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Tennessee State News

Too Much Money.

According to a statement made by W. L. Morris, president of the Benton County Bank, and one of the most reliable and best posted financiers in Tennessee, the country banks throughout West Tennessee are handicapped this year by being unable to loan their ready cash. "Our trouble this year," he stated, "is being unable to place the money we have here to loan. This bank has not turned down a single note during the year, has not lost a cent through a loan and it has a large surplus of money for which there is apparently no demand." The bank president stated that similar conditions existed throughout West Tennessee. He attributed the prosperous conditions to the good crops of the last and the present season. The farmers have raised mortgages, improved their farms, and the majority of them have no need to borrow any money to tide over. While the banks are in good condition, their profits might be greatly increased if there was a stronger demand for money.

Gibson Crops Suffering.

A very light rain fell in parts of Gibson county last week, but not sufficient to benefit the crops. All growing and maturing crops are suffering from lack of moisture; the ground is too dry to prepare for wheat and oats. The late corn crop will fall short of the expected yield of a few weeks ago. Turnips and Irish potatoes show bad stands and slow growth, while peas, millet, peanuts and all late plantings are needing rain badly. Apples are falling off and will not yield an average harvest. The tobacco crop is a good one and it is being housed and cured. Cotton is opening rapidly and prematurely in some fields.

Shot From Ambush.

While Tobe Woodard, a well-known blacksmith of St. Bethlehem, Montgomery county, was driving along a lonely country road, he had some trouble with an insistent negro whose name is not known. The darky threw a rock at Woodard's horse and the blacksmith got out of his buggy and horsewhipped the darky. Mr. Woodard then drove on and on his return was fired on from ambush at the place where he had the trouble with the darky. He was wounded in the side, the bullet breaking a rib, but not penetrating the cavity.

Kukluxing at McMinnville.

The grand jury returned indictments at McMinnville last week against Joe Ramsey, Henry Elam, G. W. Drake, Horace Dodd, Newton Williams and Tony Jakes, charging them with kukluxing Rufus Swann and wife some six months ago.

Negro Dies From Wound.

Bud Mack, the negro who was cut by Will Tidwell at Savannah a few days ago, died last week of his wound. The negro, Bob Napier, will get well. No arrest has been made, and Tidwell is at home attending to his farming. What Tidwell did was in self defense and it was not thought that any action will be taken against him.

Manse Destroyed.

The Cumberland Presbyterian parsonage at Clarksville was partially destroyed by fire last week, the blaze being started by hot ashes in a box near the house. The loss was about \$500, with no insurance. All the household goods were removed from the building in a more or less injured condition.

Plenty of Rural Routes.

The new rural routes that were recently ordered established in Montgomery county were started on October 1. These, with those already in operation, will completely cover the entire county.

Practically Stamped Out.

By the capture of a still at Rogers Creek in Hardin county, and the arrest of one of the alleged operators, known as Ben Potts, the United States authorities believe that wildcatting in West Tennessee has been practically stamped out.

Nashville Man Assigns.

Jesse Warren, wholesale paints, oils and glass, at Nashville, assigned last week. Liabilities, about \$10,000; assets, \$1,500.

Tobacco Barn Burned.

A tobacco barn on the place of Mrs. Charles Staten, in the northern part of Montgomery county, was totally destroyed by fire last week, together with its contents, consisting of a large amount of tobacco. The loss was about \$450. No insurance.

Mrs. June Bobbitt Dead.

Mrs. June Bobbitt, widow of the late Rev. Henry Bobbitt, formerly of Henry Station, died at McKenzie last week.

A Peculiar Murder Case.

Among the cases heard by the Supreme Court at its session in Knoxville last week, was the murder case of the State vs. Clarence Peake of Anderson county. Peake is a boy of 18 years of age who is under sentence of seventeen years for the murder of Silas Hulm at Clinton. The killing was the result of a saloon fight and Hulm was supposed to have been followed out of the saloon by Peake and killed. When the case was tried last year's session of the Supreme Court, imagine the surprise of every one connected with the case when Silas Hulm, the supposed murdered man, showed up alive and well. Without disposing of the case the court passed it over to the present term. That Hulm is alive can be proven by any number of witnesses and the fact can also be proven that Peake killed a man at Clinton, but who he was, no one knows. What the court will do is problematical, but it is possible that it will order Peake indicted for the murder of the unknown. At the time of his first trial before the Supreme Court Peake was insane. He was confined in an asylum for some months afterward, but has recently been at the home of his father in Anderson county.

Rattled the Old Boys.

County Attorney S. N. Harwood threw a bombshell into the ranks of the County Court of Davidson county last week, when he rendered an opinion to Judge Pollard to the effect that members of the court cannot legally accept any kind of contract in which the county is interested. Since the establishment of the free turnpike system in Davidson county the squires have been securing most of the contracts for work on the pikes. There has been, as a result, much scandal and newspaper criticism. The repeated charges of corruption and collusion eventuated in a request for the county attorney's opinion, with the above result. Some of the squires have secured contracts involving thousands of dollars, and it is not improbable steps will be taken to make them disgorge.

Business Men Organize.

At a representative meeting of Clarksville business men last week, the nucleus of a Chamber of Commerce was formed. The meeting was well attended by men representing all the active walks of life and the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce was decided upon as the name for the new organization that is to be formed for the purpose of advancing the manufacturing and other business interests of the city.

Weekly Crop Report.

The weekly crop report, issued last week, shows that vegetation is drying up rapidly from drouth. Late corn will fall far short of expectations. Prospects are for a light crop of cotton, owing to drouth, rust and blight. Reports of the yield of tobacco and the housing of the crop indicate a good yield and a successful harvest. The weather has been favorable for the harvesting of fodder and pea hay, and large quantities have been put away in all sections. Late Irish potatoes and turnips are ruined by the drouth and sweet potatoes, peanuts and peas are suffering greatly; but little plowing has been done and fall seeding of wheat, rye and oats will be late. Apples continue to rot and fall off. Pastures are parched and stock water is scarce in many localities.

Fair Commission Meets.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Tennessee World's Fair commission, an auxiliary of the State commission, held in Nashville last week, plans were perfected for raising \$40,000, necessary to meet the expense of reproducing the Hermitage at St. Louis and maintaining it through the exposition. It was decided to endeavor to raise \$15,000 each in Middle and West Tennessee and \$10,000 in East Tennessee.

Dr. Brown Goes Abroad.

The training school at Union City was presided over last session by Dr. Calvin S. Brown, who will spend the winter in Greece, Italy and Spain, he having sailed from New York last week. The doctor is a graduate of the best schools of England, Germany and Scotland.

Frazier at Columbia.

Gov. Frazier was the guest of honor at the Maury county fair at Columbia last week. The governor spoke on industrial and agricultural topics.

Clarksville Carnival.

The Knights of Pythias of Clarksville have signed a contract with the Robinson Carnival Company to appear in that city during the week of October 12 at the street fair and carnival.

Miss Gentry Will Lend Her Gourds.

Miss Susie Gentry, of Franklin, will furnish for the Tennessee State exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair one of the most unique and interesting exhibits that will appear in the agricultural building. She has made a study of the gourd family, the uses of gourds, and the condition of their growth. She has made a collection of all the different varieties grown in Tennessee, and she has collected some fine specimens from foreign countries. With true artistic talent she has ornamented and arranged her collection so that it is both beautiful and instructive. In the earlier stages of our civilization when cooperative vessels, glass ware, and toilet articles might have been classed as luxuries, nature supplied the most essential of these articles from the gourd family. Our great grandmothers were familiar with the punga gourd, and they used it for many purposes. It was the receptacle for keeping such things as lard, molasses, sugar, coffee, fruit, eggs, preserves, salt and soap. It served the purposes of the modern cans, boxes, jugs, bottles, buckets, etc. Our legislatures valued it so much that they exempted it by law from sale by execution for debt. The punga gourd has no handle and the largest size is 8 to 12 inches in height and from 14 to 18 inches in diameter. A large one will hold one hundred dozen eggs, and one lady of the early times says she packed her silk wedding dress in one of them. The next size was a handle and was used as a water gourd in the field, for carrying salt to stock, etc. Then comes the gourd with long handles, some about three feet in length for dipping water from deep springs, and others approximating in size and shape the britania or cocoanut dipper. Then follows the skims, smaller in size, the darning gourds, the dancing gourds, which were the spinning tops of our forefathers, and the baby rattlers, the smallest in size. There are the whisky bottle gourds, in which the early settlers carried their bottled lightning, almost exactly in the shape of the old fashioned black bottles. There is the quill gourd, in which the women weavers kept their quills by the loom, and gourds in the shape of squashes, that were used to make certain kitchen utensils, and sometimes jewelry boxes and toilet articles. There are funnel gourds, and the gourds that were hung on poles in the poultry yard to make homes for the martins, instead of martin boxes. There is the tobacco gourd, for storing tobacco seeds, and for tobacco boxes. There are swimmers' gourds, a substitute for modern life preservers, the "Hercules Club," which looks like a base ball bat, and snake gourds, which, under the artistic hand of Miss Gentry, have been made to look so much like snakes that you can almost hear them hiss. There are gourds in the shape of goose, turkey, duck, guinea and chicken eggs that are colored so natural that when one is placed in the nest as a nest egg the fowl that made the nest would swear to the maternity of the gourd. Then there is the orange gourd, just like an orange, and the Turks cap, that makes a beautiful pin cushion. Then there is the "vegetable lace," or "disfrag gourd," the inside of which could be used to ornament a lady's hat or to wash dishes, etc.

Miss Gentry has in her collection a lady's hat which is strictly an agricultural product. The body of the hat is vegetable cream lace, the trimming is flowers made of grass rope and corn husks, parti-colored, and ribbons of cotton batting, natural color, the whole ornamented with peacock feathers. The gourd takes a beautiful finish, and Miss Gentry has varnished and ornamented her collection so as to make it exceedingly attractive, as well as instructive. She has a banyo made out of a gourd, and covered with buckskin, and on a large sugar gourd is a bar of music of the old negro reel, "Sugar in de gourd." One who is familiar with the old time negro would associate with it "Rabbit in de pea patch," "Juba dis an' Juba dat," "An' Juba killed de yaller cat," and the old time cotton picking and corn shucking, and the dance at night in the cabin on the puncheon floor, or the summer time negro dance in the moonlight on the lawn.

A gin operated by several colored men at Denmark under the name of the Colored Joint Stock Company was burned to the ground last week. It is thought that it was the work of incendiaries. C. S. D. Hawkins, the Milan detective, was sent for, but on account of a number of people having passed about the scene of the fire he could not get his bloodhounds on the trail. Three bales of cotton and a quantity of seed were destroyed. No insurance.

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TWELVE DROWNED IN LAKE MICHIGAN

Passenger Steamer Hackley Struck by Squall and Went Down.

THREE WOMEN AMONG VICTIMS

Nine Rescued After Floating on Pieces of Wreckage All Night—Boat Turned Over and Went Down Like a Rock.

Marquette, Wis., Oct. 5.—During a squall Saturday night on Lake Michigan the steamer J. H. Hackley capsized and 12 persons were drowned. The Goodrich line steamer Sheboygan rescued the other seven persons on board the Hackley after they had floated about on pieces of wreckage all night. Report of the disaster reached Marquette Sunday.

The Hackley was struck by the squall when seven miles off Green island. The upper work was blown away before the men could reach a haven. The boat then turned over and went down in deep water.

The drowned: George LeClaire, Jr., Jacksonport, Wis.

Joseph Vorous, captain of the Hackley, Fish Creek.

Edna Barringer, Fish Creek.

Lawrence Barringer, Fish Creek.

Henry Rabitor, Fish Creek.

Carl Kelley, Fish Creek.

Miss Francis Vincent.

Miss Vincent's sister, Egg Harbor, Wis.

Freeman Thorp, Fish Creek.

Neils Nelson, Sturgeon Bay.

Frank Fitzgibbons, Jacksonport.

Truchy, cook of the Hackley.

The rescued: Frank Blackfield, purser, Fish Creek.

Orrin Rollin, engineer, Fish Creek.

Martin Hansen.

Marine McSweeney, Fish Creek.

Martin Olsen, passenger, of Sister's Bay.

Two men of Ellison Bay, Wis.

As the Hackley went to the bottom those who could seized on floating pieces of wreckage, while the women to and any object to which to cling, sank in the raging sea, so far as is known. The waves were rolling high, and several of those who at first saved themselves from immediate death lost strength and sank. It was several hours after the Hackley sank before the Sheboygan hove within hailing distance. The shouts of the floating men attracted the attention of the sailors on the Sheboygan, and every assistance was lent.

Every man found something to float on, except the captain, who remained in the plothouse to the last, doing his best to right the boat, and he finally went down with her.

The darkness made rescue slow, but the officers of the Sheboygan feel sure that they took aboard every person afloat. Some of the persons who were rescued say it is possible that one or more of the 12 persons missing may have escaped death. This view is not given much credence by the sailors of the Sheboygan.

The Sheboygan made into Fish Creek when hope of rescuing other persons seemed improbable. The rescued persons were so exhausted from their struggles against drowning that they were unable for some time to tell anything about the wreck. The persons rescued by the Sheboygan say that in the crashing away of the upper work all persons aboard the Hackley ran on deck. Hasty preparations for a plunge into the water were begun, but before any plans could be carried out the boat listed, turned over and went down like a rock.

Search is still making for any person who may have escaped death and for the bodies of those who were drowned.

BUCHANAN RE-ELECTED.

Iron Workers' President Triumphs at Last Over the Sam Parks Delegation at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 5.—Frank Buchanan, of Chicago, won a final victory over Sam Parks and his followers Saturday afternoon when he was re-elected president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers over Hugh F. Donnelly, of Albany, N. Y., by a vote of 43 to 40.

This is a decided victory for Buchanan, giving him, as it does, the support of the annual convention, now in session here, which has, since it convened, been dominated in a great measure by the Parks crowd.

Parks and his followers had fought Buchanan ever since the latter suspended Union No. 2, of New York, for alleged irregularities.

Buchanan was elected on the first ballot. When the result was announced he was cheered lustily. Sam Parks, who had made so consistent a fight on the president, heard the result without comment, except to say: "I lose."

Fatally Struck With a Fork.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 4.—William Hopkins was stabbed and killed at the Victor mines, in Walker county, today, by Hannah Robertson, with whom he boarded. It is said that Hopkins angered the woman about something, and grasping a fork, she plunged it into his heart, killing him instantly.

Fell Dead on Street.

Odin, Ill., Oct. 4.—Frank Scott, a bootmaker from St. Louis, died suddenly on the street here. He had just arrived on a Baltimore & Ohio South-Western train.

WILL RETIRE ON LAURELS

Miss Bessie Anthony Wins Woman's National Golf Championship.

She Will Not Defend Her Title Next Year, as She Will Be Married November 3.

Wheaton, Ill., Oct. 4.—The woman's national golf championship belongs to Miss Bessie Anthony, of the Glenview club, Chicago. She made a runaway match of her game with Miss J. Anna Carpenter, of Westward Ho, in the finals for the championship over the Wheaton course Saturday, taking the lead at the fourth hole and steadily increasing it until the end came at the twelfth hole, Miss Anthony winning seven up and six to play. Considering the weather conditions, a 30-mile gale sweeping over the course during the entire play, Miss Anthony's game was remarkable. Only twice was she in trouble, getting into the bunker guarding the first hole on a long brassy shot, and driving out of bounds on the seventh. Miss Carpenter, on the contrary, played in woefully bad form. Seven bunkered shots and two shots driven into the wide pond guarding the sixth and tenth holes told the story of her defeat.

This is probably the last golf tournament Miss Anthony will ever figure in. She will be married, November 3, to Mr. B. S. Horne, of Pittsburg, and stated to friends that she did not expect either to defend her titles of western or national champion next year.

CHICAGO CENTENNIAL ENDS.

Winds Up Celebration in a Blaze of Fireworks Before the Largest Crowd Since World's Fair.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Chicago's centennial celebration closed Saturday night in a blaze of fireworks, which illuminated the largest crowd ever assembled on the lake front. Estimates of the number which witnessed the greatest fireworks display seen here since the World's fair ranged from 100,000 to 125,000 persons. Out in the lake scores of craft cruised about, their size varying from the small rowboat and the diminutive yachts to the big excursion steamers, which were packed to the gunwales.

The exhibition began when red and white fires burst out along the government pier for a distance of several blocks. A discharge of bombs and sky-rockets followed immediately, the bombs exploding in midair and scattering red and white stars in the thousands. This brilliant bombardment was kept up for an hour and a quarter, while at intervals set pieces were fired and oddities introduced. Fort Dearborn at one time appeared in fiery outline; at another time Chicago was symbolized as a phoenix rising from its ashes; the statue of Liberty stood forth, a balloon rose and from it broke out the American flag.

LEAVITT-BRYAN WEDDING.

Daughter of W. J. Bryan Marries Artist Who Was Engaged to Paint Her Father's Portrait.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 5.—The marriage of Miss Ruth Baird Bryan and William Homer Leavitt was solemnized at 3 o'clock Saturday night at Fairview, the country home of William Jennings Bryan. The chancellor of the Nebraska Wesleyan university, Dr. Huntington, an old friend of the bride and her parents, was the officiating clergyman. Her husband, who is 14 years her senior, is an artist. He is a native of Massachusetts, but after spending a number of years in Paris he went to Newport, which has been the family home of the Leavitts since 1880.

Mr. Leavitt first met Miss Bryan when he came to Lincoln several months ago to paint a portrait of Mr. Bryan. Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt left immediately after the ceremony for St. Louis, where they will visit friends. They will travel for a time in the east, and will be at home after November 1 at 81 Pelham street, Newport, R. I.

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR CLOSES.

The Total Receipts and Attendance Far Greater Than That of Any Former Fair in the State.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 5.—The Illinois state fair closed Saturday night. The total receipts for the week were \$52,000, exceeding the receipts of 1901, the next best year, by over \$13,000. The attendance was greater on every day than on the corresponding day of former fairs. This has been a demonstration of unexampled progress and prosperity in Illinois.

Saturday was "pay day" at the fair, and prize winners presented their warrants and received their prizes. At noon there was a grand parade of prize-winning stock of all descriptions in the coliseum. Few exhibits in this country could excel it in size and quality. Gov. and Mrs. Yates rode to the grounds on horseback Saturday morning and received the public at the governor's headquarters, where he shook hands with hundreds. Senator Shelby M. Culom was also on the grounds.

Physicians Will Consult Again.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 5.—The condition of Archbishop Kain was reported by the attending physicians late last night to be unchanged. The prelate remains very weak, however, and his attendants, five in number, fear for the worst.

City Judge Arraigned.

Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 5.—J. G. Harris, city judge of Hobart, Okla., was arraigned in court Saturday on 16 counts, charging him with receiving money from gambling houses in payment for allowing them to operate in that city.

TORNADO SWEEPS THE NORTHWEST

Seven Killed; One Hundred Houses Destroyed at St. Charles.

LIST OF FATALITIES NOT KNOWN

It Is Feared There Are a Number of Other Victims. All Telegraph and Telephone Wires Are Down and Communication Cut Off.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 5.—The town of St. Charles, in Winona county, was almost completely wiped out by a tornado Saturday afternoon.

Seven persons were killed and 28 were injured, many of them seriously. The dead: John Ebens, Sr. William Ebens, his son. Will Adams. Oscar Crittenden. George Jenson. Ed Murphy.

Ed Peters, of Dover, Minn. With the exception of Carrie Ebens, Charles Crippens and a man named Blankenberg, the names of the injured are so far unobtainable, as wire communication with the stricken village is now altogether cut off.

Two elevators, the principle furniture store in the town and the big flour mill are completely wrecked, while the telegraph office and saw-mill are partially wrecked.

From information, obtained partly by telephone and partly by telegraph, it is learned that the bodies of all the killed have been found.

One man was killed in the street by being struck by a ploughshare, hurled through the air by the fury of the storm.

Town Isolated.

All the telegraph and telephone wires were leveled at the first blast of the storm, and communication with other cities was temporarily cut off.

It is estimated that 100 houses were demolished in the path of the storm.

St. Charles is a village of 1,500 inhabitants, on the western boundary of Winona county, and one of the oldest settlements in the state.

Utter confusion reigns in the town. The streets are filled with wreckage of buildings, trees and farm implements, which were blown through the air. The horror of the affair has practically paralyzed action for the thousands of people who are in the town. It was some time before the crews began to clear away the debris, which, it is feared, may cover many a sickening sight.

Wisconsin Towns Struck by Storm.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 5.—The story of a terrific storm sweeping across the state from the Mississippi to Lake Michigan, carrying death and destruction in its wake, is told by the dispatches which come from almost every city. At Almond, near Waupaca, five were killed, and at Blain, Wis., in the same district, two others met death. The wind swept the upper peninsula of Michigan, also doing considerable damage. The dead: Albert Hoar, Almond; Mrs. Holtz, John Holtz, aged 15 years; Abram John, Blain, and Mrs. Johnson.

Two Killed at Plainfield.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 5.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Plainfield, Wis., says:

A storm which visited this section tore down many buildings and damaged much property. Mrs. John Fisher was killed, and Mary Wood, who was injured, has since died. Much stock was killed and injured, and the farmers are heavy losers.

Two Killed and Many Injured.

Lacrosse, Wis., Oct. 5.—Two were killed, three fatally injured and a score of others badly hurt in a tornado which swept Independence, Wis., and the surrounding country Sunday afternoon. Many farm buildings in the storm's path were torn down. At Eagle Valley, north of here, the Reformed church was destroyed, and houses on the prairie surrounding were demolished. Several small buildings were overturned at Lacrosse, but no fatalities were reported.

Considerable Damage at Duluth.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 5.—Duluth was visited by a terrific storm Sunday evening which did considerable damage by way of blowing off the roofs of houses in the west end and in West Duluth. The harbor also suffered, many boats being driven violently against the docks.

Broom Corn in Demand.

Paris, Ill., Oct. 5.—Broom corn prices are on the jump in this locality, and a local dealer and manufacturer of prominence expresses the belief that \$125 per ton will be reached in the near future. In some instances within the past few days crops have been sold at \$115, and the sales in general are now in excess of \$100, though governed by the quality of the brush.

Released by Colombian Government.

Washington, Oct. 5.—The state department has received a dispatch from Minister Beaupre stating that Charles Radford, of Georgia, who was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for murder, has been released by the Colombian government.