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RUSSIAN SOVIETS HOPE TO DESTROY MORALE OF ALL ARMIES OF WORLD

COUNTY COUNCIL DIRECTORS WILL VISIT SANTA FE

IMPORTANT MEETING OF COMMUNITY CLUB WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY EVENING.

HOLD ELECTION OFFICERS

Farm Problems Will Be Discussed by Several Speakers—County Agent Will Outline Agricultural Plans for Year.

Farmers, their wives, sons and daughters of the Santa Fe community will assemble Friday evening at the school house for the annual meeting of the community club, the election of officers, the discussion of farm problems and the mapping out of work for the present year.

County Agent E. A. McLean will be one of the speakers, and will emphasize the importance of concerted action upon the part of the farmers, the necessity of co-operation and will urge them to become members of the county council of agriculture, which has done much to bring the farmers into closer touch with each other during the past year.

Mr. McLean will call attention to the work that is being done in other communities of the county, and will urge that Santa Fe have a big community fair next fall.

Especial attention will be paid to the organization of the boys and girls clubs in that community, and an effort will be made to organize the boys corn club at once, as it is almost time the boys were marking off their acres and planning for the work, which will be done under the supervision of the county agent.

The meeting will also be addressed by T. Y. English and Albert Holt, who are prominent in the councils of the county council of agriculture, and in the community organization at Enterprise, one of the largest community clubs of the county.

Hoover Accepts Cabinet Place, Please People

(By United Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Herbert Hoover's acceptance of the post of secretary of commerce in the new Harding cabinet will be communicated to Harding today, it was stated on the highest authority here this morning.

The former food administrator will enter the cabinet with the greatest reluctance, it was said, "and only through a sense of obligation to the public and Mr. Harding."

TRAVELS 2400 MILES TO PREACH FUNERAL

REV. S. H. ESHMAN CALLED FROM LAKELAND, FLA., TO GAINESVILLE, KY.

Rev. S. H. Eshman, former pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Culleoka, was in Columbia this morning on route to his home at Lakeland, Florida, from Gainesville, Ky., where he had been called to preach the funeral of one of his former members. Mr. Eshman traveled 2,400 miles to perform this function of the duties of his calling.

GOOD STATEMENTS NATIONAL BANKS

Statements of the two local national banks published today under the call of the comptroller of the currency show that these institutions are in splendid condition. Notwithstanding the general deflation in progress and the curtailment of credits over the country these banks show handsome totals of deposits and resources as far in excess of those in normal times.

PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO BE WAGED IN EVERY NATION OF WORLD, IS REPORT.

ATTACKS ON ARMY OFFICERS

Brigadier General Nolan Makes This Startling Statement in Testifying Before Senate Military Committee Today.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Russian soviet government has instructed a world wide system of propaganda, designed to wreck the discipline of all the armies in the world, including the American army, according to testimony given the senate military affairs committee today by Brigadier General Nolan, head of the intelligence division.

General Nolan declared that instructions have been issued by the third international at Moscow for radicals of all countries to seek the destruction of military morale and particularly to attack the officers personnel of the armies of Europe and the United States. No headway has been made in the American army, General Nolan believed.

Mrs Anna Worley Retains Seat In Senate Of State

Special to The Herald.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 24.—Tennessee's first woman senator, Mrs. Anna Lee Worley, will remain unseated in her husband's seat in the upper house of the general assembly, according to the action of the senate investigating committee which was probing the charges of election fraud in the contest filed against Mrs. Worley by her republican opponent, H. M. McNeill.

The committee adopted the report of the sub-committee which recommended that the contest be dropped.

DECLAMATION CONTEST BRANHAM AND HUGHES

MOST INTERESTING PROGRAM BY MEMBERS OF TWO LITERARY SOCIETIES OF SCHOOL.

Special to The Herald.

SPRING HILL, Tenn., Feb. 24.—In Academy hall in an interesting contest on the evening of Washington's birthday the representatives of the Sam Davis literary society were awarded the decision over the speakers of the Henry Grady literary society. The winner of the contest was Cadet Green Ledbetter, of Linden, Tenn., whose declamation was entitled "Sam Davis Martyr." Other representatives for the Sam Davis society were, Cadet David Clay, Athens, Ala.; "The New South," Cadet William Clay, Athens, Ala.; "Spartacus to the Gladiators," Cadet Milton Briggs, Chicago, Ill.; "After the Charge at La. Quisana," and Cadet Major Edgar Conn, Adairville, Ky.; "Abraham Lincoln," The speakers for the Henry Grady society were, Cadet George Clark, Christiansburg, Tenn.; "Plea for William Freeman," Cadet John Jeter, Dresden, Tenn.; "Thoughts on the Battle Field of Fort Donelson," Cadet Wayne Stovall, Dodson, La.; "L'Ouverture," Cadet Chas. Basley, Linden, Tenn.; "Spirit of LaFayette," and Cadet Robert Binkley, Tenn.; "My Country, My Mother, My God." The judges of the contest were, Rev. J. E. Woodward, E. H. Ayres, Jr., and Major Frank B. Jordan.

NATIONAL BANKS MAKE STATEMENT

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The comptroller of currency this morning issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business on February 21.

Probe Back Tax System Resumed This Afternoon Many Officials Testify

QUESTION EXTRA SESSIONS COUNTY BEING DISCUSSED

SEVERAL JUSTICES HAVE ASKED THAT THE COURT BE CALLED TOGETHER IN NEAR FUTURE.

TO CONSIDER NEW ROAD LAW

All Look Into the Finances of the County As Some Funds Are Embarrassed, Due to the Postponement of the Tax Collections.

Although no call for it has been issued it is generally believed that the county quarterly court will be convened in extra session at an early date for the purpose of considering the new road law, becoming familiar with its provisions and advising with the officials as to its execution and also to consider the financial affairs of the county growing out of the extension of the time for the payment of taxes.

Several members of the county court have expressed a wish that the court be called together and Judge Whitthorne has the matter under advisement. The members of the court who have expressed themselves on the subject have said that the court should get together and talk over the new road law and if there are provisions in it that will hamper its execution that fact should be brought to the attention of the legislature.

At the beginning of 1920, the Home Office of the Company offered as a prize to the branch office leading in production for the year, a handsome hand painted eagle on blue silk flag, and which contest was won by the Columbia district, composed of counties as follows: Maury, Giles, Marshall, Lincoln and Moore, with branch office located in Frierson building, this city. The local district staff is composed of A. H. Smith, Supt., with three local agents as follows: Joe Walsh, John Howell, and Kenneth A. Andrews, with detached agents located at Pulaski, Lewisburg and Fayetteville.

This contest was offered in the Industrial Department, but in addition to this, the local office stood 3rd on a percentage bases against all districts in 19 States in the production of Ordinary Life Business. The Company having added a Department of Ordinary Life Insurance at the beginning of 1920. In this Department more than Six Million dollars of business was written by all districts combined. This company is now the largest personal Health and Accident insurer in the world.

Attention is called to the remarkable growth of this company as shown in the annual statement published in these columns.

INTERESTING CASE IN CIRCUIT COURT

CAUSE OF HORACE RAINEY AGAINST FRY BROTHERS GOES TO TRIAL TODAY.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the trial of the case of Horace Rainey against Fry Bros., which was taken up in circuit court this morning. In his bill Mr. Rainey alleges breach of contract with reference to rental of the building occupied by Fry, Richards, Mount on South Garden street, now occupied by F. M. Mount & Company. Fry Bros. in the defense allege that Mr. Rainey also breached his contract in the erection of the building, which was constructed for the use of Fry, Richards, Mount Company.

It is expected that the taking of testimony will consume the greater part of the day and arguments will probably not be heard by Judge Turner until Friday morning. The case is not being tried before a jury. Mr. Rainey is represented by W. S. Fleming, Jr., and Major Horace Frierson, while Fry Brothers are represented by Hughes, Hatcher & Hughes, assisted by Col. John W. Fry.

SECOND YEAR CLASS WILL HAVE A PARTY

Members of the Second Year Class of the County High School will on tomorrow night give their annual party. It will be a George Washington party and the amusements and dress will be suggestive of that period in history. The old fashioned minuet and reel will be danced.

Special to The Herald.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 24.—The back tax probe committee will hear proof this afternoon when F. O. Beer, who audited the books of Davidson county, will be called as a witness. Beerman will be followed by County Clerk Romans Halley and County Trustee Asa Bell. The county court clerk and county trustee of Shelby county have been subpoenaed to appear before the committee Friday afternoon. Attorneys for Comptroller John B. Thomson and the respective revenue agents have also been summoned. Col. Harry S. Berry, defeated candidate for comptroller, will appear Friday afternoon.

COLUMBIA DISTRICTS WINS DISTINCTION

HIGHEST RECORD MADE BY BRANCH OF NATIONAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE HERE.

Another distinction has been awarded the "Dimple," the Columbia district of the National Life & Accident Insurance Company winning the state prize for leadership against eleven other branch offices.

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IMPORTANT MEETING

OF HAMPSHIRE CLUB WILL BE HELD FRIDAY EVENING. HOME SERVICE NURSE WILL MAKE SHORT ADDRESS.

Tomorrow evening an important meeting of the Hampshire community club will be held. This meeting will afford the people of that section their first opportunity to meet and hear Miss Louise Weed, home service nurse of the American Red Cross, who will explain the nature of her duties in the county, and will ask the co-operation of the Hampshire community.

Interesting farm problems will be discussed by able speakers. An effort is being made to hold a fair in each community of the county this fall, and this will probably be taken up at this time.

FULL MEMBERSHIP OF KIWANIS CLUB

URGED BY PRESIDENT BEASLEY AT THE REGULAR WEEKLY LUNCHEON TOMORROW. Every member of the Kiwanis Club is asked by President Beasley to attend the regular luncheon tomorrow at noon at the Bethel House. Matters pertaining to the invisible guest dinner to be given on the evening of March 4 must be discussed and decided on and it is desired by the president and members of the committee in charge to ascertain the sentiment of the membership on these questions.

PLAN FOR TAXING SHARES OF STOCK BEING DISCUSSED

STOCKHOLDERS IN CORPORATIONS IN THIS COUNTY PLANNING TO HOLD MEETING.

BE REPRESENTED AT NASHVILLE

Claim Made That Proposed Amendment to the Assessment Laws Would Result in an Increased Assessment on This Class Property.

Much interest is being aroused in the proposed amendments to the assessment laws which would tax the owners on all shares of stock held in any character of corporation. Heretofore the companies have been taxed and not the shareholders but under an amendment proposed and which is being discussed by the special committee of the legislature these shares will be taxed to the individuals. There is some misunderstanding or disagreement as to the nature of the proposed changes.

Every shareholder in a corporation, and there are altogether hundreds of them in the county, is interested in this legislation and it is altogether probable that many county will have a large delegation to attend the public hearing on the bill. Already plans are being made for a meeting of the holders of shares of stock in corporations in the county, to meet and plan for action on the bill. Attorney Thomas H. Peebles, who is said to have drafted the amendment to the tax laws, denies that it would result in double taxation of corporate property. However, it is held on the other hand that the bill would increase the taxes on this class of property. In any event the owners of such stock feel that they ought to be fully informed as to the effect of such amendments before action is taken by the legislature.

It is altogether probable that when the holders of stock of this kind come together they will form some organization and make arrangements to send a representative to Nashville.

The local owners of corporation stocks will meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the rooms of the county council to discuss the law and plan for a delegation at the Nashville hearing.

Wheel Tax Tags Expected Arrive On Every Train

County Court Clerk Lipscomb is now expecting the arrival of the 1921 wheel tax license tags upon every train, and until these do arrive the collection of county tax on automobiles, buggies and wagons will be delayed. At this time last year the tax had been paid on hundreds of vehicles, and the rush at Mr. Lipscomb's office was beginning to slow down. At that time he was collecting both the state and county tax at the same time on automobiles, this year this work will be doubled, in that the owners of automobiles will have to go again to his office to pay the county tax, having already paid the state tax.

Just as soon as the tags arrive Mr. Lipscomb will begin a vigorous campaign for the collection of this road money, and due notice will be given through the columns of The Herald of the arrival, and all vehicle owners will be requested to come forward and make prompt payment of the tax.

AMERICAN TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN

WILL BE REPLACED ALONG THE RHINE BY FRENCH FORCES NOW BEING MOBILIZED.

(By United Press.)
PARIS, Feb. 24.—The United States has informed Belgium that she has decided to withdraw American troops from the Rhine, according to a Paris paper this morning. France has expected the withdrawal of the Americans and has arranged for the mobilization of troops to replace them.

COMMITTEE IS PROBING CHARGES AGAINST PECK BROUGHT BY SEN HOUK

ALLEGED WASTE, MISMANAGEMENT AND NEGLECT IN OFFICE TO BE INVESTIGATED.

MISUSE OF MAILS IS ALLEGED

Beasley Insists That Committee Be Specific in Its Charges Against the Governor's Appointee as Commissioner.

Special to The Herald.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 24.—The Peck investigating committee is probing the charges preferred by Senator John C. Houk against Governor Taylor's appointee to the position of commissioner of agriculture, met this morning and decided to investigate Capt. Peck's record on four points.

J. S. Beasley, legal representative of Capt. Peck, insisted that the committee be specific in its charges and the following lines of investigation will be gone into. First, Capt. Peck's competency, experience and efficiency prior to his appointment by Governor Hooper to be commissioner of agriculture in 1911 and the conduct of his office after appointment.

Second, The alleged acceptance by Capt. Peck of large quantities of fertilizer from fertilizer companies during his commissionership. Third, Alleged waste, neglect, mismanagement and loss in the operation of the state serum plant, located at Nashville from 1913 until it was closed down in 1915.

Fourth, Captain Peck's official connection with authorized leases of state fair property.

W. C. Cherry, attorney for Senator Houk, declared that the charges made by his client against Capt. Peck regarding the alleged misuse of the mails was being investigated at Washington and it will be determined whether it will be necessary for the committee to go to Washington before the members leave for Etowah tonight.

ASSESSING LANDS WESTERN SECTION

TAX ASSESSOR WILLIAMS GOING OVER THE SEVENTH, EIGHTH AND TENTH DISTRICTS.

Tax Assessor Webb Williams is here today working on his books and checking up his lists. The tax assessor has been busy in the eighth, tenth and seventh districts of the county and has been making progress with his assessments. He is endeavoring as far as possible to make the reality assessments in person so that the values in the different sections of the county may be uniform. He believes that it will be possible to do this by working constantly. Many of the assessments made last year will have to be radically reduced, as there has been a decided change in the valuation of property.

Mr. Williams is having less personal property reported to him and its value will probably be considerably less than last year. This, of course, is in part accounted for by the big decline in the value of live stock during the past year, and also by the fact that there is less live stock in the county than a year ago.

MAXWELL CAR BURNED WEDNESDAY EVENING

ON MT. PLEASANT PIKE NEAR COLUMBIA—BELONGED TO J. J. UNDERWOOD.

A Maxwell car belonging to J. J. Underwood was consumed by fire Wednesday night on the Mt. Pleasant pike near the C. M. A. Dan Fenstermacher was driving the car and was returning from a trip to Mt. Pleasant when the car was discovered to be on fire. A telephone call to Underwood at the City Meat Market was sent in. Mr. Underwood rushed to the scene with a fire extinguisher, which proved to be empty. The car was only brought out of the factory last July and had been driven less than two thousand miles. Mr. Underwood carried insurance.

ROAD WORK WILL BE RESUMED SOON CONTRACTORS SAY

WITH CONTINUANCE OF FAVORABLE WEATHER LARGE FORCE WILL BE ON NASHVILLE PIKE

EARLY COMPLETION SOUGHT

Contractors Plan to Speed Up Work, Some Travel Over Road Now Since the New Bridge at Rutherford Creek Has Been Completed.

Engineers and contractors are now on the scene with the expectation of resuming operations of the new highway between Columbia and the Williamson county line. With anything like favorable weather conditions work will begin within two weeks if present plans are not changed.

Contractors declare the work will be pushed with all possible speed in an effort to throw the road open to traffic at the very first possible moment. During the winter months there has been considerable travel over the new road since the completion of the Rutherford creek bridge, and those who have made the trip over the completed portions of the highway declare it is one of the greatest roads in Middle Tennessee.

It is possible in dry weather to get over the unfinished link between Columbia and Spring Hill, although the road is very rough where it has not yet been surfaced. In wet weather it is almost impossible for an automobile to negotiate certain sections, but wagons and buggies have been using the road.

The new road when completed will lessen the distance to Nashville by several minutes and with the high passenger rates on the trains the new highway will be a most popular one.

HARDING'S ATTITUDE ON FILLING OFFICES

QUESTION THAT IS GIVING THE REPUBLICANS WHO ARE HUNGRY FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Local republicans are much more interested in the attitude that the new president will take on the executive order of President Wilson placing all postmasters under civil service regulations than they are over the composition of the cabinet. There are two big postoffices in the county, Mt. Pleasant and Columbia, that will be eagerly sought after by "deserving republicans" should the old so-called "spoils system" be restored and the executive order making these offices subject to civil service rules be repealed. And that is not all, there are offices like Culleoka and Spring Hill, third class offices, to which the same order applies and they are attractive offices for many of the faithful.

Already the loyal republicans are manifesting interest in all of these offices and there are several willing souls who would like to handle the mail not only in the communities mentioned but in other places in the county where there are rural routes and which have a compensation attached to the offices that make them desirable adjuncts to one's income especially in these days of scarce money. There is a great deal of speculation as to the attitude of the new President on the all important question of whether or not he believes with Jackson that "to the victor belongs the spoils" and should the civil service order be revoked some tall hustling among "original Harding men" is expected.

WILSON WILL RIDE WITH NEW PRESIDENT

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson will ride to the capitol with President-elect Harding on inauguration day, secretary Tumulty said today, denying the reports from Florida that Harding's plans did not call for this.