

REPORT CAUSES OF MOBILE'S EPIDEMIC

DR. MOSS, STATE BACTERIOLOGIST, CONDEMNNS SANITARY SYSTEM.

SAYS FEVER IS ENDEMIC

City Reservoirs Are Declared Inadequate, Likewise Bacteriological Facilities.

Montgomery.—In a report which includes seven results of his investigation, and incorporates six recommendations, Dr. P. B. Moss, state bacteriologist and pathologist, has submitted to Dr. W. H. Sanders, state health officer, his findings following upon an extensive investigation of the typhoid fever situation in Mobile. The report is exhaustive and comprehensive, and generally condemns the sanitation in the Gulf City, as well as some of its sources of water supply.

The fever that is prevalent in Mobile, according to Dr. Moss, is endemic, but is of such a nature as to be thoroughly well handled by the Mobile board of health. Dairies are not in any respect to be blamed for the epidemic, according to the pathologist, nor any of the food products.

The sewerage system of the city is generally condemned, and is reported to the state board as having played no unimportant part in the seriousness of the disease. The reservoirs are declared to be totally inadequate, as well as the provisions offered by the city in a bacteriological way.

Dr. Moss went to Mobile in July and made an investigation, along with State Health Officer W. H. Sanders, of the sources of infection of the typhoid fever which was then raging in that city. His investigation there extended from July 4 to August 5. He brought back with him many samples of the drinking water and milk, and made analyses of them. While there he made a thorough study of the sanitary conditions, meat and milk inspection, personally visited 14 of the dairies furnishing milk to the residents of Mobile, inspected one of the city abattoirs, inspected the two water sheds, pumping stations and reservoirs, talked with numerous citizens, city officials, met with the board of health, visited many typhoid fever patients at private homes and hospitals, and his report, which covers 27 typewritten pages, is elaborate and touches on every phase of the situation in that city.

Dr. Moss says numerous sources were traced, from the water supply down to flies and mosquitoes. According to the report, more or less complete histories of 280 cases of typhoid were obtained by him, a study made of the two water systems, specimens collected from different parts of the system, personal visits made to 14 dairies, an inspection made of one of the abattoirs, an inspection made of the sewerage system, streets and alleys, markets, restaurants and hotels. The streets and alleys of the downtown district and some of the better outlying streets were excellently kept, but by far the larger part of the city was an exception to this rule.

Cannot Sell Liquor on Dining Cars.

Montgomery.—It is against the sanction of the Smith regulation bill, which controls the sale of whiskey in this state, to sell intoxicating liquors or beverages on the dining cars in Alabama, according to an opinion which has been rendered to Governor O'Neal by Attorney General Robert C. Prickell. The query was put to the governor by Dr. A. H. Montgomery, chairman of the Montgomery excise commission. The opinion affects all railroads of the state which carry dining cars on its road.

In another opinion which has been submitted to Governor O'Neal at the request of Chairman John C. Spragins of the Tusculum commission, the attorney general holds that section 27 of the Smith bill forbids connection of a barroom with a pool room. Tusculum asked for advice on the question on the strength of an application to establish such a connection in a hotel of that city.

Game Prospects Are Excellent.

Montgomery.—Advises received by John H. Wallace, Jr., state fish and game commissioner, are to the effect that the game season this fall will be the best in the history of Alabama. Reports have been received from nearly every county of the state within the past month, the burden of which is that there are plenty of squirrels and quail growing up for the nimrods of the commonwealth. The squirrel season opens up October 1 and ends March 1, while the quail season opens November 1.

Work Progresses on Capitol Wing.

Montgomery.—Rearing up as it by magic, the new wing to the capitol is fast being rounded into shape, and is undoubtedly expected to be ready for occupancy by the state officials by January 1 of next year. Contractor Majors of Troy is personally superintending the construction, assisted by Architect Frank Lockwood of this city. When completed it is stated by officials at the capitol that the addition will be one of the finest and most commodious capitol structures in the South.

REPORTS ON POLYTECHNIC.

Examiner J. T. Gorman Says Accounts of Institute are Accurate. Montgomery.—Examiner J. T. Gorman, after going over the accounts of Miss A. M. Glenn, treasurer of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, has reported to Governor O'Neal the receipts of the institution during the past scholastic year to be over \$150,000, and the accounts of its treasurer to be accurately kept. The property of the institute is valued at over half a million dollars. The past year was the best in the history of the institute.

Among the points noted about the institute is the fact that the college farm consists of 304 acres, and that within recent years many improvements in the way of waterworks, electric lights and sanitary sewer system have been installed. A list of new buildings within the last few years is given.

The statement that the past scholastic year was the best in the history of the institution is supported by the fact that there were 737 students and 67 professors and instructors, the largest ever at the institute.

PROF. VANN TO BIBB COUNTY.

Former Head of Wetumpka School Will Take Charge at Centerville Institution.

Montgomery.—Prof. L. L. Vann, president of the Fifth District Agricultural School at Wetumpka, will go to Centerville, where he will take charge of the Bibb County High School, to succeed Dr. R. R. Cooper, who has recently accepted the chair of secondary education in the University of Alabama.

The united support of all the people of Bibb county has made this high school one of the most attractive places in the state.

During the past five years Professor Vann has been president of the Fifth District Agricultural School. His leaving that town is a source of regret to all the citizens, as well as the many friends of the school throughout the district.

Professor Vann's successor has not yet been named, and probably will not be for some days.

GOOD RESULTS SHOWN.

It Is Believed That 1911 Will Be Alabama Insurance Department's Best Year.

Montgomery.—That the Alabama insurance department will close its best year next January 1 is evidenced by the fact that receipts in the department at the present time are \$29,055.27 in excess of the total receipts in 1910, despite the fact that only seven months have elapsed. The total receipts up to the present time are \$235,962.93, as against a total of \$206,907.71 during all the preceding year.

The total of \$235,962.93 so far realized was obtained as follows: Company licenses, \$18,382; agents' licenses, \$24,167.50; taxes, legal reserve companies, \$180,821.96; fire marshal law, \$758.51; mutual aid company licenses, \$480; mutual and taxes, \$5,238.01, and authorized companies, \$65.45.

The figures were compiled by Hervey W. Laird, deputy insurance commissioner of the state.

Negro Paroled by Governor.

Montgomery.—Governor O'Neal has paroled Burrell Sherrod, a Madison county negro, who was sentenced to 25 years for criminal assault, and has served four years. The governor was advised that the convict was in an advanced stage of tuberculosis. He was liberated conditioned upon his sister caring for him. Sherrod's offense was committed upon one of his own race.

Fertilizer Sales Increase.

Montgomery.—Fertilizer tag sales this season have eclipsed any heretofore made by fully 1,500,000 tags, and an additional revenue of about \$45,000 has been afforded the state, according to the annual fertilizer report for the year ending August 1, which has just been issued by the state department of agriculture.

Obstructed Navigable Stream.

Montgomery.—A freak criminal proceeding which, according to the recollections of federal officials, is unprecedented in the annals of the state, has resulted in the arraignment of George W. Hicks, a white man, before Federal Commissioner Tutwiler, at Dothan, on the charge of obstructing a navigable stream.

Less Embarrassing.

Montgomery.—Prospective brides and grooms are no longer required to answer a list of questions when applying for marriage licenses relating to their age, weight, height, place of nativity, religion, etc., as the question blanks have been discarded. By a recent ruling of the attorney general, he holds that the probate judges have not the right to force applicants for marriage licenses to pay a fee for filling in the question blanks, and they are no longer being used.

Pamphlet of Songs.

Montgomery.—A neat pamphlet, containing the scores and words of songs recommended for use in the public schools of Alabama, has just been issued by the state department of education.

Fertilizer Company Formed.

Montgomery.—The Coosa River Fertilizer Company, of Wetumpka, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state, with an authorized capital of \$18,000, of which \$5,400 is paid in.

EIGHTY-NINE GET LICENSES

RESULT OF EXAMINATION IS ANNOUNCED BY STATE HEALTH BOARD.

TWO NEGROES SUCCESSFUL

The Work of Figuring the Averages of Applicants Requires Several Weeks of Time.

Montgomery.—One of the number of applicants at the semi-annual examination for license to practice medicine in Alabama held in Montgomery, 89 were successful, and within the course of a short time certificates will be sent to those who have made the required grade. The work of examining the papers, approximately 1,200 in number, has engaged the attention of the State Board of Health for several weeks, and the lists have been completed and given out for publication by State Health Officer Dr. W. H. Sanders.

Of the 89 successful applicants two are negroes, one giving his postoffice address as Battle Creek, Mich., and the other Farley, Ala.

NEW ARRANGEMENT TO GET TEXT BOOKS.

High School Texts Can Be Secured on Consignment.

Montgomery.—A business arrangement which has been consummated by Superintendent of Education Henry J. Willingham relative to the text books used in the high schools of this state, whereby all text books are secured on consignment, and whereby they can be returned when not sold, instead of having to purchase them at whatever prices local dealers might charge, will be a source of gratification to students, parents and local book dealers of the state. Moreover, the arrangement is one which is said to exist in very few states, Alabama being one of the few states to reach such a fortunate agreement.

Public school books are secured by state adoption in most all the states. High school books are obtained through state adoption in very few states. In Alabama, as in most all the other states, high school books are bought direct from the publishers, and whenever better scientific treatises on high school text books have been brought out school authorities have tried to get the benefit of them without waiting to the end of adoption periods. Besides, high school teachers and high school pupils are comparatively few in number. High school teachers frequently do much better work with one book than they could with another.

The chief difficulty involved in the question of high school text books is a method of obtaining them easily and at right prices. During the present summer arrangements have been made by State Superintendent Henry J. Willingham which for the first time puts the question of high school text books on a business basis that is highly satisfactory. The publishers whose books are adopted for use in the county high schools, as well as those in the district agricultural schools, have agreed to supply all these books on consignment.

It is agreed furthermore that the high school text books already on hand in the local depositories where county high schools and agricultural schools are located, shall be regarded as a part of the first consignment—that is to say, the books will be kept in plentiful supply in the local depositories and furnished to the students at net publishers' prices.

Baptist Orphans' Home Improved.

Evergreen.—Dr. W. W. Perdue of the state health department has made a thorough examination of the Baptist orphanage with a view to ascertaining whether or not there were any cases of hookworm there. Dr. Perdue says in his report: "Of the 85 children at the home there were 10 suspects. This excellent state of affairs is due to the diligent work of Dr. Stallworth, the physician in charge, and the close attention of the management. Heretofore there were quite a number of the children who were infected. This was due to the condition of the playgrounds, which has been remedied by treating all cases and putting in a system of sewerage. Upon the whole the home is in a splendid sanitary condition."

Under Commission Form.

Mobile.—The Mobile city commission has been organized in Mobile, and the people of the city are now under the new form of government.

Fort Deposit.—Fort Deposit has already received her first and second bales of cotton, the first weighing 521 pounds, having been brought in on the morning of August 12, and the second on the afternoon of the same day. The first bale ginned last year was on August 25.

Cullman.—The report comes to Cullman from the neighborhood of Hanceville, ten miles south of here, that the caterpillar has reached Cullman county.

RAILWAYS TO HAVE EXHIBITS AT STATE FAIR

A rare opportunity to see what is grown and manufactured in this South of ours—surprising proofs of possibilities to Northern eyes and revelations of the resources of our own country to ourselves, will be afforded in the railway exhibits which will be a prominent feature of the Alabama State Fair which opens in Birmingham in October.

Some of the leading railways of the South will make exhibits at the State Fair, the formalities having been concluded which insures not one, but three displays by three of the railroad systems which have taken a leading part in the promotion and development of the Southern States and their industries.

The systems which have agreed to make exhibits are the Southern Railway, the Queen and Crescent Route and the Mobile & Ohio Railway, the three lines co-operating in a joint exhibit.

These displays will be convincing proof that nowhere else are conditions so good, opportunities so great, the future so bright, as in the Southern States.

M. V. Richards, as land and industrial agent of the Southern Railway, has made his name almost a household synonym for progress and enterprise, and there will be representatives of the three railways in attendance during the Alabama State Fair.

With the exhibits of the railways named and those of the state and government and the most progressive counties of the state, the grandest demonstration of the vast possibilities of Alabama will be made.

TAFT MAY ATTEND GOOD ROADS MEET.

Selma.—It is expected that President Taft will attend the annual meeting of the Alabama Good Roads Association, which meets here October 25 to 27. A letter was received from the secretary to the President in which he stated that the executive was seriously considering Selma in his itinerary, and was in hopes that he could visit Selma.



JOSEPH F. JOHNSTON. United States Senator from Alabama has written the Secretary of the Good Roads Association that he will see the President and urge the executive to visit Selma in October.

Meets Same Date Next Year.

Anniston.—B. G. McClellan, who was elected secretary of the Northeast Alabama Confederate Veterans' Association, was in Anniston recently, and announced that the veterans at their reunion at Schenck's Sulphur Springs selected the same dates, August 7 and 8, for the sixteenth annual reunion next year.

Storm Causes Heavy Loss.

Girard.—Heavy rains have fallen over this county within the past week. A rain and wind storm did great damage to the crops just south of the city a day or two ago. The managers on some of the plantations report as much as twenty to thirty bales loss on the cotton crop to the farm.

Huntsville.—Charles E. Hutchens, chairman of the Madison county republican executive committee, has called a county convention to be held in Huntsville Saturday, August 19. Precinct meetings were held on Wednesday, at which time delegates were elected to attend the convention.

Evergreen.—C. S. Thames, a young man who came here from Geneva about three months ago, died after a brief illness. The young man's death is supposed to have been caused by eating salmon from a can, which resulted in ptomaine poisoning.

Fort Deposit.—Prof. J. L. Moulder, the principal of the Lowndes County High School, is canvassing the county in the interest of his school. It is stated that every beat of the county will be represented another year.

Pineapple.—One of the most destructive wind and rain storms for years visited this section, doing much damage to crops.

BONIFAY WILL HAVE NEW BANK.

Institution Will Begin Business Not Later Than November 1.

Bonifay.—Bonifay is to have a new bank in the near future, to be located in the Lindsey building, which will soon be completed. D. L. Green is to be president, W. B. Hammond cashier. M. M. Owens, Green Brothers and A. C. Darling are the principal stockholders, and it is expected to begin business not later than November 1.

State News Pick Ups

Items of Interest as Gleaned from many Points in Alabama

Montevallo.—The Farmers' Institute held here the past week, was a decided success, many interesting talks were made by prominent speakers.

Birmingham.—Figures have been given out as to the pig iron production during the month of July, the aggregate for Alabama being 124,585 tons against 115,295 tons in June this year and 145,369 tons in July, 1910.

Gadsden.—Fire at Oneonta destroyed the store house of J. A. Brice & Son. The loss is estimated at about \$15,000. The Masonic Temple was located on the second floor and it is supposed the fire started there.

Decatur.—About fifty new men have been employed during the past few days in the car-building department of the Louisville and Nashville railroad shops in New Decatur.

Fort Deposit.—Owing to the recent drouth accompanied by hot winds, reports from all sections around here are to the effect that cotton has deteriorated to a marked degree within the last ten days.

Tallassee.—T. S. Ruffin, who owns and operates a large farm in Tallapoosa county, was the first man to bring to market a bale of cotton this season. Mr. Ruffin has had this honor for several consecutive years, and maintains that he shall hold it for some time yet to come.

Eutaw.—The first bale of cotton was brought into this place by F. B. Loftin, and weighed 616 pounds. It was sold for 15 1-4 cents. Mr. Loftin brought in the first bale last year, which was ten days later than this date, and was planted ten days earlier than this year.

Decatur.—The contract for the new city hall has been awarded by the city of Decatur for the main building for the plumbing and heating and for the electric wiring. The total contracts amount to a little over \$20,000. Work on the building is to commence August 21, and it is to be completed within six months.

Scottsboro.—The government survey, which has been carried on in this county for the past year, has been completed, and Congressman Richardson is now hurrying the Bureau of Soils to finish the map. Mr. Richardson insisted that Jackson County be put under a soil survey, that would embrace the entire county with a report as to the character of the soil and what it is best adapted to producing.

Oneonta.—The building committee of the County High School had a meeting here the first of the week, with the architect of the building, Mr. Lockwood, and arrangements are being made to begin at once the structure. It is to be a brick building and to cost about \$8,000 to \$10,000. The location selected for this building is a most excellent one. The crops continue good, but many farmers are claiming that the cotton has too much stalk and weed.

approving or revising lists submitted by County Pension Examiners, composed of Captain John C. Webb, of Demopolis, General Fred S. Ferguson, of Birmingham, and Dr. M. L. Wood, of Montgomery, met at the Capitol Aug. 14. They will remain in session until all applications before them shall have been disposed of. They will receive pay for not more than fifteen days.

Montgomery.—In compliance with the statute, the Board of Examiners on Admission to the Bar have certified to General R. F. Ligon, Clerk of the Supreme Court, that the following named applicants have successfully passed the bar examination: J. C. Inzer, Springville; T. H. Crawford, Dothan; Emmet Chisholm, Dallas County; Roy M. Stone, of Anniston; Henry K. Dickinson, Opelika.

Montgomery.—The governor has appointed the following gentlemen as trustees of the canebrake experiment station, located at Uniontown: R. R. Poole, Marengo county, five year term; John C. Webb, Marengo county, four year term; C. L. Woodfin, Perry county, three year term; Charles P. Johnston, two year term; Frank I. Derby, Sumter county, one year term. These appointments are to take effect on September 1, 1911.

Montgomery.—Attention of the state tax commission having been called to the fact that a number of probate judges of Alabama have failed to report to the state treasurer on collections of licenses authorized under the new revenue code, the commission has directed a letter to all county tax commissioners of the state requesting them to investigate these matters at once.

Good Road to Montgomery.

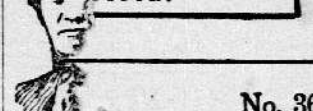
Decatur.—The movement looking to the building of a public turnpike from the Decatur to Montgomery, passing through the county seats of the various counties through which such a highway would pass, is proving very popular in this part of the state, and especially in the two Decatur. Every one here is in favor of the building of such a turnpike. It would make an ideal automobile drive of something over 200 miles, and would prove very popular.

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Cruel Disappointment.

Jugend tells this story: "In the lower court of a small town in Saxony, William had served faithfully and well as attendant to the presiding judge for many years without ever having received any reward aside from his legal stipend. On the day of adjournment for the season, when visitors had retired, the judge, who was also about to leave, asked: 'William, do you smoke?' Seeing a square box under the judge's arm, he answered respectfully: 'Yes, your honor.' 'I knew it by the smell of your coat,' said the judge, as he walked out."

A New Ailment.

Mother was sick, and Janet, four years old, had heard the doctor say that she had ptomaine poisoning. A short time later Janet was heard confiding to one of her playmates: "Mamma's sick. She's got to-na-to poisoning."

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Pittsburg Electric Welded fencing for cattle, hogs, poultry, garden and lawn. ROOFINGS of galvanized iron, corrugated and crimped; also rubber roofings \$1.00 square and upward. Pidgeon-Thomas Iron Co., 94-96 N. 2nd St., Memphis, Tenn.

Better Go On, Boys.

Belshazzar saw the writing on the wall. "It means your wife will be home on the 9:22 and you had better begin to wash up all the dishes," advised the interpreter. Herewith a distinct gloom was cast over the banquet.

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