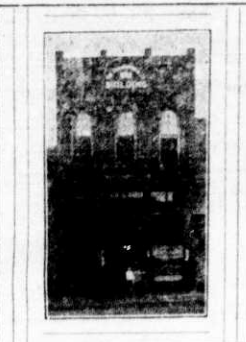


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Greenwood, Miss., Friday, Jan. 8, 1909

Greenwood should gain at least 25 per cent. in population this year.

The bird ordinance was amended by the Board of Supervisors this week, as will be observed by reading the Board's proceeding in another column of this paper.

A cold wave reached this section Wednesday, and we are now enjoying a little real winter weather.

Hon. O. G. McGuire was shot and killed Mr. Fitzgerald at Rosedale one day last week. The trouble originated about a lawsuit. McGuire was a lawyer and Fitzgerald a planter.

The National Democrat is the name of a new paper just started in Washington City. It is announced that the paper will be published under the auspices of the National Democratic Association.

Will Sorsby, slayer of the late Postoffice Inspector Chas. A. Fitzgerald, has been captured. The officers found him in the attic of a residence in the very heart of the town of Clinton near the depot, where he shot Fitzgerald. Sorsby was taken to Jackson and placed in jail to await trial.

The new city officials entered upon the discharge of their respective duties the first of this week. They are all good men and can be depended upon to discharge their duties in a creditable and satisfactory manner. The Commonwealth will co-operate with them in their efforts to properly enforce the laws and in advancing the best interests of the city generally.

It is said that the city of Messina, destroyed by an earthquake last week, has probably had the most tempestuous history of any place in the world. It was founded by pirates 732 B. C. In 843 A. D. the Saracens took the city, and in 1783 an earthquake killed thousands more. Neapolitan troops bombarded the city in 1848, and six years afterwards it was visited by cholera and 16,000 of its people fell victims to its ravages. Slight earthquake shocks were felt in 1894 and 1895, but little damage was done.

Let your friendship be a message of cheer from heart to heart that will keep alive the love and confidence of your friends. Let it be as the gentle breeze sweeping across gardens of pure violets; sympathetic with the sore-hearted; joyful with the happy; tenderly considerate with children and old people. We love a man who perceives the weakness of his friends, not for the purpose of calling attention to them, but in quiet and unassuming ways to assist him in overcoming them. We love a man who assists his friends in their worthy ambitions, and when the trials and vicissitudes of the world seem about to overcome them, lend them his encouragement and revive their drooping spirits to again take up the battle with renewed vigor. In fact, we love a man who loves his friends, regardless of all those faults which all humanity is heir to.

WOULD RESTORE OLD SOVEREIGNTY.

A special from Washington, dated the 3rd inst., announces that the Judiciary Committee of the House has set Jan. 15 for hearing on a novel proposition embodied in a resolution offered by Representative Humphreys, of Mississippi, which has been referred to them, and which is causing them to knit their brows and adjust their legal eyeglasses as they haven't done for many days. The resolution authorizes and empowers the States of Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana to resume for the time being that sovereignty which dwelt originally with the colonies before the adoption of the present Constitution, and this assumed sovereign capacity to negotiate a treaty which shall adjudge and settle the jurisdiction of crimes committed on the waters of the Mississippi River where it forms the boundary line between them, as well as in those places which have been cut off from the main body of their respective States by the shifting channels of the Mississippi River.

It is claimed that at several points, notably Beulah Island, in Bolivar County; Lake Jackson, in Washington County, and Centennial Island, at Vicksburg, the river by making cutoffs has left these small tracts disconnected from their original jurisdiction, and that the due process of law has therefore been seriously hampered. When these bends were first cut off the original channel began to fill and soon became in fact a part of the main land of the opposite shore, and being thus separated so completely from their original States they became veritable parcels of no man's land where the wicked flee to when the Sheriff pursueth.

Back in 1784, according to Representative Humphreys, Virginia and Maryland, before they had surrendered any of their powers to the then unborn government of the United States, entered into a treaty by the terms of which they were to exercise concurrent jurisdiction "of all piracies, murders and other crimes," committed on the waters of the Potomac River where it formed the boundary line between them.

The Supreme Court of the United States, Mr. Humphreys says, has declared this compact still in force, and it is being insisted that there is ample constitutional authority for Congress now to empower any of the States, to enter into a similar agreement. If the resolution is agreed to we will witness the unique spectacle of plenipotentiaries from these States of the Union assembling in dignity to negotiate a solemn treaty between their respective sovereignties.

THE OLD FASHIONED MOTHER.

"Thank God, some of us have and others have had, an old fashioned mother. Not a woman of the period enameled and painted with her great chignon, her curls and bustle; whose white jeweled hands never have felt the clasp of her baby fingers; but a dear old fashioned sweet voiced mother, with eyes in which the love-light shone, and brown hair threaded with silver, lying smooth upon her faded cheek. Those dear hand worn with toil, gently guided our tottering steps to childhood, and smoothed our pillow in sickness, even reaching out to us in yearning tenderness, when her sweet spirit was baptized in the pearly spray of the river. Blessed is the memory of an old fashioned mother. It floats to us now like the beautiful perfume of some woodland blossom. The music of other voices may be lost but the entrancing memory of her's will echo in our souls forever. Other places will fade away and be forgotten, but her's will shine on until the light from Heaven's portals shall glorify our own."

Sometimes we really think that life is not worth contending for, as many of us do. We see the very men many times that we fight, bleed and almost die for—men who should be true as steel—the first ones to turn the "cold shoulder" to us, and do all in their power to undo and unhorse us in the very things, seemingly, they should not do. And on the other hand, many times, we see men to whom we have never extended a favor—and they really do not expect us to—to do us favor after favor, when we know that they expect no favor in return. All in all, after our many trials, troubles and tribulations, our every effort in the mad rush to gain this world's goods, we all meet on one common level at the final reckoning, each one getting a 3x5 in a cemetery; some in the shaded and well kept ones; others of us in the pauper's home of the dead—there to remain until we all shall be judged by the greatest of all Judges.

Substituted Trustee's Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon and vested in me by the terms and provisions of the instrument herein mentioned, and my appointment in writing as substituted trustee in the place and stead of A. R. Raff, the trustee named in those two certain deeds of trust executed by A. Raff, one in favor of the Bank of Greenwood, and by it transferred to the First National Bank of Greenwood, of Greenwood, Mississippi, dated March 7th, 1904, and recorded in book 32, at page 46, of the record of land deeds of Leflore County, Mississippi, and the other in favor of the said First National Bank of Greenwood, dated February 21, 1905, and recorded in book 32, at page 110, of the record of land deeds of said county, my appointment as such substituted trustee in each of said deeds of trust being dated January 7th, 1909, and recorded in book 2 at page 152 of the record of mortgages and deeds of trust on land of said county; and my appointment in writing as substituted trustee in the place and stead of H. F. McShane, the trustee named in those two certain deeds of trust, one executed by A. Raff, dated February 1st, 1906, and recorded in book 39, at page 86, of the record of land deeds of said county, and the other executed by A. Raff and Pearl Raff, his wife, dated April 18th, 1907, and recorded in book 1, at page 344 of the record of mortgages and deeds of trust on land of said county, my appointment as such substituted trustee in each of said deeds of trust being dated January 7, 1909, and recorded in book 2 at page 152 of the record of mortgages and deeds of trust on land of said county; and my appointment in writing as substituted trustee in the place and stead of O. L. Kimbrough, the trustee named in that certain deed of trust executed by A. Raff and Pearl Raff, his wife, dated March 7th, 1904, and recorded in book 1, page 574, of the record of mortgages and deeds of trust on land of said county, my appointment as such substituted trustee in said last named deed of trust being dated December 21st, 1908, and recorded in book 2, page 129, of the record of mortgages and deeds of trust on land of said county; I, W. E. Manahan, as substituted trustee as aforesaid, in each and all of the aforesaid deeds of trust, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness mentioned in and secured by said deeds of trust, and in order to pay the said indebtedness, will, at the request of the said First National Bank of Greenwood, the owner and holder thereof, within legal hours, at the front door of the Court House of said county, in the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1909, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property situated in Range 2 West, in Leflore County, Mississippi, to-wit:

E and E of W of Sec. 11; N E of Sec. 14; E of S E of Sec. 18; N of S E and N E of Sec. 19; All that part of the S of N W lying West of Quiver river and the N of N W of Sec. 20; and the N E of Sec. 28, all in T. 20; The N W of S E and N W of S E of Sec. 22; the N W of N E and S W of S W and N of S W of Sec. 27; N of N W and N W of N E of Sec. 28; all in T. 21.

Witness my signature this 8th day of January, 1909.

W. E. MANAHAN,
Substituted Trustee.

Administrator's Sale.

In the matter of the estate of W. H. Morgan, deceased, by A. McC. Kimbrough, administrator. No. 1736.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by a decree of the Hon. Percy Bell, Chancellor of the 7th Chancery Court District, rendered on the 5th day of June, 1906, and a decree of Hon. G. G. Lyell, Chancellor of the 4th Chancery Court District of Mississippi, rendered on the 7th day of July, 1906: (The Chancellor of the 7th district being absent from the state); I will, as administrator of the above estate, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1909, within the hours prescribed by law, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the East Door of the Court House of Leflore County, Mississippi, the following lands in said county, to-wit:

Lots 3, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11 of Block 1; Lots 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of Block 2; Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 20 of Block 3; Lots 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 21 of Block 4; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 of Block 5; Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Block 6; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11 of Block 7; Lot 4 of Block 9; All of Blocks 10, 11, E. and C; All of said property lying and being in the Town of Morgan, which is situated in the S. E. of Sec. 20, T. 18, R. 2 W., in said County, as shown by map of said town filed in the Chancery Clerk's office of said county, and recorded in Map Book No. 1, Page 15.

This January 6th, 1909.

A. McC. KIMBROUGH,
Administrator.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were granted to the undersigned on the estate of Andy Greenlee, deceased, on the 11th day of December, 1908, by the Chancery Court of Leflore County, Mississippi, and all persons holding claims against the said estate are required to have same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court. A failure to probate and register the claim within one year from said date will bar the claim.

CORA GREENLEE,
Administratrix.

J. W. BRADFORD, Attorney.

THE CHARTER OF

Incorporation of Tallahatchie Furniture Manufacturing Company.

1. The corporate title of said company is Tallahatchie Furniture Manufacturing Company.
2. The names of the incorporators are: M. C. Humphrey, postoffice Greenwood, Mississippi.
W. R. Humphrey, postoffice Greenwood, Mississippi.
Gid. Montjoy, Jr., postoffice Greenwood, Mississippi.
W. T. Loggins, postoffice Greenwood, Mississippi.
S. L. Gwin, postoffice Greenwood, Mississippi.
E. L. Moulter, postoffice Greenwood, Mississippi.
3. The domicile is at Greenwood, Mississippi.
4. Amount of capital stock fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00).
5. The par value of shares is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
6. The period of existence is fifty years.
7. The purpose for which it is created is: To engage in the manufacture of furniture and mattresses of all kinds and to buy and sell materials and commodities incident to or, in the discretion of its board of directors, necessary or proper for the successful conduct of said business, and for such purpose may acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, erect, maintain and operate one or more manufacturing plants, warehouses and other property.

Said corporation may organize and begin business whenever twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) of the capital stock is subscribed. The first meeting of the subscribers may be held at any time on five days notice in writing mailed to each of the subscribers at their respective postoffice addresses.

The board of directors shall consist of not less than three nor more than seven of the stockholders, to be determined from time to time by the stockholders, and shall be elected annually, holding office, however, until their successors are elected. The management and control of the business and affairs of said corporation shall be vested in the board of directors, who may, except where otherwise provided by the laws of Mississippi, or by the by-laws of said corporation, exercise all of the rights, powers and privileges conferred upon or vested in said corporation as fully and completely as might the stockholders, and, except where prohibited by law or the by-laws of said corporation, may delegate such powers to the president, vice-president or secretary and treasurer of said corporation.

The officers of said corporation shall be a president, a vice-president, and a secretary and treasurer, but any one or more of said offices may be held by the same person. All officers shall be elected by the board of directors and shall hold office at the will of said board.

8. The rights and powers that may be exercised by this corporation are those conferred by the provisions of Chapter 24, Mississippi Code, 1906.

M. C. HUMPHREY,
W. R. HUMPHREY,
GID. MONTJOY, JR.,
W. T. LOGGINS,
S. L. GWIN,
E. L. MOULTER,
Incorporators.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

State of Mississippi,
County of Leflore.

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, M. C. Humphrey, W. R. Humphrey, Gid. Montjoy, Jr., W. T. Loggins, S. L. Gwin, E. L. Moulter, incorporators of the corporation known as the Tallahatchie Furniture Manufacturing Co., who acknowledged the above and foregoing articles of incorporation as their act and deed, on this 31st day of December, 1908.

JAS. H. RICHARDSON,
Notary Public.

Trustee's Sale.

By virtue of the authority vested in me in that certain deed of trust executed by S. S. Bradley on the 8th day of August, 1907, to secure the payment of a certain indebtedness therein mentioned to the First National Bank of Greenwood, Mississippi, which deed of trust is duly recorded in book 8, page 87, of the record of mortgages and deeds of trust on lands of Leflore county, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made, default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness therein mentioned due and unpaid, and at the request of the holder and owner of said indebtedness, I, the undersigned, named as trustee in said deed of trust, will proceed to sell, to satisfy said indebtedness due and unpaid, at public outcry, on Saturday, January 9th, A. D. 1909, within legal hours, front in of the court house door in the city of Greenwood, Leflore county, Mississippi, the property in said deed of trust described as follows, to-wit:

Lot (9) nine in block (26) twenty-six of the Henry Addition to the City of Greenwood, Mississippi.
Witness my signature this, the 15th day of December, A. D. 1908.

H. F. McSHANE, Trustee.

Citation.

State of Mississippi,
Leflore County.

To Taylor Green Grain Company:
You are commanded to appear before W. E. Rhidder, Justice of the Peace of the 2nd Precinct, Leflore county, Mississippi, at Leflore, Miss., on the 6th day of January, 1909, to defend the suit in said court of C. R. Price and others, wherein you are a defendant.

That the 10th day of Dec., 1908.

W. E. RHIDDER, J. P.

Substituted Trustee's Sale.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as substituted trustee in that certain deed of trust executed by Garfield Horton and his wife, Ella Horton, on the 11th day of July, 1908, in favor of the Delta Bank of Greenwood, Mississippi, which substitution is of record on page 129, book 2 of the records of Leflore County, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness mentioned in said deed of trust, I will, at the request of the holder and owner of said indebtedness, proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours, in front of the court house door in the City of Greenwood, Leflore County, Mississippi, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1909, the following described property, to-wit:

South east quarter of the south west quarter of Section 13, less 5 acres off of the north end thereof, of the north east quarter of the north west quarter of Section 24; also 5 acres off of the north end of the south east quarter of the north west quarter of Section 24. All in Township 19, Range 1 East, Leflore county, Mississippi.

Also the following described personal property, to-wit: 1 black horse mule named Lommon, about seven years old, 1 black mare mule, named Daisy, about ten years old, and one roan horse named Dock about seven years old.

Said sale will be made to satisfy said indebtedness and all costs.

Witness my hand this, the 30th day of December, 1908.

ROBERT WILSON,
Substituted Trustee.

Petition for Pardon.

To His Excellency Honorable E. F. Noel, Governor of Mississippi.

Ed Parks et al, Petitioners.

We the undersigned petitioners respectfully show unto your Excellency that Ed Parks was convicted at the January, 1902, Term of the Circuit Court of Leflore County, Mississippi, of the murder of Gordon Jackson and sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

We further respectfully show that after inquiry among those who were familiar with the circumstances surrounding the killing and from those who have since investigated the matter, we are convinced that there is a grave doubt as to the guilt of the said Ed Parks and in our opinion the said Ed Parks was acting in self defense.

We further respectfully show that the said Ed Parks being an illiterate negro without means, no appeal was taken to the Supreme Court; that the said Parks was immediately sent to the penitentiary; that he has been during the majority of the time since his conviction on the state farm at Parchman; and that during the whole of his imprisonment his conduct has been exemplary.

We further respectfully show that in any event we are of the opinion that the ends of justice have been fully met by the long term which he has already served, and we therefore respectfully pray your Excellency to grant a pardon unto the said Ed Parks.

ED. PARKS,
J. P. JOINER,
J. D. DILLARD,
and others.

Petition for Pardon.

To His Excellency, E. F. Noel, Governor of the State of Mississippi:

Your petitioner, William Boone, would show to your honor that he was convicted on the charge of manslaughter, on an indictment for murder, at the June Term, 1903, of the circuit court of Leflore county, Mississippi, and sentenced to the penitentiary for the term of 20 years; and your petitioner, who is a negro, now most humbly requests that he be pardoned:

1st.—Because the ends of justice have been met in the punishment already meted out to him;
2nd.—Because the best interests of the State will be conserved by granting this pardon.

Most respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM BOONE,
By POLLARD & HAMNER,
Attorneys.

Bankruptcy Notice.

In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Mississippi.

In the matter of M. Alexander, bankrupt. J. L. in bankruptcy.

To the Creditors of M. Alexander, of Greenwood, Miss., in the County of Leflore and District aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the day of January 4th, 1909, the said M. Alexander was duly adjudged bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at Greenwood, Miss., at the office of Gardner & Whittington, attorneys, on the day of January 19th, 1909, at 11 o'clock a.m., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

F. M. WRIST,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

Notice to Contractors.

ROADS IN BEAT NO. ONE.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Leflore county at their regular February meeting, 1909, at the court house in the city of Greenwood, for the working of the public roads of District No. 1, of said county. Said roads to be worked according to plans and specifications on file with the chancery clerk, the Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Given under my hand and seal, this 6th day of January, 1909.

C. W. CROCKETT, Clerk.
By E. P. CHATAM, D. C.

Strayed or Stolen.

One Bay Mare, about seven years old, 15 hands high, split in right ear, shod in front.

Liberal reward for return or information leading to her recovery.

Notify ERNEST STARKLEY, Jan. 4, 1909, Greenwood, Miss.

Pointer Bitch Strayed.

From my residence on Christmas day one white and liver-colored Pointer Bitch, with clipped tail and wearing a collar with ring in it. Suitable reward will be paid for information leading to her recovery.

R. T. JONES, Greenwood, Miss.

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