

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mooney Tells of Work in Great News Gathering Agency

Little Rock, Ark., June 27.—C. P. Mooney, vice president of The Associated Press and editor of The Memphis Commercial Appeal, speaking at the annual commencement exercises at Little Rock, College here, told his hearers something of the organization and work of The Associated Press. Mr. Mooney said:

"The Associated Press is a club. Its members are the newspapers, but each membership is in the person of some executive of the newspaper. The members all stand equal in the organization. They are composed of Democrats, Republicans, Populists, Socialists, men of no political affiliations, men of all sorts of views about everything and everybody.

"The members, from year to year, elect a board of directors. These directors in turn elect a general manager and an assistant general manager and a president.

"The directors hold office for four years, but one-fourth go out each year. Much has been said and printed about the Associated Press being a biased organization or its being controlled by some cult, clique, creed or interest. The possibility of such is this is absurd from the fact that what The Associated Press gathers from all sorts of sources go out of all sorts of receivers. If the news were colored to favor the Democrats the Republican papers on the circuit would make a complaint.

"If before we went into the war, the news had been colored to favor preparedness or non-preparedness, there would have been objection immediately.

"During the past three or four years, it was intimated that the Pope was a mighty power in The Associated Press. It just so happened that not one of the board of directors was or is a member of the Pope's church.

"There is one Jew on the board and a finer man never lived. There is one Unitarian. The rest of the board is made up of Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterian. A former general manager of The Associated Press is a Congregationalist. A man who made The Associated Press great is the son of a Methodist minister; his name is Melville E. Stone.

"The business of The Associated Press is the gathering of news that is true, and when it is news, and when it is true, it is sent out to the members and they print it in large or small volumes as they wish.

"It is forbidden to put an Associated Press line above a non-Associated Press story that comes to his office. We may not print an Associated Press story in full, but if we do cut the story we have editors who make a fair condensation.

"The Associated Press does not buy and sell news for profit. It makes no profit. Its members pay dues. It is a wonderful news collecting organization. It has correspondents in every capital in the world. Its bureaus number from four to ten men in the larger European capitals. It has more men working for it in Washington than Washington newspaper has. Wherever men think something may happen, that will interest their people, that is worth while, The Associated Press prepares for the eventuality.

"The Associated Press sends out no signed stories. Some of the most magnificent reporting we have ever seen comes from Associated Press men. Many of us do not even know their names. There never was a more beautiful series of stories than those descriptive of the funeral and burial of the Unknown Soldier. They were written by an Associated Press man.

"On the night of Christmas in 1917, there came out of the trenches of the allied lines a story of the coming of Christmas. The night was cold. It was dark. It was wet. The rain froze as it fell. The guns were sobbing a dirge for what looked to be a lost world.

"In one of the trenches, in these surroundings, a man wrote a story of the birthday of Christ. I read that story a few moments after it came to the office. Some of those dear to me were somewhere in France. Others dear to me were away in camp. That story struck every string in my heart. I asked the next day who wrote it. The New York office wired: "We do not know but it sounds like Bob Small."

"Some news services buy and sell news as stock companies, but by and large, all of them try to be accurate and are honest because their inaccuracy and dishonesty would rot them just as cancer destroys the body.

A new anesthetic, a substitute for cocaine, has been discovered by an experimenter working on products to be manufactured into artificial rubber. It is non-poisonous in practical

WHEN TILLMAN ERUPTED

When "Pitchfork Ben" Took the Bridle Off in Kentucky

The death of former Vice-President Thomas Riley Marshall here a few days ago was the cause of some interesting political history being reviewed and some stories told that covered the time when Wilson was in the White House as president. Marshall the vice-president and when the late Benjamin R. Tillman was in the United States Senate from South Carolina.

The man who told the stories was a real Kentucky "Colonel," so far as it is possible to be one with the Vclstead law in force. At any rate the Colonel told how Senator Tillman once visited the Bluegrass section of Kentucky with a chautauque organization. It was while Tillman was at the height of his greatest popularity and he could always draw a crowd of from 5,000 to 10,000 people when it was announced that "Pitchfork Ben" was to be on hand. Well, according to the Colonel, the biggest crowd the Bluegrass ever saw outside the Kentucky derby, was there. There were beautiful women and brave men from everywhere. The people of the greatest commonwealth under all of Heaven's bluest skies was there, God bless them all.

Arriving at the small town where the lecture was to be delivered from the court house steps, Tillman found himself faced by thousands of people, not one of whom he had ever seen before. He began to read his speech but did not seem to hit it up just right. The weather was too hot or the crowd too big, or something. Tillman floundered for half an hour but just could not get started right. Then some one in the crowd yelled, "Take the bridle off and just say what you please."

In the words of the Kentucky Colonel, that was just what the Pitchfork senator was wanting. It was like throwing a rabbit in a briar patch. He cut loose and discussed the Force bill, the negro question and white supremacy, jabbed his pitchfork first into the hides of the Republicans then the Democrats, when he did not approve of the latter, and worked the crowd up to such a pitch of enthusiasm that he held them for two hours. It is said to have eclipsed anything William J. Bryan or any of the other big headliners ever attempted. The cause of the senator's embarrassment was due to the fact that he had forgotten his eye glasses.

It was because of this trip through Kentucky and because of his great friendship for Senator Blackburn of Kentucky, that Tillman later sent one of his friends to the Bluegrass section with a commission to buy two of the best carriage horses that money could get. This friend, Major Dick Anderson of Edgefield, and for many years and until his recent death, an employe of the senate, went to Kentucky. He got two fine horses and Tillman named them Joe Blackburn and Joe Bailey, then in his prime and a senator from Texas.

Tillman drove his two horses until one of them ran away throwing Mrs. Tillman out and smashing the carriage. The pair of horses was then sold and doubtless found their way back to the Bluegrass fields of old Kentucky, or wherever all good thoroughbreds go.—P. H. McGowan, of Washington, in S. C. Gazette.

The Gaffney Ledger relates the following incident: "A citizen of New York, visiting in Gaffney this week, went into a local store and purchased a pair of shoes. Upon receiving the wrapped package, the visitor asked: "How much do I owe you?" C. K. White, the salesman named the price of the shoes. "And how much is the tax?" the purchaser wanted to know. Upon being informed there was no tax, the New Yorker expressed astonishment, declaring the purchase was the first he had made in South Carolina without being required to pay a tax." There are visitors to the state, of course, who are anxious to impress you with a sense of their importance, also with a sense of everything being wrong and backward in South Carolina, while it is just right in every particular where they come from, and due allowance must be made for this fact. But it is also true that these numerous taxes on about everything that one has to buy in South Carolina are not popular, and it is also true, or appears to be true, that they are thoroughly unscientific and unjust when it comes to raising money for tax purposes. The Tax Commission has had the good sense, thanks to the lusty kick that has been raised, to lighten the cosmetics tax; and by the time the Legislature meets next winter some way ought to be found to change the whole system and get it on an equitable and satisfactory basis.—Chesler Reporter.

Earth Shakes in Montana

Billings, Mont., June 27.—Nearly two-thirds of the state of Montana was shaken by two series of earthquake shocks early tonight, the first at 6:23 o'clock and the second at 7:05. Panic seized thousands of people in Billings, Butte, Anaconda, Great Falls, Missoula, Livingston and Helena and they rushed clear of buildings, fearing for their lives. Although no loss of life was reported, word that the tremors had taken their toll in property damage soon began to trickle in.

CITATION

The State of South Carolina, County of Kershaw.

By W. L. McDowell, Esquire, Probate Judge. Whereas, Hampton Sutton made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of George Boyd.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said George Boyd, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Camden, South Carolina, on Saturday, July 11th, next after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 26th day of June A. D. 1925. W. L. McDOWELL, Judge of Probate for Kershaw County. Published on the 3rd and 10th days of July, 1925, in the Camden Chronicle and posted at the Court House door for the time prescribed by law.

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By W. L. McDowell, Esquire, Probate Judge. Whereas, D. E. Phillips made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Rebecca A. Phillips.

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FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that one month from this date, on Monday, August 3rd, 1925, I will make to the Probate Court of Kershaw County my final return as Guardian of the estate of Elizabeth Brisbane Workman, and on the same date I will apply to the said Court for a final discharge from my trust as said Guardian.

D. A. BOYKIN. Camden, S. C., July 1st, 1925.

Look out for costly tires. A dispatch from New York dated Friday says that crude rubber had jumped from 17 cents to 85 cents per pound.

The origin of the spoon is uncertain. We find table forks as early as the thirteenth century, when they are mentioned as being kept for special eating purposes.

121 Years Old

Staunton, Va., June 25.—Rosa Taylor, negress said to be 121 years of age, died here today. A daughter who claims she is 85 years old, insisted 121 was correct, but the undertaker entered the age on his certificate as 120.

A species of wasp in China eats through the lead sheath on cables, mistaking them for bamboo, boring holes to deposit their eggs therein.

At one European court the British ambassador is said to spend \$100,000 a year of his own money in maintaining his establishment in a manner befitting his position.



"Your trouble's right here in this cap"

"See this pin hole. It's all plugged up with mud and dust. That hole's the start of your gas feed system. When you use up ten gallons of gas ten gallons of air have to get into your tank. If the air can't get through the cap you'll get a vacuum in your tank and the gas won't flow freely. You'll have trouble sure as shootin' if you don't clean that hole out once in a while."

It takes years and years of practical experience to learn how to "shoot trouble" on every make of car that may come into a garage. It takes much longer to learn all the intricacies of petroleum refining. We've been at it for two generations and experience has taught us how to turn out good motor oils of uniform high quality year after year. People who realize that "experience counts" in oil refining ask for "Standard" by name.

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