

Leave Bridge Site to County

JOHNSON WILL PRESIDE AT DEMOCRATIC FEAST LAUNCHING CAMPAIGN

Ex-Congressman Henry U. Johnson will preside as toastmaster at the Sixth district Democratic love feast to be held in Richmond at the Coliseum on the evening of Monday, February 7. This meeting has been widely advertised throughout the district and indications are that every county will be represented by a delegation of party workers.

Seats for four hundred diners will be provided and when the speaking program starts the balconies and galleries of the big building will be thrown open to the public.

John Adair to Talk.

Although John A. M. Adair, a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, will deliver the principal address of the evening, most interest will be directed to the address John M. Lontz of Richmond, candidate for the Democratic nomination as representative in congress, will make.

This will be the first public address delivered by Mr. Lontz since announcing his candidacy and he intends to outline the principles he stands for. Although Mr. Lontz insists he is not a public speaker, those who have heard him declare he has the ability to speak publicly in a most effective manner.

Mr. Johnson will speak briefly and it has also been arranged to have State Auditor Dale Crittenger deliver an address.

Representative Finly H. Gray has been invited to attend the meeting and deliver an address, but he has informed the committee in charge that it will be impossible for him to leave Washington.

Nearly all the principal state officers will attend the meeting, with the exception of Governor Ralston, who is now in the south. The state house delegation will make the trip to Richmond in a private traction car.

FRIENDS OPEN BIDS

The building committee of the West Richmond Friends church held a session last night to examine and consider bids for the construction of the new church. A. L. Jenkins today was disinclined to make public the names of the bidders or details. The committee will meet Saturday night to award the contract.

Y. M. C. A. EXECUTIVES COMMENDED BY SEDGWICK MAKING ANNUAL REPORT

Election of trustees and directors and the annual reports of President Richard Sedgwick of the board of directors, the board of trustees and the treasurer, featured the annual meeting last night of the officials and members of the Y. M. C. A. Twenty-seven representative members attended the session.

President Sedgwick commended the work of the past year in all divisions of the association and the various departmental heads, including the general secretary, E. M. Learner. Gratifying and encouraging results, he said had been attained in all departments and argued well for the ensuing year.

Small Deficit Shown. E. M. Haas, treasurer, submitted his report showing that the deficit of the finances of the "Y" would have been only \$442.79 had it not been for the extraordinary expenses incurred in the re-construction of the building [Continued On Page Eight.]

CANDIDATES NAMED BY COLORED PARTY

"We have helped the white man to office time and again. He must now help the black man. We do not ask social equality. But we demand political justice based on our constitutional rights and past service in the Republican party."

These words, reiterated and emphasized by speakers, was the keynote of the colored G. O. P. rally held in the Masonic temple on South Sixth street, last night. Fifty men were present.

Summary of Action. Important action taken at the meeting includes:

The putting forth of Isaac M. Winburn, a contractor and carpenter, for the Republican nomination of county recorder and the pledging of the solid support of

Police Interfere in Girl's Romance

Marie Bennett, 15 years old, living with her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Hudnell, Ridge street, is being held at the Home for the Friendless on an incorrigibility charge, because of her infatuation for Lester Johnson, aged 17.

Today "Bud" Lally, a bartender, drew a fine of \$20 and costs for having sold booze to young Johnson. Lally pleaded guilty. He said he did not know Johnson was a minor, and that Johnson got the booze while there was a large crowd in the saloon. Because the boy did not misrepresent his age he escaped prosecution.

Parents Make Protest. Little Miss Bennett's parents have objected to her keeping company with Johnson because they regard him as a "booze fighter." The girl, however, prefers him to all other young men of her acquaintance and has persisted in keeping company with him, running away from her home at times to keep appointments with him. Once, Chief Goodwin says, the girl assaulted her mother.

Being unable to control the child any longer the police were appealed to by her parents to take charge of her to determine whether drastic methods would make her more amenable to discipline and cure her of her infatuation for Johnson.

Today Chief Goodwin informed Johnson that he would have to cease paying attentions to the Bennett girl. He readily promised to do so, but sidestepped a promise to quit drinking. He told the chief he did not "drink very much."

BAVIS TELLS TALE ABOUT OUR KIDS

Speaking of the ultimate authority vested in the county commissioners and the county council as the only bodies to settle the bridge site controversy, irrespective of the opinions of the South Side Improvement association and the South West Side organization, Alfred Bavis, chairman of the board of works, told this story.

"A widower with three children married a widow with three children, and of this union was born three children. One day the mother ordered her brood of nine to clean the back yard. Soon there were sounds of warfare in the yard. The father went out to settle the difficulty and reported to his wife: 'Your kids and my kids beat up on our kids, as to who was to clean up the yard, and now it's up to me to do the work.'"

South Siders Plead South G Location Is Big Concession

Speakers of the South Side Improvement association last night based their whole argumentative structure on the promise that the South G street site is a compromise between the South E street location desired by the South West Richmond Improvement association and the South L street site, originally selected for the new span.

President Blickwedel made this clear in his opening speech in which he reviewed the agitation for the south side span. He said:

GERMANS HAVE MORE RIGHTS THAN YANKEES.

Talk about the rights of a hypenated citizen in the United States! Harmon Swicker told members of the South Side Improvement association last night of the inalienable rights of every Dutchman in the United States. Here's the way he put it:

"A Dutchman has more rights than a Yankee in this country. 'A Yankee can talk once. 'An Irishman can talk twice. 'But a Dutchman can talk until he starts a fight.'"

BRITISH WARSHIPS CLOSE IN TO PREVENT ESCAPE OF APPAM

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 2.—While the British steamship Appam, now a German prize, swung at anchor today, under the frowning guns at Fortress Monroe, British warships crowded close to the three-mile line off the Virginia capes.

Lieutenant Berg, commander of the German prize crew, which brought the Appam across the Atlantic from the Canary Islands, maintained a strict guard on his ship today and sentries patrolled the decks, allowing no one except officials to board or leave her.

Efforts to get further information from Lieutenant Berg as to the sinking of seven other British merchant ships off the African coast were unavailable, but passengers declared there was no doubt that the raider was the German privateer, Moewe, which is supposed to have escaped from Kiel under the Swedish flag and then was armed at some secret base.

All the members of the German prize crew of twenty-two men were sworn to secrecy. Their penalty awaits them if they reveal anything as to the character of the raider, her base and her whereabouts.

Lieutenant Berg, a slight, wiry man, whose straight thin lips are hidden beneath a closely cropped beard, snapped [Continued On Page Five.]

FIRM PROPOSES TO BUY GROUND ALONG BRIDGE

Dr. I. S. Harold, speaking before the South Side Improvement association last evening asserted a local firm is willing to buy the property along Main street from Third to First at its present market value, if a level Main street bridge is built. He argued that this firm believed the increased value of the property after the span is completed would recompense it hand-

\$2,000,000,000 STEEL CORPORATION TO BUCK OLD TRUST

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Negotiations for the merger of the Cambria Steel company, the Lackawanna Steel company and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, among the largest independent steel companies in this country, were completed successfully yesterday afternoon. The new combination will be incorporated soon with a capital of \$2,000,000,000 and will be the first formidable rival of the United States Steel Corporation.

The name of the new corporation will be International Steel company. James A. Campbell, president head of the Youngstown company, will become president. J. Leonard Replogle is slated for first vice president.

Just who will be selected for chairman of the board could not be learned. Of the \$2,000,000,000 capital, \$100,000,000 will be used for exchange of old stock for the new and similar purposes. About \$40,000,000 will be needed to provide funds for working capital and paying expenses attending the merger. This will be arranged through Kuhn, Loeb and company.

BLUES CAUSE ARREST. COLUMBUS, Feb. 2.—William Meyers, a Pennsylvania brakeman, was so blue when he returned from his run and found his wife had sold all the furniture and left home, that he lashed rather freely and the police nabbed him.

CIVIC BODIES COMPROMISE

The location of the south side bridge now rests solely with the board of county commissioners.

The South Side Improvement association and the South West Richmond Improvement association last night appointed three members from each organization to go before the county commissioners next Saturday and demand the construction of the bridge in 1916.

A gentleman's agreement was perfected whereby the site of the bridge is left absolutely with the judgment of the commissioners and both associations pledged themselves to abide by the result.

The west siders named John A. Reed, William Hockett and A. M. Leach; the southsiders, Henry Bode, Hans Koll and John Niewoehner.

SPARROWS DEMAND E STREET BRIDGE

Even the sparrows want the south side bridge at E street.

John A. Reed, after extending the greeting of the west siders to the south siders, said:

"Every horse, ever cow, every dog in West Richmond wants the bridge at South E street.

"Even the street sparrows call E-e-p, E-e-p, E-e-p for South E street."

S. S. I. A. PAYS DEBT

The payment of dues by new and old members last evening enabled the South Side Improvement association to pay off the last \$100 it owed on the administration building in Beallview park.

"I don't like to see money in the treasury," said President Blickwedel, "so I will order the treasurer to pay off the last debt on the building."

First Member Tells Growth of S. S. I. A.

Harman Swicker, charter member of the South Side Improvement association, gray-haired, the Nestor of the organization, voted an honorary member of the organization last evening, possesses a philosophy of civic activity that elevates his city's needs above all petty personal considerations. Here are some of his sage remarks.

The city can succeed only if all of us are friends and neighbors. You cannot do anything great by slandering each other, you've got to get together.

If you can help do anything good for the city, for God's sake do it. Don't be a partisan member of an organization, but be public spirited.

To advance the city's interests, all civic organizations must get together.

Concerted work brings results; petty interests bring discord. The South Side Improvement association grew because it worked. At the first meeting there were only four members; for the first eighteen months there were only five members; now we have almost 400.

Mr. Swicker was the first president of the organization when it was founded in 1898. He was elected to the office four times. Fred Hackman proposed his name for the honorary membership.

DEATH OF JORDAN RECALLS RECORDS AS WING SHOOTER

James Jordan, whose death occurred at the Wayne county poor farm yesterday, was for many years one of Richmond's best known citizens. He was the son of James H. Jordan, for years one of the city's most prominent men. His mother, Mrs. Dulcena M. Jordan, was for a long period editor of the Richmond Independent, and she attained much fame as a poetess.

James Jordan, who death occurred yesterday, was one of several sons. He became a wanderer early in life, leaving his Richmond home for long trips which often brought him notoriety because of some minor infraction of the law. He received some recognition as a professional walker in his earlier days, taking part in several six-day walking matches in Richmond, and later in similar events in New York and Boston. Later he became more or less distinguished as a wing-shooter, his excellent showing in this line of sport served to keep him in the limelight for several years. He entered the poor farm five or six years ago. He was 64 years old at the time of his death.

AUSTRIAN DENIAL RECEIVED IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The state department announced today that the Austrian government officially had denied the sinking of the British liner Persia with a loss of two American lives. It was announced that the official denial of the Austrian government reached the state department a week ago, but through an oversight it was not discovered until today.

Bavis Suggests Compromise.

After wrangling for more than two hours over the merits of the South E and the South G street locations, Alfred Bavis, president of the board of works, paved the way for the peace treaty by showing the necessity for a bridge and insisting that only the united representation of the two bodies before the county commissioners could bring about the construction of the bridge this year.

The South West Richmond Improvement association had been invited to the meeting of the south side organization for the express purpose of settling the bridge controversy. For a long time it seemed that no conclusion would be reached, as repeated ap-

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WEST SIDE PLEADS FOR SO. E SITE

After John A. Reed had announced the firm stand of the South West Richmond Improvement association for the E street bridge site, it became increasingly apparent as the argument developed that the west siders were putting the south siders on the defensive and were demanding proof why South E street is not the logical place for the span.

"We want to know why you object to South E street?" demanded Charles Hunemeier.

Hunemeier States Case. To the arguments against this site Mr. Hunemeier replied that South G street presented infinitely more engineering and practical objections.

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TEN MILLIONS LOST IN FLOOD IN SOUTHLAND

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 2.—Eight lives lost and property damage to the extent perhaps of \$10,000,000 was the result today of the floods that were sweeping sections of Arkansas, Mississippi and Kentucky.

Arkansas has been the worst sufferer. In that state, railroad traffic was demoralized and wires were down in every direction. Levees on the Mississippi and tributary streams have broken in many places.

The city of Pine Bluff, Ark., is almost entirely under water with no trains entering or leaving the city. Twenty-five families were rescued at Red Fork, Ark., early today after have been marooned on a roof of a shed for four days.

Arkansas City, Ark., was partly under water today and more than half of Pitman was flooded. The federal government was reported to be sending provisions to those places.



MRS. MINA VAN WINKLE.

Mrs. Mina Van Winkle of Newark, president of the Woman's Political Union of New Jersey, announces that she will establish a legal residence in Kansas to enable her to vote in the next presidential election. Her action is in accordance with a general movement started by Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, president of the New York Women's Political Union, to have leading women in the suffrage cause in different states take similar steps.

STARTS SKUNK FARM.

ELWOOD, Ind., Feb. 1.—Roscoe Heaton has a skunk farm. He has raised 25 and expects to have 200 more before the end of the year.

CLUB MAY OBSERVE STATE PRODUCTS DAY

The board of directors of the Richmond Commercial club will decide at its meeting next Monday evening whether or not the local club will enter into the movement originated by the state chamber of commerce to observe Indiana Products Day. It has been suggested that a banquet be held at one of the local hotels at which nothing but Indiana products will be placed on the menu card.

"If we enter into the movement," said Secretary Haas today, "we will issue a challenge to all the cities in Indiana in the same class as Richmond to see which city can make the biggest success out of the observance."

Weather Forecast

United States Report—Cloudy in north and probably snow flurries in south portion tonight. Thursday fair.

Yesterday. Noon 21

Maximum Temperature. 28

Minimum 17

Local Forecast—Fair tonight and Thursday. Continued cold. General Conditions—The cold wave controls the weather between the Rocky mountains and the Atlantic coast states. Heavy rains are falling on the gulf. Snow in several of the southern states. A decided storm is moving into the United States along the Pacific coast and is causing heavy snow in Oregon and Washington.