

## First Ditching Machine Builder is Visitor Here

J. B. Hill, of Raceland, La.,  
Who Figured in Early  
Ditcher History, Here.

James B. Hill, Raceland, La., the original builder and patentee of ditching machines of the type manufactured on a large scale by the Buckeye Traction Ditcher company, is now visiting at the home of his son, I. H. Hill, 533 East Main Cross street.

According to Mr. Hill he took out the first patent on the ditcher in 1894. Since that time he has perfected numerous improvements of the machine for which he was granted patents. He brought several of the documents with him on his trip to this city.

### Planet Machine

Mr. Hill spent seven years digging ditches and contracting for ditches in Northwestern Ohio. Because of the demand for his services he began to plan a machine whereby the work could be done more rapidly.

One of the unusual aspects of Mr. Hill's invention and early construction of ditch digging machinery is that he did his own work without the aid of drawings. He conceived the finished machine and built it from his own ideas.

Ditching machines were built in three cities before they were produced in Findlay. Mr. Hill asserted. The first ditcher was built in 1893 at Bowling Green. He was employed by the Bowling Green Foundry and Machine company but managed to find spare time in which to build his first digger.

As Mr. Hill recalls, he built about seven machines while at Bowling Green. He then took over the operation of a machine shop at Deshler where he continued his building operations. After operating for about two years in Deshler he moved to Carey and became associated with the Van Buren Foundry and Machine company. That concern built Hill's ditchers on a royalty basis.

### Merger Effected

In 1900 the Van Buren Foundry and Machine company merged with the Heck and Marvin company of Findlay. The plant at that time was located at Fair and Cory streets. After about three or four years the present Buckeye Traction Ditcher company was formed and the present plant in northeast Findlay was started.

With the exception of two all of Mr. Hill's patents have expired. He still receives royalty on them. Among the patents issued him are those for the open ditcher, gumbo buckets, a tractor for farm use, the apron wheel of caterpillar design and a tile ditcher.

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nation an eloquent platform orator and all Bible study classes a true and noble friend."

At Jefferson City, roadside watchers expressed their tribute in four. A male quartet from Carren-Newman College stood at the door where the Christian leader's body lay and sang one of Mr. Bryan's favorite songs. As the train slowly drew away, the crowd joined in with the singing. From the train a large sign could be seen. It read:

"We honor the memory of William Jennings Bryan."

### Friends in Charge of Train.

Friends of the Commoner were in charge of the funeral train. From Dayton to Chattanooga, Pete Goorman was the conductor. In 1896 he held the same position on the train which Mr. Bryan rode from Somerset, Ky., to Oakdale, Tenn., during his presidential campaign. Goorman's engineer, H. J. Miller, was fireman on the engine which drew that train 29 years ago. Mrs. Bryan spoke to both and thanked them for their services.

From Chattanooga to Knoxville two former members of Mr. Bryan's Miami Sunday School class, were his conductor and flagman.

For the first time since her husband's death, Mrs. Bryan today looked at a newspaper. Bryan resided at a newspaper, attorney, and cousin of the Commoner, showed her an account of her expressions of appreciation for contributions extended by Dayton residents. The widow read the item and expressed her pleasure in the announcement of her sentiment. At Jonesboro, Tenn., she watched from the window while a delegation appeared and handed into the car a great wreath of flowers from the Jonesboro Kiwanis club. Another wreath was presented by the citizens of Johnson City. A large crowd was disappointed at Bristol when not permitted to view the body. Practically all of the day here, however, was consumed in attaching another locomotive to the train and just five citizens were permitted to get a last view of Mr. Bryan.

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## MINER'S PARLEY

## Georgia Solons Vote Overwhelmingly Against Evolution Legislation

ATLANTA, Ga., July 29.—(P)—Instant defeat came today in the Georgia legislature to the first move toward legislation dealing with the teaching of evolution in schools of the state.

A clause attached to the general appropriation bill providing that no teacher of evolution in the common schools of the state would be able to draw money from the state funds, was overwhelmingly voted down.

Representative Lindsay, of De Kalb county, author of the clause and its sponsor in the house, said afterward that he would not offer an anti-evolution bill.

## DEATH SUMM FINDLAY W

Mrs. Harry V. Wilson  
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County.

Mrs. Leovina Odenweller wife of Harry V. Wilson died at 11:15 o'clock last evening at the Home and Hospital, following a long illness. She had been in the hospital for several days. Her home was at Findlay.

Mrs. Wilson was born at Findlay, Sept. 12, 1876. She was the daughter of Jacob A. Odenweller. She had been married on June 10, 1900, to Mr. Wilson. Two sons, Harry and Ralph, were born to them. She was a member of the First Episcopal church at Findlay.

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## EX-FOOTBALL STA OHIO STATE

COLUMBUS, O., July 29.—(P)—Dr. J. M. Huffman, of the Ohio State University, announced today that he had been elected to the position of athletic director of the university. He will succeed Dr. J. M. Huffman, who has been in the position for many years.

CLARE, Mich., July 29.—(P)—One man was killed and about fifteen other persons were injured when a north bound passenger train on the Ann Arbor railroad crashed into a standing freight train near the station at Lake George, 18 miles northwest of here this afternoon.

Martin W. Enfield, Cadillac, roadmaster, riding in the cab of the passenger engine, was instantly killed and his body was still in the wreckage tonight. John Scott, of Owosso, engineer of the passenger train, was perhaps fatally injured.

The accident which crumpled both locomotives to junk, occurred three hundred feet south of the Lake George depot. The passenger train, running at a good speed, came around a curve and crashed head-on into the freight, which was standing on the main track, supposedly waiting for the passenger train to enter a passing track.



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Mr. Hill has now turned his creative powers to the field of agriculture. Due to the difference in climate northern corn can not be raised successfully in the region of Raceland where he makes his home. Because he is in the habit of "taking notice of most things" as he puts it, he was able to select various specimens of corn grown in his section. By breeding these together he has developed a bright yellow dent corn with a white cob that will yield from 60 to 80 bushels to the acre in his home locality.

The land in the vicinity of Raceland has been re-claimed from the Gulf of Mexico and is lower than sea level. Dikes have been constructed to keep out the ocean. When the ground begins to become flooded from the rains, it is drained by huge pumps. When asked where he got his inspiration, Mr. Hill referred to an uncle named John Hill who in the early days constructed an ingenious clock from bits of copper boilers and other utensils which not only recorded the time but operated a small figure of the moon so as to indicate whether the true moon was in full or in quarters.

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## Our Shelf Emptying. FRIDAY

NOTE—THESE PRICES LISTED

- Infants' Rubber Feeding Bins, with sleeves, no decorated with pictures and vase, all colors, 25c
- Yard Wide Radio Silk, 25c
- 36 inch BLEACHED M Truth Brand Only 12c
- 35c size Danderine at On Regular size also bottle Danderine, for the hair scalp, aids in removing dandruff, on sale Friday
- Ladies' 25c Dress HOSE, ladies' and misses' fast color cotton dress hose black and cordovan, reinforced heels and toes
- Women's New Night Gown, women's and misses' fine quality, muslin and cotton, white and colors, neatly trimmed, special selection, new pretty styles, sizes 2 to 12 years
- Girls' Gingham Dresses, girls' fast color gingham and voile dresses, in selection, new pretty styles, sizes 2 to 12 years
- 18 inch Black Traveling Bag, 18 inch black three traveling bags, well made, durable brass lock and snaps, strong handle—Friday
- 27 in Daisy White Outing, 27 inches wide, famously known Daisy white out Flannel, heavy grade, on sale while supply lasts
- Ladies' to \$1.98 Silk Gloves, women's up to \$1.98 value silk gloves, in a good assortment of styles, colors and sizes, special at
- 30 in Windsor Gown Cref, 30 inches wide genuine Windsor Washmade Berlin for gown, etc., plain and figured, on sale Friday