

ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM SMALL CROPS

LOCAL FARMERS FIND THAT DIVERSIFICATION POLICY PAYS.

RANGE IS WIDE

Many Products of Varied Character Raised on Lowndes County Plantations.

When the late Dr. S. A. Knapp, who was for many years the efficient head of the bureau of plant industry of the United States department of agriculture, visited Columbus a short time before his lamented death he predicted in a speech delivered at the court house that the boll weevils, which had just then begun to invade this section, would prove a blessing in disguise; arguing that the presence of the pest would force the farmers here to abandon the old one-crop plan and adopt a policy of diversification, which, he assured them, would bring larger profits than accrued when they devoted their activities almost entirely to the production of cotton. Dr. Knapp's prediction has at last been verified, as local farmers after having demurred a long time, have finally adopted a policy of diversification, and the agricultural products of Lowndes county, this year exclusive of cotton, which has long been the staple crop, will reach a total valuation of something like one million dollars.

While the weevils began to invade Mississippi nearly a decade ago, it is only during the past few years that they have wrought any material damage to cotton in this immediate section, and this is really the first season that local farmers have pursued a general and well defined policy of diversification. This year, however, they diversified extensively, and the variety of products successfully cultivated runs the gamut from velvet beans to wheat and from soy beans to sorghum.

Wheat has proven one of the most valuable crops, and the fine yields of many fields in Lowndes county emphatically refute an oft repeated assertion to the effect that the grain could not be successfully cultivated in this section. The total yield of wheat for the county is estimated at 10,000 bushels, and at \$2 a bushel, which is a conservative estimate, the total cash value of the crop will be \$20,000.

Sorghum vied with wheat for pre-eminence as a money crop in the scheme of diversification, and, in fact, the cash returns on the succulent syrup will exceed those on the grain for which our European allies are clamoring so loudly. The total yield of sorghum in the county is estimated at 200,000 gallons, and as it sells readily at 40 cents per gallon the total value of the crop will easily be \$80,000.

For the first time in the history of the county, large quantities of velvet beans were planted, and the yield was abundant beyond the most sanguine expectations. The total yield is estimated at 20,000 tons, and as the beans have a market value of \$17 per ton the cash returns thereon will be \$340,000. Soy beans were also generously planted, and the money received from them will add materially to the incomes of local farmers.

Peanuts form another innovation in the long list of products resulting from the diversification policy. For many years the nuts were cultivated only in very small patches and their use was restricted almost entirely to the families of the farmers who raised them. This year, however, they have been cultivated on a much more extended scale, and the yield has been enormous. One local mill that makes a specialty of products of this character has handled 100 tons of the nuts, and large quantities are being used by farmers to fatten hogs. It is safe to say that the total yield for the county will be 200 tons, and as the nuts are worth \$90 per ton in open market the cash value of the crop is about \$18,000.

Local farmers have been successfully engaged in the cultivation of alfalfa for a number of years past, and while the yield this season, on account of unpropitious weather, was not as abundant as usual, the crop was fairly good. The total yield is placed by growers at 2,000 tons, and as the legume has a market value of \$25 per ton the total cash returns the crop will easily reach \$50,000.

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OFFICE MAY SOON BE FIRST CLASS

INCREASED RECEIPTS POINT TOWARDS ELEVATION OF LOCAL POSTOFFICE.

Receipts at the local postoffice are increasing so rapidly that the office may soon be elevated to the first class, thereby securing additional perks and other material benefits. In order to be placed in the first class the office must take in \$40,000 annually, and the receipts are now running very close to that sum.

The increase can not be attributed to the recently advanced postal rates, as the new rates are just becoming effective, while the growth in receipts has been steady for more than a year, being due partially to the parcel post business and partially to general local business prosperity.

The service rendered by Capt. T. H. Sharp, the popular postmaster and his corps of efficient assistants is most excellent; but the elevation of the office to the first class would probably mean that an all-night service would be installed, and this would be a great convenience to some of its patrons.

Captain McKinley Here.

Dr. W. R. McKinley, now a captain in the United States Army, who for some time past has been stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., arrived in Columbus yesterday to be with his family a short time before going to Philadelphia, Pa., where he will be stationed at the University Hospital. Capt. McKinley will leave for Philadelphia today.

Dr. W. C. Brewer returned Thursday from New Orleans, where he spent several days.

GADSDEN RECTOR MAY COME HERE

REV. E. L. MALONE IS OFFERED RECTORSHIP OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

At a recent meeting of the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal church the members decide to offer the rectorship to Rev. E. L. Malone, of Gadsden, Ala., and although he has not yet advised them whether he will accept, he will probably do so the coming week.

In response to the offer made by the vestry here, Rev. Malone came to Columbus and spent Tuesday and Wednesday here, and many Columbus people had an opportunity of meeting him. He conducted the exercises at the Industrial Institute and College Wednesday morning.

Rev. Malone has been called to succeed Rev. W. S. Slack, who recently went to Alexandria, La., to reside. He is a most interesting speaker, and is very popular with the citizens in Gadsden.

SCORELESS GAME PLAYED FRIDAY

FRANKLIN ACADEMY AND AMORY PLAYED FOOTBALL HERE FRIDAY.

Columbus High School met Amory on the local gridiron Friday afternoon in the best played and hardest fought game of the season. The teams battled for almost an hour without either side being able to score. It was only one or two instances that either side was able to get reasonably near a scoring position.

Columbus was handicapped by the absence of two regular players in the backfield. Banks and Lindamood who filled the new positions played remarkably well, however.

Amory's lines showed much strength and Columbus was able to gain very little over it. Smith and Lyle starred for Amory. The Columbus boys all played good ball.

The enthusiasm of the girls of the local high school added much to the fighting spirit of our team. The two teams meet again next Friday in Amory.

Typewriters Cleaned, repaired and adjusted. Divebiss, Columbus, Miss.

WORKERS FOR THE RED CROSS NAME OFFICERS

OLD OFFICERS ARE ALL UNANIMOUSLY REELECTED.

DONATION MADE

Gift of \$100 Will Enable the Local Headquarters to Remain Open.

Through the donation of \$100.00 by a prominent Columbus citizen, who desires his name withheld from publication, the local headquarters of the American Red Cross Society will not be closed on account of lack of funds as was thought. This sum will enable those at the head of the local chapter to continue the fine work which has been in progress the past several months.

A business meeting of the local chapter was recently held and the new form of by-laws suggested by the central committee at Washington was formally adopted. The officers who have served the organization so faithfully for some time past were re-elected and are as follows: W. N. Puckett, chairman; Mrs. J. T. Sanford, vice-chairman; Chas. Hays, treasurer; Mrs. Morris M. Green, secretary; J. P. Wodward, chairman of extension committee; T. J. Locke, Jr., chairman of finance committee; I. I. Kaufman, chairman of membership committee; John F. Frierson, legal advisor. These ladies and gentlemen together with Mrs. Z. P. Landrum, Frank P. Phillips and C. P. Sherrod constitute the executive committee.

At the recent meeting held Chas. Hays, the treasurer, submitted his report showing receipts and disbursements. This report shows that the chapter had received \$4,296.72 and had disbursed \$3,837.94, leaving a cash balance of \$458.78. Most of the money collected is sent to the treasurer of the American Red Cross Society in Washington, and the expenses of the local headquarters have to be paid out of funds donated for this specific purpose.

When the Red Cross work was first undertaken here this city was headquarters for a district including several surrounding counties, but general executives of the organization later decided that it would be better to divide the work into county units, and the jurisdiction of the local organization is now confined to this county.

"Tale of Two Cities" With William Farnum at Princess Monday.

The attraction at the Princess for Monday, November 5, is the famous classic of Charles Dickens, "A Tale of Two Cities," featuring the noted American actor, William Farnum. It is a master production on which much time and money was spent, and fully 2,000 people were used for the many big massive settings, that the famous story requires. This production has received unlimited praise from students of Dickens, as well as those that appreciate any high class production.

Matinee at 3:30 and 4:45. Night 7:30 and 8:45. Admission: Children 10 cents, Adults 15 cents.

"Kitty MaKay" Has Been Selected.

On November 27 in the Industrial Institute and College chapel, the class of 1918 will present "Kitty MaKay," a comedy in three acts by Catherine Chisolm Cushing. It is an enjoyable play, clever in characterization and delightful in humor.

It will be staged by Miss Emma Ody Pohl, who has as her past record in staging plays a long of tremendous successes, and who has a prospect of her biggest event. Mrs. Rice Gaither, the author of the Pageant of 1914, will have charge of the stage scenery and properties.

Tickets will be on sale at an early date. Be sure to reserve your seats at once, for a large house is expected.

Mr. R. M. Nickels has purchased Dr. M. D. Wood's cottage, on Fifth avenue, north, and will take possession next week.

Mr. John Humphries leaves the first of the week for Memphis and Little Rock, where he goes on business.

The members of the United Charities will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Methodist church.

NEW MODEL BAKERY BECOMES POPULAR

ESTABLISHMENT IS GROWING PROSPEROUS UNDER MR. SHULL'S MANAGEMENT.

The New Model Bakery, near the Mobile and Ohio depot, is rapidly growing in popularity under the capable management of Mr. Fred Shull, and its patronage is daily increasing. Cleanliness is one of Mr. Shull's hobbies; a very good one it is too, and a representative of the Commercial who recently inspected the plant found every thing as neat and clean as the proverbial new pin.

The baking department is in charge of Mr. L. F. Welch, who is an expert in this line and whose bread, rolls, cakes and other products are not only delightful to the palate but thoroughly wholesome, as only the best materials are used, and this fact, together with Mr. Welch's skill, guarantees the high quality of every thing that comes out of the oven.

Mr. Shull is one of the most popular men in Columbus, and the Commercial is glad to note that the people are favoring him with the liberal patronage he deserves.

HARRISON SPEAKS TUESDAY NIGHT

WILL ALSO DELIVER AN ADDRESS AT CALEDONIA WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

It is understood that one of the largest crowds that ever assembled in the Lowndes county court house will gather there Tuesday night to hear Hon. Pat Harrison, the efficient Congressman from the Gulf Coast district, who is a candidate for the seat in the United States Senate now occupied by Hon. James K. Vardaman, and who on that occasion will make his initial appearance in this city.

While Mr. Harrison's forthcoming engagement has been well advertised and it is certain that he will be greeted by a large audience, definite details therefor have not been completed, and it is not yet known to whom will be delegated the honor of introducing the gifted orator.

Following his speech here, Mr. Harrison will go to Caledonia, where he will deliver an address at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. It is expected that several of his local supporters will accompany him on the trip.

FIRE DESTROYS COUNTRY HOME

HOUSE AND FURNITURE OF J. D. DOTHEROW GO UP IN SMOKE.

Sparks from the kitchen chimney on Thursday night ignited a blaze which destroyed the cozy country home of Mr. J. D. Dotherow, about two miles northwest of Columbus on the Waverly road.

The flames had made fairly good progress when discovered, and as there was no fire-fighting apparatus at hand it was impossible to subdue them, the building and practically all of the household furniture having gone up in smoke.

The loss is estimated at about \$3,000, and is partially covered by insurance.

Colonel Fontaine Is Dead.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 3.—Col. William Fontaine, attached to the staff of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson and Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, during the war between the states, died at his home here Friday, aged 84. He was with General Jackson at the time of his death at Chancellorsville. While on General Stuart's staff he was captured and served nine months as a prisoner in the Shenandoah Valley campaign on Johnson Island.

After the war Colonel Fontaine became a member of the faculty of Baylor Female College at Independence, Texas, and afterwards for 10 years occupied the chair of Latin at the University of Texas.

Miss Miriam Cooper, of Bobo, Miss., is the attractive guest of her sister, Miss Erin Cooper, of the I. I. and C.

Read our advertisements.

AGGIES WALK OFF WITH OLE MISS AT TUPELO

ARE EASY VICTORS, WINNING BY SCORE OF 41 TO 14.

BRILLIANT PLAYS

Huskies on Both the Opposing Teams Perform Sensational Stunts.

The "Aggies" gave "Ole Miss" a good trouncing in the football game played at Tupelo yesterday, having defeated their opponents by a score of 41 to 14.

The boys from Starkville had the game sewed up from the start, having outplayed their opponents at almost every point. The Oxford huskies were game, however, and did not give up without a fierce struggle. Quarter Bridges made a 30-yard touch down which was an outstanding feature of the game, while a brilliant forward pass by Lunsford also brought forth enthusiastic applause from the spectators.

While all the A. and M. boys played with dash and enthusiasm, the work of Left Halfback McWilliams and Right Halfback Leonard stood out conspicuously. They were "on their toes" during the entire time that the game was in progress, and by several sensational plays won plaudits from the onlookers.

Several special trains were run to Tupelo, and a tremendous throng witnessed the contest.

CHRISTMAS MAIL FOR THE AMERICAN FORCES ABROAD

The time is approaching to give thought to bringing Christmas cheer to the American soldiers and sailors abroad.

Arrangements have been perfected whereby the Christmas mail to the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe is to be delivered by Christmas morning. Without the fullest cooperation on the part of the public, it will be impossible to accomplish this result.

The three essential respects in which the public can aid in assuring a happy Christmas at the front are: Mail early, address intelligently, and pack securely. For this reason it is urgently requested that all persons having Christmas mail for the soldiers and sailors and the civilian units attached to the army in Europe observe closely the following directions:

1. Mails to reach the soldiers in France by Christmas morning MUST BE POSTED NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15. By Order No. 821 of the Postmaster General, dated October 23, 1917, SUCH PARCELS WILL BE LIMITED IN WEIGHT TO SEVEN POUNDS.

2. Every package must bear conspicuously the words "CHRISTMAS MAIL," the complete address of the person for whom it is intended and in the upper left-hand corner the name and address of the sender.

3. Every parcel must be so packed and wrapped as to admit of easy inspection by the postmaster. No parcel will be dispatched to France which has not the postmaster's certificate that it contains no prohibited articles, intoxicants, inflammable materials (including friction matches), or compositions which may kill or injure another or damage mails are amongst the articles prohibited.

Cabin Destroyed By Fire.

A four room cabin on the Air Line road which was owned by Mr. J. C. Barrow was destroyed by fire Thursday morning. The loss is covered by insurance.

Prof. G. S. Smith, of Vernon, Ala., superintendent of education of Lamar county, was a visitor to Columbus yesterday, having been a guest of Prof. E. A. Stanley.

The Parent-Teachers' Association of I. I. & C. Practice School, will meet Tuesday, November 6 from 3 to 4 in room 12, Industrial Hall. Mrs. Sear's will talk.

Messrs. J. B. Hardy and Preston King, of the University of Alabama, are spending the week-end with relatives here.

ITEMS OF INTEREST OVER THE COUNTRY

GIST OF THE NEWS GATHERED HERE AND THERE AND PRESENTED IN BRIEF FORM.

The ginner report shows that 2,396 bales of cotton were ginned in Lowndes county prior to October 18, compared to 1,150 bales ginned to October 18, 1916.

The directors of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra have voted that the "Star Spangled Banner" shall be played at every concert.

The Mississippi State Board of Prison Trustees has sold twelve carloads of cotton seed for \$82.50 a ton, a record in this state. The previous record of \$80 a ton was established two weeks ago at the convict farm.

The executive board of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers' association selected Albany, N. Y., as the place for the National Congress, May 12-17, 1918, at the closing session.

The tomb of King Lunalilo in Honolulu has been broken open and his silver crown and other emblems have been stolen the police have discovered. King Lunalilo was the predecessor of the late King Kalakaua. He died in 1874.

A circus train in the West was delayed by the elephants reaching through a window and sucking up the water from the tender.

The body of Tina, a pet canary belonging to Col. William Glassford, commandant of the aviation school at North Island, Cal., was cremated and taken up 5,000 feet in an army aeroplane, hence the ashes were scattered to the air.

Soldiers in training at the sixteen national army cantonments in the United States require approximately 2,500 carloads of food daily, according to statistics given out by the Railroad War Board.

PERCY TO SPEAK FOR Y. M. C. A. HERE

IS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE RAISING FUNDS FOR WAR WORK.

Hon. LeRoy Percy, of Greenville, who is chairman for the state of Mississippi of the committee named to raise \$35,000 for Y. M. C. A. war work, will speak in Columbus Thursday, November 15, in behalf of this most laudable movement.

Mr. Percy is well known throughout Mississippi, having been elected by the legislature to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator A. J. McLaurin, who died in December, 1909. He is a fluent speaker, and on his appearance here will doubtless be greeted by a large audience.

Terry-Weathers.

Mr. T. E. Terry and Miss L. V. Weathers, a couple from Lamar county, Ala., were married by Justice of the Peace T. M. Cummings at the court house in this city yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The admiralty announcement said there were no British losses.

NOTED LECTURER COMING.

Professor Frederick D. Losey, the noted New York lecturer, will make his third annual appearance at the Industrial Institute and College, Thursday and Friday, November 15 and 16. His lectures will be given for the benefit of the Spectator, the official publication of the I. I. and C.

On Thursday afternoon and evening his subject will be "Julius Caesar," a play distinctly appropriate to these stirring times, since it deals with the struggle between Democracy and Autocracy. On Friday afternoon the lecturer will interpret "War Poetry," and Friday evening the engagement will close with a reading of Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

Losey has become a "habit" at I. I. and C., and students and citizens of Columbus will give him a hearty reception.

McDonald Convicted.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 3.—A fight to save James M. McDonald, prominent young Mississippian from the 20 year sentence imposed upon him Friday night by Judge Ben Hill when the trial of McDonald for the slaying of Joe Jung, Atlanta's leading Chinese citizen, came to a dramatic close with a verdict of voluntary manslaughter, was started Saturday.

The sentence of 20 years given the young Mississippian is the limit for voluntary manslaughter, Judge Hill, disregarding a recommendation to mercy as made by the jury.

EIGHT MEN LOSE LIVES WHEN SHIP IS HIT

ARMY TRANSPORT FINLAND ATTACKED BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE.

DETAILS MEAGER

Vice Admiral Sims Issues Statement Giving List of the Victims.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The torpedoing of the homeward bound army transport Finland in the war zone four days ago, resulted in the death of two members of the naval armed guard, two army enlisted men and four of the ship's civilian crew. A third naval seaman is missing.

Vice Admiral Sims' report of the casualties to the navy department today added no details to the announcement yesterday that the Finland has been torpedoed but had been able to reach a European port under her own steam.

The casualty list was made public Friday, follows:

James W. Henry, seaman, second-class; dead. Next of kin, Rose Henry, 43 Reynolds street, Harrison, N. J.

Newton R. Head, seaman; dead. Next of kin, not given. Home address, Cleveland, Ga.

Porter Hilton, seaman, second-class, missing. Mother, Mrs. Lizzie Hilton, Teococ, Ga.

M. Cordova, fireman, drowned. No emergency address.

J. Hanelson, barber, drowned. Brother, A. Phillips, Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, La.

Jose Cuevas, mess boy, probably died from injuries. Father, Mr. Cuevas, Savannah, Cuba.

Private Lester Hickey, infantry, drowned. Father, Thomas Hickey, 142 North Racine avenue, Chicago.

Charles H. Maxwell, colored, transport worker's battalion, drowned. Brother, Thomas E. Maxwell, box 278 Concord, N. C.

The announcement that five of the men were drowned indicated to officials that that Finland's company left the vessel in small boats until it was made certain that she would remain afloat. The capsizing of one of the boats in launching might account for the drowning of the two men.

It is assumed that two of the armed guard were killed by the explosion of the torpedo and that the missing one probably was blown overboard by the explosion as was a seaman on the destroyer Cassin when she was torpedoed recently.

Sink 10 German Boats and Cruiser.

London, Nov. 3.—The admiralty announced today that a German auxiliary cruiser and ten German patrol vessels had been sunk off the Categat, an arm of the North sea in Danish waters.

The admiralty announcement said there were no British losses.

BAPTIST PREACHER ARRIVES IN CITY

REV. T. L. HOLCOMBE WILL DELIVER TWO SERMONS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. T. L. Holcombe, formerly of Pontotoc, who was recently called to the pulpit of the First Baptist church in this city, arrived here the past week with his family, and will be greeted by large congregations today when he will deliver sermons at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Several weeks ago Rev. Holcombe was heard in the First Baptist pulpit here, and the members of the church are highly pleased that they have secured him as their pastor.

At the services today special musical programs will be rendered by the Princess Orchestra, quartettes, etc., and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The following is the musical program for the morning service: Venite—H. M. Teasdale—Choir. Adagio—Sonata—Bethoven—Organ. Seek Ye the Lord—Roberts—Mr. Earl Burris and choir.

Offertory—Violin solo—Mr. A. N. Jacob. Postlude—Lute—Orchestra.