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HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 24, 1907.

WEATHER: Fair tonight and Tuesday

FARMERS UNION IS IN SESSION

Executive Committee Holds Meeting
in Jackson Behind Closed Doors.
Fighting the Merchants.

JACKSON CITIZENS WILL VOTE ON MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Great Cates Revival is Growing in
Interest and Promises to Accom-
plish Much Good in Jackson—Other
News of State Interest.

Daily News Special.

Jackson, Miss., June 24.—The executive committee of the Farmers' Union met here this morning for a two days' session. The meetings are being held behind closed doors and only such matters as the committee desires to be given out will be made public. The work of the state business agent is to be discussed at considerable length and a plan of campaign mapped out. In some places the Union is at war with the local merchants and is cutting prices on all commodities. A large number of organizers from different districts in the state are in attendance on the meeting and report that the growth of the order is phenomenal.

Green Creates Talk.
The entry of Prof. Edgar Green into the race for State Superintendent of Education makes this one of the most interesting races now on. Some four or five strong educators are in the field for the place and are getting busy with their campaign. The indications are that Governor Vardaman will not name a successor to Superintendent Whitfield until after the primaries and then he will name the man who is nominated. This seems to be the general impression in political circles.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED AND SCORES INJURED IN DISASTROUS COLLISION ON NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD

Publishers Press.

Rochester, N. Y., June 24.—Five persons were instantly killed and nearly two-score others seriously injured in a disastrous head-on collision on the Auburn branch of the New York Central Railroad at Mitchell's farm, nine miles east of here, at 11 o'clock last night.

At least ten of the injured will die. The east bound passenger train was running slowly when it crashed into a westbound freight train running at

top speed. Both trains were completely telescoped. All of the passengers on board the passenger train were killed or injured except a small boy who was riding with his father, the engineer, and his escape is almost a miracle, as the cab was completely demolished.

The officials of the road decline an explanation of the cause of the wreck but it is reported that the freight train conductor and engineer mistook the signals. An investigation has been begun by the coroner.

LIFE OF JUDGE LOVING DEPENDS ON TESTIMONY OF HIS ONLY DAUGHTER

Houston, Va., June 24.—The preliminary trial of former Judge William G. Loving, of Nelson County, overseer on the estate of Thomas F. Ryan, for the murder of Theodore Estes, a prominent merchant of Lovington, on April 22, was begun here today, with Judge William Barksdale presiding.

Loving shot and killed Estes as the sequel to a buggy ride he took with Miss Elizabeth Loving on the evening of the tragedy, and the defense will claim justification under the unwritten law.

The jury selected is as follows: W. M. Royster, S. A. Moore, W. B. Powell, W. T. Arendall, C. C. Hackson, C. D. S. Harmer, W. G. Puckett, B. L. B. Bassar, J. L. Hardy. Most of the panel is composed of farmers of middle age.

Judge Loving and family together with the attorneys for the defense were present in the court room. Miss

Elizabeth Loving, on whose testimony hangs the life of her father, sat next to the defendant, who appeared haggard and worn from his long incarceration in jail.

No women were present on the prosecution's side.

George Fortune, uncle of Thomas F. Ryan, is one of the attorneys for the defense. He is assisted by John J. Lee, of Lynchburg. Wood Baldwin, of Halifax, is leading counsel for the prosecution.

TENNESSEE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Nashville, June 24.—Preliminaries were played today in the tennis tournament for the Tennessee State championship on the courts of the Nashville Tennis Club. Many of the best Southern players are contesting for the title. The winners will contest in the Southern championships at Atlanta, beginning July 2.

Jackson Election Wednesday.

On Wednesday the voters of the city will be called on to vote on a proposition to issue bonds to the extent of \$216,000 to purchase the water works plant and the indications are that the issue is going to be a successful one. The friends of municipal ownership have worked with might and main for the last month to raise the interest of the public in the proposed election and have got things to fever heat. At the same time that the voters of the city are passing on the bond issue there will be submitted to them a new contract with the private company which owns the present water plant and it is more than probable that the new contract will be defeated. Mr. I. C. Enoch, one of the richest citizens of Jackson, who has heretofore opposed municipal ownership is out in a long statement in which he urges the people of the city to defeat the new contract and to vote the bonds. Hon. Wirt Adams, who has heretofore opposed municipal ownership, is also in favor of the proposition, along with many others who have not heretofore been enrolled in this cause. This is the second vote that the people of the city have taken on this question, the other resulting in an overwhelming majority for municipal ownership, but there was some legal quibble as to whether the bonds had received the requisite majority and the proposition feel through.

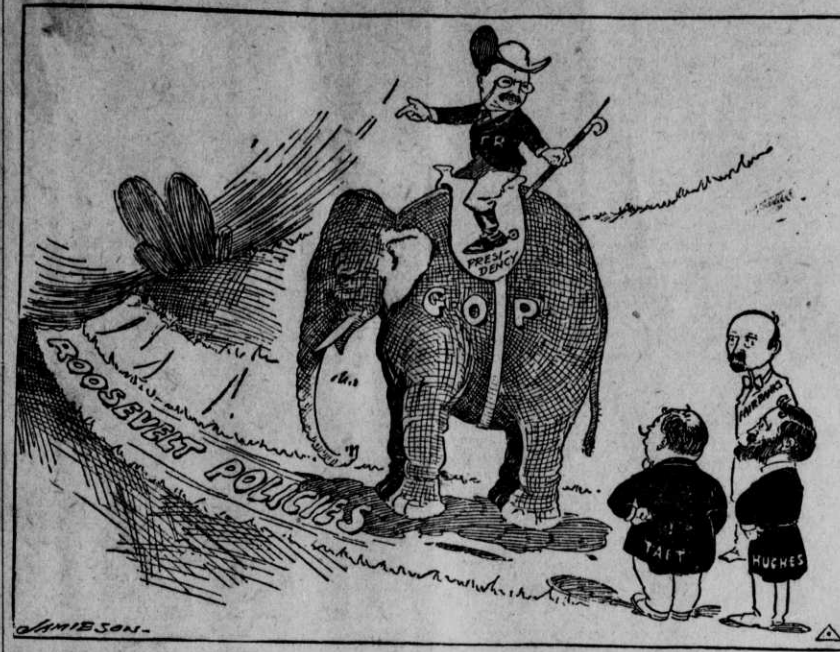
Sunday School Convention.

The program for the State Sunday School Convention, which is to be held at Yazoo City from July 9 to 11, has been issued. Some of the strongest Sunday School workers in the State have been placed on the program and will deliver interesting addresses during the convention, and the gathering will bring together a large number of religious workers.

Cates' Revival Growing.

The Cates' meetings continue to attract great crowds daily. In all the churches yesterday there were many additions, services being held in the morning for the purpose of admitting those who had recently professed religion. Mr. Cates has been preaching eight days today and the strain on him has been something terrible. He broke down Saturday but was able to conduct the services yesterday evening and today. Probably no revival ever held in the city has aroused so much interest as this one of Mr. Cates, not barring the one held by the late Sam Jones, and before the meeting closes it is expected that the number of conversions will touch the 600 mark.

PREPARING FOR 1908.



The President: "No matter who drives, so long as you keep him on this road."

—Jamieson in Pittsburg Dispatch.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY WITHDRAWS CONCESSIONS TO OPERATORS

Publishers Press.

New York, June 24.—It is officially announced from the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company today that the agreement recently entered into by the company and the concessions made to the operators in President Clowrey's letter to Commissioner Neill are now off, and that in view of the action of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union in declaring the

strike at San Francisco immediately after the company had made these concessions and agreed to a settlement of all difficulties, all promises also also suspended.

The statement issued from Western Union headquarters says: "As long as the San Francisco strike is on we cannot treat or meet with the representatives of the union on friendly terms."

The Western Union also intimates that the calling off of the strike in San Francisco will put the telegraphers on the proper basis and that all concessions made to them will go into effect the same as if the San Francisco strike had not been called.

The Commercial Telegraphers' Union officials and the executive committee of the order went into secret session following the announcement.

LEXINGTON'S DEPOT ORDERED UP-TOWN

Daily News Special.

Lexington, June 24.—Our people as well as the traveling public will be glad to know that the railroad commissioners have ordered the Y. & M. V. Railroad Company to send in plans and specifications for a passenger and freight depot to be erected at or near Wilson's Crossing by July 1; the building to be completed within sixty days thereafter.

This is a "consummation devoutly to be wished," the realization of which the citizens of Lexington have hoped and assiduously labored for a good many years. The matter has been under litigation, the last decision of the court being favorable to the railroad company. An amendment by the last Legislature of the law governing such cases assures the eventual success of the city's efforts at having the depot moved to Wilson's Crossing, and it is very unlikely that the railroad company will contest the order of the railroad commission.

Acted as Referee In Two Places On Same Subject

Deputy Circuit Clerk Chambers had a rather unique experience yesterday, being called upon to act as referee in two debates and the same subject was up for debate at both places.

At Sunday school Mrs. I. P. Trotter's class debated the question "Which was the greater man, Jacob, Joseph or Moses?" instead of having the regular review of the quarter's lessons. At this debate Mr. Chambers was the referee and decided in favor of those who contended that Moses was the greater man.

In the evening at 7:30 the Young People's Union debated the same question and again the referee gave the decision to the adherents of the Moses side of the argument.

Mr. Chambers says that it is unusual to have such an experience.

If life is what we make it some of us are certainly bum workmen, aren't we?

Bank Assets Will be Sold at Auction

Denver, Col., June 24.—Assets of the Denver Savings Bank, for wrecking which Imboden and Hill are now serving terms in the penitentiary, will be sold at public auction tomorrow by order of Judge Harry Riddle. No bids for a less amount than \$45,000 will be received and it is expected the assets, which have a face value of approximately \$500,000, will bring at least \$50,000, which amount will give the depositors an additional dividend of 5 per cent. Receiver H. M. Beatty states that many of the assets are worthless notes on the Fort Worth Bank of Commerce and other Imboden and Hill "wild cat" financial institutions.

Powers Gets Appointment of Governor
Local Fans Get Ready to Play Ball

Daily News Special.

Jackson, Miss., June 24.—Prof. J. N. Powers, of West Point, was today appointed by Governor Vardaman to the office of State Superintendent of Education to succeed Hon. Henry L. Whitfield, recently elected to the presidency of the Industrial Institute and College at Columbus.

The new superintendent will take charge of the office on July 1. He had already announced himself as a candidate for the office at the August primaries.

CELEBRATES ST. JOHN'S DAY.
Publishers Press.

Louisville, Ky., June 24.—Fully 15,000 Kentucky Masons took part today in the celebration of St. John's Day at the White City, the most enthusiastic observance of its kind ever held in the State. All money received from the various attractions will be donated to the widows' and orphans' home and other Masonic institutions.

USUAL SUNDAY EXODUS YESTERDAY

There was the usual Sunday exodus yesterday and nearly every train leaving the city had a number of representatives of the Magic City as passengers who sought a day's vacation.

The majority of the excursionists hied them to fair Gulfport-by-the-sea where they could listen to the murmur of the sad sea waves, drink in ozone—not to mention other things—and go to Forrest Park and hit the merry-go-round a whirl or two.

Others begat them to Babylon, renamed New Orleans, where they could listen to the ceaseless jangle of the trolley cars and practice stealing bases for the new ball team by trying to dodge cars when making a dash across Canal street.

Still others sought different destinations—but all came home safe and sound after a pleasant if somewhat strenuous day—glad to get back to "home, sweet home."

That "strenuous day" refers to the New Orleans contingent, you understand?

Local Fans Get Ready to Play Ball

The Hattiesburg baseball team is losing no time getting into shape, but is busy preparing for work.

Today Captain Hightower has four men hard at work leveling off the grounds so that the diamond may be laid off in proper shape, and the next thing to be done will be to build the backstop.

The Williams Sanitary Plumbing Company has agreed to put in the shower bath, the cement floor and do other necessary plumbing at about cost, for which the boys are very grateful. The work on this will begin tomorrow in all probability.

The members of the team are all enthusiastic over the outlook and it will be only a few days before everything is in readiness for the beginning of the actual work of the team.

MIDDIES' SQUADRON.

Publishers Press.

New York, June 24.—It is reported that the midshipmen's practice squadron, with the Annapolis naval cadets on board, consisting of the protected cruiser, Olympia, flagship, and the armored single turret monitors, Florida, Arkansas and Nevada, will proceed to the naval anchorage up the Hudson, there to remain two days. On Friday the squadron will sail for New London, Conn. During July and August the ships will cruise in New England waters.

The officers commanding the squadron are Captain Thomas B. Howard, of the Olympia, commander; Commander Bradley Fiske, of the Arkansas, Commander Washington Chambers, of the Florida, and Commander Alfred Reynolds, of the Nevada.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Publishers Press.

London, June 24.—Miss May Sutton, the California lawn tennis expert, is competing in the All-England national women's single championship, which began today on the courts at Wimbledon. It is generally believed that Miss Sutton will regain the England title which she first won in 1905 and then lost last year to Mrs. R. L. Chambers, nee Miss Douglass. The California girl looks upon this as the most important meet in which she will participate this year. After the present tournament she will defend her title to the Welsh championships at Newport, Wales, July 10.

SCOTTISH TRIALS.

Publishers Press.

Glasgow, June 24.—Several cars of American manufacturers are entered in the Scottish automobile reliability trials, beginning today and extending through the week. The event has attracted widespread interest among motor car manufacturers and nearly all important European concerns are represented. The route is from Glasgow to Inverness, a distance of 755 miles.

LOT SALE AT AHEPATONE.

Publishers Press.

Lawton, Okla., June 24.—Government land officials today began the public auction of lots in the town site of Ahepatone, in the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservation, one of the six towns to be established in the "big pasture." A considerable sum of money will be realized from the sale and will be distributed among the Indians.

FRANCIS WARRINGTON DAWSON, PUBLISHERS PRESS REPRESENTATIVE, INVESTIGATING FRENCH REVOLUTION

Publishers Press.

Beziers, France, June 24.—Francis Warrington Dawson, staff correspondent of the Publishers Press, has made the first canvass of the disturbed district, where the wine growers' troubles

have been in progress, and is able to make the positive assertion that the revolting peasants are masters of the situation. A wholesale exodus of the wives and families of the aggressive rioters is on today, which is believed to indicate a renewal of hostilities.

ST. JOHN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT MERIDIAN; AN EVENT OF STATE-WIDE SIGNIFICANCE

This is St. John's Day!
This is a day that is celebrated all over the wide, wide world.

This is true, for it is peculiarly a Masonic day, and as Masonry reaches to "the uttermost parts of the earth" it is easily seen that the day will be celebrated throughout the world.

As it happens, however, there will be no local celebration nor will many if any of the subordinate lodges in the State hold celebrations today, the reason being that the ceremonies to take place in Meridian far overshadow any kind of honor that could be done the day anywhere else.

In Meridian today will be laid the cornerstone of the building in which in the coming years the Masons of this State will continue to carry out the injunction to "care for the widows and the fatherless."

At the ceremonies in Meridian there will be gathered Masons from every subordinate lodge in the State and it is said that some distinguished members of the order from other states will participate in the exercises of the day.

"The local lodge," said Worshipful Master G. Waldo Batson, when seen

this morning, "will not celebrate the day in any particular manner on account of the exercises to take place in Meridian. Very few if any subordinate lodges will celebrate today, but many of them will do honor to the Saint later on."

In reply to a query, Mr. Batson said, "No there will be no formal body of representatives or committee sent from this lodge, for such a thing is unnecessary, but there will doubtless be a number of members of this lodge present and they will, of course, participate in the ceremonies."

Mr. Batson informed the Daily News man that the lodge at Rule's Station would celebrate the day, having the Fourth of July for their theme, while the lodge at Epps would observe the day on June 29. Other subordinate lodges throughout the State would hold the day on other dates.

We are a strange, convulsion way, and the new day thoroughly understands himself as a he cannot be related.

Mrs. W. B. Batson, of a recent at Rule's Station.