

EXPECT MEETING AT ZION HALL TO PRODUCE RESULTS

Conference on Armenian and Syrian Relief Work Saturday To Be Addressed by Adolphus Lewis.

Adolphus Lewis, of New York city, formerly connected with the Laymen's Missionary movement, will visit Memphis Saturday, Dec. 14, to hold a conference with the local pastors and laymen of all denominations in the interest of the Armenian and Syrian relief work. The meeting will be held at Zion hall, Beale avenue, at 11 o'clock Saturday.

Important after-the-war problems will be discussed at the ministers' institute to be held at Avery chapel on Dec. 18 and 19 under the auspices of the National Committee on Churches and Moral Aims of the War. There will be three local colored speakers on the program, viz. Bishop N. T. DeLoach, Dr. W. V. Vernon and Dr. T. O. Fuller. All sessions will be free.

Churches, lodges and schools should see that there is proper ventilation when meetings are held to safeguard the health of the people.

Among the colored men already pledged to go to France are Dr. W. E. B. Dubois, of New York; Rev. W. H. Jerdigan, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Robert S. Moton, of Tuskegee; Rev. E. C. Moton, of Helena, Ark.; and Rev. A. J. Stokes, of Montgomery, Ala.

The Foch Victory club of the Manassas street public school, of which Cora Taylor is principal, will give a flower contest Monday night, Dec. 16, at the school.

Care should be taken when making visits where there is sickness. Teachers should see that students are not received from homes where there is any contagious or infectious disease.

Virginia W. Broughton, for many years connected with charitable and educational work in Memphis, has accepted work in Nashville, Tenn., in connection with Roger Williams university. Students of Howe institute gave her a token of appreciation when she left.

The Howe Choral class has done a good work in race adjustment. Leading white speakers have delivered helpful lectures to colored people under their auspices.

The Alpha Reading circle will have its flower contest at the residence of Dr. Sutton E. Griggs, Georgia avenue and Lauderdale street, Friday night, Dec. 13. This contest was postponed from Dec. 2.

A large crowd of representative negroes will hear Myrtle B. Anderson, of Los Angeles, Cal., tonight at Howe institute. There is no charge for admission.

There will be an old-fashioned spelling match at Avery chapel Friday night, Dec. 20, under the auspices of the Allen Christian Endeavor league. There will be two prizes. The best speller will get a pig and the person calling the largest number of tickets will be given a Christmas turkey.

The Solvent branch of the Red Cross on Beale avenue has done splendid work in making useful garments for soldiers and assisting in other relief work. The Junior Red Cross has been started at LeMoine institute and will soon be connected with Howe. The work is patriotic, educational and constructive.

Negroes have been close students of the war, and the following are some of the practical benefits:

1. An intensified patriotic spirit through war activities.
2. A larger conception of national and international questions.
3. The spirit of personal sacrifice for others.
4. An enlarged conception of the importance of the individual in colonial tasks.
5. How hurtful gossip (propaganda) may embarrass a nation.
6. That the home front is as important as the battle front.
7. That ignorance is a hurtful paralysis in a national crisis.
8. That the community spirit is a good thing to cultivate in times of peace as well as in war times.
9. That a nation's health is more important than its wealth.
10. That labor played no small part in winning the war.
11. That an investment in government securities is an anchor to citizenship.
12. That co-operation is essential to success in big undertakings.
13. That when the nation is in peril the humblest man feels it.
14. That an offending nation however powerful will lose its day of reckoning.
15. That the world itself, at times, becomes so small to his contempt.
16. That patriotism and valor will some day find a reward.
17. That our statesmen and soldiers are the peers of any in the world.
18. That the spirit of democracy is more effective in war than the force of autocracy.
19. That preparedness in an unrighteous cause is not a guarantee of success.

Among the institutions of Memphis and the South doing educational work among negroes the University of West Tennessee deserves special mention. Few people of our immediate community are aware of the extent to which this young institution is leaving its imprint upon the lives and aiding in the progress of the negro race. Its departments of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and nurse training have over 50 graduates, licensed and practicing right here in Memphis. Their combined influence for good would be hard to estimate. Yet this institution is unaided and without state or denominational aid. To it we must owe that debt which all communities owe the progressive educational institutions which bear their burden. The money spent for education will return a hundred fold. On next Saturday, Dec. 14, this institution will have a "badge day," and ask the people of Memphis for a contribution.

Your W. S. S. Pledge.

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BY A GOODFELLOW.
Twenty-six employees at the O. K. Houck Piano Co. are real Goodfellows. Despite the many calls they have answered in the past year, calls for Red Cross work, Liberty bonds, war savings stamps and war work, they turned another trick today, this time for the kids.

Perhaps the spirit of their employer, known far and wide, has something to do with their beneficence. Perhaps their big-heartedness is a family inheritance. Maybe it is the result of both. Anyway, The News Scimitar Goodfellows club bids them welcome and assures them that the quality of their contribution to the cause of the child will provide many a merry Christmas.

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WARNS DAIRYMEN TO SELL ONLY CLEAN MILK

Dr. John Frick, representing the state food and drug department, Tuesday issued a warning to dairymen to discontinue selling dirt milk. The quality of the pure food laws.

It has come to my attention that a number of dairymen are selling milk that is dirty. I must warn such dairymen that if they do not use their classifiers more frequently their milk will be prosecuted. I will also ask the consumers to tilt the bottles to detect the fat in the milk and when the quality of milk is offered to refuse to purchase same.

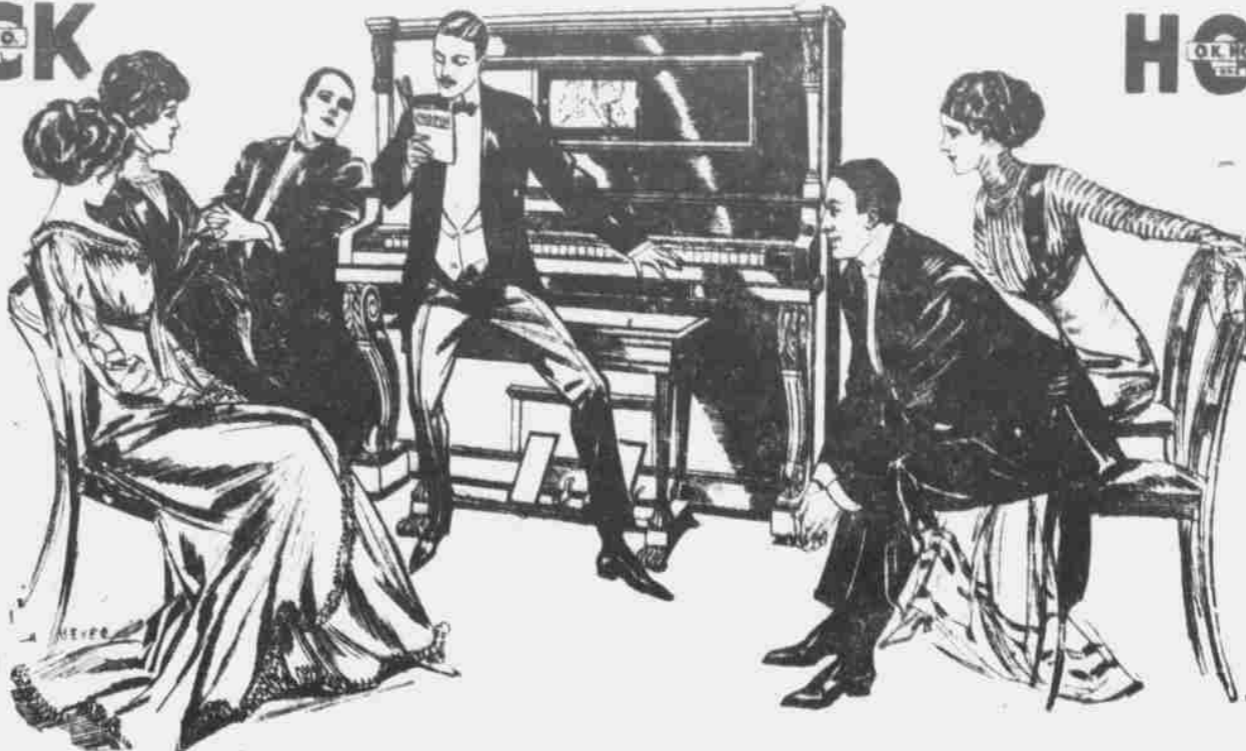
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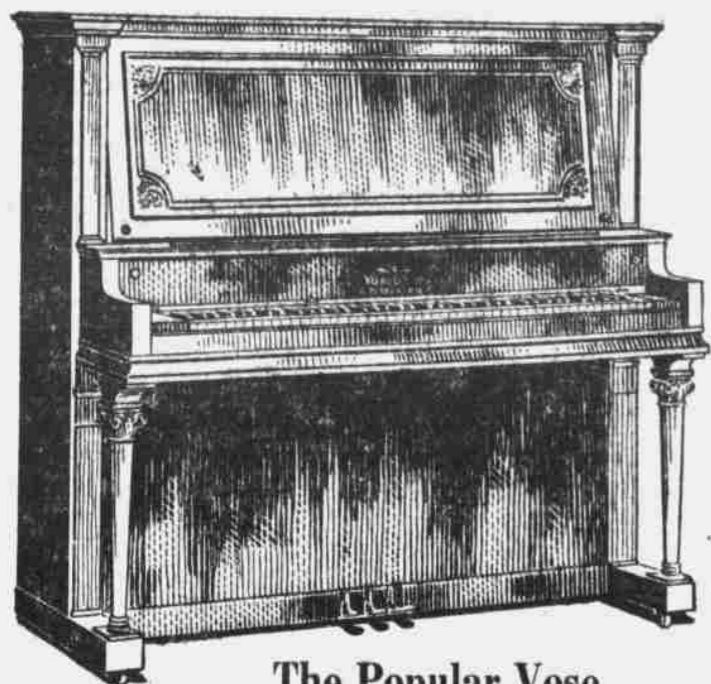
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Government Tax to Be 5 Per Cent Instead of 10 Per Cent On Pianos, Player-Pianos and Phonographs

(From Chicago Musical Times, Nov. 27th)
"Last Friday the Senate Finance Committee, revising the war revenue bill, reduced the tax on pianos, player-pianos and phonographs from 10 per cent to 5 per cent. This is a move that is of the greatest interest and importance to the whole trade."

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Prices Will Not Be Lower Soon

The Chicago Musical Times also states: "We do not see how it is possible for a factory to lower their price a when material has labor held at anything like present prices. It must be remembered that the removal of all restrictions on material doesn't supply the factories with the material, but merely gives them a chance to buy it if they can find it."

"Piano manufacturers may be relied on to promptly give the dealers the benefit of any reduction they may themselves secure, but the cessation of the war has not yet brought about any reduction in either material or labor."

BUY NOW BEFORE THE TAX BECOMES EFFECTIVE.

KIWANIANS FACING RIP-ROARING TIME

A rip-roaring session is in prospect for the Kiwanis club at the regular weekly luncheon at Hotel Gaywood Wednesday noon. The occasion will be the annual election of officers for the ensuing year, and, judging from the strenuous campaign candidates on the two tickets are making, the ballot will be warm and close, with every

indication of a record attendance participating.

An excellent program has been announced, with plenty of fun and good music.

Louis J. Moss, present vice-president is the only candidate for president, and Albe Goodfellow is unopposed for treasurer. The tickets follow:

Black Hawks—For vice-president, G. F. Schlecht; secretary, P. F. Cronshaw; Directors—T. J. Beasley, R. O. Dawson, G. M. Bairo, C. H. Nash, Jr., Lee Winchester.

White Feathers—For vice-president, H. T. Winkelman, secretary, J. F.

Dickinson, Directors—W. M. Solomon, Gordon Anderson, C. W. Schley, E. Faugh, C. H. Poland.

KINNEY STARTS BALL ROLLING IN SHELBY

Senator William R. Kinney, of Brownsville, was in Memphis Tuesday calling on the members of the Shelby county legislative delegation in the interest of his candidacy for state comptroller.

Senator Kinney was a member of the last legislature from the Thirty-first district, composed of Haywood and Fayette counties, and was counted among

the leaders. He is opposing the re-election of John E. Thomson, of Memphis, who is serving his second term, and has made an efficient officer.

It is understood that Governor-elect Roberts is taking a part in the organization of the legislature, and in the selection of state officers. It is known that he has indicated the candidacy of Andrew J. Todd, of Murfreesboro, for speaker of the senate, and Seth Walker of Lebanon, for speaker of the house. This election is practically assured as there is no disposition to promote factionalism in the state affairs by de-

ing the governor a harmonious organization of his own selection.

It has been stated frequently that Thomson has the endorsement of the governor, but Mr. Kinney says he had the assurance of the governor before he entered the race, that he would take no part in it between him and Mr. Thomson.

One of the interesting contests coming before the legislature is for the office of treasurer. Porter Dugan, the present treasurer, is a candidate for re-election. He supported Austin Peay his neighbor, for governor, against Judge Roberts. Hill McMaster, Judge

Roberts' campaign manager, is a candidate for the office, with the support of the governing-elect.

Dugan went into office under the Lea regime, and was one of Gov. Patterson's staunch supporters. He is a young man of exceptional ability as an official and as a politician. Hill McMaster is also a young man, a son of the late Judge W. K. McMaster, formerly a member of the supreme court, and one of the leading lawyers of Tennessee.

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