

MAKES SPECIALTY OF NEGRO DIALECT IN PUBLIC READINGS



Sylvia Williams McGuire.

Sylvia Williams McGuire who gives her beautiful lecture-recital, "Echoes from Dixie Land," at Women's Woodcraft hall, corner Tenth and Taylor streets, tomorrow evening, is an artistic

reader of great versatility, but makes a specialty of negro dialect. She is a southern woman and is therefore eminently qualified to reproduce the quaintness and charm which attaches to the folk-lore of the sunny south.

PIN FEATHERS OF CITY CAMPAIGN SPROUT

St. Johns Prepares for Election by Stirring Up Factional Differences.

At an open convention held in the city hall in St. Johns a league was formed in the interests of good government. Ex-Governor J. H. Fletcher was made permanent president; E. B. Holcomb was chosen secretary, and J. C. Wrinkle was elected treasurer. A declaration of principles was made as follows: "For the purpose of elevating and improving the morals and industrial conditions of our city; to compel the due observance and strict enforcement of our laws and ordinances without fear or favor; to restore and maintain confidence in our municipal government, both

at home and elsewhere; to encourage civic pride and industrial development; to foster harmony and dispel discord and secure cooperation and economy in the administration of our municipal affairs." "The present city government has failed to profit from the handwriting on the wall," states one of the supporters of the Citizens' club, as the organization is called, "and must therefore endure the wrath of the powers." Councilman E. T. Leggett is the recognized champion of the citizens' hosts and will probably be chosen as candidate for mayor. The issue in the coming campaign has been squarely faced by the council and is not obscure this year as it has been in other campaigns. The council has refused twice to consider an ordinance introduced by Leggett to close the skating rink on Sunday. The ordinance is backed by nearly 80 per cent of the voters and the objects it is striving to accomplish are generally considered creditable, though not all the citizens are willing the town shall be closed on Sunday as the ordinance also asks. The usual warm campaign has been launched. St. Johns politics are factional. It is the custom to hold a number of secret caucuses and the whole political situation is usually so honeycombed that causes and effects are confusing.

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TZI-HSU MAY LEAVE THRONE

Believed Dowager Empress of China Will Abandon Seat of Power.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 17.—In diplomatic circles here there is a feeling that some interesting and important news may be forthcoming from China in the near future. A persistent rumor has been current for several months that the empress dowager intends to abdicate at the next Chinese new year, which comes two weeks from today. According to report she desires to hand over the cares of state to the emperor. A secret decree has been issued, it is said, calling a meeting of the grand council to make arrangements for the change. If Tzi-hsu, the dowager empress, carries out her alleged intention, it will mean the passing of one of the most interesting characters among the world figures of today. Tzi-hsu is now 72 years old. She is the daughter of a Manchu, who, being in financial difficulties in Canton in 1838, sold her, then an infant of 3 years, to a rich merchant. In 1848 an imperial proclamation was issued, calling for eligible Manchu maidens between 15 and 18 to present themselves at Peking in view of the selection of secondary wives for the Emperor Hien-fung. Tzi-hsu was among the first 10 on the chosen list. She won the admiration and affection of the emperor and later bore him a son. Hien-fung died in 1860 and Tzi-hsu placed her son on the throne under the name of Tung-chi. He was only 10 years of age. The government was in the hands of a regency consisting of Tzi-hsu, the other empress and Prince King, the child's uncle. In 1874 Tung-chi, being 19 years old, began to show signs of independence. Intrigue was rife in the palace and Tung-chi died in January in the following year, his wife following him very soon. He had married her in 1871. The general supposition is that they were poisoned. As there was no heir to the throne, the infant son of Prince Chung was adopted as the son of Emperor Hien-fung and thus entered upon the inheritance of the great dynasty. In 1875, however, he died, leaving a 13-year-old son, Kwang-su, who ascended the throne in 1875. He was only 13 years of age. The empress dowager was supreme, although the emperor nominally assumed full control of the government in 1897. He was a favorer of reform and in 1898 issued some decrees in that direction, which resulted, in September of that year, in the restoration of the regency by the empress dowager, who relegated the emperor to the background and has kept him there rigorously ever since.

WEBB ADVISES WAR AGAINST RAILROADS

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 17.—Replying to State Railroad Commissioner Loveland's invitation to give his opinion relative to the proper method of procedure against railroads charged with rebating, Attorney-General Webb at a special meeting of the railroad commission informed the board that it is imperative that the commissioners immediately take steps to punish the offending railroads and their agents. He said that there will be no loophole left by which the defendants may escape through legal technicalities. Attorney Webb's opinion advises an investigation into the affairs of all the railroads operating in this state, to ascertain all facts in regard to their methods of rebating. He said that he would not only investigate, but also letters to President Louis Hill of the Great Northern and the officials of the Northern Pacific, asking for a settlement.

PLAN TO END FIGHT AGAINST RAILROADS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Jan. 17.—At a secret meeting in this city yesterday attended by representatives of the commercial and industrial city on Puget sound and Grays Harbor district, it was decided to ask the officials of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads to end the present rate troubles between the railroads and the lumbermen. The movement was quietly canvassed during the past two weeks, and finally came to a head when the representatives of the various cities arrived here. A committee was appointed to forward not only telegrams, but also letters to President Louis Hill of the Great Northern and the officials of the Northern Pacific, asking for a settlement.

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BIG CONVENTION OF STOCKMEN

National Livestock Association Will Hold Session at Denver Next Week.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Denver, Col., Jan. 17.—There is every indication that the convention here next week of the National Livestock association will be the largest and most important meeting ever held by that organization. Several things will combine to attract an unusually large and representative attendance. The Colorado Livestock association will meet at the same time and all the neighboring states are expected to contribute big delegations. The market centers such as Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph and Sioux City are expected to send many representatives to the gathering. The present situation in regard to the cattle raising industry and the vital importance of the topics slated for discussion will be a prominent factor in increasing the attendance. Perhaps the most important question that will come before the convention will be the public land policy of the government. High officials of the public land office, the departments of agriculture and the forestry bureau will be on hand to set forth the attitude of the president in regard to the range and forestry questions. In conjunction with the convention there will be held during the week a mammoth exhibition of livestock. More than \$20,000 will be distributed in premiums. With the exception of a few classes that will be limited to this section of the country the show will be national in character. The exhibition will open next Monday and continue through the whole of the week.

GOVERNOR'S PALACE TO REGAIN GLORY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 17.—After 15 years New Mexico's oldest and most historic building, The Old Governor's Palace, in this city is to become again the home of the territorial executive. The building, which is in a fine state of preservation, despite the fact that it is over 400 years old, was for over 100 years the official residence of the governors of the territory under both Spanish, Mexican and civil regimes. In it Governor Lew Wallace wrote the famous novel "Beh Hur."

UNKNOWN AMERICANS EATEN BY ALLIGATORS

(United Press Leased Wire.) City of Mexico, Jan. 17.—Dr. Davis, American consular agent at Gundahara, has been advised that two unknown Americans, a man about 25 years of age and a woman of about 19, were thrown out of a boat while traveling down the Balosa river and both were eaten by alligators. Nothing is known of the identity of the couple.

Notaries Appointed. (Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—Governor Chamberlain has appointed the following notaries: C. E. LaFollett and Harrison Allen, Portland; C. W. Brown, Coquille; Benjamin F. Evans, North Powder; C. E. Gorbett, Colton; D. W. McPeak, Bick; F. M. Gill, Estacada, E. R. No. 1; N. A. Davis, Milton.

BANKER FORGES SCHOOL BONDS

O. P. Mathis Leaves Affairs of Institution at Blaine in Hopeless Muddle.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Bellingham, Jan. 17.—It has been discovered that O. C. Mathis, proprietor and cashier of the State Bank of Blaine, who has left for parts unknown, forged the names of banking men to \$3,000 worth of school bonds before his departure. The affairs of the bank are in a hopeless muddle, and many creditors await the return of Mathis. The first intimation that the affairs of the bank were tangled came when the officials failed to open the doors. When an investigation was made as to the cause of the failure to open the doors the statement was issued that there was no money in the vaults to pay checks. Announcement was made that a receiver would be asked for. It is stated on good authority that Mathis forged the names of J. F. Tilly, Hale Smith and Frederick F. Colld to the school bonds, and then disposed of them. Mathis is also alleged to have used the name of the Washington Trust company of Seattle in attempting to secure a transfer of \$2,100 from the opposition bank in Blaine to his own institution. Mathis was in Seattle at the time. When the telegram was received by the opposition bank the officers did not understand why the transfer should be made and called up the Washington Trust company over the long distance telephone and learned that they knew nothing of the affair. From statements secured from depositors it is learned that at least \$5,000 was on deposit. Tomorrow and Monday positively will be the last days for discount on east side gas bills. Portland Gas company.

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