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Grand Stand Seating 2,000 Persons Has Been Completed.—Exhibit Building Getting Finishing Touches

Everything at the Cabarrus County Fair grounds is rapidly taking shape, according to a statement made today by one of the officials of the Fair.

The last link in the race track was closed yesterday and this morning the finishing touches are being made on the race track. It will be given additional attention from time to time, and by the opening date for the Fair it promises to be as good as most race courses in this entire section.

A total of 85 stalls for horses has been completed and are now ready for service.

The grand stand, with a capacity of 2,000 persons, and a row of box seats in the front, has been finished.

The exhibit building, which is 50x150 feet in size, is now receiving its finishing touches, and will be turned over to the Fair officials the first of the coming week.

Sites for the stock barn, and for the hog barn have been marked off, and work on these will begin the first of next week. The poultry building is well underway, and unless something unforeseen occurs to cause a delay, it should be completed within the next ten days.

Material for the fence has now arrived, and work on construction of the fence is moving forward. The fence will be of heavy mesh wire, five feet in height, at the top of which will be three strands of barbed wire. The post holes have been dug, and workmen on Monday will begin putting up the wire.

Those in charge of the work at the Fair Ground are very enthusiastic over the progress which has been made, and declare that there will be nothing unfinished when the date arrives for the opening of the Fair. The official program has been issued and is being distributed by Dr. Spencer, and indications are that there will be many splendid exhibits from Cabarrus county on display.

THE POLITICAL OBSERVERS STUDY JOHNSON STATEMENT

Many See in It Forecast of Sharp Division in the Republican Party.

New York, July 26 (By the Associated Press).—Denunciation of President Harding's plan for America's entry into the world court which was emphasized last night in an address by Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, was studied closely by political observers today, many of whom saw in it a forecast of sharp division in the ranks of the Republican party.

Senator Johnson has been considered Presidential timber by many of his friends, and it was predicted that the dinner given in his honor last night would be occasion for launching a boom. Such, however, was not the case so far as any formal statements were concerned. There were several among the guests, however, who shouted at one time or another "Hiram in 1924."

It was indicated that Senator Johnson would carry his fight against the United States joining the world court, to various sections of the country. He insisted that the court had its genesis in the league of nations, and was still a part and parcel of the league.

FOUNDERS' FUND SOCIETY

Of the S. S. Board of M. E. Church, South, Launched at Lake Junaluska.

Lake Junaluska, July 26.—The Founders' Fund Society of the S. S. Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was launched here today when L. F. Sausbaugh, of Nashville, director of the Teacher Training Department, presented plans to establish such an organization.

The Society, it was explained, would be in commemoration of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church and of the establishment by him of a Sunday School in Savannah in 1736. Its object would be the erection and equipment of suitable buildings for leadership training schools of the Southern Assembly of the church here, and for its western assembly in Arkansas, and at such other places as the board may deem wise; the provision of camps for older boys and girls, and assistance for persons seeking to prepare for service in the field of religious education.

GOVERNOR MORRISON AT HENDERSONVILLE TODAY

Attends Ceremonies Marking Opening of New Water System.

Asheville, N. C., July 26.—Governor Cameron Morrison will attend the ceremonies marking the opening of a new water system at Hendersonville this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock but will not go to Hamlet for the Sandhills Peach Exposition at that place.

This announcement was made today by Miss Margaret Willis, secretary of the Governor. The Governor's health is good, but the Chief Executive is in need of a complete rest, and that is what he wants to get while in Asheville, according to his Secretary.

ROTARY CLUB MEETS

Musical and Interesting Talks Claim Attention of Concord Rotarians at Regular Meeting.

The Concord Rotary Club held its regular weekly meeting at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday. President Rankin presided and an interesting program was rendered.

The musical events, which opened the program, were received with marked evidence of approval. The first number was a solo by Miss Ruby Cline with accompaniment by Mrs. H. G. Black. Rob Roy Perry, of Lenoir College, then rendered several violin selections with accompaniment by Miss Dorothy Wolf.

Committee reports included a report from Mr. L. T. Hartsell, of the public affairs committee, on the progress of the committee's efforts to secure a paved road to Mount Pleasant and a modern road to the Union County line, which is later to be accepted as a State highway. He stated that the board of county commissioners had decided to accept the state highway commission's offer of \$100,000 to aid in building a hard surfaced road to Mount Pleasant and that the town of Mount Pleasant was busy in arranging to build a hard surface street through the town.

Prof. A. S. Webb made an interesting talk on how the members of the Rotary Club could aid high school boys. He thanked the members of the club for their efforts during the past year in supporting the various athletic teams and in making chapel talks at the opening exercises. He suggested that in employing boys, business men ask the applicants to show their report and in this way the importance of scholarships would be emphasized.

Mr. Wat Shuford, of Hickory Rotary Club, was a guest of the club. He was introduced and made a happy talk, which abounded in humor.

GOV. PEAY INSCRIBES NAME IN NORTH CAROLINA ROADBOOK

This Was at Landis on His Recent Trip Through the State.

Nashville, Tenn., July 24.—Governor Peay wrote his name not in the sand, but in the imperishable concrete of a North Carolina highway when he inscribed with a stick in the roadbed still soft, "Austin Peay, Governor of Tennessee, July 11, 1923."

This was at Landis, N. C., where a large highway building program was under way when the governor and other Tennesseans visited there on the occasion of the Tennessee Good Roads Association, July 11, 1923.

The executive inscribed his name in the fresh concrete at the request of the North Carolina members of the party.

The interstate meeting and tour of highway authorities and officials of three states was an epochal event, the most determining factor toward the passage of the proposed \$75,000,000 bond issue so far in Tennessee, said J. M. Estes, president of the Tennessee Good Roads Association, at whose suggestion the tour was planned.

The Tennessee Good Roads Association is going to commemorate the trip by the erection of a marker in concrete with bronze tablet to be placed at a high point on the Tennessee-North Carolina state-line, where the official part was met by the North Carolinians and formally greetings were exchanged, Mr. Estes said.

There were fifty or more who met the Tennesseans at the state line, including Highway Commissioner Page, of North Carolina, and at first the party thought they had suddenly run upon a mob, Mr. Estes said.

Instantly the cameras began to click and motion picture machines got into action and welcome was extended with the exchange of short but formal addresses.

Governor Cameron Morrison accompanied Governor Peay and the party for two whole days over a portion of the approximately 1,500 miles traveled.

The governors "talked shop" along the way, said Mr. Estes, Governor Morrison telling Governor Peay that the people are squarely behind the highway construction and maintenance program, which had exceeded his most sanguine expectations, and that he had based his political future on the program.

"There were eight cities averaging around 30,000 population, which we could make in one day, Charlotte, Statesville, Salisbury, High Point, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh, all with modern and handsome hotels, modern streets, schools, and beautiful residences, in which the highway program has played a great part," the roads association president said.

"He added that he confidently believed that the bond issue had been put over in Tennessee by the official insight into the fine North Carolina system and the public sentiment that is being aroused throughout the state for good roads.

"The association is being asked for speakers to be assigned in various parts of the state and we have been asked to conduct a demonstration each day for the three days of the West Tennessee Farmers Institute this month," asserted Mr. Estes.

"The party which visited North Carolina was impressed not only with the development of the highway system, but with the entire economic development," Mr. Estes concluded.

"The members of the tri-state party agreed that the great need is to have a highway system right away, linking the three states and furnishing an outlet to the seaboard," he stated.

Would Prohibit Any Unorthodox Teachings. Atlanta, July 24.—A measure to prohibit the teaching of atheism, agnosticism or Darwinism as a fact was introduced yesterday in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Another measure introduced would require all fraternal and secret organizations to record the names of their members and forbid the wearing of masks in public.

In order to get first hand information of the city's problems in industry, Miss Elizabeth Dennison, daughter of a millionaire manufacturer of Framingham, Mass., is working at the bench as a factory hand in Dayton, Ohio.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS TO CANADIANS TODAY AT VANCOUVER, B. C.

First Visit of American President to Canada.—Points to Century Old Friendship Between Two Countries.

"IT IS PUBLIC WILL, NOT PUBLIC FORCE"

He Says, Which is the Key to International Peace.—Advises Against Annexation to United States.

Vancouver, B. C., July 26.—President Harding, in an address made during his visit here today—the first visit by an American President to Canada—pointed to the century old friendship between the people of Canada and the people of the United States as proof to nations of Europe that public will rather than public force is the key to international peace.

"It is the public will, not public force, that makes for enduring peace," he told his audience of Canadians gathered in Stanley Park, "and it is not a gratifying circumstance that it has fallen to the lot of us North Americans living amicably for more than a century under different flags to present the most striking example yet pronounced of that basic fact? If only European countries would heed the lesson conveyed by Canada and the United States they would strike at the root of disagreements, and in their own prosperity forget to inveigh constantly at ours."

With his emphasis upon the long friendship between Canada and the United States Mr. Harding coupled advice to the peoples of the Dominion to guard against giving encouragement to any enterprise looking to Canada's annexation of the United States.

"Let us go our own gait along parallel roads, you helping us and we helping you," he added.

Mr. Harding at the outset alluded to his visit being the first ever made by a President of the United States to Canada during a term of office, and with the exception of the visit to President Wilson to Europe, the first on any political foreign soil.

Cotton States Merchants' Association.

Memphis, Tenn., July 26.—Representatives of the Cotton States Merchants' Association which will be in convention here August 22-24, inclusive, will be treated to some of the opening guns in the great political battle which will rage throughout the country pending the presidential election in 1924, according to the tentative program for the convention, which was awaiting approval of the executive committee.

The three headliners who have been engaged to address the convention, according to announcement by P. M. Birmingham, Secretary of the organization, are Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, Senator Oscar M. Underwood, of Alabama, and George R. James, member of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington.

As the convention date draws near, the office of the Association is a thriving scene of activity with preparations going forward for the greatest meeting in the history of the organization. Arrangements for the entertainment of hundreds of guests who will throng Memphis while the assembly is in session are being made satisfactorily. Secretary Birmingham states, under the direction of R. B. Buchanan, Chairman of that committee. Full details of the program will be ready to be announced soon, it is stated.

To Boom Maine in the West.

Augusta, Me., July 25.—To see what the West has to offer, and incidentally to spread the name and charm of Maine, the State Chamber of Commerce is sending a special train of "boosters" through western Canada and the United States, early in September. The itinerary includes the Canadian Rockies, Puget Sound, San Francisco, Salt Lake City and the Grand Canyon, with return by way of St. Louis, Detroit, and Niagara Falls.

Inquiry Into Farm Products.

Washington, D. C., July 25.—An investigation into the prospects abroad for greater export of American farm products will be begun soon by the United States Department of Commerce pursuant to legislation passed by Congress. The facts to be found will be laid before the next session of Congress, with recommendations for legislation, if it is thought further legislation is necessary. Interest in the survey has been heightened by the recent slump in grain prices.

Jack Collins' Plea to Be Self Defense.

Salisbury, July 25.—Jack Collins, Salisbury man who is charged with the killing of Gus A. Adams at the government vocational school at Chick Springs, S. C., is out on \$2,000 bond and is here visiting his wife and family for a week. Collins claims self-defense and expects to be found not guilty when the trial comes up in August in Greenville, S. C.

Expelled From Curb Exchange.

New York, July 26.—The board of governors of the New York Curb Exchange today announced expulsion of Adam L. Schneider, of the firm of A. L. Schneider & Co., for violation of the exchange's constitution.

In Des Moines, women detectives posing as "zappers" trapped 115 automobile "mashers" in one day recently.

INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

(By the Associated Press) Sixty-five million dollars has been appropriated by the last two general assemblies for road construction and maintenance in the state.

The State Highway Commission, in addition to handling the construction program for roads, has under its jurisdiction a well-organized maintenance department which devotes its entire time to keeping in condition the roads constructed with state funds and those roads which have been removed from county to state jurisdiction.

A plan of the Commission, which is being developed by degrees, is to construct a "Mountain to Sea" hard surfaced highway. Many sections of the proposed route already have been hard surfaced.

The system employed by the commission is to divide the state into districts comprised of several counties each. Every district has a district engineer in general charge of all maintenance and construction work. Coming under his authority and in direct charge of field operations are two engineers, one for maintenance work and the other for construction and the condition of all roads being maintained.

The general headquarters of the Commission is at Raleigh, the state capital. Frank Page is Chairman of the Commission and Charles M. Upham is state highway engineer.

McGowan and Finch Receivers of the Mecklenburg Mills Co.

Greensboro, July 26.—E. F. McGowan, of Charlotte, and Thos. J. Finch, of Thomasville, were today named as receivers of the Mecklenburg Mills Co., known as the Snowwood mills, by Federal Judge James E. Boyd here today. The new receivers were named instead of M. L. Cannon and J. D. Broughton, selected more than a month ago when a petition for receivership was filed, and who refused to serve.

Each of the new receivers was ordered to give bond in the sum of \$25,000. Under the terms of today's order the receivers may issue certificates bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent, and constituting a lien on the property so as to raise money to "manage, conduct and operate" the mills if they see fit. The certificates cannot exceed \$150,000 unless specifically ordered by the court.

McBRAYER REPORT IS TURNED OVER TO GOVERNOR

Was Sent to Him at Asheville by Special Delivery This Morning. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., July 26.—The report of the legislative committee appointed at the last session of the legislature to investigate charges of mismanagement against Dr. L. B. McBrayer, superintendent of the State Sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis, was filed at the Governor's office today.

Chairman Bowie and other members of the committee declined to give out the details regarding the report. He said the committee members had no objection to the report being given to the press but thought this should be done by the Governor and Council of State.

The report was mailed by special delivery to Governor Morrison at Asheville, where it is expected the contents will be made public.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opening Decline of From 5 to 14 Points Today.—Good Deal of Realizing.

New York, July 26.—Disappointment over the failure of Liverpool to reflect the high temperatures and hot winds reported in the southwest yesterday explained an opening decline of 5 to 14 points in the local cotton market today. There was support from New Orleans and trade and commission houses, but the selling for Liverpool account and by spot houses was rather liberal while a good deal of realizing by yesterday's buyers took place, forcing October off to 22.68 and December to 22.52 or 20 to 22 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 22.75; Dec. 22.55; Jan. 22.38; March 22.51; May 22.60.

To Be Tried for Murder of His Wife. (By the Associated Press.) Frederick, Md., July 26.—The trial of Eward Kepner, indicted for first degree murder of his wife, was set for August 7th today after a conference between the judge and counsel for the state and defense.

Dr. Mullins Chosen President of the Baptist World Alliance.

Stockholm, July 26 (By the Associated Press).—Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, Ky., was unanimously elected president of the Baptist World Alliance today by the third Congress of the alliance in session here.

One wealthy woman of Los Angeles journeys to Kansas every summer and cooks for all the hired hands on her big farm there.

Mrs. Hollie J. Starkey, 83 years old, was the winner of an old fiddler's tournament held in a Texas town the other day.

Ward Reindicted and Held Without Bail. (By the Associated Press.) White Plains, N. Y., July 26.—Walter S. Ward, wealthy baker's son, today was reindicted on a charge of first degree murder and was held without bail.

The trial was fixed for Thursday, September 4th.

In 1850 the tallest building in New York was only five stories high, and the church spires were conspicuous above them. Now there is no spire in the city that begins to approach in height many of the towering skyscrapers.

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THE STATE WINS FIRST SKIRMISH IN GARRETT CASE

Judge Rules That the State Has the Right to Appeal for a Change of Venue. (By the Associated Press.)

Cubeland Courthouse, Va., July 25.—The State won the first skirmish at the trial of the Commonwealth vs. Garrett, when Judge B. D. White overruled the demurrer of the defense to the motion by the State for a change of venue. The demurrer challenged the right of the State to enter such a motion.

The court held that the law was designed to protect the public as well as the individual and that the State did have the right to appeal for a change of venue. He announced he would hear the reading of affidavits or oral testimony by which the prosecution hopes to establish that fair and impartial trial could not be held here.

The State was not ready to proceed, however, and as it was then 12 o'clock Judge White recessed court until 1:30 o'clock. The reading of affidavits was expected to begin immediately upon reconvening to court. Whether oral testimony would be heard was not indicated.

DESERT RAILROAD MADE TO ORDER FOR PRESIDENT

Forty-Mile Railroad Rushed to Completion in 87 Days.

Salt Lake City, July 25.—A forty-mile railroad over the desert between Lund and Cedar City, rushed to completion in 87 days at a cost of \$1,048,000, was one of the incidents in the recent reception by the state of Utah to President Harding.

On April 2, last, the right of way work, acting for the Union Pacific railroad, secured possession of the needed ground for the construction of the railway from the entrance of Zion National Park, and on the same day the first spadeful of earth was turned on the grade.

The contractor strung his men out in sections and as fast as a section was completed, the track-laying crew took possession and the ties and rails were set in place. Crowding upon their heels was the ballast crew. And so the work rushed toward Cedar City.

In the midst of this orgy of toil came word that the President of the United States would visit Zion Park, providing the track was in shape for his big special train upon his arrival in the west. Every man on the system from the highest executive to the lowliest section hand plunged into the work with redoubled energy.

Whereupon there came the announcement that President Harding's trip to southern Utah had been cancelled, and the work dragged.

But again came cheering news, definite this time, that the president would come. Ignoring dust and desert heat, the men plunged into the job again, determined to finish the road in time.

Only forty-eight hours before the arrival of the president's train the depot site at Cedar City was strewn with foundations and debris left from the removal of houses that had been carted away or torn down. Ballast trains brought in clean white gravel. An approach twenty feet wide for automobile travel was graded and surfaced and grounds were roped off.

Twelve hours before the president's train was due the electricians were erecting poles and stringing the lights along the railway track and the station yard.

The superintendent of the work rode into Cedar City on a pilot train ahead of the presidential train and met his yard foreman, who was just finishing his second continuous 24-hour shift that week. He was covered with dirt and grime and a half-inch growth of rough beard bristled on his face.

The superintendent prevailed upon him to get cleaned up and take a little nap before the president arrived. The man dragged himself into a car within 500 feet of the spot where the president's special was "parked," and slept so soundly that he never even saw the highest executive.

During the construction of the new branch, ballast trains bringing gravel were given right of way over every train in the Salt Lake system. The biggest day's output was 119 cars. In the 87 days, nearly one-half million tons of gravel were hauled an average distance of 100 miles.

NAMED RECEIVER FOR FIRM OF BARRETT & CO.

Roy Ellison, of Augusta, Appointed by Judge Sibley Today. (By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., July 26.—Roy Ellison, of Augusta, was named receiver for Barrett & Co., prominent cotton factors of Augusta, by Judge Sibley here today immediately after W. H. Fleming, Augusta attorney, had presented a petition in bankruptcy. The order for receivership will be filed in Augusta this afternoon. The proceedings were brought before Judge Sibley on account of the disqualification of Judge W. H. Barrett, of Augusta, who is a relative of Frank H. Barrett, president of the cotton company.

Mr. Fleming said the proceedings were in an effort to keep the firm together, and not to disrupt matters. He would make no other comment.

Judge Sibley said he understood creditors of the company had been unable to effect an agreement, and that there would be no opposition to receivership action. It was brought, according to the judge, by three minor creditors, whose cotton is held by Barrett & Company. No figures as to liabilities and assets were mentioned in the petition.

Diamonds may be black as well as white, and some are blue, red, yellow, green, pink and orange, but there is no violet diamond, although, in addition to amethysts, there are sapphires, rubies and garnets of that color.

Kite flying has been popular in Japan for many centuries, the kites depicting the most absurd figures, generally of aged gentlemen, birds or puppy dogs.

MAGNUS JOHNSON TALKS REVOLUTION OR RESORT TO ARMS

New Senator From Minnesota Says Conditions Confronting Laboring Man and Farmer Must Be Changed.

SAYS THE U. S. CAN DO LIKE RUSSIA

Is in Favor of the Farmer Being Guaranteed by Government Cost of Production and Reasonable Profit.

St. Paul, July 26 (By the Associated Press).—Revolution—political, industrial, or even resort to arms—faces the United States "if conditions confronting the laboring man and the farmer are not changed" in the opinion of Magnus Johnson, recently elected Senator from Minnesota on the Farmer-Labor ticket.

"Many think the same thing that happened to Russia cannot happen in this country," the Senator-elect said today in a statement to the Associated Press, "but don't fool yourself." It could happen here before you knew what was going on."

"The czar had a big army but he couldn't stop a revolution. We haven't any army at so so what could our government do if there were a nationwide revolution? It couldn't do a thing."

Many things need changing, the new Senator said, when asked if he had a definite plan for altering conditions, but "right now he has nothing worked out."

"It will all have to be worked out by Congress," he said. "The farmer is in dire need," he continued, "and emergency legislation is needed to remedy the situation. But enacting for special sessions of Congress 'don't any use,' he said, "for President Harding in a letter I saw recently, said he would not call a special session under any circumstances."

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MACK DIVIDES TIME WITH PEACE SPEAKER

Evangelist Strong For Moses Authorship in Bible.

Greensboro, July 24.—The United States will surely be drawn into another war to which the world is fast drifting, declared Frederick J. Libby, executive secretary of the Council for the Prevention of War to 10,000 people at the McLendon evangelial service last night.

Cyclone Mack allowed Mr. Libby to speak for twenty-five minutes before the opening of the night service, the first time that he has ever thrown his meetings over to any society or speaker, he said.

Mr. Libby advocated elimination of armaments, a world court, and league, and proper education of children in securing a universal peace.

Loud voiced "amen's" responded to Mr. McLendon all the way through his sermon on faith. Forty-nine conversions were recorded at the end of the service, bringing the total to \$5 in five calls. Mack, too, had another shout at the higher critics who question the authorship and inspiration of the Bible. "If the consensus of scholarship agrees that Moses did not write the first five books and not the commandments then consensus can go to hell, I am going to believe God and stick to the old Book," he said.

BLOCKADE RAISED?

Reported That French Have Raised the Blockade of the Occupied Areas in the Ruhr.

Berlin, July 26 (By the Associated Press).—It was reported from Dortmund in the Ruhr today that the authorities of occupation had announced that the blockade of the occupied areas had been raised dating from last night. No confirmation from authoritative sources was available.

Frontier Opened.

Duesseldorf, July 26 (By the Associated Press).—The frontier separating the Ruhr valley from the rest of Germany was opened at midnight.

Thousands of Germans were passing in and out of the occupied area today making haste to transact urgent business. They were anxious to accomplish all business possible during the present opportunity because of reports that the frontier would be closed again in a few days.

Jury Fails to Reach Verdict.

Lewisburg, W. Va., July 26.—The jury which heard the testimony in the trial of William Blizard, who was indicted for accessory to murder in connection with the armed march of miners against Logan County two years ago, today reported it could not reach a verdict. It was given the case for consideration late yesterday.

Two Negro Women Burned to Death at Taylorsville.

Statesville, July 26.—Two negro women were burned to death when their home at Taylorsville was destroyed by fire today. The fire is supposed to have caught from sparks under a wash pot.

Coney Island Hotel on Fire.

New York, July 26.—The Whittier Inn at Seagate, Coney Island, housing about 200 guests caught fire this afternoon and the flames spread to the roofs of adjacent houses. Three alarms were turned in and ambulances summoned.