

The First National Bank
OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
Statement September 2, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$ 4,611,941.75
Overdrafts	109.58
U. S. bonds (par)	1,500,000.00
State of Alabama bonds	283,000.00
Other stocks and bonds	857,368.50
Banking house	365,500.00
Cash	
In vault	\$1,158,497.11
With banks	2,313,895.98
With U. S. Tr.	70,000.00
With Federal Reserve bank	229,632.07
	2,771,934.26
	\$15,388,954.00

LIABILITIES

Capital stock	\$ 1,500,000.00
Surplus and profits	1,786,964.78
Reserved for taxes	29,688.00
Circulation	1,231,750.00
Deposits	
Individual	\$9,796,650.35
U. S. Savings	215,000.00
U. S.	125,000.00
	\$10,840,551.28
	\$16,388,954.00

TODAY'S EVENTS

Camp Wilcox, U. C. V. meets at 2:30 o'clock at Clark & Jones' hall.
Second day of Alabama State Fair.

At the Theatres

Bijou—"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." No matinee; night at 8:30.
Lyric—Keith vaudeville; matinee 2:30 p. m.; night 7:30 and 9 p. m.
Majestic—"The Dream Girl," musical comedy; matinee 2:30 p. m.; night 7:45 and 9:15 p. m.
Grand—"A Night at Coney Island," burlesque; matinee 3 p. m.; night 7:30 and 9 p. m.

At Photoplay Houses

Strand—"The Fatal Card," with Hazel Dawn and John Mason.
Odeon—"The Light on the Reef," with Morris Foster and Winifred Kingston.
Princes—"Jim West, Gambler," with L. C. Shumway and Helen Eddy.
Trianon—"The Heart of a Painted Woman," with Olga Petrova.
Gaiety—"The Broken Coin," with Frances Ford and Grace Cunard.
Alcazar—"Under Southern Skies," with Mary Fuller.

RURAL CARRIERS MAY USE AUTOS

New Postal Regulations Make This Possible After First of Year

After the first of the year, according to an order received by Postmaster Truman H. Aldrich, rural mail carriers will be permitted the use of automobiles in delivering the United States mails. Motorcycles, according to the terms of this order, will replace the ordinary bicycle which will be forbidden along the rural routes after January 1, 1916.

According to Postmaster Aldrich, the popularity of the parcel post, is responsible for the automobile amendment to the postal laws and regulations:

"Along the rural routes men on bicycles naturally are averse to carrying heavy parcel post packages," said Colonel Aldrich, "but with a small automobile or a motorcycle equipped for the carrying of parcels there could be no possible objection to the parcel post law."

"Of course along all the rural routes the use of automobiles or motorcycles is prohibited in certain months of the year through the bad roads and the new regulation, which is not compulsory as yet, allows the rural mail carriers the option of whatever sort of vehicles they may use after the first of the year with the exception that the ordinary bicycle is forbidden."

"In a few years as the good roads movement progresses, I would not be surprised if the government did not consolidate two or more rural routes in the charge of one person, and it will be compulsory to use a fast commercial automobile."

John R. McSwain, rural mail carrier on Route No. 7, of Birmingham, was the first to make a formal application to the Postmaster General for the use of an automobile in delivering the mails. Mr. McSwain has received no answer as yet to his communication.

Camp Wilcox Meets Today

Camp Wilcox will meet today at 2:30 o'clock at Clark & Jones music hall, 1514 Third avenue. At this meeting delegates will be elected and all arrangements for the state reunion will be completed and every member intending to go to Selma is earnestly requested to be on hand and register with the adjutant. The Daughters of the Confederacy and Sons of Veterans are invited to meet with us. Capt. R. H. Zell will read a paper on the burning of Chambersburg, Pa.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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CITY MANAGER GROWS THAT RUN-OFF WILL BE NECESSARY TO DECIDE CITY FIGHT

Records of Candidates Are Well Known Though No Special Issue Has Arisen.

OLD ISSUE, HOWEVER, SURE TO BE SHOWN IN FINAL RESULT

Ryall or Lane Probably Will Be Called Upon to Make Second Race With Barber or Beddow

Despite the fact that the political situation in Birmingham seems to be an exemplification of the adage that a campaign without recrimination is a campaign without interest, there seems to be a pretty general understanding that a run-off cannot be avoided.

In best informed political circles it is generally thought that the candidates who will participate in the run-off will be either Judge Lane or Scudder Ryall and either C. P. Beddow or Arlie Barber; for in spite of the fact that "liberalism" and "puritanism" is apparently taboo, there seems to be no question but that the old issue is asserting itself.

Each of the candidates speaks publicly of his confidence, although neither in public has forecast a first fight victory for anyone. Ostensibly each is struggling to secure a place in the run-off. The voters generally are thoroughly "at sea" as far as knowledge of the ultimate outcome is concerned, some contending that the race is between Ryall and Barber and others contending that the race is between Lane and Beddow. It is generally admitted, however, that the gains achieved in recent days by Mr. Ryall have given him at least an equal showing with any other candidate, and some hold that they have guaranteed him a certain position as "run-off" candidate.

ALL PRELIMINARIES FOR ELECTION MONDAY OVER

The preliminaries for the finale of the municipal campaign have been completed.

The four candidates for commissioner have filed their announcements and their expense accounts with the probate judge. Those behind the "five-commissioner" bill, to be presented for the approval of the people Monday, have chosen their manager. The city commission has declared the polling places.

The itemized expense accounts, which include money spent by the candidates up to the present time, show that Scudder Ryall has expended \$700; C. P. Beddow \$500; A. O. Lane \$250; and Arlie Barber \$250.

MUCH EMPHASIS ON LIGHTNING THEORY IN SUIT BY HANN CO.

Plaintiff Closes and Defendant Introduces Expert Witnesses to Prove Steele-Smith Wall Was Regarded as Safe

That the death and destruction caused by the fall of the dead wall of the old Steele-Smith building, on Second avenue, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, several months ago, was "an act of God," in that it was due to a flash of lightning, was the contention of the defendant in the examination of witnesses yesterday before Judge William I. Grubb, in the United States district court, in the suit of Charles Hann of the Hann Shoe company against Mrs. Lucy P. Hudgins for \$75,000 damages. The case is expected to be given to the jury this afternoon.

The plaintiff closed yesterday morning. His contention was that the wall was unsafe and known to be unsafe by the owners. Many witnesses were examined to support this contention. The plaintiff is represented by Gaston & Drennon and Borden Burr.

When the defendant opened yesterday it brought forth its heaviest artillery to bear on the jury. Architect Harry Wheelock, Charles H. Allen, the well-known contractor, and other building experts, were placed on the stand. Their testimony was to the general effect that they considered the wall safe and that an unusual act of nature caused it to topple over.

Many other witnesses testified under the expert guidance of Hugh Morrow, leading counsel for the defense, that "a flash of lightning was seen and then the wall fell." Others testified that the noise just prior to the fall of the wall was seemingly alike to the noise when lightning struck. Attorney Borden Burr closes by cross-examined the witnesses along this point.

The trial has developed into a legal duel between Borden Burr for the plaintiff and Hugh Morrow for the defendant. Mr. Morrow is aided in the defense by the firm of Canine & Bowie.

The trial has occasioned unusual interest as it is the first of the suits against Mrs. Hudgins that has come up in the courts. The verdict of the jury will have a far-reaching effect.

Services at Temple Emanu-El

Rabbi Morris Newfield of Temple Emanu-El will begin tonight a new series of lectures on the great prophets of humanity which will be a study of the founders of the world's religions. The first lecture tonight will have for its topic, "Isaiah, the Founder of the Religion of Israel."

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FIVE-COMMISSIONER BILL TOWN BY SAFE MAJORITY, SAYS DR. J. D. HEACOCK

Claims People Are Convinced That Commission Should Have Responsible Head With Ample Authority to Carry Out General Manager Idea

That after an investigation he had ascertained that the "five-commissioner" bill, as enacted by the legislature would be carried by a safe majority, Dr. J. D. Heacock, elected some days ago to manage the campaign in behalf of the bill.

"There seems to be little doubt," said Dr. Heacock, "as to the indorsement of the bill. It involves, as a matter of fact, the 'city manager' idea, respecting which there has been so much favorable comment. It puts the president of the commission at the head of the government. He is absolutely in charge. He is given a veto power which can be overridden only by the unanimous vote of the other four commissioners."

"In addition, the 'five-commissioner' idea involves the representative form of government in that the suburbs will have a better chance to secure a spokesman; and furthermore, the representative idea is carried out in the provision that each commissioner shall be the head of a separate and distinct department.

"But the feature of the bill which more positively appeals than any other is that which guarantees efficiency in government. Everyone knows that the commission has been handicapped to a great extent by the influence of politics. Each man has been more observant—and naturally so—of his political welfare than of the public weal. The bill which will go to the people Monday obviates the necessity of an election each year, and the commissioners as a result, will have an opportunity to work for the public, the welfare of the city, rather than for himself."

"The people of Greater Birmingham have responded with fine alacrity to the measure. At the present time, it is quite possible—and if reports are true, it has often occurred—that two members of the commission could combine against the third, and 'put over' an ordinance, or put through a bit of legislation which on account of the division among the commissioners carried only a negative weight with the people. Under the 'five-commissioner' bill, nothing of that nature can be resorted to, much less achieved. The president of the commission will exert the veto power, will, in fact, be a municipal manager, and as such, will not be subject to the influence of political expediency."

"But the bill, which has appeal chiefly to the people, and guarantees the success of the bill at the polls, is the fact that its passage will mean a business administration of the affairs of the city. When the bill is in effect, the affairs of the city will be conducted in a smooth and equitable fashion, and very soon the perennial deficit will be wiped out of the city. When the city has progressed, there is no question but that Birmingham can live within its income, and at the same time furnish its citizens with electric lights, with adequate police protection and adequate fire protection, and with the certain luxuries which people of other cities enjoy and have become accustomed to."

The doctor was asked regarding the card of George B. Ward, published yesterday afternoon. He declared that it was perfectly natural for Mr. Ward to defend his administration.

"People for generations have defended themselves," he added. "However, we are making no fight against the present administration. Under the circumstances the present commissioners have done fairly well. But we must remove the handicaps under which they have lived, and let us progress. We can achieve nothing. Our avenue of escape from present conditions is through the 'five-commissioner' bill. The people have realized that fact, and for that reason, they are positive of a splendid victory at the polls Monday."

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROADS CONVENTION FAST TAKING SHAPE

The Jefferson County Good Roads association is fast arranging the details for the entertainment of the Alabama Good Roads association, which meets in Birmingham on October 12 and 13. Judge W. J. Grubb has been selected to deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the Jefferson County Good Roads association.

George B. Ward, president of the city commission, will welcome the delegates on behalf of the city of Birmingham. Crawford Johnson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will extend a welcome on behalf of that body and the business interest of the city.

John W. O'Neill, president of the Jefferson County Good Roads association, announces that the meetings of the state association will be at 9 o'clock. Two sessions of the convention will be held on Tuesday and two on Wednesday. Tuesday night the entertainment committee, of which H. K. Milner is chairman, has arranged for a picture show of good roads, vaudeville stunts, music and light refreshments for the delegates at the Birmingham Newspaper club.

From the reports that are being received at the headquarters of the Alabama Good Roads association there is going to be a very large attendance of delegates from all parts of the state. Three live subjects that will be before the convention are that of national highways, working convicts on the roads and the making of permanent roads. Information has been received that all the advocates of the Bee-Line Jackson highway from Athens will hold a conference on October 12 during the interval of the preparatory of the association. It is also stated that a contingent of the Huntville-Birmingham advocates will be in attendance.

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The following building permits were issued in the office of the city building inspector yesterday:

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- \$100—Myrtle S. Williams, First avenue and Eighty-third street, south, repairs to frame building.
- \$100—J. W. Latham, 286 Sixteenth street, North Birmingham, repairs to frame building.
- \$100—Star Realty company, 1106 Fourth north, repairs.
- \$800—Mrs. Rebecca Marks, Thirtieth avenue and Tenth Place, south, to erect two-story frame building.
- \$165—Tennessee Land company, 342 Thirtieth street, to recover one-story building.
- \$130—Tennessee Land company, 3069 Palmer avenue, to recover one-story building.
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If you are constipated, your blood is full of poisons, your kidneys are overworked, your skin rough and scaly, your stomach weak, your liver full of old bile, your muscles weak and flabby.

WATERBURY'S PAW-PAW PILLS are the most English laxative. If you must after eating, if you have bloating of wind, heartburn, water brash, sour stomach, if you are nervous, if you are unable to sleep, you need WATERBURY'S PAW-PAW PILLS. Every bottle gives satisfaction or your money refunded.

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HAGAN-DUNLAP DRUG CO.,
2d Ave. and 20th St.

A DRAIVES FINED BY JUDGE HEFLIN IN COURT

Failed to Appear Before Court When Client's Case Was Called

FINES REMITTED ON SHOWING LATER

No Longer Possible for Lawyer to Secure Continuance by Failing to Appear, Says Judge—"Fines Will Stick Next Time"

Judge Harrington P. Heflin laid down the law to attorneys who fail to appear in court when their cases are called yesterday by fining A. H. Darden, Morris Loveman and T. S. Dark \$25 each. Later the fines were remitted upon the attorneys filing with Judge Heflin sufficient excuses for their nonappearance.

An amusing incident of the fining of the attorneys occurred when T. S. Dark was notified by Judge Heflin of his being fined.

"Do you represent this defendant?" said Judge Heflin, pointing to a negro in the criminal case.

"Yes, your honor," replied Attorney Dark.

"Well, sir," replied Judge Heflin, "I fine you \$25 because of your nonappearance in court when the defendant's case was called."

Mr. Dark paused and stammered when he heard Judge Heflin's statement, then he regained his composure and said:

"Hold on, judge; let me look at this bigger." He took a good long look while Judge Heflin and the crowded courtroom tried to repress smiles.

"Why, no, judge, I don't defend that nigger. He ain't paid me my fee yet."

The court rapped loudly for order.

"I fined three attorneys for being late," said Judge Heflin, "but later remitted the fines when sufficient excuses were made to the court. However, this will not happen again. In the future the fines will stick, as will the help of the solicitor's staff all of us are trying to clean up as many of the cases as possible. We are making progress and will make more if the lawyers attempt to answer back. In their appearances at court, the time when a lawyer could just absent himself from court and expect by that procedure to have his case continued has disappeared. Things are now moving briskly in the criminal courts and I like the job of helping it along. This should serve as a useful hint to dilatory attorneys."

Besides sounding the docket and preparing cases for Judge Fort and Judge Alston yesterday Judge Heflin finished the case of Clarence Quick, charged with an attempt to murder Buck Glenn. It was an old Lewisburg case and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The state was represented by Circuit Solicitor Joseph Tate and J. B. Aird.

The following cases were nolle prossed by Judge Heflin on the motion of the solicitor:

- Willie Parkson, vagrancy; Simon Doolittle, trespass after warning; John Lee Howard, Sunday gaming; Albert Lowery, Sunday gaming; Jim Holston, Morgan Slaughter, Henry Gray, Walter Clingdale, William Lewis, William Bennett, Newt Nelms, E. W. Wallace, Kid Glenn, boycotting; Will McGowan, Sunday gaming; Alonzo Hunter, assault with intent to murder; John W. Burglary; Murray Griffin, assault with intent to murder; Edgar Leonard, grand larceny; W. C. Stiff, grand larceny; Will A. Summers, grand larceny and embezzlement.

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CANDIDATES UP IN THE AIR OVER THE NEW ELECTION LAW

DR. DOZIER PICKS FLAWS IN RECORD OF COMMISSIONERS

Replies to Claims Made of Efficiency in Handling City's Affairs

WHAT EFFECT WILL SECOND CHOICE HAVE?

Will Be Difficult to Detect Fraud. Burr and Shapiro Express Opinions—Lovely Hopes That Court Will Pass on Law

Candidates who will submit their claims for election in the primary next spring admit that they are "up in the air."

The cause is the new election laws enacted by the legislature in recent session.

In particular officers are worried regarding the following:

Will candidates enter a scramble for the 10 judgeships to be filled, or will each candidate run specifically for one of the 10 divisions?

What will be the effect of making the casting their ballots for a second choice candidate? Is that section of the law constitutional?

In the event of a contest, what will be the effect when no ticket will be marked or numbered in that the voter casting such ticket can be located?

Burr Throws Light

Must Designate Division

Very good, as far as it goes, but not good enough, since the price we yet have to pay in Birmingham for electric current is more than is paid by the people of any other city in these United States, of more than 100,000 population, that I know of who are using hydroelectric current. Furthermore, I am informed, that the Birmingham Railway, Light and Power company, who are changing us at the present 9 cents per kilowatt hour, buys the current from the Alabama Power company for 1/2 cent per kilowatt hour, which an outrageous profit which the commissioners should never have permitted.

"2. Meter water rates reduced from cents to 20 cents per 100 gallons, or 33 1/2 per cent, and consumers on flat rate given the right to obtain meter rate which enables small families in many cases, to reduce water bills from 20 to 50 per cent."

In Atlanta meter rates for water is 7 cents per 100 gallons. In Birmingham it is 20 cents per 100 gallons. In Mobile when a consumer uses as much as 1,000 gallons, the rate is 24 cents per 100, while the city of Birmingham buys from the Birmingham Waterworks company 24,000,000 gallons and pays 6 cents per 100. I will also add that the commissioners have made it also optional with the water company to install meters at will to any and all private residences—to read same and collect for whatever amount their bill may call for, and from which charge there is provided no measure.

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Very Popular With Busy Business Men—and Thrifty Shoppers—

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