

BANKS SOCIETY'S PRESIDENT.

J. M. Cantey Elected Secretary Over D. Frank Efrd.

Columbia, Nov. 2.—The annual Meeting of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Association to-night showed extraordinary and unusual interest. The explanation is in the interest of the flourishing organization and in the election of officers.

The chief interest was in the selection of the secretary. The court house was filled with members of the organization, eager to cast their ballots for their choice.

The general understanding was that under no circumstances would Mr. John G. Mobley allow the use of his name again for re-election to the presidency of the association. In retiring from the position, he gave an account of the work he has done, which was received with applause.

Mr. J. Arthur Banks, of St. Matthews, was unanimously elected to the presidency of the association. All opposition disappeared before the meeting to-night. Col. Banks has long been an active and useful member of the association and has taken a keen interest in the affairs of the fair.

There were two nominations for the position of secretary, Mr. J. M. Cantey, of Columbia, who has been assistant secretary for some time, and Mr. D. Frank Efrd, who is now secretary of the association and was its former general superintendent.

T. A. Heise, of Columbia, was made assistant secretary, winning over Paul Cross, of Chester, and E. W. Wilson, of Columbia. Vice-presidents are as follows: A. T. Smythe, 1st Congressional district, Charleston; O. M. Watson, 2nd district, Ridge Spring; T. J. Kinar, 3rd district, Ninety-Six; Jno. D. Watts, 4th district, Laurens; T. L. Bulow, 5th district, Ridgeway; D. A. Spivey, 6th district, Conway; E. C. McGregor, 7th district, Columbia.

The executive committee is as follows: T. C. Hamer, Bennettsville; B. H. Boykin, Boykin; R. I. Manning, Sumter; J. N. Kirvin, Darlington; Paul V. Moore, Moore; John D. Frost, Columbia; J. H. Henegan, St. Matthews; B. Harris Pendleton; S. J. Summers, Cameron; L. J. Browning, Union; B. F. Taylor, Columbia; J. H. Wharton, Laurens; D. F. Efrd, Lexington, and Richard Singleton.

The general superintendent, J. D. W. Watts, of Laurens, was re-elected.

In a speech before the fair society to-night, Mr. B. F. Taylor, of this city, declared that the society had been a distinct failure in promoting the things for which it was started. Mr. Taylor said that the agricultural and live stock features should be stressed and less attention should be paid to "horse racing and side shows."

One of Shaw's Eccentricities.

"So Bernard Shaw is not coming to America, eh? He says we are 200 years behind the times, so he could learn nothing from us. Well, well!"

The speaker, a dramatic critic of Washington laughed heartily with the Star man.

"Shaw," he said, "is amazing. He always does the original thing. I went to see Caesar and Cleopatra with him once, and as we stood in the aisle—the house was crowded—a stranger behind us persisted in poking his head right over Shaw's shoulder.

"Shaw then did the original thing. Taking out his handkerchief he wiped the man's nose, patting and twisting it pretty vigorously.

The man, with an ugly oath, jerked back his head.

"Oh, I beg your pardon," said Shaw, "I thought it was mine, you know."

Laughs Whole Day Through.

Lawrenceburg, Ind., Nov. 3.—Trading a mule for a "shaved tail" horse appealed to the humor of H. Schrupp, of this city and he began laughing. He laughed for an hour with the tears rolling down his cheeks. His friends became alarmed and summoned a physician, but the physician could not stop his hysteria. When 12 hours had passed and Schrupp was still convulsed with laughter an electric battery was procured and the trader was given a heavy electric shock. The laughter ceased and Schrupp fell over exhausted. It was thought for a time that the man would die but to-day he shows no ill effects from the laugh.

DID SPANIARD WRECK MAINE?

Substance of Statement Made by Col. Jasper E. Brady.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 2.—That Jos E. Sealvado, a Spanish electrician working in Moro Castle and probably a fanatic, was responsible for the battleship Maine disaster, was the statement made here to-night by Col. Jasper E. Brady.

Col. Brady says he was one of a commission of four men who investigated the explosion and reported their findings to President McKinley.

"Of course, I did not see this man turn on the switch which set free the powerful mines that caused the disaster," said the colonel, "but the evidence in the case reported directly to his guilt. Three other army officers, whose names I do not care to give, and myself reported to the president that in our belief Sealvado was responsible. He was later executed upon the command of Gen. Blanco. No one, however, was ever able to learn for what reason."

Col. Brady, in an address last night at St. George's Episcopal church, had discussed the Maine disaster and attributed it to a submarine mine explosion. His statement brought forth denials from Washington, among other things being that no military board had been appointed to investigate the case. Col. Brady explains that the board never convened to make its report, but reported individually to the president.

Col. Brady was quoted as saying in his address last night that Cubans were responsible for the disaster. He denied to-day that he made such a statement. Col. Brady is a brother of the Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, rector of St. George's church and author.

Jas. M. Sullivan Dead.

Jas. M. Sullivan, member of the State railroad commission, died at his home in Columbia on Wednesday, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis on the 17th of October. He was in the 56th year of his age. He was from Anderson, where he was engaged for a long time in the hardware business, which he turned over to his sons, after his election. He moved to Columbia recently.

Mr. Sullivan was a fine character and a useful citizen. He had filled several official positions—mayor for two terms of Anderson; representative and senator and railroad commissioner since 1906.

The appointment of his successor, who will serve the unexpired term of two years, devolves by law upon the governor. It is likely that Mr. Scarborough, who was a candidate in the recent primary, will be selected for the place.

Jerusalem Water Supply.

Ever since the days of Solomon, and probably before that, the water supply of Jerusalem has been a matter of some difficulty.

To-day Jerusalem, with its 80,000 inhabitants depends almost entirely on rain for its water supply, says the United States consul in a report, but in many cases the roofs and cisterns are filled with surface water, and the unsanitary elements with which the water is impregnated are held responsible for a large percentage of the fevers and other diseases prevalent towards the end of the dry season.

About seven and one-half miles to the south of the carriage road to Hebron are three enormous reservoirs known as Solomon's Pools. These were constructed in the bed of a valley, across which heavy walls were thrown and cemented, and are large enough to contain 3,000,000 gallons of water.

From these pools there was a masonry aqueduct built, said to have been the work of Solomon, which carried the water to the temple in Jerusalem. At one point this conduit went through a mountain by a tunnel.

In the second century the Romans, probably under Pontius Pilate, began to execute a most ambitious scheme, which they seemingly were never able to finish. The present scheme is to pump water from Ain Farrah, a fountain about twelve or thirteen kilometers to the northeast of Jerusalem and 500 meters lower. The water is of the best quality, and gushes out from beneath solid rock cliffs.

True Gift for Fiction.

In a New Brunswick village town character who perferred emphasis to the verities was a witness in a petty trial involving an auger. He positively identified it as the property of one of the parties to the suit.

"But," asked the attorney for the other side, "do you swear that you know this auger?"

"Yes, sir."

"How long have you known it?" he continued.

"I have known that auger," said the witness, impressively, "ever since it was a gimlet."—Everybody's Magazine.

A QUEER M.L. UP.

A Daughter Steals Her Mother's Husband from Her.

Mrs. Johanna Husselmann has been awarded \$9,800 damages from her daughter, the wife of Dr. William Becker, of the Circuit Court, at Milwaukee, Wis., in a \$25,000 alienation-of-affections suit of mother against daughter.

Mrs. Husselmann and Dr. Becker were married in Chicago on March 17, 1900. She was 46 years old; he was 31. She had two daughters. One of them was Mrs. Hattie Bott, aged 26. Mrs. Bott was then living in St. Paul. Her husband was Dr. Henry C. Bott.

Shortly after the marriage Mrs. Bott went to Milwaukee to visit at the home of her mother and her new stepfather. The result was that on Sept. 29, 1905, Mrs. Becker and her husband separated. On Nov. 3, 1906, Mrs. Husselmann got a divorce, resuming the name of Husselmann.

On Nov. 9, 1906, Mrs. Bott began suit for divorce from Dr. Bott. She got the divorce Nov. 24, 1907. Five days later, according to testimony, Mrs. Bott and her stepfather were married. The mother said, among other things, that her daughter "willfully, maliciously and wickedly" gained the affections of Dr. Becker and sought to entice him to desert his wife.

Peon Kidnaps Girl.

A kidnapping, such as one has been wont to read about in novels of adventure has taken place in Mexico, a young American girl being the victim of a treacherous Mexican. Miss Grace Rolph, the 17-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Rolph, of Pender, Neb., was kidnapped last week, from a ranch near Checoy, Mex., by a Mexican peon named Segunda. The ranch is owned by G. S. Harris, of Lincoln, Neb.

He is a friend of Dr. Rolph who for years was one of the prominent doctor's health became such that he felt the need of a change of climate and accepted the offer of Mr. Harris to make his home for an indefinite time on the ranch. His daughter is highly cultured and of attractive appearance.

Segunda has long been in the employ of Mr. Harris, and is more than twice the age of the girls he kidnapped. He once killed a man, but Mr. Harris did not regard him as vicious and trusted him. Segunda was the ranch hunter, being exceptionally skillful in bringing in venison and other wild game. He prided himself on his marksmanship and horsemanship. He is very illiterate and unable to speak a dozen words in English.

Mr. Harris, who recently returned from his Mexican property, said at Lincoln a few days ago, that Segunda had never, so far as he knew, shown any particular fondness for Miss Rolph, and if he had he was quite sure it was not reciprocated.

The country around Checoy, while wild and inhabited chiefly by Mexicans of the lower class, has never been regarded as lawless, and Mr. Harris thinks Segunda will not be protected by the natives. There are a few other American ranchmen in the country, and those, Mr. Harris believes, will band together and run down the kidnapper.

The son of Mr. Harris, who is manager of his ranch, has posted a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of Segunda, and communication has been opened with Mexican officials at Mexico City, the United States ambassador there and the State department officials at Washington.

A Nice Distinction.

In the heat of revivals regrettable things are sometimes said. Deacon Washington, colored, was holding a meeting in the Nalachucky chapel, and, being wrought up to a high pitch of excitement, he cried out: "I see befo' me ten chickens thieves, includin' Calhoun Clay!"

Instantly Calhoun Clay rose and left the church. He was very angry. He brought several powerful influences to bear, and the deacon promised to apologize. So at the next meeting the old man said:

"I desire to retract mah last night's remark when I stated that I see befo' me ten chicken thieves, includin' Calhoun Clay. What I should have said, dear brethren and sisters, was—I see befo' me nine chicken thieves, not includin' Calhoun Clay."—Detroit Free Press.

Not Sorry for Blunder.

"If my friends hadn't blundered in thinking I was a doomed victim of consumption, I might not be alive now," writes D. T. Sanders, of Harrodsburg, Ky., "but for years they saw every attempt to cure a lung-racking cough fail. At last I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. The effect was wonderful. It soon stopped the cough and I am now in better health than I have had for years. This wonderful life-saver is an unrivaled remedy for coughs, colds, laryngitis, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, whooping cough or weak lungs. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by People's Drug Co., Bamberg, S. C.

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