

CHRISTMAN HEADS PREBLE TOBACCO DURING THE YEAR

EATON, O., Feb. 16.—Wilbur Christman was elected president of the Preble County Tobacco Growers association for the year in the annual election held here Saturday in connection with a meeting of the organization. Charles E. Ulrich, Lanter township, was elected vice president; Harold Crouse, Eaton, secretary; E. J. Ashman, Eaton, treasurer. The officers are well-known farmers and tobacco growers.

President Christman named Charles E. Ulrich, E. J. Ashman and William Rausaw a committee to draft a new constitution and set of by-laws for the association.

The association will give a banquet for the tobacco growers of the county in Eaton on the evening of March 3 or 10. This was determined in the meeting Saturday. Decision upon one of the two tentative dates will be definitely determined within the next few days. John Mummert was selected to take charge of preliminary arrangements for the dinner which, according to present arrangement, will be held in the courthouse basement.

Returns from Hospital.

Arthur O'Neal, farmer, is at his home near Eaton, following his release from a hospital in Dayton, where for some time he had been a patient, following injuries sustained in an accident in Dayton. While working with a force of hands in wrecking a building, O'Neal was caught in the wreckage of a floor of the building that gave way. He is not fully recovered from his hurts.

Clark Funeral Held.

Funeral services for Helen Clark, 4, who died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Clark, four miles northeast of Eaton, following an attack of influenza, were held Sunday afternoon at the family home, with Rev. Hiley Baker of Eaton officiating. Burial was here in Hill and Hill cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Hill and two of the children are ill of flu.

Funeral and burial of Robert, 3 days old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young, East Main street, took place Sunday afternoon, following his death Saturday. The infant was Mr. and Mrs. Young's first child.

Alimony Awarded.

Temporary alimony in the sum of \$1 a week and \$15 for her attorneys was awarded Ethel Marie Petry against her husband, Clarence Petry, in common pleas court. The wife does not seek a divorce.

Dayton Minister Preached.

Rev. D. L. Myers, Dayton, pastor of large church in Dayton Presbytery, preached here Sunday morning in the Presbyterian church and was greeted by a large audience.

Wayne Church Workers Will Issue Publication

"The Inter-Church," a monthly publication of not less than 5,000 circulation which will be distributed free in the interests of the work of the Federated churches of Wayne County, will come from the press about April 15. Roy Babylon, chairman of the Wayne county church federation publicity committee, announced Monday.

The bulletins, which will contain 8 pages, will be devoted to various kinds of federated church activities. Every interested church will receive 100 copies for distribution.

Publication will be vested in the hands of a committee of county church men, to be announced in a few days.

Stocks Unsettled; British Exchange Takes New Drop

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The stock market was much unsettled today, leading shares in making material extension to severe losses of the last fortnight. Latest aspects of the international situation, particularly the Adriatic, took wall street by surprise and heightened the feeling of pessimism.

Stocks were two to five points lower at the opening but made moderate recoveries before noon, after which selling for both counts was renewed. British exchange fell almost ten points from last week's best quotation. Gold, money was comparatively easy at seven percent, but time money was scarce at practically prohibitive rates.

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SUFFERS SPRAINED HIP

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West Point's Head

ALMOST 17 years to the day after Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur was appointed superintendent of West Point. He is the recipient of the distinguished service cross, the bronze oak leaf, the distinguished service medal, silver stars, commander of the Legion of Honor, French croix de guerre with two palms and the gold star, Italian war cross, commander of the Belgian Order of the Crown, and the Order of Leopold.

Among his classmates at West Point was Colonel Ulysses S. Grant III.

Short News of City

MAXWELL GETS PATENT

John S. Maxwell of this city, has been granted a U. S. Patent on a safety valve for pianos. The invention was assigned to the Starr Piano company.

DAYLIGHT SAVING IN COUNCIL

Councilman Williams is expected to again bring up his ordinance to have Richmond adopt the daylight saving plan, at council Monday night, it was understood Monday. At the last council meeting the ordinance fell through want of a second. Since that time the opinion of the several councilmen has been expressed and it is thought that the ordinance, if introduced, will find a second. Other matters of less importance are scheduled to come up.

MASONS DINE ORBISON

Twenty-five members of Richmond and Webb lodges entertained Judge C. J. Orbison at an informal dinner at the Arlington hotel last evening. Judge Orbison is Grand Master of the blue lodges of Indiana. The affair was informal.

ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

Announcement of his resignation was made by the Rev. E. E. Davis, of the Second Presbyterian church to the congregation at the morning services Sunday. The resignation was accepted and will take effect Feb. 29. The Rev. Davis will preach his first sermon at the First Presbyterian church at Hartford City, Indiana, on Sunday, March 7. No successor to the Rev. Davis has been named.

PALACE TO REOPEN

Re-opening of the Palace theatre, which is at present undergoing extensive repairs, will be made in about a week, according to Manager Hudson. A new ventilating system is being installed, along with new seats and new flooring. Hudson also plans a new picture screen.

REGISTERED IN FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Miller, of this city are registered as from Richmond in Tampa, Fla.

LIVESTOCK MEN MEET

Members of the livestock committee of the Indiana Federation of Farmers' associations have been advised of an important meeting that will be held at the Indianapolis headquarters Feb. 13.

CITY BUILDING LOW

With three permits issued for building in 1920 and 12 for 1919, building Richmond ranks lowest of large cities in the state in number of permits issued, according to the January report of the American Contractor, Indianapolis issued 275 for 1920 and 298 for 1919. Terre Haute with 18 for 1920 and 32 for 1919 is next to Richmond. Los Angeles, Calif., with a report of 1,928 permits for 1920 and 649 for 1919 has the largest amount of building in the country.

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ROOT SELECTION IS HINTED MOTIVE FOR LANSING DISMISSAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—A new element of explanation for the sensational election from cabinet of former Secretary of State Robert Lansing by President Wilson developed Sunday in high official quarters.

It was reported that one, if not the most impelling reason for the action of the president was the selection of Elihu Root, presumably after the state department had been sounded out, as the man to aid in the formation of a constitution for the permanent court of international justice in accordance with the plans of the member states of the league of nations.

Mr. Root's selection, while made some time ago, was not announced formally until the recent meeting of the council of the league in London.

Diplomatic Gossip Barred.

Gossip in diplomatic circles is to the effect that the president was not asked whether or not he thought the appointment of Mr. Root was suitable, chiefly because the council, under the treaty, was free to name whoever it deemed to be the best fitted.

American diplomats overseas, though, were said to have known long in advance of the official announcement of Mr. Root's appointment, that he had been selected for the position, and they naturally communicated the information to the state department.

While in the best informed circles the belief is that Viscount Edward Grey's letter was the spark that started the white house fire persists today, there nevertheless was an indication to place credence in the report that Mr. Root's appointment was an actuating motive so far as the President's action was concerned.

The objection of the President, it was set forth, lay not so much in the personality of Mr. Root, whom he in the past selected for important missions, but in the manner of his appointment.

Right of League Granted.

It was granted here that the league possessed the right to select any one at its discretion for the posts, one of which will be taken by Mr. Root, but it also was held that it would be contrary to international precedent if this Government were not consulted first regarding its views on Mr. Root's fitness for the place.

Otherwise, foreign nations, or the council of the league, might select persons objectionable to the American government.

Friends Confer in Forward Movement at Headquarters

Mayme Gehrue as Arbutus Quilly in John Cort's Musical Comedy Success, "Listen, Lester," at Murray Theatre, Monday, matinee and night, February 23.

County Roads Department Suffers as Auto License Funds Revert to State

Wayne county's apportionment of the state automobile license fund from the 1919 licenses is \$1,472.57, county officials were advised Monday.

This is the last auto tax money Wayne county will receive until the present law is revised, said W. O. Jones, county road commissioner. "Last year the first installment of auto taxes was only a little over \$1,100, but the total was approximately \$21,000."

"All the maintenance money for county roads will have to come from direct taxation from now on," continued Jones, "as hereafter all the money derived from the auto license will be used by the state in maintaining state highways."

"We would have received at least \$5,000, from auto licenses, which would have easily carried us through this year's program, and the loss is keenly felt. We have already been granted permission by the state board of tax commissioners to float a short loan of \$25,000 for county roads. However, if we had received our auto tax money this loan would not have been necessary."

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