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A GREAT MEETING OF GREATER CITIZENS AT THE TOWN HALL LAST NIGHT

Associated Charities of Washington is Launched With a Charter Membership of Eighty one. A Goodly Number is Pledged and a Number Signed in Blank That They Might Have Time to Consider as to What Amount to Contribute

In pursuance to a call for a mass meeting of the citizens of Washington to assemble at the city hall last night to organize an associated charities, a body of representative citizens, both ladies and gentlemen, were there, and, judging by the interest manifested, and the responsive call for membership, we may safely assume that our city is alive to the situation, and when we shall recount at the close of 1912 the steps of progress made by the city during the year, the Associated Charities will be among the number that will illumine the pages of her history.

At the hour of opening, Hon. Collin Harding, mayor of the city, called upon the Rev. H. B. Searight, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, to open the meeting with prayer. The minister in his invocation asked for a blessing upon those who had successfully wrought the work of the association to its present stage and involved Divine guidance to its ultimate formation. After which the mayor explained the purposes of the meeting briefly, stating that a lengthy detail was not desirable as the citizens had been advised through the press fully as to its object. He then read letters from Captain John L. Roper, president of the United Charities of Norfolk; President Stephenson of the Raleigh Associated Charities, and the Constitution and By-laws of the latter. After the reading of these he stated that the committee appointed at a preliminary meeting had cards printed, leaving a blank to be filled would now be circulated for the signatures of all persons who wished to contribute to the cause and subscribe themselves as members. While these were being distributed a general discussion of the subject ensued, Miss

PROMINENT MEN MEET HORRIBLE DEATH ON TRAIN

JAS. T. HARAHAN, E. B. PIERCE, E. H. WRIGHT AND FRANK O. MELCHER, VICTIMS OF A HEAD-ON COLLISION ON THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

ONLY ONE OF THEM ESCAPED

MELCHER'S SECRETARY WAS ONLY ONE TO ESCAPE—SON OF FORMER SECRETARY OF WAR LUKE WRIGHT AMONG NUMBER KILLED—ENGINEER AND FIREMAN SLIGHTLY INJURED. COLLISION WAS VERY SIMILAR TO ONE IN WHICH THE LATE SAMUEL SPENCER, OF THE SOUTHERN, LOST HIS LIFE.

Centralia, Ill., Jan. 22.—James T. Harahan, Sr., former president of the Illinois Central Railroad; Frank O. Melcher, second vice-president of the Rock Island; E. B. Pierce, general solicitor of the Rock Island; and Eldridge E. Wright, son of Luke E. Wright, former secretary of war, were killed in a collision of two Illinois Central railroad trains at Kinmundy, Ill., twenty miles from here early today. Three trainmen were injured and the passengers were badly shaken up and bruised.

Train No. 35, New Orleans Express, was taking water at Kinmundy, at one o'clock, when train No. 3, Panama Limited, ran into the rear of No. 25. The killed were in Melcher's private car. Their bodies were found near the berths they occupied. Only one occupant of the private car Melcher's secretary, escaped. No. 3's engine plowed its way through the private car attached to No. 25 and was stopped by the steel coaches immediately preceding. The impact shoved the standing train a distance down the tracks, although the brakes were locked.

The engineer and fireman of the Limited were slightly injured, but were able to take the train south as soon as the wreckage was cleared away. Three relief trains left Centralia soon after the wreck, intending to bring the injured and dead here. The Limited carried sleeping cars exclusively, and withstood the terrific smashing. The express was composed of coaches built of steel. The two trains were due to pass south of Centralia, but because No. 25 was late, No. 3 met it at Kinmundy. It is said no flagman went back from No. 35 to head-off No. 3. Harahan recently retired from the Illinois Central presidency on a pension. Kinmundy's residents all opened their doors to succor the injured soon after the wreck.

Engineer Stuart and Fireman Vert were the trainmen of the Limited who were injured. The bodies of the dead were taken to Chicago. The cause of the wreck is ascribed to scarcity of water along the road. A special order makes it necessary for all trains to take water at Kinmundy. The freight train which took water before the express held the express longer than usual.

Stuart and Vert were trainmen lately put on a passenger train. They were formally of the freight crew. It is believed they forgot for misunderstanding orders for all trains to take water. No. 35's flagman did not have time to flag the Limited.

Young Harahan on the Way. Chicago, Jan. 22.—W. J. Harahan, Harahan's son, vice president of the Rock Island, with headquarters in New York, was notified of his father's death. Harahan is now on the way here. Mrs. Harahan is at the family home here. Before marriage to Harahan she was Miss Mary Mallory of Memphis. Tans Harahan became the Illinois Central president in 1908 through E. H. Harahan's influence, after the latter's death. Harahan came from the agency.

Entertained at Dinner.

Mr. Edward Luther Marrel was the genial host to a six course dinner yesterday evening at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. M. Dunay. Covers were laid for eight. The guests were: Dr. John Rodman, Carl Richardson, Fred Ayers, Chas. Morton, Janis Foster, John Gurnham, A. M. Dunay.

ON THRONE SIXTY-THREE YEARS



All Austria-Hungary recently celebrated the sixty-third anniversary of the accession of Emperor Francis Joseph. The venerable monarch, who was born in 1830, is in fairly good health, but appears in public very rarely nowadays and can no longer indulge in the hunting expeditions he so much enjoyed.

GIVES DECALOGUE FOR HUSBANDS

Minister Tells Men How to Keep Their Homes Happy.

Brockton, Mass., Jan. 22.—The Rev. Albert Marion Hyde, who framed a decalogue for wives several weeks ago, gave ten "don'ts" for husbands in a sermon in the Porter Congregational church.

Here is the decalogue for husbands Mr. Hyde guarantees will keep happiness in the home.

1. Don't forget and leave your little courtesies and general kindness at some hotel on your wedding trip. You will need them in the rest of life's journey. If the clerk's could forward ten years later some of the loving endearments left behind at their hotels it would prevent many a divorce action.
2. Don't unbosom yourself about your family troubles to your neighbor, to your partner, to your partner's wife, to your stenographer, to your college friends, to a male member of your club or even to a brother or sister in your church; fight it out with your wife alone even if it takes all summer. Only those in high society can afford to give their family troubles to the multitude.
3. Don't arrange for your second marriage before your wife is dead.
4. Don't support the wife and children of the saloonkeeper at the expense of your own wife and children.
5. Don't have nervous prostration when your wife asks you to go out with her for an evening to her musicals, or her club, or to see her friends, or even to a church social; it is hard on a woman to be a grass widow all the time.
6. Don't make your wife a stranger to your cheek book.
7. Don't make your wife a peck towe, harassed to the kitchen stove, be wash tub and the mending bag; he eight hour man with the 18-hour wife needs to unloose his home.
8. Don't carry all your religion in your wife's name.
9. Don't overlook the fact that he degrades of himself by the use of the auto.
10. Don't forget that the happiest spot on earth is your home. Your wife may not be an angel; you could be lonesome if she were. Angels would be hard to live with; yes are much better. Live in the home sunshine and its glory of it.

Being as how the bookworm is bound the only ailment that is being eased free these days, it would not be a bad idea to become inoculated, to see how it feels to be thus treated.

SOCIAL CLEANINGS AND OTHER NOTES

Gathered by Our Aurora Correspondent—Interesting News Notes.

Friday evening, Jan. 12, Mrs. W. H. Hooker entertained the Le Livre Club at her home on Bridge street. A sketch of Robert Burns' life was read by Mrs. L. T. Thompson and Mr. R. T. Bonner read a selection from Burns. The literary program being concluded, the club members joined in an Alphabet contest in which Mrs. L. T. Thompson won first prize and Mrs. Staley, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. W. A. Thompson and Mr. R. T. Bonner tied for the booby. Mr. Bonner won after drawing. Delicious refreshments were then served. At 10:30 the guests departed, voting Mrs. Hooker a delightful hostess.

Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 17, at 3:30, at the home of the bride, near Aurora, Mr. Crosby, rector of the Episcopal church, united in marriage Mr. J. F. Clayton and Mrs. Sudie Peed. Their friends extend best wishes for a long and happy life.

Friday evening, Jan. 19, Dr. and Mrs. Staley most delightfully entertained by giving a 42 party. The guests played 42 for quite a while, then Mrs. Staley and Miss Coward gave several charming musical selections. After which a delightful salad course was served. At 11:30 the guests departed, voting Mrs. Staley a most charming hostess. The following couples were present: Mr. J. T. Wilkiness and Miss Sallie Broom, Mr. G. H. Joyner and Miss Mista Bonner, Dr. S. S. Coe and Miss Sude Moore, Mr. W. Hartwell and Miss Nan Coward.

Saturday Mr. John Bland came very near losing his home near Aurora for fire. He did not succeed in subduing the fire until his home was badly damaged.

The new pastor of the Methodist church preached a very fine sermon Sunday morning to a large and attentive congregation.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE, NIX SAY VIRGINIANS

Richmond, Va., Jan. 22.—The House Committee on Privileges and Elections of the General Assembly today decided to reject a bill changing the constitution of Virginia so that women may be permitted to vote. The action of the committee was practically unanimous. It is not expected that the bill will come to a vote in either branch in view of the committee's report.

LOST! SOMEWHERE BETWEEN DAWN AND SUNSET A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY THE IDLER WILL BE CAUGHT

Lost, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, a golden opportunity. Who lost it? You, Mr. Reader, if you fail to pay your subscription to help one of the contestants. You, Miss Contestant, during the time when you failed to call on Mr. Subscriber for help, and let the other fellow jump in ahead of you and get it. Do you realize how great the opportunity is? Or how many you are letting slide by unobserved? The Contest will close soon and the greatest of all opportunities will have passed. The time is here for good work, but it is fast fleeting, and the days you spent in vain imagination will be remembered when it is too late.

The days of the second bonus offer are going by. How many have you won? Have you tried to see how many of them you can get in a few hours work? If not try it. Its remarkable how many subscriptions one can get in a day, and its the wide-awake worker, who is piling up a bunch of reserve votes. Keep trying—keep going—and Success will be yours in the end.

For each twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) remitted for Subscriptions between the 15th and 30th of January, a Bonus of thirty-five thousand votes will be given.

GIRL MISSING SINCE OCTOBER IS FOUND

Her Halloween Companions Said Florence Vogel Jumped From Bridge—Body in Male Attire.

Easton, Pa., Jan. 22.—The body of Miss Florence Vogel, eighteen years old, of Allentown, who disappeared Oct. 30 last was found today in the Lehigh River at Island Park, two miles from here, by a watchman.

Miss Vogel, her fiancé, Emmett McBride; Raymond Houser and Luther Van Billard of South Bethlehem and Miss Edith Loh of Catasauqua composed a party masquerading on Halloween. They started across an old covered bridge between Bethlehem and South Bethlehem. When half way over Miss Vogel suddenly bade her friends goodbye, ran to a window and jumped out into the river. The supposition is that she and McBride had had a quarrel.

Search for the body was continued for two months. When found the body was in male attire, a suit belonging to McBride. The story of her companions, that she had jumped from the bridge, was doubted by some, who hold to the opinion that she had been kidnapped.

WHOLESALE MURDERS CHARGED TO RELIGIOUS FANATICS IN LOUISIANA

Twenty-six Negroes Have Fallen Victims to a Strange Sect in Louisiana—Head of "Sacrifice Church" Placed Under Arrest.

Lake Charles, La., Jan. 22.—The series of wholesale murders of negro families in this state, totaling 26 victims within the past twelve months, the last of which being the murder of an entire family of five of this place, Saturday night, are believed to have been the work of religious fanatics and the officers are holding Rev. King Harris, a negro preacher at Jennings, La., for further investigation. Harris heads a sect known as the "sacrifice church" and has succeeded in establishing a following in several Louisiana towns. The police do not charge him with any specific crime, but fear that he has worked his followers up to such a point of frenzy and religious fervor that the butcheries or "sacrifices" followed.

TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES MUST CARRY LIQUORS

Supreme Court Ruled on the Act as to Whether or Not They Shall Haul Beer From a Wet Territory to Dry. Washington, Jan. 22.—Beer is a commodity and railroads must carry it when offered for transportation, from one state into "dry" counties of another state regardless of the laws of the latter state. The Supreme Court of the United States made this ruling today regarding a proposed shipment from Indiana into "dry" counties.

URGE FARMERS TO GROW LESS COTTON

Durham Warehousemen Recommend That More Tobacco Be Planted.

Durham, Jan. 22.—A movement has been started by the Durham tobacco warehousemen, working in conjunction with the Commercial Club, to have the farmers in the vicinity of Durham abandon the production of cotton and devote all of their energies to the cultivation of tobacco.

Several years ago, when the prices of cotton went soaring, a large number of the farmers in the vicinity of Durham abandoned the cultivation of tobacco and took up cotton as their leading crop. The change reduced considerably the volume of tobacco sales on the Durham market. Now, that the price of cotton has been reduced and the price of tobacco raised, an attempt is being made to induce the farmers to return to tobacco-raising next season. Free tobacco seed is being distributed by the Commercial Club and men will be sent throughout the country districts to lay before the farmers the desirability of making a change in crops. Circulars are being sent out showing the relative cost of producing cotton and tobacco and the returns from each the past year.

VESSELS IN PORT.

The following vessels arrived during the night and early morning: Schooner Minnie Gertrude, Capt. W. S. Rice; from Leechville. Cargo general.

Boat Lucile, Capt. Silverthorn; from Wysocken Bay. Cargo general.

Steamer Shiloh, Capt. Wm. Farvis; from Tarboro.

The following vessels departed during the night:

Schooner Columbia, Capt. Z. C. Styron; for Hatteras.

Schooner Alma White, Capt. A. P. Oden; for Hatteras.

Schooner Lucretia, Capt. Stowe; for Englehard.

HANGED HIMSELF, BUT HE FROZE TO DEATH.

Rope Broke, Harko's Head Struck Stone, He Lay Unconscious and Zero Weather Finished Him.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 21.—Andrew Harko attempted to hang himself to a tree. The rope parted and he fell, striking his head on a sharp stone. He lay unconscious and froze to death in the zero weather. An autopsy by Coroner Lynch disclosed that exposure and not strangulation caused death.

Harko's body was found today in a quarry a half mile from his home. He had been missing for a week. The body lay under a tree with one end of the rope about the neck and the other dangling from an overhanging limb. It was evident that he jumped from a large boulder beneath the limb. When he fell he struck his head against a sharp end of the boulder.

Gets \$1,500 For Oyster Pearl.

Engel Lake, Tex., Jan. 22.—While eating an oyster A. T. Hillier found a pearl which he has just sold to a Houston jeweler for \$1,500.

CUMMINS ANNOUNCES HE IS A CANDIDATE

Willing to Enter a Free for All Race Congressman Promises Iowa Delegation.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa announced today that he will be a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

In making his entry into the presidential ring Senator Cummins gave out this signed statement:

"So much has been published in the newspapers, so much written and said to me concerning the presidential matter that I feel it to be my duty to make the Republicans of Iowa a plain statement upon the subject.

"Immediately upon my return from the last session of Congress I gave out through the press my opinion with regard to the Presidency. That opinion remains unaltered. The situation, however, has materially changed, and it now seems probable that more than two candidates for the nomination will be seriously considered by the National convention. Under those conditions if the Republicans of Iowa believe that I am a fit man to be presented to the National Convention as a candidate for the presidential nomination and desire to so present me, I will appreciate and accept their confidence as a most satisfying evidence of their continued faith in my purpose to serve, so long I can, the general welfare of the country.

(Signed)

"ALBERT B. CUMMINS."

Before making the announcement, a meeting of the Iowa delegation to Congress was held in the room of Mr. Cummins. The opinion was unanimous that the Senator should enter the race. He was assured that the Iowa delegation to the nomination convention steps were taken to have the necessary committee and were an aggressive fight for delegates.

CHAIRMAN MACK NAMES HIS COMMITTEES

Josephus Daniels Is Re-Elected From North Carolina—The Committee Who Will Have Charge of the Convention Arrangements in the Orle City.

New York, Jan. 22.—Chairman Norman H. Mack, of the Democratic National Committee, today announced the committee on arrangements for the Democratic National Convention to be held at Baltimore on June 25th.

According to a resolution adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its recent meeting at Washington, Chairman Mack, Vice Chairman Hall of Nebraska, and Secretary Urey Woodson of Kentucky, are ex-officio members of the committee on arrangements. These appointed by the chairman are:

Josephus Daniels, of North Carolina; Clark Howell, of Georgia; and John T. McIlwain, of West Virginia, representing the South Atlantic states.

M. M. Johnson of Texas, representing the Southwestern States.

Marlin J. Wade, of Iowa; Edwin D. Wood, of Michigan; Roger C. Sullivan, of Illinois; and Thomas Tamm, of Indiana, representing the Middle Western States.

Robert Ewing, of Louisiana, representing the Gulf States.

Robert Rudolph of New Jersey, and Thomas H. Brown, of Vermont, representing the Eastern and New England States.

Former Governor John E. Osborne, of Pennsylvania, representing the Rocky Mountain and Pacific coast States.

J. F. C. Talbot, of Maryland.

It is reported that the young man who was recently shot by his father, accidentally near Farmville, and was brought to the Washington hospital for treatment, died at that institution yesterday. An effort to verify the statement or to get any information from the hospital relative to it proved fruitless, and we are not in a position to give details.