in the city, new buildings aggregating a cost of more than \$10,000,000. Included in this amount are two new hotel buildings, representing a cost of \$1,000,000 each, and a bank and office building, 25 stories, costing \$1,000,000. In addition may be mentioned other commercial buildings that are transforming the appearance of the business section of the city, hotel and apartment houses, that will double the hotel capacity. In a short time construction will be commenced on an auditorium with a seating capacity of 10,000, the largest in the south. This result has been accomplished by determined efforts of the citizens of Birmingham, to make the Magic City the greatest convention city in the southern states."

## Many Records Broken

"During the first five months of 1913, records of all kinds showing production in every line that has made Birmingham famous, have been broken by the greatest gains in the history of the city. For 1912 Birmingham lead every American city in its class of amount of new buildings, in comparison with previous years. Alabama today is making pig iron at the rate of 2,162,764 tons per annum, the greatest in the history of the industry. The average number of blast furnaces in operation during the first five months of 1913 was 24; the average number of stacks of 1912 was 18. The Alabama iron output for the first five months of 1913 amounted to \$86,385 tons as compared with 73,925 tons in the same period last year, an increase for this year of 100,575 tons, which is an increase of about 30,000 tons per month. The output of the first five months of 1913, at the rate of 2,162,764 tons per annum compared with 1,768,625 tons in 1912. Bank clearings reflect great gains being made in all lines of business. In 1913, total clearings for the first five months amounted to \$74,328,127 against \$62,812,576 for the first five months of last year. The monthly clearings for 1913 are on the ratio of \$13,735,500 per annum. The monthly clearings for the same period for 1912 were on the ratio of \$10,570,423 per annum, showing an increase for this year according to the ratio of \$3,165,077. "Postoffice receipts for 1912 amounted to \$475,000 as compared to \$408,000 for 1911, and \$370,000 for 1910.

## New Business in Every Line

"Total capitalization in the Birmingham district and in Jefferson county, for 1912, amounted to \$9,000,000. New business in every line is being commenced and Birmingham is regarded by leading capitalists and bankers as at the high tide of its prosperity, and the outlook has never appeared so bright.

"A unique event occurred in Birmingham this year, a celebration heretofore unheard of in the south, and consisted of simply the celebration of the prosperity that has come to the district, as reflected by the record breaking achievements of the past year. It was known as the "Potlatch" celebration, and was inaugurated with a fund of \$15,000, subscribed by citizens of the city and was described by the expression "Birmingham on Wheels." Every line of business was shown by floats that made the largest and most spectacular parade ever seen on the streets of Birmingham. One of the largest crowds that ever gathered in the city attended the celebration and came from every section in the south. The Birmingham spirit was never more in evidence than during the three days of the potlatch celebration, which has practically been established as an annual event, taking rank with the Alabama State Fair as an attraction for visitors.

## Construction Going On

"All indications are that records of achievement and production for 1912, will be broken in the year 1913. Recently the 29 story office building of the American Trust and Savings bank has been completed at a cost of \$1,000,000. The six story building of the Alabama Penny Savings bank, a negro institution, was completed at a cost of \$550,000, erected by those of their own race. The Young Men's Christian association building, a \$250,000 structure, is now occupied. The Young Women's Christian association building was recently constructed at a cost of \$75,000. A retail business house has recently been completed costing \$150,000. Plans have been completed for the erection of a wholesale house, creating a new wholesale district, at a cost of nearly \$1,000,000 by one realty concern. Among uncompleted buildings are the 25 story Jefferson County Savings bank building, costing \$1,000,000. Roden hotel, 12 stories, \$1,000,000; Tutwiler hotel, \$1,000,000; Ridgely apartments, \$350,000; a retailers block, \$250,000; Lyric theatre, \$250,000.

"Among the new industries are the new \$4,000,000 by product plant of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company, which calls for future investment of \$29,000,000. A \$200,000 acid plant of the Steel City Chemical company, which it is reported, will be doubled during the year; \$200,000 plant of the Barrett Manufacturing company, \$500,000 plant of the American Radiator company. Announcement has just been made of plans for improvement and development of properties of a coal, iron and mining company during the year at a cost of \$300,000. The plant of the National Cast Iron Pipe company is being completed and will add to the manufacture of iron pipe. Operation of the American Radiator plant will begin during June.

"According to reliable estimates of passenger officials, of local railroad officials, passenger business out of Birmingham for 1912 amounted to \$3,000,000 and for 1911 approximately \$2,300,000, showing an increase for last year of about \$700,000. Incoming business for the past year, according to officials, amounted to \$4,000,000. Nine great railroad systems radiate from Birmingham, the city in which the best steel rail in the world is made. During 1912 the Nashville and Nashville railroad between Nashville and Birmingham was completed at a cost of \$5,000,000.

"One million fifty-seven thousand five hundred and forty-two dollars was expended in development by the Birmingham Railway, Light and Power company. The \$1,000,000 line from East Lake through Birmingham to Ensley, a distance of 15 miles, at a cost of \$1,000,000. These lines are now being extended to Fairfield and Bessemer, and negotiations are underway looking to sale of bonds to build the line to Tuscaloosa. A recent franchise has been granted by the city to street electric railway line for construction of lines through the city, which will shortly be commenced, and will give Birmingham the most serviceable system of electric railway lines possessed by any city in the country in its class. According to the car service association the number of cars handled by the railroad during 1912 was 925,000 an increase of 57,000 over previous records.

## Wire Mill Reopened

"Within the past few days announcement has been made by the American Steel and Wire company, which business men say heralds the greatest era of prosperity Birmingham has ever known, since the acquisition of the properties of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company, by the United States Steel corporation. The announcement is to the effect that the American Steel and Wire company, now has been built up around the plant of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company, which was taken over by the United States Steel corporation, in order to make that company a dividend paying one at the earliest possible moment, so strong was his faith in the resources of the district. From that statement some idea may be had of the immense development that is taking place following the establishment of the plant of the American Steel and Wire company almost in a stone's throw of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company, providing, as it does, a home market for the iron producers, heretofore unknown. A model industrial town has already been built up around this plant. As a result of this announcement, more buoyant feeling pervades the business circles of Birmingham than has been experienced since the days before the war.

"Another immense corporation that is expending millions in Alabama today, is the Alabama Interstate Power company, which is making its initial investment in harnessing the power of rivers. It is reported that they will have power in Birmingham and other Alabama cities by August 1, and will turn out electric power to every kind of manufacturing plant at reasonable rates, and to points that in the natural order of development would not have been reached for years.

"To sum up the situation in a few words Birmingham is the center of the greatest mineral district in the world and presents banks developed and undeveloped resources unapproached by any city in the south. Its weekly pay roll amounts to more than \$1,000,000.

"The spirit of the captains of industry as well as the entire population is recognized without mentioning that fact."

## Order Offensive Operations

Sandiego, Cal., June 9.—Offensive operations against the constitutionalists about Guaymas, Mexico, have been ordered by Gen. Pedro Ojeda, commanding the federal garrison against refugees. He is said to have 5000 and several batteries of artillery. The rebel force, it is said, entrenched about Hermosillo and numbers about 3000.

## Call for National Banks

Washington, June 9.—The United States comptroller today issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks of the country at the close of business Wednesday, June 4.

## JUDGE GARY'S TESTIMONY STRICKEN OUT BY COURT

Testified That Steel Corporation Had Turned Over "All Its Records" to Government—Efforts to Learn Reason for Ruling Unavailable.

New York, June 9.—Testimony by Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, that the corporation had turned over to the government "all its records" was stricken out today in the suit to dissolve the corporation as an illegal combination. The testimony had to do with minutes of the Carnegie Steel company, upon which Judge Gary was being cross-examined.

"I suppose you have these minutes because when you asked me or some one else for all records, we turned over everything to you without even looking at it," said Judge Gary.

At this Judge Jacob M. Dickinson, attorney for the government, threw up his hands as if in surprise.

"I don't want to get into a discussion with you on that subject," he said.

"I would suggest," said R. V. Lindbury, attorney for the corporation, "that the remark of the witness be stricken from the record."

"Yes, strike it from the record," said Judge Gary.

The subject was then abruptly dropped and efforts of newspaper men to learn the reason for the action were unavailable. The minutes in question indicated that at various times during the early history of the corporation directors of the Carnegie Steel company, a subsidiary had advised that the company buy pig iron, in order to sustain its price and prevent demoralization in the prices of furnished steel products.

Judge Dickinson wanted to know whether the witness considered such action in accord with the corporation's "policy of fostering competition," which Judge Gary had testified had been pursued since its organization.

## Opinions Without Weight

"The opinions of the boards of the subsidiary companies," replied the witness, "did not have any weight or effect except perhaps as to the individual action of the officers of these companies at times, as when in the early

years, sometimes they did act without the knowledge of the United States Steel corporation officials."

"It has been stated here in the testimony that in earlier years there was some disagreement between myself and some other officials concerning questions of policies. That grew out of the fact that Mr. Schwab and Mr. Corey (former presidents of the corporation) had been brought up in the steel business under different circumstances and had notions which were not in accord with known notions of those who controlled the United States Steel corporation."

Judge Gary said he did not consider conversations that the Carnegie directors had in earlier years natural or proper minutes of a board of directors, "and I did not suppose they were putting into what they called minutes conversations like you produced here."

"The fact is, you did not know what they were doing, as shown in the minutes, did you?"

About 1904 Judge Gary said he began taking very active steps to eradicate everything he believed wrong and not in accord with what were the determined policies of the Steel corporation from the beginning.

## Passage From Minutes

A passage from the minutes of the executive committee of the corporation in 1901 put in evidence by the government spoke of "ways and means to influence the Standard Oil company to buy supplies from our companies."

Judge Dickinson read another minute dated August, 1902, which would put the minutes in the hands of the Vice President Bohe of the Carnegie Steel company as saying that the American Tinplate company, another subsidiary, proposed to make a cut in prices, "which it is anticipated will put 90 per cent of its competitors out of business."

"I consider such statements very foolish," Judge Gary said at the present time would be ashamed of that language.

The hearing will adjourn until Wednesday.

## M'REYNOLDS ASKS DISSOLUTION OF EASTMAN TRUST

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charge of the suit. The alleged monopolies have been accomplished, the petition avers, by the Eastman companies absorbing or acquiring control of a great number of competitors in the United States and foreign countries.

Restraints, the government declares, have been imposed upon the business of the competing manufacturers and dealers by the combination's terms of sale under which Eastman-made merchandise was handled exclusively by so-called Eastman dealers, who were not allowed to handle the goods of competitors until November, 1911, when "The Terms of Sale" were amended to restrict only Eastman goods manufactured and marketed under existing patents.

"The terms of sale" charge also fixes resale. Injunctions are asked for against those practices.

## Competition Unfair

Complaint is also made that certain large retail or stockhouses owned by the Eastman companies are conducting operations under the name of the original owners. Unfair competition is charged through the alleged practice of the Eastman companies in marketing through one of its subsidiaries, the defendant company (Rochester), a certain film, as if it was the product of an independent, suppressing the fact that it is made by the combination.

It is alleged that the General Paper company of Germany, the world's greatest producer of raw photographic paper, sells raw paper in the United States at a discount to the Eastman companies and refuses to supply any other manufacturer or dealer in this country.

The Eastman Kodak company of New York, holding a monopoly, has an authorized capital of \$35,000,000, of which \$25,000,000 has been issued. The Eastman Kodak company of New York, the operating company of the combination, is a \$5,000,000 corporation manufacturing and marketing photographic supplies.

## M'REYNOLDS' FIRST ATTACK ON TRUSTS

Investigation of Eastman Company Began Under Administration of Wickersham

Washington, June 9.—The "Kodak" suit filed at Buffalo today is Attorney General McReynolds' first attack upon the "trusts," except the petition in equity filed a few days ago against the "coaster brake trust," which was the basis of an agreed decree.

The investigation of the Eastman companies was begun under the administration of Former Attorney General Wickersham, and the filing of the suit has been delayed by negotiations to reach an agreement. While the companies were unwilling to agree to dissolution, it is understood that they have agreed to conform to demands of the government with respect to the freedom of trade in the "new term of sale" will be entirely open to all independents. The company has not yet agreed, however, to a discontinuance of the alleged practice of

## TO REMODEL HOTEL AT BAY MINETTE

Work Will Be Begun at Once on Enlarging the Trammell—Robbery at Carpenter

Bay Minette, June 9.—(Special).—A contract has been let to Walter W. Sowell for the complete remodeling of the Trammell hotel of this place. The contract calls for the addition of a number of rooms and for the more modern equipment of several of the older rooms. The work will be started shortly.

Word was received from Carpenter station this morning that robbers had entered the Mercantile company some time during Sunday night and secured about \$15 from the cash register.

Mrs. Mattie Hand has issued invitations to more than 150 of her friends to a reception to be given Tuesday evening at her pretty home on Second street in honor of her sister, Mrs. Cain and her little daughter of Washington, and Miss Edith McCullough of Berrien Springs, Mich.

## DIRECTORS OF THE ATLANTA BALL CLUB HERE YESTERDAY

The directors of the Atlanta ball club spent yesterday in Birmingham, but were forced to return to the Gate City last evening.

There are few more popular men about the circuit than the Atlanta trio. Frank E. Calloway, a prominent attorney, well known in Birmingham, is the president of the club. A. J. Ryan and C. J. Nunnally are the other members of the directorate.

Mr. Ryan has been so busy all his life collecting rents that he has never done any real hard work. This fact, however, had not detracted from his collection of excellent qualities. He is a leader among men of German, and withal is an unexcelled judge of thoroughbred horse flesh. Mr. Nunnally has manufactured overalls until he has accumulated enough money to meet the gigantic pay rolls of the Atlanta baseball clubs. He is a leader in all the good things in Atlanta, and one of the most popular men of that city.

The Atlantans and Judge Kavanaugh were entertained yesterday by Mr. Woodward and Mr. Baugh.

## G. L. Comer in Montgomery

Montgomery, June 9.—(Special).—G. L. Comer of Eufaula, brother of former Gov. B. B. Comer, is in Montgomery to appear before the supreme court on some cases from the fourth judicial division, which division the court will take up this week.

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## POLO TEAMS READY FOR FIRST CLASH

Players Primed for the Important Match With England

Westbury, N. Y., June 9.—Everything is in readiness for the first game tomorrow afternoon of the Meadowbrook field of the polo match between teams representing the United States and England for possession of the international polo cup, which is now held in this country.

The players are in good condition and the ponies of both teams as superb and fine fettle as a lot as ever chased a white ball down the field. Fair and continued cool weather is promised for the game.

The teams as they will line-up are: England—No. 1 Captain L. St. G. Cheape, No. 2 Captain A. N. Edwards, No. 3 Captain R. G. Rison, back Vivian Lockett, America—No. 1 L. Waterbury, No. 2 J. M. Waterbury, Jr., No. 3 Harry Payne Whitney, back Devereaux Milburn.

American experts are of the opinion that the defending four under Captain Whitney have a good fighting chance to retain the trophy. The dates selected are Tuesday, June 10, and Saturday, June 14. The conditions are the two of three games.

Contrary to conditions when the British lost the international polo contest the last time, the invaders this year will be equally well mounted as their American cousins. After battling against superior ponies in 1911 the English spent large sums of money to get the best in polo animal flesh in the world and the string of almost 100 mounts here seem to have well rewarded their efforts.

Although only about a score of the horses will be used in the games, the first of which will be played tomorrow, all of them were newly shod today and given exercise unhampered by the huge rubber protectors worn during contests. The teams and mounts were considered to be so equally matched that luck might be a decisive factor in the series. It was said at the Meadowbrook barns that there still might be a change in the English alignment. Captain Vivian Lockett has not been showing as much skill as his teammates expected at first and Lord Woodhouse, substitute, may replace him.

## YALE CAPTURES THE SERIES FROM TIGERS

Princeton, N. J., June 9.—Princeton and Yale played off their baseball tie of Saturday afternoon and it took 12 innings to decide the issue, Yale winning 5 to 4. As Yale won the first game between the two teams at New Haven on May 21, today's game gave them the series. It is the first time in four years that Yale has captured the series and the first time since 1885 that they have won two straight games from the Tigers.

Yale won the game in the twelfth, when Arthur Key Foster was elected second and tallied when Gill played Blomson's grounder to first instead of the plate.

## NAPS ARE PREPARED FOR ANY RISKS INCURRED IN BOSTON

Cleveland, June 9.—The Nap infielders do not intend to take any undue risks during the four games to be played at Boston. Suspecting that the Red Sox might attempt to make good on their threats to cut down some of the infielders at Cleveland, the Naps inner wall of defense has been fitted out with leg armor.

Lajoie has been thus equipped all year, but Johnston, Chapman and Olson have given the fighting Swede.

not thought it necessary. But all four will be protected against spike wounds when they invade Boston, Olson in particular being the possessor of a set of shinguards guaranteed to repel an unusually high kick.

Olson is believed to be the one that the Red Sox will try to get. In fact, the Boston players made no secret of their intentions when they were in Cleveland. "Wait until you come to Boston. Then look out for yourself," was the warning but Johnston, Chapman and Olson have given the fighting Swede.

## LAGRANGE FIGHTS RULING

LaGrange, Ga., June 9.—(Special).—A special called meeting of the directors of the Georgia-Alabama league will be held in Gadsden Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of investigating what is termed the insubordination of the LaGrange ball team management in regard to paying men who have participated in games in higher leagues. President Boykin has fined LaGrange \$100 and has ordered that the team remove from its ranks two of the following three men: Zack Schuessler, pitcher; E. O. Beasley, pitcher, and Fred Newkirk, first baseman. The team is entitled to one man who has played in higher league, so it is allowed by the ruling and has refused to pay the fine on the ground that Schuessler has participated in only one game and Beasley also was in only one game in higher company and for this reason only tried out in higher company and are not legally barred from playing. The LaGrange fans are indignant over the matter while the club officers claim they are living up to the league laws in every respect.

## 372 MILES OF ROADS WORKED IN PIKE

2550 Feet of New Bridges Built and 8338 Feet Repaired

Troy, June 9.—(Special).—Probate Judge A. C. Edmondson has compiled some interesting figures in regard to the new system of road work in the county, since the work was turned over to one squad in each district, and the individual key system abolished.

It is stated that 372 miles of roads have been worked, some being rebuilt and others built, 2550 feet of new bridges have been built, and 8338 feet of bridges have been repaired. There are over six and one-half months more in the year, and Judge Edmondson believes that a remarkable showing will be made at the close of the year. The county convict and hired labor are divided into four road gangs each taking care of the roads in one commissioner's district.

The boy scout movement has reached Troy, and a strong organization has been formed. A large number of boys of the Baptist and Methodist Sunday schools met a few days ago, and were Arthur Key Foster was elected scoutmaster and Prof. McKinley chairman of the scouts' council. Scouting trips in

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