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WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

Edgar Harris of Laurel in explaining why Laurel lost out in her contest with Greenwood for the meeting of the Mississippi Press Association, quotes the Vicksburg Herald as saying:

"The editor of the Daily Commonwealth made a promise which a number of the members trust he will live up to, if they would only come to Greenwood. They took the chance."

And then he very uncharitably adds:

"Maybe this explains the fact that the editors so politely and positively declined the invitation to come to the city of Laurel. Since we come to think of it, Editor Gillespie winked at Guy Clark and Charlie Harris when we were praising Laurel's splendid artesian water."

Now what the Clarion-Ledger wants to know it, just what has Jim Gillespie done anyway to be so suspected?—Jackson Clarion-Ledger.

Guy Clark and Charlie Harris must both be capable of hearing a wink at long range—if we happened to force a wink on the day the Board of Governors met in Jackson to name a meeting place for the editors of the State in 1921, inasmuch as the editor of The Daily Commonwealth was unavoidably prevented from being present. However, our friends Clark and Harris, are men of good judgment and decided that Greenwood artesian water was so much better than Laurel's it might be better to "take a chance" on coming to the Queen City of the Delta.

THE STATE PRESS.

The Mississippi Press Association will hold its 1921 convention at Greenwood, instead of at Yazoo City, as originally planned. Yazoo City was selected as the next place of meeting at the close of the 1920 convention, held at Gulfport last May. But delay in the construction of a new hotel has rendered it impossible for Yazoo City to entertain the editors, and Greenwood has graciously volunteered to act as host. The decision to hold the next convention at Greenwood was made at a meeting of the Board of Governors held in Jackson, Saturday, and will doubtless meet with the hearty endorsement of the membership generally. Greenwood is a thriving Delta city, with ample facilities and a citizenship noted for its hospitality.—Jackson News.

Grover Cleveland once said: "Of the wonders that I have seen during my life none has quite so impressed me as the reserve power of the Democratic party, which seems to have the elements of earthly immortality. Whatever your own party may do it is always a mistake to vote for a Republican."

Last year money was the cheapest thing on the market and you could trade a dollar for but little. This fall the "Iron Man" has come into his own and he has reduced all kinds of merchandise to the level he occupied last year.—Sunflower Tocsin.

The job hunter is again with us. He is at all times most welcome but he has been very much a stranger for a number of years. As a buster of the labor trust, and a fellow for giving the employer a chance, he is indispensable.—Sunflower Tocsin.

Special sales galore are now on everywhere—but a great many more will follow. If conditions don't improve materially, special sales will continue for three or four months. It will take rock-bottom prices to get ready cash from people during this crisis.

It will take more than the present low price of cotton and the depressed business situation to keep Greenwood and Leflore county at a standstill. Our people will soon adjust things to meet the conditions and begin to prosper again.

A Democratic administration has given the southern agriculturist the most prosperous era he has ever enjoyed. We shall now see what the south will receive at the hands of a Republican administration.

The Delta planter should take no chances next year in not planting plenty of food crops. If Mississippi will produce her own corn, hay and meat, the low price of cotton will have less terror for us.

Cut your cotton acreage and raise enough feedstuff for home consumption next year. This is the only real solution of the problem which now confronts this section.

The announcement of Congressman Humphreys that he would make the race for Governor three years hence met with much favor throughout Mississippi.

Among other things to be realized from the re-adjustment period is a greater degree of efficiency. The man who does not do his work well next year may soon find himself out of a job.

One judges from this season's flights of oratory that the politicians are after the platitudes record.

SERIOUS CONDITIONS IN THE SOUTH.

Every element of the community is feeling the effects of deflation in some degree. It would be difficult to say just what is feeling it the least, but there can be no doubt as to which is suffering the most. There need no longer be any failure to appreciate the fact that the South has been placed in a most serious situation thru the collapse of cotton values. From 40 cents to 15 cents a pound is far too great a reduction to be logical or natural. Cotton could not expect to escape a certain amount of deflation along with all other commodities, but there is no reason why it should undergo a reduction of 62 1-2 per cent in price against 20 to 30 per cent in other commodities. It means that the pendulum has swung too far in the other direction; and that in the course of time there must be a comeback before the true balance is determined.

During the period of this low valuation those having bills against the South must, for their own sake, if not for any less selfish motive, grant all the clemency to their Southern debtors that can possibly be extended. Thousands of persons who were perfectly solvent in the spring are now bankrupt so far as the relationship of assets and liabilities is concerned, and would be bankrupt in fact if called upon to pay their debts at this time. So far as these people are concerned, something resembling a moratorium should be put into effect. The cotton people of the South are in the position where, in a great many instances, they are face to face with ruin if outstanding financial obligations are enforced. If, on the other hand, they can be treated with the utmost leniency, there is a strong probability that cotton will recover sufficiently to enable them to come through with a minimum of loss.

As a matter of fact, some of them have already gone into bankruptcy and others are likely to follow. Private reports from the South indicate very clearly that the North has no conception of what the conditions really are below the Mason and Dixon line. These reports now state that the present price of cotton does not even pay the fertilizer bills, and that in some instances the cotton cannot be picked because it is not possible to get enough money to pay the pickers.

If conditions are as bad as these reports state, and there is no reason to doubt their veracity, it will mean that some special action will have to be taken to meet the situation. The pleas that these cotton farmers made in Washington recently met with scant sympathy, because theoretically there seemed to be no reason why the cotton farmers should be singled out for special assistance any more than any of the other agricultural interests. Yet if disaster threatens such a large part of the country territorially, in such an important industry as cotton, it is to the interest of rest of the country to adopt whatever special measures may be necessary to minimize its effects.

Some of these private reports emphasize the seriousness of the situation as it has already developed. Negroes are leaving the fields in large numbers because there is no money to pay them. Young people who thought they at last had an opportunity to realize their ambitions for college careers are being called home from college because the money has given out. In some of the rural communities schools are being closed and children sent home because there is no money to pay the teachers.

The collapse in cotton values is not because they were unduly inflated. On the most conservative basis this crop has cost approximately 30 cents to make. The Government estimates the cost much higher, placing it at 28 cents in 1918, and the expectation that it would be one-third higher in 1919, making it 37 cents. The cost of everything the farmer has had to pay for that enters into the cost of making cotton, increased along with the price of cotton itself, so that even at its maximum price it did not leave a very large margin. Its collapse to a 15-cent basis for middling, therefore leaves him unable to pay his bills contracted earlier in the season.

Based upon the world's requirements, if the world were able to pay for its cotton, the price might even reach 60 cents a pound. Based upon the requirements of that portion of the world which is still able to pay, cotton could easily reach 30 cents. Based upon domestic requirements alone, cotton is worth considerably more than its present valuation.

As matters now stand the public has stopped buying cotton goods because it could not afford to pay the high prices asked, and latterly because it has believed prices were going lower. This is a period of readjustment. It is a transition period, full of inequalities and abnormalities. If the South can manage to hold fast for a little while longer, there will probably come a recovery that will avert much of the threatened disaster.—New York Commercial.

The newly rich of last year are fading like frost before a July sun as "pay day" approaches. They are rapidly going to the anti-cline, where the oil magnates, those of numerous telegrams fame, have been for some time past.—Sunflower Tocsin.

Really, Clarice, your 200 and odd pounds should in no way discourage your matrimonial prospects. Dispatches tell us that out in California, Alma, weight 725, invigled John, weight 155, into locking up for life.

Spotlighting isn't new in Congresswoman Robertson who has been the highest paid woman employe of the interior department; the first woman first class postmaster, and the organizer of two D. A. R. chapters.

COTTON GROWERS BANKERS AND THE MERCHANTS

WILL HOLD BIG CONVENTION IN MEMPHIS, DEC. 7-8, 1920, TO DISCUSS THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Hon. Thos. B. King, Secretary of the Memphis Cotton Convention Committee, has issued the following urgent request for all interested to attend the Cotton Convention to be held in Memphis, December 7-8, 1920, which is self-explanatory:

"The issue has been made; the contest is on. We can no longer dodge behind private interests in order to escape the hurtful blows. The banker and the merchant cannot assume the attitude of an onlooker, arrogating to themselves safety and security, while the fight is on. They are now in, heart and soul with the farmers, in an organized effort that must and will move solidly and continuously until relief can be obtained."

"It can be done and it will be done. Salvation from financial ruin demands it; the social, educational and religious betterment of the entire country requires it. There has never been therefore, a need so imperative and so great but what a remedy has been found. Our people are wise enough, and big enough to work out their own salvation, and to bring to themselves an era of sane farming and correct financing."

"It is believed that this will be done without a doubt at the Cotton Convention to be held in Memphis, December 7-8, 1920. The greatest constructive minds of the entire South will be in attendance to confer and work out a plan that will be simple yet comprehensive."

"There is not an over production, as all will admit, although there may be an inability of certain portions of the world to buy and pay for the raw material. There is therefore, no apparent need for the world to be without clothing, and the cotton producing states of the United States to sustain financial losses, and that is the reason why you are called together to confer."

"We have not the time to sit down and find fault with the failures of the past, whatever the causes might have been. Speedy action, all together, with not a thought of let up is what is needed. This is not a cry of wolf, when there is no wolf; he is at every door in the South."

"We are expecting the governors and agricultural commissioners of every Southern state in which cotton is grown; the bankers, merchants and farmers from every town, city and county in the South to attend."

TWO ROBBERIES IN GREENWOOD

J. Kantor's Show Window Robbed And Swift & Co., Packing House Entered.

Two robberies were committed in Greenwood during Saturday night, when the show window of Mr. Jake Kantor was broken and clothing stolen and the store room of Swift & Co., was robbed of a number of hams.

Mr. Kantor stated that his store was closed Saturday night about midnight and that the robbery occurred between that hour and day light. The plate glass 8 by 12 feet, valued at between \$400 and \$500 was broken. The thief reached in the window and obtained the following articles: a seventy five dollar men's suit, two velvet hats worth \$15 each, a pair of shoes valued at \$20.

Someone entered the Swift & Co., store through the rear door and a number of hams were stolen.

CHARLESTON DEFEATS ITTA BENA.

ITTA BENA, Miss., Nov. 25.—The Charleston High School football team played the Itta Bena Consolidated High School team here this morning. The game was quite a spirited contest, the score resulting in favor of Charleston, fourteen to six.

Negro Brakeman Sustains Crushed Foot

ITTA BENA, Miss., Nov. 29.—Jemison Armstead, colored, brakeman on train No. 73 of the C. & G. R. R., while making a coupling yesterday at Valley Hill, got his foot crushed to such an extent that it was necessary to amputate. He was rushed to a hospital in Greenwood, and the operation performed there.

William Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woods on College Street, who has been ill for many weeks with Bright's Disease is much improved and is now able to sit up, which will be good news to his many friends. The little fellow has received many flowers and delicacies during his illness and these courtesies were greatly appreciated.

REAL ESTATE MAN IS ENTHUSIASTIC

Feels Better Now Than In 28 Years —"Nothing Beats Tanlac." He Says.

"Nothing in the world can beat Tanlac as a medicine," said A. F. Barr, of 4615 Park Blvd., San Diego, Cal. Mr. Barr is one of the best known and most highly esteemed real estate, loan and insurance men of San Diego.

"I am feeling better and stronger than for twenty-eight years," he said, "and I can't make my endorsement of Tanlac too strong."

"My troubles started with indigestion and gas on my stomach, then my nerves went to pieces and at times I couldn't bear people talking in my presence. Nothing I could do seemed to help me and I remained in this condition twenty-two years. I couldn't sleep at night; my stomach swelled up with gas after nearly every meal and I became so weak I had to give up my business almost entirely. I tried everything I knew of but it didn't even give temporary relief."

"One day my doctor said: 'Why don't you try Tanlac? I believe it will help you.' I acted on his suggestion at once and before I finished the first bottle I was astonished at the way I improved. I kept on getting better right along until now I am a well man, after suffering more than a quarter of a century. I eat anything, my stomach and nerves are in excellent shape and I have more strength and energy than for twenty-five years. My recovery is the talk of the neighbors, and if anyone doubts this tell them to see me or write me."

Tanlac is sold in Greenwood by all leading druggists.

Car Mrs. J. L. Foley Burns At Itta Bena

ITTA BENA, Miss., Nov. 29.—Mrs. J. L. Foley, happened to the misfortune yesterday afternoon of having her big six Studebaker car burn. The fire is thought to be out before much damage was done, and the car left on the highway just out of town. But last night it burned up entirely, as the blaze was not out when left, as thought. The loss is covered by insurance.

Six Weeks Old Baby Girl Died Saturday

Nell Frances, the six weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pearce, died Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of the parents on Dewey Street. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the family residence. Dr. W. C. Tyree, pastor of the Baptist Church, conducted the service. Burial was made in the Old Fellows Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Dr. E. E. Bullock, W. T. Young, R. T. Crutchfield, G. E. Borsch, H. G. Flanagan and M. Y. Aldridge.

The Daily Commonwealth joins with the many friends of the family in extending sincere sympathy.

Millions for a New Stomach

One of the greatest American millionaires said to his physician, "A million dollars, Doctor, spot cash and no grumbling, for a new stomach," and then the sick man groaned and turned away. All his wealth could not make him happy or contented, for happiness largely depends upon digestion. Without health where does happiness come in? After all the stomach plays a great part in everyday life. Without a healthy stomach and good digestion our blood is thin, watery and poor, our heart action is weak, our liver does not do its duty, and man is miserable and unhappy. Prevent disease by putting the house in order and strengthening the system against the germs of disease.

Dr. Pierce, of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., years ago understood diseases and their prevention, and he discovered certain roots and herbs which were nature's remedies, and succeeded in putting them up in a form that could be easily procured at the drug store (liquid or tablets). This he called Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This Discovery gives no false stimulation because it contains no alcohol or any narcotic. It helps digestion and the assimilation of such elements in the food as are required for the blood. It gives to the blood the food elements the tissues require. For over fifty years it has enjoyed the confidence of the American public. Try it now!

MRS. BEN HUMPHREYS RECORD AT GOLF.

Mrs. Ben Humphreys one of the leading golfers of Memphis, established a new 18 hole record of 84 at the Greenwood Country Club recently. Her score is as follows:

Out 3-5-6-2-4-4-7-5-7-43
In 3-4-4-4-5-4-5-6-6-41
Total 84

Mr. E. M. Townes was here from Philipp on business yesterday.

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Colds & Headache

"For years we have used Black-Draught in our family, and I have never found any medicine that could take its place," writes Mr. H. A. Stacy, of Bradyville, Tenn. Mr. Stacy, who is a Rutherford County farmer, recommends Black-Draught as a medicine that should be kept in every household for use in the prompt treatment of many little ills to prevent them from developing into serious troubles.

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

"It touches the liver and does the work," Mr. Stacy declared. "It is one of the best medicines I ever saw for a cold and headache. I don't know what we would do in our family if it wasn't for Black-Draught. It has saved us many dollars. I don't see how any family can hardly go without it. I know it is a reliable and splendid medicine to keep in the house. I recommend Black-Draught highly and am never without it."

At all druggists.

Accept No Imitations

DELMIS CLUB GIVES DINNER.

The Delmis Club of this city entertained its members with a beautiful dinner Friday evening. The function took place at the Reiman House. Covers were laid for thirty two and the colors of the club were cleverly carried out in every detail. The centerpiece was a large gold basket, filled with yellow chrysanthemums.

The handle of the basket was tied with a butterfly bow of purple tulle. At each end of the table were smaller gold baskets, holding yellow chrysanthemums.

The table was lighted with the loveliest of yellow candles in brass candlesticks. The place cards were hand painted in yellow and purple and were tied with yellow and purple ribbons. At each guest's plate were dainty baskets in yellow and purple, holding salted almonds.

The ladies were presented corsage bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums and ferns, tied with purple tulle. The men were given button hole bouquets of violets.

An elaborate six course menu was faultlessly served.

Miss Betsie Forrester of Meridian, and Mr. Henry Parker were special guests of the club. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Moore were the chaperones. The guests and members present were: Misses Billie Free, Evelyn Thomas, Helen Kimball, Martha Barber, Lucille Ferguson, Martha Forrester, Betsie Forrester, Lonnie Bruce, and Lera Alexander and Messrs. Henry Parker, Albert Bealle, Marion Brown, Paul Hill, Wilton Weaver, Edward Tubbs, P. F. Alexander, Earl Whitehead and Alvin Gumbel.

ROTARIANS HOLD WEEKLY MEETING.

A key-note of optimism was sounded at the weekly gathering of the Rotarians last night at the Memorial Building, when the present business situation was the main topic for discussion. Nearly a one hundred per cent attendance was present and it was the consensus of opinion that the business conditions of today must be met in an optimistic manner and with patience until the crest has passed. Splendid and helpful suggestions were made by those present. Three of Al. G. Field's minstrel

MUST PERMIT DEMOCRATS TO FINISH TERMS

Unless This Is Done A Fight Be Made Against Appointments

PLAN PROPOSED BY PAT HARRISON

Conference By Minority To Be Held In Washington.

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 27.—The new Republican administration must permit the Democratic office holders to complete terms for which they were commissioned or the Democratic minority in the Senate will fight against the confirmation of all presidential appointments, if the plan proposed by Senator Harrison of Mississippi, is put into effect. Mr. Harrison announced today he would endeavor to secure a conference of the Democratic minority in Washington next week, to consider the matter.

Mr. J. N. McLeod, of Jackson, was in the city a few hours yesterday.

Drive your car around and let us fill your Radiator with Alcohol. Schilling Auto Co.

men were guests of the club and they rendered numbers of musical selections which were greatly enjoyed. Their accompaniments were played by Miss Lizzie Hoover. The singing by the Rotarians was heartily joined by all present and was led by Miss Jane Casey who was assisted by Miss Gladys Bacon. An excellently prepared dinner was graciously served by the ladies of the Episcopal Guild.