News Of Bygone Days
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25 YEARS AGO
Feb. 17, 1948
JACKSON, Miss.—Rebel yells from militant Democrats all over the Magnolia State will echo here Thursday when the "grass roots people" gather in a mass meeting to express their displeasure with the national Democratic Party. White Democrats from all walks of life—from crossroads communities to ancestral Delta mansions—will make the pilgrimage to Jackson to "Stop Truman and Civil Rights" and "Save White Supremacy" and the "Southern way of life." Governor Wright, Senator Stennis and the entire legislature will attend. Last night about 100 Negroes assembled here to endorse President Truman's civil rights program and ask Governor Wright to appoint an interracial committee to work for the equalization of opportunities for Negroes.

100 YEARS AGO
Feb. 17, 1873
IF TENNESSEE is ever to take her place higher up in the scale of states, she must fall in line and learn the lessons which the states of the West teach. She must legislate with a view to immigration. She must establish a good and permanent school system. She must sell her lands cheap and send out agents to Europe to tell who we are and what we might become. All this must be done without stint. If we cannot bring ourselves to legislate or advertise without stint, it would be better not to touch the undertaking at all.

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 17, 1923
NEW YORK—Plans for a transcontinental air freight and passenger service were revealed yesterday by Dr. Johann Schuette, who has been in this country making a survey of American flying conditions. Dr. Schuette, inventor of dirigibles and co-designer with Count Zeppelin of airships, says he is ready to invest in the development of American air travel.

75 YEARS AGO
Feb. 17, 1898
THE AGGRESSIVE policy of Russia in the East was illustrated by recent events in Korea. Last year Russia and Japan entered into an alliance in which they agreed to assume joint responsibility for keeping the peace in Korea. Russia insisted upon being in charge of the army, police and foreign affairs, leaving Japan with only agriculture and education. After a series of complicated maneuvers, Russia last month established a protectorate over Korea and stationed two battalions of Cossacks in Manchuria on the pretext of protecting Russian engineers laying the railway line connecting Siberia with the Red Sea.

125 YEARS AGO
Feb. 17, 1848
ACCORDING to our latest dispatch from Nashville, the legislature was to have adjourned from its labors today. The controversial bill to appropriate $40,000 for the erection of suitable buildings for a school for the deaf in Knoxville finally was passed.