

EFFORT ON FOOT TO MOVE TRAINING SCHOOL TO COLUMBIA

JOINT CONFERENCE HERE TODAY OF COMMITTEES

Columbia Agitators Would Move Institute to State Park For Enlarged Development—Investigating Committee From General Assembly to Hold Conference With Board of Directors of Commercial Club.

Within the past week, a movement has sprung up in Columbia to remove the State Training School for Feeble-Minded from this city to Columbia. The agitation mainly comes through Claude N. Sapp of that city, chairman of the ways and means committee. Following the proposal a subcommittee was appointed to investigate the proposition and to make an inspection of the two cities here and at State Park.

Following this development, the Commercial Club of this city immediately became interested and volunteered its services to help retain the institution here. The president of the club immediately got in touch with Columbia and arranged for the special committee to come to Clinton and get first-hand information on the institution and its needs. The committee will arrive this morning at 9:30 to make its inspection and will hold a conference with the board of directors of the Commercial Club. The president has sent out an urgent letter to all members of the board urging their attendance and if needs be, calling upon them to lay aside their business for today and spend their time with the committee in an effort to get the question of the removal of the institution definitely settled.

The committee will be accompanied from Columbia by C. D. Nance, member of the county delegation and of the ways and means committee. Mr. Nance has offered his services and has actively opposed the removal of the institution from here to Columbia. The members of the committee expected here for this morning's conference are: Senator W. Fred Lightsey of Hampton; Senator Geo. W. Wightman of Saluda, and Senator D. M. Croason of Lexington; on the part of the senate, and Representative Cyrus A. Shealy of Lexington, Representative R. B. Cunningham of Allendale, and Representative Raven L. McDavid of Greenville, on the part of the house. The committee will be carried to the Training School by the directors of the Commercial Club for an inspection of the institution, after which it will gather at the hotel for lunch and a few short speeches from various representative citizens. Just what the outcome of today's conference will be is unknown, but the club will make a vigorous effort to retain the institution and at the same time to urge its needs for additional maintenance funds and enlarged building operations.

Following the presentation of the institution's budget last Friday, setting forth its needs, Representative Sapp of Columbia began advocating the removal of the school from here to State Park in Columbia. He took the position that if the state is going to train its mental defectives, it should be done on a large and adequate scale. He urged the removal of the school to a point where it would be under the scientific direction of the experts of the State hospital. Further Mr. Sapp stated in his argument that the climate and topographical conditions at State Park, warm throughout the year and a sandy soil, and the central geographical position of Columbia, made the change from Clinton desirable.

Today's conference is expected to result in a definite recommendation from the investigating committee either to remove the institution or to let it remain here and to adopt a policy of adequate support for its needs. The city's claim will be pushed through the committee in charge and nothing will be left undone to kill the agitation and to lay plans for the building of a great institution on the state's property here given by the citizens of Clinton for that purpose.

Named As Secretary

J. P. McMillan, well known clothier of the city, has been elected secretary of the local Kiwanis club for the ensuing year.

MRS. LOUISA CHINA PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Death Stages Grim Finale to Sumter Domestic Tragedy.

Sumter, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Louisa Davis China, widow of Dr. Archie China, who was found shot dead in his bathroom last Monday morning, died at the Tuomey hospital this afternoon at 3:25 o'clock of pneumonia, which developed Wednesday morning, since when she had steadily grown worse, except for several hours Thursday afternoon and evening, when her condition was considered slightly improved. She took a turn for the worse later Thursday night, and grew steadily worse and early this afternoon all hope for her recovery was abandoned. Her death came even sooner than expected.

The passing of Mrs. China brings to a close one of the most sensational and shocking tragedies which has ever occurred in Sumter, for with her burial here tomorrow beside her late husband, will also be buried the story of domestic unhappiness, which may have been detailed on the witness stand had Mrs. China lived to come to trial on the charge placed against her by a coroner's jury Wednesday.

Mrs. China was a native of Columbia, the daughter of Edmund and Eliza J. Davis, one of the old and prominent families of the city. She was the youngest of seven children, being in her early 50's at the time of her death. Surviving her are two brothers, E. P. and F. A. Davis, and two sisters, Mrs. P. H. Lachicotte and Mrs. W. L. Williamson, all well known Columbians.

She married Dr. Archie China, then a young man with a bright future in his chosen profession, in 1892, and came to Sumter to live, where she and her husband were for many years enthusiastic leaders and participants in all of the social affairs of the city. Mrs. China was a handsome woman, of lovable and loving disposition, always anxious to make and see others happy, and to share with them their happiness. She was known practically by everybody in Sumter, and virtually all who knew her were her friends. Even in the last few trying days there were few people in Sumter who did not take her side in her trouble, and friends carried beautiful flowers to her at the hospital to show their regard.

Dr. and Mrs. China had no children of their own, but about 11 years ago Mrs. China brought a little girl into their home, which they adopted. This was Louise China, who is left to mourn the sudden and tragic passing of her "Daddy" and "Mama," and to whom the sympathy of the community goes out in abundant measure.

Mrs. China's body was taken to the Hurst Undertaking parlors this afternoon, where it was arranged for burial and tonight it was removed to her late residence on Washington street.

The funeral service was held at noon Saturday at the China home on north Washington street and was conducted by the Rev. W. V. Dibble, D. D. Interment was at the cemetery in Sumter.

Visited In City

Rev. J. B. Branch, superintendent of the De la Howe Industrial School at Willington, was in the city Tuesday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Copeland. Mr. Branch had just returned from Columbia where he presented the needs of his institution before the finance committee and he received a unanimous recommendation for every dollar asked in his budget for maintenance and further building operations. This institution under his leadership is steadily being developed and enlarged and has a bright future ahead of it. It provides for the support of the state's poor boys and girls and now has nearly two hundred children under its care.

C. L. ROUNDS DIES SUDDENLY IN CAR

Well Known Contractor of This City Passes Away Suddenly.

The community was shocked Saturday morning with the announcement of the sudden death of C. L. Rounds, well known contractor of the city, while going in his automobile from here to Union. He and his wife were making the trip and upon reaching the Tylersville section near here, he was noticed to have lost control of his car. When Mrs. Rounds spoke to him she found that he was dead, never having uttered a word after he fell forward and the car choked down. Death is supposed to have been apoplexy. The body was taken to the home of T. P. Poole near by and later removed here.

Sunday morning the remains were carried to Laurens to the home of Dr. J. H. League. The funeral service was held early Monday morning and conducted by Dr. D. J. Woods of this city and Rev. C. T. Squires of Laurens. The body was shipped to Augusta for burial.

The deceased was 64 years of age and lived in Augusta before moving here several years ago. He was one of the best known contractors in the state and has had many important building contracts in this section. At the time of his death he had under construction the building of the new LeRoy Springs gymnasium at the Presbyterian College of this city. By all who knew him he was highly esteemed and the news of his untimely death was quite a shock to all his friends and acquaintances.

He is survived by his widow and two sons, Len H. and Charles H. Rounds. Also by two sisters, one residing in Kansas City and the other in Louisville, Ky.

FAMILY WIPED OUT IN WRECK OF CAR

Six Persons Killed at Bicknell, Ind., When Machine Is Demolished at Crossing.

Bicknell, Ind., Jan. 12.—An entire family of six persons was killed, five of them almost instantly, when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by Chicago & Eastern Illinois train No. 92 at a crossing near here today. The machine was thrown 30 feet against an iron semaphore tower and was hit a second time and carried 50 feet farther before the train was stopped.

The dead are: Claude Whittenmeyer, 34 years; his wife, and Helen, 16; Mary 8; Lorene, 4, and Charles, 3 years old.

Mrs. Whittenmeyer was killed instantly and the others lived only a few minutes with the exception of the baby, who lived for an hour and a half after the accident.

The Whittenmeyers, who resided near here, were en route to the home of relatives for dinner when the accident occurred.

A passenger train and a freight train were approaching the crossing at the same time, according to witnesses. Whittenmeyer, who was driving the car, waited for the freight to pass and then started his machine across the tracks apparently failing to notice the approach of the passenger train.

More than \$3,000,000,000 have been spent by American railroads this year for materials, fuel, supplies and maintenance of equipment.

W. A. GALLOWAY TO GO TO ABBEVILLE

Purchases Adair's Department Store in That City and Leaves in a Few Days For New Home.

W. A. Galloway, senior member of the firm, Galloway-Simpson Furniture Company, has disposed of his interests in this concern and purchased from E. J. Adair of this city, the business in Abbeville formerly operated under the firm name of Adair's Department Store. Mr. Galloway expects to conduct a first-class department store and will occupy the same location in which the business is now conducted.

Mr. Galloway is well known here and ranks as one of the most popular young business men in the city. He is an officer in the Methodist church, a member of the Commercial and Rotary Clubs, and can always be depended upon to do his part in promoting the activities of the community. For a number of years he was engaged in the furniture business alone, and a few years ago formed a partnership with W. H. Simpson. Under the firm name of Galloway-Simpson Furniture Company, they have operated one of the most successful furniture stores in the county and it is with reluctance that he has severed his relationships here. He is one of the substantial, public-spirited citizens of Clinton and all who know him are his friends. He and Mrs. Galloway will be missed and the warmest, best wishes follow them as they go to their new home to enter their new line of business.

DR. DOUGLAS IN NEW YORK

Goes For Conference With Carnegie Foundation Board in College's Interest.

Dr. D. M. Douglas, president of the college, is spending this week in New York in the interest of his institution. Some time back he made application to the Carnegie Foundation board for the erection of a Carnegie library for the college. He was requested to appear before the board Tuesday for a conference and left immediately for New York to fill the appointment. The outcome of his visit is not known, but he is very optimistic and hopes that sometime within the near future the application for a Carnegie building here will be approved. The movement will be watched with interest by all friends of the institution.

To Hold "Ladies Night"

The Clinton Kiwanis club will hold its first "Ladies Night" celebration Friday evening at the Clinton Hotel. The members are to have their wives and friends as their guests and an enjoyable program is being arranged by the various committees for the occasion. The meeting will be presided over by Rev. Edward Long, newly elected president of the club.

Lutheran Pastor Pleases

The Lutheran congregation turned out en masse Sunday to hear and welcome their new pastor, Rev. M. R. Wingard, who recently came from Plains, Ga., to accept the joint pastorate of the Greenwood-Clinton churches. The pastor was given a most cordial welcome and made a splendid impression upon his congregation, all of whom expressed themselves as well pleased.

NEW YORK FIGHTS FOR CONVENTION

Democratic National Committee Votes for Metropolitan in Interesting Contest.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The Democratic national convention will be held at New York City beginning Tuesday, June 24, following the Republican convention at Cleveland, June 10. New York, for the first time in 56 years, was voted the convention today by the Democratic national committee after a stirring combat with San Francisco, Chicago and St. Louis. It took three ballots and checks for \$205,000 to take the Democratic gathering to Gotham, the final ballot giving New York 57 votes, San Francisco 40 and St. Louis 6, after Chicago had been withdrawn from the contest.

Many of the Chicago and St. Louis votes were thrown to New York on the deciding ballot after the second vote had given New York 47, San Francisco 29, Chicago 18 and St. Louis 11. The first vote was New York 39, San Francisco 23, Chicago 22 and St. Louis 18. New York's selection finally was made unanimous upon motion of San Francisco's spokesman.

Party leaders of all factions said the choice of New York and the battle which preceded it, were without significance on the candidacies of William G. McAdoo, Senator Underwood of Alabama or others for the presidential nomination. Although the McAdoo leaders had claimed that a majority of the committee favored his candidacy and several prominent McAdoo workers had declared in favor of a Western city for the convention and against New York, the "McAdoo vote" in the committee balloting apparently was divided, several voting for New York and others for San Francisco and St. Louis.

Some professed to see in the result an indication of the reputed "Murphy-Brennan-Taggart" hand, reported as against Mr. McAdoo's nomination. George E. Brennan, Illinois Democratic leader, voted for New York after withdrawing Chicago at the close of the second ballot and the two votes of Indiana, of which Tom Taggart is national committeeman, also stuck to New York, where Charles F. Murphy, Tammany Hall leader, holds the Democratic political scepter. Some of the McAdoo leaders said they had not opposed the choice of New York and pointed to Mr. McAdoo's personal telegram yesterday disclaiming opposition to New York.

A BUSINESS CHANGE

E. G. Fuller Buys Interest In Well Known Business Firm of City.

E. G. Fuller, president of the Fuller Grocery Company, has purchased the interest of W. A. Galloway in the business of the Galloway-Simpson Furniture Company, Mr. Galloway having disposed of his interest here to enter the mercantile business in Abbeville.

The business in the future will be conducted under the firm name of the Fuller-Simpson Furniture Company with W. H. Simpson and E. G. Fuller as owners, and W. H. Simpson as the manager and directing head. It will be the policy of the new firm to operate a first-class furniture store as in the past, carrying a complete line of furniture, stoves, floor coverings, etc.

Banks Close Saturday

The banks of the city will observe Saturday, January 19th, as a holiday commemorating Lee's birthday. All business will be suspended for the day following the general custom which is observed throughout the South.

A Business Change

J. P. McMillan has purchased the interest of V. Parks Adair in the firm of Adair-McMillan Clothing Company and the heretofore partnership has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. McMillan, now the sole owner, will continue to conduct the business at the present location and under the same firm name.

Artificial silk is being made from spruce wood.

INTEREST CENTERS IN TAX QUESTION

Six Out of Every Seven Dollars From Property Tax Goes to Counties—Over \$5,000,000 From Indirect Taxes.

Columbia, Jan. 12.—The overshadowing issue at this session of the Legislature is the question of taxation. This involves not only the present sources of taxation, but the modification of the methods that have been in vogue for generations, and whether or not the State should undertake bond issues at this time.

It has been only a few years since the State introduced a method of indirect taxation, or, as it has been called, "painless extraction." This method of "painless extraction" has developed remarkably, and has been largely responsible for the reduction in the State levy. Included in the present new methods, are the income, inheritance, gasoline, corporation license, and documentary stamp taxes. The State will raise, according to the estimate of Chairman Query, over five million dollars for the year 1924. This, of course, does not include the tax upon visible property.

The people of the State are naturally very much interested in the matter of taxation. Nothing, it appears, is more closely followed.

While the people of the State at this time are giving a great amount of attention to the State levy and State appropriations, it may not be amiss to call attention to the fact that for the year 1923 the total amount of money raised in South Carolina on the property tax for State, county, and school purposes aggregated \$16,536,064.29. Of this amount \$2,544,094.28 went into the State Treasury, and the balance, about \$14,000,000, was expended and raised in the counties. Of this amount \$6,892,304.02, was assessed for direct county purposes, and \$7,099,665.99 was raised by the various counties for school purposes.

It will, therefore, be seen that there was raised for use in the counties, as a result of property tax, about six times as much money as the State raised by direct property taxation for all State purposes.

The county and city levies are now getting to be quite an acute problem. The data for 1923 is not available in published form. Through the kindness of Mr. Rhodes, of Comptroller General's office, typical illustrations are given.

It is well to bear in mind that the State levy for 1923 was six mills. In Spartanburg County, by way of illustration, the levy for 1923 was thirteen mills for ordinary county purposes; one mill for educational purposes; twenty-one mills for special school tax for the city of Spartanburg; three mills for constitutional school tax; or, in other words, forty-six mills were levied for State and county purposes, of which six mills were for the State.

In the City of Charleston, the State levy was six mills; ten mills for ordinary county purposes; six mills for special county purposes; six and a half mills for road bonds; three mills constitutional, and one mill for Santee Bridge bonds. Independent of the Santee bonds, the county levy was twenty-five and a half mills.

In Calhoun County the ordinary county levy was eleven mills; three mills for constitutional school, and the average school tax was about the mills. The State levy, of course, was six mills.

In Richland County, taking the City of Columbia as an illustration, the county levy was forty mills; the State levy six mills, and the City of Columbia twenty-six mills.

In Greenville County ordinary county levy was fourteen mills; the school levy for City of Greenville, fifteen mills; special school levy one mill; constitutional school levy; three mills, an aggregate of thirty-three mills for the State.

In Orangeburg, the county levy was seven mills, special county levy three and a half mills; road six and a half mills; constitutional school levy three mills. This does not include the special school levy for Orangeburg County as a whole.

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TIME'S CASH VALUE

Modern methods and appliances have set a new standard for day's work. Time is the one big factor. This is true in the factory, on the farm, in the home, or what not.

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Advertising is an annihilator of time. It provides a short cut between a manufacturer or merchant and you. It makes it possible to tell you in a few minutes all you want to know about services or articles you need.

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