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COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

Mrs. King Entertains For Graduating Class of Mayesville School

One of the most delightful social events of the season in the hospitable and progressive little city of Mayesville, was the reception by Mrs. M. B. King, at her beautiful home, following the commencement exercises last Friday evening, complimentary to the graduating class.

The occasion will long be pleasantly remembered by the ten members of the 1920 class and numerous other ladies and gentlemen who were so fortunate as to be included among the guests.

In their charmingly hospitable and gracious manner, Mrs. King, assisted by Mrs. J. F. Bland, Mrs. H. Lee, Thomas, and Miss Sumner cordially greeted the guests and made each and every one happy with that friendly spirit of welcome which adds so much to the pleasure of such occasions.

Mrs. J. M. Curry and Miss Carrie Anderson graciously and cordially presided over the destinies of the fruit punch bowl and dispensed full hospitality devoid of "kick" but full of friendship to the thirsty but delighted guests.

Many young ladies and gentlemen were present and the spacious verandas and drawing rooms, the wide lawns were filled with happy youngsters, while the "middle-aged," there being no old folks present, equally enjoyed each others company.

The popular hostess is one of Mayesville's most charming and public-spirited citizens, one who takes peculiar interest and pride in Mayesville's school and other institutions and general welfare.

Among the out-of-town guests who were so fortunate as to be remembered by Mrs. King, and so delightfully entertained were Dr. J. H. Haynsworth, county superintendent of education, Professor C. S. Hutchinson, assistant county superintendent of education, and E. I. Reardon, manager-secretary of the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce.

MOORE WILL BE CANDIDATE

Will Run to Succeed Himself as Adjutant General

W. W. Moore, the Adjutant General, announced yesterday that he would be in race to succeed himself for the sixth consecutive term as head of the State military department. He is being opposed by Capt. A. H. Marchant, of Orangeburg, a world war veteran.

Liquor Knocked Out

Supreme Court Declares Prohibition Amendment Constitutional

Washington, June 7.—The prohibition amendment was held constitutional today by the Supreme Court. The Court also held the prohibition enforcement act constitutional. The court dismissed the petitions filed by Rhode Island and New Jersey to have Federal officials enjoined from enforcing prohibition in those States. The injunctions restricting prohibition officials from interfering with certain brewers in the manufacture of beer will be solved by the court.

CONFERENCE AT SPA POSTPONED

Officials Cannot Prepare Material Before July

Paris, June 7.—Postponement of the Allied-German conference which was scheduled to meet at Spa, June 21, is considered certain on account of the inability of officials to prepare the material for discussion by that time. The officials indicated that the conference will be held about July 6.

ELECTION RETURNS IN GERMANY

First Republican Reichstag Will Be Controlled by Socialists

Berlin, June 7.—A majority of socialists were elected to thirty-four seats in the first Republican Reichstag, according to the latest returns from yesterday's election in Germany. Independent socialists will hold twenty-four seats, the German people's party twenty-five, Democrats sixteen, German nationalists fifteen, centrists fourteen and communists two.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS TODAY

Washington, June 5.—With the sine die adjournment set for 4 p. m., both house of congress have busy sessions. Many important bills have been cleared away in night sessions. Measures, leaders said, that are certain to fail of passage, are the re-negotiating of the meat industry, the tariff, cold storage, sugar embargo, the alien and the Muscle Shoals nitrate plant bills.

SWEET POTATO CONFERENCE

Growers, Storage House Owners And Others Called to Meet June 29.

Clemson College, June 8.—Appreciating the fact that the sweet potato will play an important part in the agriculture of South Carolina in meeting boll weevil conditions, says W. W. Long, director, the extension service of Clemson College, and the United States Department of Agriculture have thought it wise to call the growers, storage house owners, and other interested parties to meet in Columbia on June 29th at the offices of the South Carolina Development Board, Liberty Bank Building at 12 o'clock. The following problems are to be discussed:

1. The proper harvesting, grading and packing of the sweet potato crop.

2. The proper storing and curing of the crop.

3. Arrangements for marketing the 1920 crop and for securing and distribution of disease-free seed of standard varieties for the crop of 1921.

When it is understood that this meeting is for the purpose of making the sweet potato crop one of great commercial value to the people of our State its importance must impress itself upon all. If South Carolina is going to make a success of sweet potato growing, it is absolutely necessary that all these problems be solved and the industry placed on a firm foundation. This can be done only by perfecting a working organization. Otherwise, there may be serious loss growing out of the fact that a great majority of the people are ignorant of the handling of potatoes through storage warehouses. Let me beg of you not to fail to come and attend this meeting.

Mr. Tenney of the North American Fruit Exchange, who has handled successfully for the last five years the asparagus crop of the South Carolina Asparagus Growers' Association, will be present and will discuss the subject of marketing sweet potatoes. The North American Fruit Exchange has 120 sales offices throughout the United States and is one of the most reliable concerns in the country.

Columbia May Be Headquarters

American Cotton Association to Select Headquarters City

Columbia, June 7.—South Carolina's capital is in the race for the location of the headquarters of the American Cotton Association, against Augusta, Ga., Atlanta, Boston, New York, Baltimore and Norfolk. The location of the headquarters is to be decided at some future date, this having been agreed at a meeting of the executive and finance committees of the Association in Atlanta last week, from which the South Carolina members have just returned.

The selection of a general manager of the Association, whose office will be in the headquarters city, is in the hands of a special committee of the organization, to be selected after this committee has visited several business centers to investigate men under consideration.

The Cotton Association committee at its Atlanta meeting authorized each State division to appoint two delegates to attend a conference at an early date with New England spinners, this conference to be held at an early date.

Harvey Jordan, of Atlanta, was re-elected secretary of the Cotton Association; Joe McCabe, of St. Matthews, was elected assistant secretary, and Miss Helen Campbell, of Atlanta, was named treasurer. E. F. McLeod, of Charleston, was elected chairman of the finance committee, to have charge of all financial matters. Thomas A. Shackelford, of Athens, Ga., was elected attorney, to have headquarters in Washington.

Germany Will Pay For Occupation

Bonds Will Be Used to Pay Expenses of American Expedition

Paris, June 7.—Of the United States' share of twenty billion marks in reparation bonds that Germany is required to issue under the Versailles treaty, about \$500,000,000 will be spent to pay for the first twenty months of occupation of the Rhine land by American troops.

President Wilson In Good Health

Philadelphia, June 5.—Reports current that President Wilson's condition had taken a turn for the worse were denied today by Dr. Dercum, who frequently was called in consultation. "They are silly rumors," said Dr. Dercum. "When I last saw the President he was in such good condition that I didn't think it necessary to return and discontinued my regular visits for the present."

Columbia, June 4.—The Wateree river bridge between Sumter and Richland counties, and the election of a secretary and a chief engineer will be principal matters before the State Highway Commission in its second monthly meeting in Columbia tomorrow.

Deadlock Promised At Chicago

Contesting Delegates Will Be Heard Again Before Credentials Committee

Chicago June 7.—The eminence of the Republican convention, which begins at noon tomorrow apparently worked today to further belound instead of clarifying the question of who shall be the nominee for President. Wood, Lowden and Johnson supporters are working hard for advantage and all are claiming gains as the balance of uninstructed delegates arrived, but the best claims for any of the three amounted to little more than one-fourth of the total delegate strength on the first ballot and it takes a majority to nominate.

The prospects of a deadlock are becoming better hourly. Favorite sons and "dark horse" possibilities increased their activities and further tangled the situation. The outlook also helped to enliven the squabble over the contested convention seats and the struggle over the permanent organization of the convention. At least some and possibly all of the 137 contests decided by the National Committee will be brought before the credentials committee for a rehearing and a few may be decided finally on the convention floor itself, according to indications today.

The League of Nations plank, over which one of the bitterest convention fights is predicted, might soon be given the approval of all the leaders except a small group of mild reservation senators.

Lucy Page Gaston, the only woman in the presidential race, announced today that her name would not be presented before the convention. She said she would withdraw in favor of anyone who will endorse the moral reforms she stood for. She entered the Dakota primaries on a platform which included an anti-cigarette plank and clean morals.

PASSENGER SHIP CATCHES FIRE

New York, June 5.—The Norwegian steamship Bergensfjord, bound from New York to Norway, with a large number of passengers, radioed to New York today that there was fire and an explosion aboard while off the eastern end of Long Island. She first asked for assistance, but later reported that the fire was controlled and she was proceeding on her voyage.

PLAGUE SPREADS IN VERA CRUZ

Vera Cruz, June 5.—Six new cases of bubonic plague have been discovered and two deaths are reported. An appeal has been sent to New Orleans for medicines.

Commerce Commission Appropriates Millions

To Promote the Movement of Cars and Lend to Carriers

Washington, June 7.—An immediate appropriation of \$125,000,000 of government funds for the use of the railroads to purchase new rolling stock is announced today by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The appropriation for additions and betterments and to promote the movement of cars is fixed at \$73,000,000; to meet maturing obligations, \$50,000,000; appropriations for loans to carriers, \$12,000,000.

Dr. Marion Preaches Forceful Sermon

Taking as his subject, "Our Leisure Hours," Dr. J. P. Marion delivered a forceful sermon Sunday at the Presbyterian church on the present-day problems of the young people. He pointed out the fact that only the working man or woman can have leisure hours. The professional loafer does not know the joy of working and then having a few hours of rest and leisure. These hours of rest are necessary for an individual and it is the way this time is used that determined the character of a man. They may be used in dancing, playing cards, or like amusement, this is only throwing time away. The wise man or woman uses these hours for development. There are three ways of development, physically, mentally and spiritually. The wise man develops himself physically by games, by taking walks in the woods, by healthful exercise, not by dancing or sitting around doing nothing. We can develop ourselves in these hours mentally by the use of good books and conversation. Dr. Marion mentioned the modern flapper as a thing to be avoided. He advised the young men to talk to a real woman if he wanted to lift himself to higher things. The spiritual development also can be aided in these leisure hours by the reading of the Bible and reflection.

It was a strong and timely sermon and well delivered. Dr. Marion will preach a series of sermons this month for the young people and next Sunday will discuss the question of amusements.

A Coming Marriage

Mrs. G. G. Stokes Garrett has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Edmonia Preston, to Mr. Earle Rowland, at the First Presbyterian church, Laurens, S. C., June 16th at 8:30 o'clock p. m.

Churches Approves World Movement

Presbyterians and Methodists Give Their Approval to Organization

Columbia June 7.—Five of the great bodies of protestantism in America, meeting in general session in recent weeks have approved the proposed policy of the Interchurch World Movement for the coming year, according to the headquarters of the movement. Secretary Brock, of the Columbia office of the Movement, states that these endorsements have proven a great stimulus to the work of the organization.

Heretofore the Interchurch movement has had to depend upon the endorsement of only individual churches and church agencies for its existence. Now, however, for the first time, the seal of the highest governing bodies of large denominations have given it approval and future organization and progress of its work is therefore assured, it is stated.

Contrary to previous statements issued from Philadelphia, during the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A., the northern Presbyterian body has voted to continue co-operation in the movement.

The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, endorsed the re-organization plans of the general committee of the movement, as did the Reformed church. Similar approval was voted by the Methodist Protestant body, meeting at Greensboro a few weeks ago.

The Southern Presbyterian church at its recent General Assembly at Charlotte adopted the majority report of its special committee, giving its approval of the movement and offering continued co-operation. The General Mission Board of the Southern Methodist church previously reaffirmed its endorsement and its determination to utilize Inter-Church agencies.

OREGON DOCTORS BAN THE KNIFE

Portland, Ore., June 5.—Operations for the removal of the vermiform appendix are going out of style, according to the views of the Oregon Medical Association convention in session here.

Baseball for Summer

According to plans announced by the managers of the Sumter baseball team, which is now organizing, and the first game of the season will in all probability be on Monday 14th. There will be three games that week and the Gamecocks hope to get a running start this season by winning the first three in a row.

Games are being arranged with the leading towns in the State and Sumter is sure to see some real baseball this summer out at the fair grounds. There will be several out of town players on the team this year. The management is negotiating with Scofe Campbell and Ryan Chandler, who were fast infielders last year. It is thought that McKeithan, who hails from Raeford, N. C., will be on hand to help out in the pitching line. McKeithan has the reputation of being one of the best pitchers in the Tar Heel State and great things are expected of him this summer. Several other fast players are on the string and these will with the addition of the local talent give Sumter what might be called, "Er team."

Captain Burns is holding daily practices and there is a lot of promising material coming out every day. The team will be greatly handicapped by the loss of Buck Flowers this year. Buck will be out of the game on account of an operation for appendicitis and it is going to be hard to fill his place with a man like him.

The diamond at the fair grounds is being rolled and clayed and promises to be in such condition by the 14th that it will be one of the fastest diamonds in the State. A score board 10 by 20 feet is being erected and everything being done to make a real ball park. It is hoped that the people of Sumter will support the team this summer by coming out every game and boosting the home team. This is not a money-making project, the management only want to give Sumter some real baseball this summer. Do your bit. Be on hand the first game and every other game during the summer.

Death

Mrs. Florence Spann Dinkins died at her home in the Oswego neighborhood at 4 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mrs. Dinkins had been ill for some time and her death came as no surprise to her many friends and relatives. She was the widow of the late Winfield S. Dinkins, who died several years ago. Mrs. Dinkins was born about 64 years ago at "Forest Home," near Oswego, the home of her father, Willis Spann. Before her marriage she taught school and through the acquaintances made this way and her wide family connections she was intimately associated with many people.

She was a devout member of the Methodist church, retaining her membership in the Rembert church and attending Trinity when living in Sumter. Willis V. Spann, of Sumter, is her nephew and was reared in her home. He and many other relatives survive her. The funeral services were held at Rembert church Monday morning at 11 o'clock and the body buried in the family burying ground there.

County Executive Committee

Representative of Democratic Clubs Arrange for Campaign and Primary

The County Democratic Executive Committee met in the court house at 12 o'clock today with a majority of the clubs represented. County Chairman J. H. Clifton presided.

A resolution was adopted that the county campaign open on Wednesday, July 28th, and that meetings be held as follows:

- Privatree, Wednesday, July 23th.
- Wedgfield, Friday, July 30th.
- Shiloh, Friday, August 6th.
- Mayesville, Wednesday, August 11th.
- Rembert, Friday, August 13th.
- Dalzell, Friday, August 20th.
- Sumter, Friday, August 20th, 8 p. m.
- Sumter, Saturday, August 21st, 11 a. m.

All meetings to open at 11 a. m. except the meeting at Sumter on Friday night, August 20th.

The time for candidates to file pledges expires at 12 o'clock noon, July 27th, the day before the first campaign meeting.

The question of primary election expenses and assessments was discussed at considerable length. It was finally decided by unanimous vote to levy the following assessments on candidates:

- Clerk of Court \$100
- Sheriff \$60
- Auditor \$40
- Treasurer \$40
- Coroner \$25
- Representative \$25
- Magistrate, first district \$5
- Magistrate, second district \$5
- Magistrate, third district \$5
- Magistrate, fourth district \$5
- Magistrate, fifth district \$5
- Magistrate, sixth district \$5
- Magistrate, seventh district \$5

It was decided that the Committee will meet at 11 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, August 4th, to receive the enrollment books, to hear any complaints that may be filed and to transact any other business that may be necessary.

Committeemen who have not already done so were requested to furnish to the Secretary at once or as soon as they can do so, lists of the enrollment committees of their respective clubs, and lists of managers and clerks who will serve at the primary election. Executive committeemen who were not present at the meeting are requested to send in these lists at the earliest date possible.

Managers will be paid one dollar a day each for serving at the primary and the manager who comes for and returns the boxes will be paid five cents per mile or the distance travelled coming to, and returning the boxes. The club enrollment books have been received from the Secretary of the State Executive Committee and are in the hands of County Chairman J. H. Clifton. The secretary of each club or an authorized representative is requested to call without delay on County Chairman Clifton for the enrollment book for his club. The enrollment books should have been opened on the first Tuesday of June, but as the books had not been received at that time it was impossible to deliver them to the secretaries of the clubs.

They are to be kept open in the custody of the secretaries and enrollment committees of the several clubs until the fourth Tuesday of July and then within three days delivered to the County Chairman.

LABOR MEETING IN CANADA

Gompers Leaves for Chicago To Demand Political Reform

Montreal, June 7.—The American Federation of Labor, meeting for the second time on foreign soil, opened its fortieth annual convention here today. More than 500 delegates were registered when Gompers called the convention to order. Gompers goes to Chicago tonight to lay before the Republican resolutions committee organized labor's desires in American political reform.

Apology For Flag Burning

Washington, June 7.—Secretary Colby, on behalf of the American government, has tendered a verbal apology to the British ambassador for the burning of the British flag here last week by Irish women.

WILSON CRITICISES PRESENT CONGRESS

Washington, June 5.—President Wilson in a telegram sent to the Railroad Brotherhoods' officials today criticized congress for its failure to act regarding the high cost of living, the conclusion of peace, and important domestic legislation. The telegram was in reply to one asking the President to prevent the adjournment of Congress. "I have no reason, whatever, to hope that its continuance would result in constructive measures for the relief of economic conditions to which you call attention," said the President. "It must be evident to all that the dominating motive which actuated this Congress is political expediency rather than the lofty purpose to serve the public welfare." The President said that he had accepted some legislation because he despaired of anything better.

Boosting Outweighs Hard Facts

California An Example of What Persistent and Cooperative Advertising Can Do

(By J. K. Breedin)
Somebody said the other day that our State should be better known as a place of opportunity. He was right. Another thing he said proved the need of advertising. "I did not know that South Carolina's agricultural products exceeded in value those of California by \$45,000,000 in 1919." Nor did you, Mr. Ordinary Man! Well, what difference does it make anyhow? Boosting has made of California a rich State far beyond other States older and with more abundant opportunity to capitalize their opulent resources.

How does California get that way? as the soldiers used to ask. Well, here is a bit that I know of.

The department of citizenship of the army overseas projected a number of institutes throughout the territory occupied by the American Expeditionary Forces for the presentation and discussion of international affairs, industrial relations, agriculture, etc. I had charge of the first regular institute—that held at Is-sur-Tille. Nine officers were sent as specialists to present the subjects. One gentleman was on the program to tell of opportunities for soldiers on government land. But it all simmered down to California. Day after day, for weeks, he presented California by lectures, oral and pictorial; for he was equipped abundantly with slides showing everything.

I grew so tired of that one-sided presentation of California as the land of agricultural opportunity that I finally invited the men to tell of their home communities. They didn't have the facts. I did my best to present South Carolina and the South, telling of things I knew, (I was a county newspaper man once, citing the usual instances of good farming; not the exceptional record of production; per acre where a prize stimulates the farmer to unprofitable cost of production.

On the basis of my statements even my California associate admitted that the South is the land of opportunity. How I did wish for facts and slides and other data to present the case of my own State of South Carolina.

How many of us know the excellent annual reports of the State Department of Agriculture? William Banks has produced—it is an annual—a book of information that every library should have and every business man should keep within reach. Let us get the facts and then put them before the world.

A business man of New York remarked of South Carolina, "It is the most advertised State, politically, and the least known State, economically, in the Union."

While listening to a California comrade one day, a South Carolina captain who had traveled in nearly every State remarked at intervals, "We raise more of this, that or the other than California, or the whole West together." He was right, but—here's the rub—the Californians were out proclaiming their State and its resources and doing it as ardently as though it would bring a new dispensation.

One man asserting with confidence and enthusiasm the greatness and grandeur of his State can sweep a multitude of uninformed men off their feet. That is what Californians have done.

One night I spoke at the Hotel Mediterranean in Paris, and in the introduction the chairman said some nice things about California. Now where do you suppose he came from? In London I went to a movie—and saw a picture of a negro trucking bales of cotton about, and under the picture, "Cotton in the Imperial Valley, California." Raised 33,000 bales last year.

Do we realize that California is advertising its cotton on the screens and in the great magazines? Some day a Frenchman will ask, "Where is ze cotton raised?" And the answer will be "In California." And Orangeburg county produces more cotton than does all the West, probably.

Recently there were four men on a train from Sumter to Manning. One man was from California. Did we just guess that? Oh, no; he gave facts, figures, illustrations. He told how many cars of each kind of fruit were shipped from California last year. It came easily, almost torrentially from his booster-trained lips. And that lone Californian here in South Carolina backed the three of us down. How? He had facts or what passed for facts about California; we just guessed or had no facts as to South Carolina.

South Carolina is truly a State of opportunity, but the average Carolinian doesn't know it and the rest of the world doesn't even imagine it.

What do you know, Mr. Carolinian, of your State? What of the great tobacco industry? Did you Greenville men ever hear of the special quality of "Puddin' Swamp tobacco? And did the low country man ever think definitely of the textile enterprises of the Piedmont? What of the trucking, lumber and fruit, of the cattle and stock awakening, the cotton seed oil mills, etc.

William Banks has collated this information and put it in cold type; now let's all of us animate it and vivify it to the enhancement of the well-being of our home State. I am glad to see that the South Carolina Development Board is going to help us equip ourselves to talk intelligently about South Carolina.