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THE FAIR.

Fine Display of Products and Much Interest Shown By Everybody.

The managers and others connected with the Lawrence County Fair have great reason to congratulate themselves upon the unqualified success of the exhibition presented last week. They had given weeks and months of unremitting care to the enterprise, and it required just such unflagging industry and good management to make the fair what it was — an unusually fine and comprehensive exhibit of what our farmers and stock men and good women could do. The display of farm and garden products, so far as superior quality is concerned, could not be surpassed anywhere; and the amount offered was much greater than that ever heretofore displayed. No finer butter and cream could be produced, and the display of embroidery, various garments of ladies' wear, quilts, etc., was very fine. The superior quality of the live stock exhibit was the subject of general comment. Horses, mules, colts, short horns, jerseys, Poland Chinas, Berkshires, sheep and goats — not very many of the latter, however — were shown, and they made a very attractive display. The gobbling of turkeys, the honking of geese, the quacking of ducks and the cackling of Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes noisily declared that Lawrence as a poultry county was rapidly taking place at the front.

The array of bread, pies of all makes, cakes of all kinds, jellies of every description was enough to make your mouth water, and sufficient to drive the judges to distraction.

The display of babies of both sexes and various degrees of beauty was bewildering.

Premiums had been offered for the prettiest baby, one of each sex, and three unwise youths were rash enough to accept the dangerous and difficult position of judge. They made the awards as speedily as possible and at once took to the woods.

A large number of lads and ladies under twelve years of age entered into a competition for a prize to be awarded to the best speller. The contest was hot and spirited and created much amusement.

A fiddler and a "beater" — Do you know what a "beater" is? — occupied the music stand in the yard, seemingly determined that the stand should be true to its name, and hour after hour the old-fashioned tunes, accentuated by the rhythmic strokes of the beater's sticks, were carried by the breeze to all parts of the beautiful square. Manager Yates went up the steps of the pavilion and pinned the blue badge of merit on the fiddler's breast, but it caused no break in time or tune.

Nothing occurred to mar the interest or the pleasure of the occasion. The attendance, notwithstanding the inclement weather, was very large on both days. And it was a splendid gathering of people, too. No finer looking, no better dressed, no better behaved crowd can be gotten together anywhere. Drunkenness and disorder were conspicuous by their absence.

There was very little, of any dissatisfaction concerning the awards. All seemed to realize the fact that somebody must fall to get the premiums in these contests. Judges were selected because of their presumed fitness and not for any partial feeling for any exhibitor. In a large majority of cases the judges were in utter ignorance of the ownership of the article shown and could not, therefore, give a decision regardless of merit.

As soon as possible a complete list of the awards will be made up and published in the NEWS, probably in next week's issue.

W. T. Kane, of Fallsburg, now makes the offer for next year of a thoroughbred Poland China Gilt to the person in Lawrence or Wayne counties who displays the best sugar cured ham.

A wreck near Graves Shoals last Saturday night caused the Sunday morning train a delay of about two hours. Four or five freight cars and the train caboose were overturned and damaged, but no one was hurt.

Senator McCreary.

I notice in the NEWS some articles from voters favoring Gov. Beckham for U. S. Senator, and I want to say a few words on the other side.

If Kentuckians will fully weigh the matter I do not think they will turn Senator McCreary out of the U. S. Senate. It would be a very unwise act. He is one of the ablest men we ever had there. All his colleagues respect him. He takes a prominent part in all debates on the great questions of the day and is listened to with the greatest respect by that great body of men. He has served on international committees and is known beyond the confines of the United States.

He is conservative and safe. He is sober. Not only does he favor temperance, but practices it. He is a clean man in every respect. None of the temptations that come to a man in public life has ever caused him to step aside from the course of decency and right. Such a man is an honor to his State and should be kept in its service. Do not vote against this good man without first learning whether his opponent is just as sober, as clean, and as upright as he. If not, then as good citizens stand for the man who is a worthy example for your boys.

One more term in the Senate will probably be all that Senator McCreary will be willing to serve. There will be time enough then for Gov. Beckham to step into the place, if he prove himself worthy in the meantime.

I have nothing to say of the many charges against Gov. Beckham, some of which I have no doubt are true. I hope he is sincere in trying to enforce the Sunday closing laws in Louisville, but it is openly charged in the papers that he is doing it to secure the temperance vote and in proof of this it is urged that he might have done this sooner if he were a temperance man, having been in the Governor's chair six years.

Kentucky will make a grave mistake if she trades McCreary for Beckham. McCreary can command the full party strength. The bitter fight on the "machine" makes it essential to the party to retire Mr. Beckham for a spell. Else the people may retire him at polls a year later. We'd better do it ourselves than let the other fellows.

VOTER.

Another Railroad.

Incorporation articles have been filed in the department of Secretary of State and State Railroad Commission by the Kentucky North and South Railroad Company, of Kenton county, a corporation with \$250,000 capital stock. The incorporators are T. J. Fitzpatrick, John C. Homer, R. J. Miller, Louis E. Miles, of Springfield, O.; Anson T. Noe, of Paducah, Pa.; James P. Purdon, of Portsmouth, O., and Charles H. Hooper, of Dayton, O.

The company will construct a line in the States of Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee. It is to be constructed from Fullerton, in the county of Greenup, to Bristol, Sullivan county, Tenn., and through the counties of Greenup, Carter, Elliott, Lawrence, Logan, Johnson, Magoffin, Floyd, Knott and Letcher, in Kentucky, and the counties of Wise, Scott, Russell and Washington, in the State of Virginia, and the county of Sullivan, in the State of Tennessee. The length of the line as near as can be ascertained is 200 miles. The principal office or place of business of the company is to be located at Covington.

The Finch Club.

A press of less interesting matter prevented an earlier mention of the fact that the Finch Club is again holding its weekly sessions, and that the interest in the games and the menu is as great as ever. Two meetings have been held, one with Mrs. F. L. Stewart and one with Mrs. Aug Snyder. Both ladies fully maintained their reputations for good cheer, and the games were warmly contested.

The snowfall breaks the record in Louisa. The earliest fall of snow recorded by the Weather Bureau in this vicinity was on October 26, 1898. The average date for a killing frost in Louisa is October 29 and but once before was there frost earlier than that date, on September 24 about fifteen years ago.

GOV. BECKHAM

Spoke to a Large Audience at Louisa Last Friday.

This distinguished gentleman arrived in Louisa last Friday morning, having come for the purpose of addressing the people of Louisa upon the subject of his candidacy for United States Senator. He was met at the depot by a reception committee of citizens, not all of whom expect to vote for him at the primary on November 6, but who honor and respect the Chief Executive of the great Commonwealth of Kentucky. After breakfast and a short rest at his hotel Governor Beckham visited the County Fair, the first day of which had just begun so auspiciously. During the morning many citizens called upon him at the Brunswick. In the afternoon the people began early to fill the Court House, and by one o'clock it was packed full and running over. A few minutes after one Governor Beckham was introduced by Hon. J. Q. Lackey and was warmly received by an audience of which any speaker might have well been proud. He spoke almost exactly two hours, being frequently and heartily applauded.

Governor Beckham's speech was in many respects a remarkable one. He spoke for a few minutes in generalities, then a short time on national affairs and then settled down to a defense of his administration and the advocacy of his claim to the Senatorship. In defending his acts as Governor he necessarily had to pay his respects to Attorney General Hays. It was noticed that in so doing he studiously avoided mentioning the Attorney General's name, but his references were so plain and pointed that mentioning names was unnecessary.

All through the speech was a vein of irony and sarcasm which helped to make it well worth listening to. Governor Beckham is an attractive speaker. He has an air of frankness and sincerity which is very taking and which helps him out of some awkward situations. From his viewpoint he made a strong speech and it doubtless made his friends.

While there is in the minds of many a question as to his availability and fitness as a candidate for the Senate the people have not forgotten that during the trying days of his early administration he acted fearlessly and with a soundness of discretion which commanded the admiration of every true Kentuckian.

Senator-elect T. H. Paynter was here meeting his many old friends. He and Mr. Lackey and E. E. Shannon took dinner with the Governor. (This report of the Governor's speech is intended to be impartial and to be accepted as neither an endorsement nor otherwise, for it is the rule of the NEWS to take no part in primary elections.)

A House Party.

Mrs. A. J. Crawford and daughter, Mrs. Richard Jack, are entertaining with a large house-party at their home in Central City. The guests are: Mrs. B. K. Price and Mrs. L. J. Frazier, of Catlettsburg; Mrs. A. H. Davidson, of Parkersburg; Miss Lillian Davidson, of Morgan, Min.; Mrs. R. L. Vinson, of Louisa; Mrs. Jeanette Davidson, of South Point, and Mrs. Werner, of Huntington. The ladies form a congenial party and are thoroughly enjoying the occasion, while their husbands and friends are anticipating the pleasure of a week-end visit, for which time extra preparations are being made. —Ashland Independent.

The Telephone.

The NEWS is informed that in about thirty days from date we may expect to be in connection with the rest of mankind by means of the Bell Telephone, local and long distance. The poles for city use are being erected, and when this work is done the wire will be strong, the switchboard put in and all made ready for business.

A telegram was received from Sam Freese Monday, telling of the sickness of his baby and asking that his mother and Dr. Watson come. Mrs. Freese left for Cannel City on the 9:30 train, and the doctor would have gone later, but another message was received saying the boy was better and Dr. Watson did not go.

State Development Convention.

The fifth annual meeting the Kentucky State Development Convention met in Winchester Wednesday of last week and was in session until Friday evening. 400 delegates were present and a very interesting program was carried out.

Ex-Senator Wm. Lindsay came down from New York to preside over the convention. Several other very distinguished men were in attendance.

The work of these gatherings is beginning to bear good fruit. The advantages and needs of every county in the State are set forth and gathered together in proper printed form. The matter is given wide circulation throughout the world. Sections wanting immigrants of any particular class have their desires made known at the proper places. The resources of the State are given wide advertisement through this means. It is a great opportunity for Eastern Kentucky and the Winchester meeting put the delegates in touch with the wealth of this section. An excursion to Beattyville gave the delegates a view of some of the coal mines and large saw mills of the mountains.

Lawrence county was represented by Judge T. S. Thompson and the Louisa Business Men's Club by M. F. Conley.

Road and Bridge Commissioner

At the regular term of the Lawrence Fiscal Court John E. Queen was, by a large majority, elected to fill the important and responsible office of Supervisor of Roads and Bridges. On last Monday, it being regular County Court day, Mr. Queen offered his bond, which was accepted and he was sworn into office. Mr. Queen's bondsmen are Robert Dixon, Augustus Snyder, E. E. Shannon, William O'Daniel and Ben Vanhorn.

Competency, honesty, and correct judgment are prime essentials in the make up of a good road and bridge overseer, and in the person of John Queen the county has a man who possesses these qualifications in an eminent degree. He has had years of experience in the work of keeping our public highways in good order, his integrity as a man and public servant has never been questioned and his judgment in the matter of expenditure is excellent. The law declares in no uncertain terms that this yearly expenditure must not exceed the income for such purpose, and Mr. Queen will see that this law is observed and obeyed.

Big Coal Contract.

A big contract involving over two million dollars a year announced as having been entered into between the Big Sandy Company and the Cincinnati Gas, Coke, Coal and Mining Company, subsidiary of the Union Gas and Electric Company. President Charles Heller, of the Big Sandy Company, states that the Cincinnati concern has contracted to take the entire output of the ten mines controlled by his Company.

These mines are in Eastern Kentucky. They are Henry Clay, Pike, Marrow - Bone and the Edgewater Coal and Coke companies, each of which has two mines, one on upper Elkhorn and one on lower Elkhorn creeks. The contract is for a period of twelve years.

Fiscal Court.

The Lawrence Fiscal Court met Wednesday in adjourned session to complete the work of allowing claims and to receive the \$9058 due from the bonding company that furnished security for Jesse H. Cordle. This money was received and appropriated to the payment of old claims, beginning the docket where the last allowances left off. The docket was cleaned up by allowing in addition to the above about \$3,500 out of the road and bridge fund of 1907.

Public Speakings.

Hon. J. N. Kehoe, Candidate for Congress, will address the voters at the following times and places: Webbsville, Thursday, Oct. 25, 10:30 A. M.

Ollioville, Thursday, Oct. 25, 2 p. m. Yatesville, Friday, Oct. 26, at 10 A. M.

Louisa, Friday, Oct. 26, 1 P. M. Don't fail to hear this popular orator. He has some interesting things to tell you this year.

SAD ACCIDENT.

Child of Mr. and Mrs. Wat Kinner Burned to Death at Buchanan.

Bertha, the little 4 year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Wat Kinner, was burned to death Tuesday morning. The mother was doing the usual work about the house, leaving Bertha and a younger baby in the room, when she was attracted by the screams of the baby. She immediately ran to the house, and as she opened the door the child fell to the floor. All its clothing had been burned off and its little body burned almost to a crisp. The mother summoned aid at once and Dr. Warren arrived in a short time, but he could do nothing but alleviate the little one's suffering. It was an unusually bright child, much loved by every one, and its death comes as a heavy blow to its parents and friends. She bore her suffering with patience, talking cheerfully almost to the last. She had attempted to build a fire during the mother's absence and her sleeve caught fire while lighting the match. She lived about four hours.

Causes Men to Quit Work.

The following from Cincinnati has considerable local interest because of the fact that several Louisa mechanics have been at work on the locks spoken of:

The effect of the indictment returned recently by the Federal grand jury and which charges the Sheridan - Kirk Contract Company with working its men over eight hours a day on the new Government locks and dam in the Ohio river, at Fern bank, in violation of the eight-hour law, has assumed a serious condition. Over 200 of the company's men did not appear for duty today and the company is rendered practically helpless as a result. The men were paid only twenty cents an hour, but had been working ten to fourteen hours a day.

Arrested For Murder.

The people are familiar with the sensational case of Frederick Ketterer, of Ashland, who died several weeks ago at the Eastern Kentucky Asylum, in Lexington.

His body, when shipped to Ashland for burial showed divers cuts, bruises, and an investigation followed. Ex-Attendant Wallace made public charges to the effect that Ketterer had been murdered.

All the evidence was presented to the Fayette county grand jury Tuesday, and, as a result, an indictment was returned charging Fred Pharris, an attendant at the Asylum, with Ketterer's murder.

Pharris was at once arrested and placed in jail, to await his trial at the present term of Circuit Court.

Stricken By Paralysis.

The friends of Mrs. Helen T. Headley, of Morristown, N. J., will be sorry to learn that she has quite recently suffered a severe cerebral hemorrhage, the result being complete paralysis of the left side. The attending physicians do not make any prognosis, preferring to await the lapse of three or four weeks. Mrs. Headley's are and a chronic ailment militate against her complete recovery.

Mrs. Headley is a woman of remarkable mental acquirements and ability, being possessed of a naturally fine mind which much study and reading have greatly improved.

A Louisian Again Honored.

Dr. W. B. McClure, formerly of Louisa, but now a prominent specialist in Lexington, was made treasurer of the Kentucky State Medical Society at its recent annual meeting in Owensboro. Dr. McClure is President of the Kentucky Midland Medical Society which met at Versailles this week, and will respond to the address of welcome at the meeting of the Kentucky Valley Medical Association at its meeting in Campton next Thursday.

Mrs. C. J. Carey is assisting Circuit Clerk Shannon in his office. Mrs. Shannon's health does not improve and this keeps Mr. Shannon from his place of business so much that the services of a deputy are required.

The Hog.

Plain, homely sort of subject isn't it, but a look at some magnificent specimens of the American hog exhibited at our late fair evokes a plain, homely sort of essay. The hog is a wonderful animal in several respects. We know a newspaper man once who was called the great American Condenser, because he could pack so much news into such a small space. But he was nothing to the great American hog. Give him ten bushels of corn, and he'll put it into less space than a waterbucket. And no part of him is lost. Hide, bristles, hoofs, bones, and "innards" are utilized, and it is reported that an ingenious fellow down East has succeeded in turning the curl of its tail into teething rings and making penny whistles of its squeal. "Raise more hogs and less 'n—ll." This advice of poor Sam Jones is mighty good advice for all to follow. It will worry the distillers, but think of the hams and happiness, the bacon and blessings and the sausages and satisfaction that will be ours.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

Alexander vs. Gardner, Magoffin, affirmed.

Doc Vinson was here Monday and purchased a camp outfit for his Martin county timber job.

Adams Express Co. vs. Commonwealth, Pike, affirmed.

Cox vs. Burgess, Pike, affirmed.

Jas. Francis, who shot Pat Casco on Sunday last, was brought to jail in Pikeville yesterday.

Word came to Pikeville Monday announcing the death, Saturday night, of Mrs. A. W. Campbell, of Phelps, Pike county. Mrs. Campbell is the wife of one of Pike county's most prominent citizens. She had had a siege of typhoid fever.

Boone Barnett was given a life sentence in Magoffin Circuit Court, for the murder of Burns Patrick on December 26 last. The jury was out two hours. Press Dyer is now on trial on the charge of murdering Cleveland Arnett in April last.

While playing with tools and supplies at the town rock quarry, Sunday, Frank Dills, aged twelve, and Bee Conley, aged eleven, were dangerously, if not fatally, injured by the explosion of two kegs of powder. It is said the boys tried to ignite a handful of powder and fire reached the whole supply, causing a terrific explosion.

At Pikeville last week Bud Daniels was given five years in the pen for the murder of David Dalton. The sentence is considered a very light one, as many predicted that he would either be hanged or get a life sentence, as the murder was a most cold-blooded one.

The grand jury was dismissed after having been in session 11 days. They made 172 indictments, being 200 less than at the last term of court.

In the case of Fleming brothers, Sheriff and Jailer of Dickinson county, Va., who undertook to batter up the crew of the up-river passenger train the other day, they were kept in jail here over night and the next forenoon were indicted and tried in the Circuit Court and were fined \$20 and costs each, which amounted to \$28 each; and were sent on their way sadder, but perhaps, wiser men.

Drank Carbolic Acid.

Blaine, Ky., Oct. 17.—G. W. Kouns, a prominent merchant of this place, drank carbolic acid last night, mistaking it for cough medicine. Realizing immediately his serious mistake, he ran for Drs. H. H. and J. J. Gambill's office, where antidotes for the deadly poison were administered which enabled him to return to his home, after two or three hours treatment, but his mouth and throat are badly seared. This came very near costing George his life and should be a warning to others to be more careful how they use these small vials. C.