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MRS. R. C. PHILSON HEADS ASSOCIATION

IS NEW PRESIDENT OF PARENT-TEACHER CLUB.—J. M. DANIEL, VICE PRESIDENT—OTHER OFFICERS ELECTED AT MEETING YESTERDAY.—PLANS DISCUSSED FOR SESSION.

At a well-attended meeting of the Parent-Teacher association held in the high school building yesterday afternoon, Mrs. R. C. Philson was unanimously elected president of the association for the next year, Prof. J. M. Daniel was elected vice president, Miss Rebecca Jones, secretary, and Mrs. Will Perrin, treasurer. The meeting was thoroughly harmonious and all seemed to be of one mind in the selection of their leaders for the session.

The retiring president, Mrs. A. B. Morse was unable to be present at this meeting and Supt. J. D. Fulp presided in her absence. Under Mrs. Morse's leadership the association has accomplished untold good toward bringing teachers and parents to a mutual understanding of each other's problems and the association has also been of invaluable material benefit to the city schools in providing adequate playground equipment of the latest type for the school grounds. The association also tendered the new teachers a delightful reception a few weeks ago to which all the parents and other ladies of the city were invited.

The new president is one of the foremost workers of the local Baptist church and a born leader of excellent business and executive ability under whose leadership the association is bound to continue to prosper and grow in usefulness to the teachers, the schools, and the parents.

After the election of officers was completed several matters of importance to the welfare of the associations and the schools were discussed. The yearly dues which have heretofore been only 25 cents for ladies and 50 cents for men were doubled by a unanimous vote.

The dues are payable now to the treasurer. Last session over 100 of the parents and friends of the school affiliated themselves with the association. It is hoped to exceed this number and to encourage every adult of the city to unite with the association. The president will shortly announce the members of the membership committee one of whom will call upon each family in the city in an effort to secure members for the school association.

The need of new drinking fountains was brought to the attention of the association yesterday and also the imperative necessity of shades in practically all of the class rooms in both the school buildings up town.

Rev. G. M. Telford, pastor of Long Cane Presbyterian church was a visitor to the meeting yesterday and made a few appreciative remarks to the members present.

The next meeting of the association will be held Tuesday afternoon, October 19 at four o'clock in the GRADED SCHOOL building and the primary grades of the schools will furnish an entertainment for this meeting and an out of town speaker will make a timely address upon some subject of vital importance to the association. Definite announcement of the program will be made shortly. The association decided to hold the future meetings at the Graded school instead of the high school, the graded school being more central and easily accessible to the majority of the members.

SEEING THE SHOW

The children from the Lethe Industrial School were in Abbeville Wednesday and saw all the wonders of the big circus. The children looked prosperous and happy and were enjoying life. John Sign was along with the school and was the "biggest" boy in the bunch.

GEORGIA VOTERS

NAME HARDWICK

Former Senator Will Be Governor.—Democrats of State Hold Second Primary to Nominate Candidate for Chief Executive.

Atlanta, Oct. 7.—Thomas W. Hardwick, former United States senator, won the Democratic nomination for governor of Georgia over Clifford Walker, former state attorney general, in the run off primary held in Georgia today, according to incomplete and unofficial returns received by the Atlanta Constitution and the Atlanta Journal tonight.

Figures compiled by The Constitution to 10 o'clock showed that with only 15 counties out of the 155 in the state to report, Hardwick had received 212 county unit votes and Walker 150. Only 194 votes were necessary for the nomination.

The Atlanta Journal and the Macon Telegraph also conceded the nomination of the former senator. All three papers opposed Hardwick.

According to the returns to The Constitution several notable switches were made by counties since the regular primary on September 8, when John N. Holder also was in the gubernatorial race. Clarke, Rabun and Wilkes counties, which at that time were placed in the Holder column, were reported to have switched to Walker today.

Ben Hill county, according to the figures received switched to Hardwick, as did also Clay, Clinch, Jones, Macon, Stephens, Thomas and Webster.

Other counties reported to have switched to Walker included Dawson, Hancock, Pike and Ware.

The results of the primary will be officially declared by the state Democratic convention to be held at Macon on October 25.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 7.—The Macon Telegraph at 10 p. m. conceded the election of Former United States Senator Thomas W. Hardwick as governor of Georgia. With 35 counties to hear from Hardwick lacked only ten county unit votes and in the list of counties to be heard from are a number of certain Hardwick counties, it is shown.

DEATH OF MRS. NICKLES.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nickles, the widow of the late James Nickles, of the Hodges section, died at the home of her son Benton Nickles, at McCormick, Wednesday night, 8th, Oct. 1920, after several days illness, and in the 70th year of her age.

Funeral services were held at Greenvale Church, of which she had long been a member, Thursday at 3 o'clock, attended by a large congregation of relatives and friends. The services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. M. Dallas, and the interment was in historic Greenvale cemetery.

Mrs. Nickles, before her marriage to Mr. James Nickles, was a Miss Stevenson. She was of the large Stevenson family of Long Cane township. All of her life was spent in the section where she was born and reared.

Four sons and three daughters survive her. They are Dr. J. R. Nickles, of Abbeville; C. O. Nickles, of Hodges; G. M. Nickles, of Hodges and Benton Nickles, of McCormick. The daughters are Mrs. J. H. McCord, of Hodges, Mrs. Samuel Evans, of Abbeville, and Miss Pearl Nickles, of Hodges.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McMurray, Mr. W. D. Wilson and Miss Mary Lawson Link, Mr. S. J. Link, W. F. Nickles and J. D. Nickles attended the funeral.

A Christian mother, an exemplary wife, a kindly neighbor, and a fast friend sleepeth.

KIDNAPPED

Dr. J. R. Bell and Mr. D. Y. Brownlee of Due West were kidnapped Wednesday by their wives and children and brought down to Abbeville to see the big circus.

MANY NEW FACES IN NEXT SENATE

AS RESULT OF THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER—SEVERAL SENATORS ARE NOT IN THE RACE FOR RE-ELECTION—TWELVE SEATS ADMITTED DOUBTFUL BY BOTH PARTIES.

Washington, Oct. 7.—There'll be a lot of new faces in the United States senate as a result of the election November 2, no matter whether Republicans or Democrats win the presidency.

For, of the thirty-two senators whose terms expire March 4, next, seven—four Democrats and three Republicans—either withdrew from the race for re-election or were defeated for renomination.

Of the remaining twenty-five, only thirteen—seven Democrats and six Republicans—may be set down as definitely certain of election. The other twelve, evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats, become the storm center around which the fight for control of the next senate is chiefly waged.

Although the Republican congressional campaign committee in its publicity handouts predicts an increase of eight Republican senators, giving the G. O. P. a majority of seventeen in the upper house, it is admitted at headquarters here that prediction is based upon extreme possibility, not reasonable probability.

Democrats, on the other hand, are insisting that, irrespective of the vote for president, the senatorial contest is bound to be virtually a standstill, with a bare chance existing that the present Republican majority of one may be changed to a Democratic majority of the same figure.

It is by no means impossible they maintain, that Harding, if elected, may be faced in the next senate by just such a Democratic majority as the Republicans opposed to Wilson in the present senate.

This they say would be poetic justice, though certainly not productive of governmental harmony.

The seven senators already assured of retirement are:

Democrats: Gore, Oklahoma; Kerby, Arkansas; Smith of Georgia, and Thomas, Colorado.

Republicans: Gronna, North Dakota; Harding, Ohio; Sherman, Illinois. Gore, Kirby Smith and Gronna, were all defeated for renomination; Thomas and Sherman voluntarily withdrew, and Harding became his party's presidential standard-bearer.

Members rated as definitely assured of re-election are:

Democrats: Fletcher, Florida; Gay Louisiana, Henderson, Nevada; Overman, North Carolina; Smith, South Carolina; Underwood, Alabama.

Republicans: Cummins, Iowa, Curtis, Kansas; Dillingham, Vermont; Moses, New Hampshire; Penrose Pennsylvania; Wadsworth, New York.

The new political lineup, as a result of the changes insured by the seven assured vacancies, appears likely to favor Republicans rather than Democrats.

The Democrats admit little or no hope of winning a senate seat either in North Dakota, Ohio or Illinois.

On the other hand, Republicans are confident they will elect Samuel Nicholson to succeed Thomas as senator from Colorado, and are talking, without much hope, however, of beating Scott Ferris in Oklahoma with Congressman John W. Harrell. At best then according to the real, not the openly expressed, opinion on both sides, the situation narrows down to the fight for twelve seats admitted to be doubtful, now evenly divided between the two parties. These are held by:

Democrats: Beckham, Kentucky Chamberlain, Oregon; Johnson, South Dakota; Nugent, Idaho; Phelan, California; Smith of Maryland.

Republicans: Brandegee, Connecticut; Jones, Washington; Lenroot, Wis.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS DISCUSSED BY COX

MAIN THEME OF DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE AS HE TRAVELS THROUGH KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE—DECLARES HE FAVORS "GOING IN" WITH OTHER POWERS.

Nashville, Oct. 7.—Governor Cox of Ohio, Democratic presidential candidate, squarely joined the league of nations issue in an address here tonight with Senator Harding, his opponent. Referring to the senator's Des Moines speech today denouncing the present league, Governor Cox declared:

"Now he's against the league; I'm for the league."

"Not until today," said Governor Cox, "was it definitely known what the position of the senatorial candidate was on the league."

Declaring that he had asked audiences all through the West if they would give Senator Harding's position and declaring that from none was a reply attempted, the governor continued:

"Today in response to my questions he came out unreservedly against the league."

"Evidently he had heard from Brother Borah."

Governor Cox reiterated that as soon as "humanly possible" after March 4, he would "sit down with the senate" and consider the treaty and reservations which were "helpful, clarifying and reassuring" would be accepted, from whatever source and the treaty ratified.

Nashville, Oct. 7.—The league of nations was the main theme of Governor Cox of Ohio, in his travels today through Kentucky and Tennessee.

"I favor going in," the Democratic presidential candidate repeated vigorously in a day's campaigning of eight speeches, closing with a large meeting here tonight at the Ryman auditorium.

With vigor refreshed, apparently, Governor Cox advanced what he termed "practical" as well as moral arguments for American membership in the league. Reiterating that it was a "pledge" to Americans who participated in the war, the governor declared that its disarmament provisions could save the nation \$465,000,000 next year. The league would renew European credit for purchase of American products, he asserted.

A further statement on the railroad question also was made by Governor Cox here tonight. He disagreed with Senator Harding, his Republican opponent who, the governor said, apparently approved existing conditions. The Democratic candidate declared that railroad matters were in the experimental stage and that the people should have a right to determine their policies through congress. On this subject the governor said:

"During the temporary lull in action; Smoot, Utah; Spencer, Missouri; Watson, Indiana.

Although forcing the fighting against all six Democratic members above, Republicans have little hope of unseating Beckham, Chamberlain or Nugent. They are confident, however, that Gov. Peter Norbeck will beat Johnson in South Dakota and that Samuel Shortridge, with the assistance of Hi Johnson, will unseat Senator Phelan in California. They hope, but scarce expect, to displace John Walter Smith of Maryland with E. O. Weller.

On the other hand, Republicans privately admit that hard licks will have to be put in to save Lenroot in Wisconsin, Spencer in Missouri, Jones in Washington and particularly Smoot in Utah.

Defeat in any other state on the doubtful list means the loss of a senator. Defeat in Utah would mean the loss of an important organization cog as well.

PRESBYTERIAN BODY MEETS NEXT WEEK

Annual Session of South Carolina Synod To Be Held In Bennettsville October 12.

Spartanburg, Oct. 7.—The Presbyterian synod of South Carolina holds its annual sessions this year at Bennettsville, convening there a 11 o. a. m. Tuesday, October 12. This will be the first time that the synod has ever met in Bennettsville, and the first time in seven years that it has met in the eastern part of the state.

The members attending from the northern, western and southern sections of the state should catch Monday afternoon, the Atlantic Coast Line train leaving Columbia at 4:20 o'clock, Sumter at 7:25 and Darlington at 9:20, due at Bennettsville at 9:20, due at Bennettsville at 10:20. It is hoped that a special coach will be attached to this train for the use of the large number of members, nearly all the synod being expected to go that way. Application to this effect has been made to the railroad authorities. Women of the Sumter church have kindly and thoughtfully planned to serve lunch to members passing through that city Monday evening, where there is a delay of about an hour.

The clerks will be in the church at Bennettsville Tuesday morning from 9 to 10 o'clock for the purpose of enrolling the members in advance of the opening of synod. The Rev. Hugh R. Murchison, the retiring moderator, will preach the opening sermon.

THE COTTON MARKET

The bears were in charge of the market today. Futures closed down 35 to 40 points in New York, with spots selling at 24.50, which was 75 points down.

Spot cotton on the local market sold today at 24 cents, about a cent and a quarter below yesterday's price.

The cause of the decline in New York was attributed to lower quotations in the dry goods trade and to want of buyers even at the lower quotations.

Active campaigning I have been giving intensive study to the railroad situation which I know by observation and contact is in the need of attention. Through the great grain fields of the West we found universal disquietude, car shortage and transportation difficulties in general were complained of and upon my return to Ohio I found that because, of the same conditions in the state, the great producer of coal, faces a potentially serious coal shortage. Steps have been taken to meet the Ohio situation by revival of the coal clearing house which we found helpful in the past.

"In my study of the railroad problem I have conferred with representatives of the former railroad administration, with members of the interstate commerce commission, with managing heads and traffic managers of railroads and with spokesmen for the organized railway employees. I am disposed to totally disagree with the expression of Senator Harding, who in his speech of September 13 seems to lend entire approval of the existing status quo. My opinion is that the matter is entirely in an experimental stage. Railroad efficiency is the very basis of our industrial life. I believe that the people of a democracy have the right to determine their own policies and when these policies are expressed through their representatives in congress I shall do all in my power to render them effectual. Until this expression is had, however, nothing of a definitely permanent nature can be accomplished."

REV. H. W. PRATT IN TOWN.

Rev. H. Waddell Pratt, former pastor of the Presbyterian Church, is in the city. He is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. White on Greenville street. His friends in Abbeville are always glad to see him.

HEARTY SUPPORT FOR EXPORT BODY

ORGANIZATION OF CORPORATION GAINS HEADWAY—FORMER GOVERNOR MANNING, IS CHAIRMAN OF ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE—G. N. NICKLES COUNTY CHAIRMAN.

Columbia, Oct. 7.—The organization of the "exports corporation" is gaining headway, according to the information coming from the office of the chairman of the organization committee, Former Gov. R. I. Manning. The mails yesterday brought in numerous subscriptions and pledges of cooperation from the people of the state. Mr. Manning was very much encouraged, and before leaving on the night train for Atlanta gave out a statement in which he declared his firm conviction that success will crown the efforts to organize this \$10,000,000 corporation.

Mr. Manning will have important conferences in Atlanta, today with delegations from Mississippi and Alabama, in addition to a meeting of representative Georgians. He has been assured of the cooperation of a Mississippian who is regarded as a "wheel horse" in his state and when he takes hold of the work of organizing Mississippi that state will come up with its quota.

A letter from a prominent South Carolinian who does not wish his name to be used at this time says that he is tired of the South being put in the false light of asking for help in its calamities. "While the South actually has not done so," he writes, "yet that impression has gone abroad. Now is the time when the South has the brains, the character and the courage as well as the financial responsibility to make a success of this fight. The statement concludes with the suggestion that Mr. Manning, on account of his wide acquaintance through the South and his fine administrative ability, is a fortunate selection for chairman of the committee on organization.

Mr. Manning is delighted with the responses that are coming from organizations.

The purpose of the corporation, primarily, is to take the cotton that commands no price to the mills of Central Europe that have not the price to pay but need the cotton. A simple, safe and successful plan of financing has been established. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, N. C., who was one of the speakers at the group meeting there Wednesday, said that there is now in the South 500,000 bales of cotton that is a distinct liability to the South, and if this corporation can sell this cotton the South will be just that much richer. Then it will be possible to sell other cotton as the financial responsibility of bankrupt nations is built up by the sale of their manufactured product.

There will be organization meetings in every county in this state Saturday. The men who attended the meeting in Columbia Wednesday went away enthused over the proposition and the prospect, and they will carry the message to the remote parts of their counties. There will be a grand rally in every county on the 19th, and it is hoped by the state organization committee that the final success of the proposition will be ratified on that date.

Capt. G. N. Nickles of Due West, has been appointed chairman of the campaign to solicit stock for the corporation in Abbeville county.

MR. WESTFIELD BUILDS HOME

W. W. Westfield, one of the county's foremost farmers, was here today looking after business matters. Mr. Westfield owns the old Westfield place near the six mile rock on the Due West road, and has made a success at farming.

Just now he is erecting a modern home on his farm, in front of the old house, which when completed will be one of the best in his section.