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GOSSIP CLUB

Elaborately Entertains the Flinch Club and Husbands.

Quite the sweetest function given in this city in many a moon was the reception given by the Gossip Club at the Hotel Brunswick last Friday evening. The guests of honor were the members of the Flinch Club, and on this delightful occasion the men, heretofore left in the cold, were greatly in evidence. On very many occasions the ladies of the Gossip—no jest intended—had been invited to the meetings of the Flinchers, and in graceful recognition of these courtesies the reception at the hotel was tendered, and in answer to the R. S. V. P. on the cards of invitation there were very few "regrets," and these few totally unavoidable.

From 7 to 11:30, said the cards, and the hours of innocent enjoyment proved all too short and few. The parlors, halls and dining room of the Brunswick were resplendent with light, flowers and tasteful decorations, and when the throngs of beautiful women, handsomely gowned, added the attraction of their presence the scene was a living picture of elegance.

Flinch was the sport of the evening, and soon the players were deep in its intricacies. Eight tables played, and the game was progressive. The progress some of the gentlemen made was scarcely visible to the naked eye, but they had just as much fun as those whose score cards looked like alphas at the end of the games.

The hosts on this auspicious night were not unmindful of the appetites of those whom they had bidden. Comfortably seated at one long table which was gleaming in linen, glass and silver, these ladies and gentlemen Gossiped, but they never Flinched from the bristling salad, the appetizing relishes, the delicious cream and the fragrant, satisfying coffee. This very essential element in the reception was in the competent hands of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Adams, and it is needless to say more along this line.

The young daughter of the house, Miss Jean Adams, and Misses Ethel and Opal Spencer gracefully assisted during the evening.

Altogether the reception was a pronounced success in every particular, and long to be remembered. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Wroten, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Justice.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Conley, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Biggs, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sullivan, Mrs. Dora E. Cook, Miss Stella Conley, Mrs. P. L. Stewart, Mrs. T. H. Roberts, Richard Moore.

Gossip: Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Burchett, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vinson, Mrs. R. A. Bickel, Miss Edith Marcum, Mrs. Mary Burns-Horton, Miss Ethel O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carey.

A Country Wedding.

On Wednesday evening Miss Nanette See, daughter of Polk See, was married to Frank Wilson, son of Jack Wilson, deceased. The wedding occurred at the residence of the bride, who is a most excellent young woman. She is very pretty and intelligent and has a large circle of admiring friends.

A pretty wedding occurred at the home of Wm. King in Antelope, Texas, on Dec. 2, 1906, which will be of interest to many friends in Louisa. Miss Sue Pickorell and Mr. S. J. Dotson were married, with Misses Carrie Roberts and Ethel Crabtree, and Messrs. P. L. Dotson, and Carl Rousinville and twenty-eight invited guests; with a beautiful wedding dinner only such as Kentucky people can spread. Miss Sue's uncle, and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. King, were Kentuckians whom she has been visiting the past year. The bride was handsomely attired in grey silk. The presents from the groom's mother and sisters were handsome and useful. The bride is the daughter of Thomas B. Pickorell, of Louisa, where her sterling worth and pleasant manners are well known. The groom is a prominent cotton planter of Northern Texas. They will visit her parents the first of the year, but will reside in Texas.

The School of Expression.

The entertainment offered by some of Miss Stafford's pupils at the Opera House on last Friday evening was one of the best ever presented by amateurs in this city. Long before the curtain rose the house was full to overflowing, and from the entrance bow of pretty Lucille Sullivan to the final curtain on "My Aunt From California," interest never flagged on part of the appreciative audience and not a single failure occurred on part of the well trained participants. There were recitations, monologues, pantomime, drill, comedy; and many of the efforts were well worthy of professional. Elocution, gesture, facial expression, costumes, thorough knowledge of their lines, bits of by-play and stage "business"—all these were shown with a degree of excellence which elicited words of surprise and delight. It is very difficult, and in many cases a very delicate matter, to mention one participant in entertainments of this sort, and all, but in this instance no one can feel slighted when it is said that little Roberta Dixon, the baby of the company, evoked storms of applause by her "cuteness." She wobbled just a bit in her opening lines, but her self-possession and subsequent "funny business" captured the crowd. The pantomime, something new on a Louisa stage, was very pretty indeed. There were two monologues, very from each other in all but excellence in rendition; and how those two young girls succeeded in becoming letter-perfect and not omit the slightest detail of manner or expression was a wonder to all who heard and saw.

The "Violet Drill" was also new, and it was a winner. It needed only a big stage and a calcium light to make it equal to a "professional" performance.

And these School of Expression girls know how to play comedy. "Our Aunt From California" may have had a better presentation by a squad of professionals, but the NEWS doubts it. Why, there wasn't a "break" from the opening lines to the closing "ableau, and the ornical and totally unexpected finale sent the audience home in a splendid humor.

No other town of its size in this or any other State can show as many pretty girls as were seen on the stage of our Opera House last Friday night. Blondes, brunettes and mediums, bright of eye and faces full of expression, they could have challenged the world and come off winners!

Mrs. H. C. Sullivan with her appropriate song behind the scenes and Miss Mollie Bromley by her piano playing contributed to the success of the entertainment.

The entertainment was a feather in Miss Stafford's cap—if she wears such things! It added fresh laurels to her fame as a teacher. This sounds better, and the NEWS will let it go at that.

And the moral of the story is: If you want your sons and daughters trained in elocution send them to the Kentucky Normal College in Louisa.

An Excellent Young Man Dead.

The many friends of Lefe Hays, keeper of the County Infirmary, will regret to learn that death has again visited his family. This time the victim was his son Mart, aged 19 years. The death occurred on Sunday last, and it was the second time this year that the family has suffered sore bereavement. The other death was that of a young married daughter, which occurred last Spring. Mart Hays was a very worthy young man, moral, industrious and well educated. Mr. Hays and family have the warm sympathy of all who know them.

Andrew Belcher, of Donthan, has bought a lot in Fountain Park Addition to Louisa across in the Point, and it is said he will build a residence on it at once. A number of trees have been set out since the public sale was made and other improvements are to be made.

James A. Abbott has moved into the Bert Shannon residence in the South end. The house vacated by Mr. Abbott will be rented and occupied by Prof. Byington if he can secure a renter for the house he now occupies.

BOARDING

Will be Furnished Students at Louisa at Low Rates.

The Kentucky Normal College is having to combat a good many false reports started by those who, for various reasons, do not desire its success.

One of these is on the question of board of students. We are authorized to say that pupils will be provided for in this respect at satisfactory rates. All applications should be made to Prof. W. M. Byington. Do not try to locate your boarding places without seeing him, if you want cheap board.

We want to say to all who think of coming to Louisa to attend school that no changes have been made in the policy or intentions of the management as announced from the beginning. The work is going steadily on along the original lines. Pay no attention to any disparaging reports. The people of Louisa are working by the school and enthusiastically working to carry out all the plans. It is not a new and untried school Mr. Byington made a success of it at Prestonsburg under adverse circumstances and the school was moved to Louisa to secure the larger advantages and more promising future offered here.

If you want to see a veritable beehive, you should visit the Kentucky Normal College. Such attendance and interest as now exists in this school is very rare. It can only exist where the necessary force is given it through the head of the school and a competent faculty. We certainly have all these.

Come to Louisa if you want a real education. You may secure here not only substantial elements, but also music, elocution and other desirable accomplishments.

The expenses for students are kept down to the minimum, the social and moral surroundings are the best, and altogether it is decidedly the best school to attend.

Married at the Court House.

On last Monday a marriage was solemnized at the Court House the high contracting parties and the Minister coming from Boyd county. They were Miss Elizabeth Cohn, who was married to K. B. Franklin, and the preacher was the Rev. Mr. Stanley, of the Protestant Methodist Church.

A horrible catastrophe occurred in the lower end of Ashland at an early hour Sunday morning, when two people, a man and a woman were burned to death in a little shanty.

The man is known to be Thomas Kavanaugh, a character well known about town, while the identity of the woman is in a measure shrouded in mystery. It is generally believed to be Mrs. Anne Morhara, alias Winters, alias Stratton, alias Kavanaugh, while some believe the body to be that of Maggie Perkins, a girl of about 18 years of age.

Thos. Kavanaugh, his son Ed., aged 23, and the Winters woman lived together in a shack on the river bank, just below the Ashland Iron & Mining Company's furnace. Ed Kavanaugh and the woman had lived together about eight years, first at Greenup avenue and 19th street, and later at the scene of the fire.

The origin of the fire is not known.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company has its local and long distance service at this place almost ready for the public. The operator for the Louisa switchboard has not been secured. Inquiry was made about long distance rates, but the employees do not seem to know what they will be on the contracts for service were signed the subscribers were told that the rate to Huntington, Catlettsburg, Ashland, and other long distance points would be six-tenths of a cent per mile. We presume this will be the rate.

Charles Martin, sent from Boyd county to the penitentiary for life for killing Lazarus Vinson about eight years ago, has been pardoned by the Governor. It will be remembered that Mr. Vinson, who had gone to Catlettsburg on business, was found dead near the Big Sandy bridge. Martin's bad health was a factor in affecting his release.

Of Interest To Consumers.

"The United States Gas Company was defeated to-day in Justice Hutchinson's Court in a suit brought against them by S. B. Wylie, who alleged that, being a man of property, the gas company refused to put gas into his house until he had deposited a certain amount as security for the payment of the gas bill," says the Huntington Advertiser. "Justice Hutchinson ruled that in view of the fact the gas company had been granted a franchise, by whose conditions they were required to furnish gas to the people of Huntington, they had no right to ask for such a security from a man who was accounted responsible. The question brought to an issue by this suit has been one of considerable vexation to property owners all over Huntington."

Eligible For Storekeepers.

Postor Heim, secretary of the Lexington Board of Civil Service Examiners, has received a list of eligibles for store-keeper gauger in this internal revenue district, resulting from the annual examinations held last September in Lexington, Frankfort and Maysville. The list is the largest this district has even had, twenty-five persons having passed the examinations.

The following is a list of the eligible living in this section: George M. Johnson, Paintsville; William H. Anglin, Carter county; Alonzo F. Vanhoose, Mingo; Johnson county; Fred C. Vanhoose, Mingo; James A. Day, Roscoe, Elliott county; Walter E. Fannin, Roscoe, Elliott county; Commodore P. Gibbs, Mingo, and Aaron Brown, Sitka, Johnson county.

Federal Court.

The December term of United States District Court opened Monday afternoon, with Hon. A. M. J. Cochran presiding as Judge and U. S. Attorney J. H. Tinsley and U. S. Marshal S. G. Sharp present. The docket is an unusually large one, comprising the usual medley of offenses tried in this Court. The attendance is also very large. The jurors from Lawrence County are James Prince, James Norton, and Frank Hammond.

YATESVILLE.

G. B. Carter, of Busseyville, and two daughters, Pauline and Irene, were down as long as once more, and we are more than pleased to know that Bert's entire family has almost recovered from a terrible case of typhoid fever.

Cox Haws, one of our neighbors, has been on the sick list for some time.

George Roffe, a paper hanger of Louisa, is here papering the rooms of G. J. Carter's new and handsome dwelling.

The side show has been going on at the school house for a couple of nights and the attendants say that on the last night of the show the house was stoned.

Hiram Adkins has purchased about 30 acres of Morgans creek soil from George Roffe, of Louisa.

A great many of our neighbors go to Pharoah Marcum's blacksmith shop opposite the locks at Louisa for their horse shoeing and other smith work, and find Pharoah to be a good smith and reasonable as to his charges.

John Berry and a young Mr. Johns, of Madge, were here one day last week on business.

Our young huntsmen are killing lots of rabbits and quails, but our hunters will not buy the quails, they say there is a penalty against both the buyer and seller.

H. C. Sullivan, of Louisa, was through here Saturday on his way to visit W. V. Roberts, at Cadmus, who we are informed, as convalescing from an attack of fever.

Country Greenhorn.

The men who have been employed on the lock in Big Sandy river received pay for work which was performed before the Baker Contract Company went into the hands of a receiver. Local merchants, also who held claims against the company were paid.

The Superintendent in charge now says work will soon be resumed and the work will be pushed to completion as early as weather conditions will permit. Catlettsburg Tribune.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

John R. Morgan, of Pike county, sent to the penitentiary for two years for manslaughter, has been paroled.

The Kentucky Home Telephone Company's line is now connected with Elkhorn and some of the mining camps.

Notwithstanding Magoffin county is overwhelmingly Republican a majority of the magistrates constituting the Fiscal Court are Democrats.

W. Scott Whitte, of Pikeville, seeks the Republican Legislative nomination in the district composed of the counties of Johnson, Martin and Pike.

Ben Blanton was run over by a saw log and instantly killed, near Harry Barker's residence on Big Paint creek Johnson county, Thursday.

Miss Cloe Ripley, who was in attendance on Mrs. Nell D. May during her illness, left today for her home at Ironton, O., Mrs. May being much improved.

Willie Davidson, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Davidson, was thrown from a wagon at the depot, Saturday, receiving severe cuts and bruises. His left leg was badly cut, the wound laying open, exposing the bones in his leg.

The Paintsville Masonic lodge has leased the third floor of the Paintsville National Bank building for lodge purposes. A fine lodge room with ample ante rooms has been fitted out and the goat is given the very best of accommodations.

The Kentucky Home Telephone Company line is now connected with the following up-river points: Judge J. W. Ford's, at Arxel; Edgewater Coal and Coke Co., on Marrowbone; J. E. Radliff's store, at the Mouth of Marrowbone; Rock House; J. S. Radliff's store, at Lookout; Henry Clay Coal Company; Heller, and Elkhorn.

William R. Layne has recently received a transfer from the office of the auditor for the Postoffice Department to the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the Department of Interior, where he is holding down an important desk, with bright chances for promotion.

Mr. Layne, who is a native of Lanesville, Floyd county, Ky., a graduate of the Eastern Kentucky Normal School, of Prestonsburg. Before going to Washington he was a teacher in the public schools. He is president of the debating society of the National University of Washington city, and will graduate in law from that institution in May. He has recently completed an exhaustive lecture on Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, which he will have printed in pamphlet form.

Music Store.

J. P. Gartin will open his music store the first of next week in the building next door to Shipman and Gentry. A piano makes an elegant Christmas present. He will have pianos, organs, graphophones and all small instruments in stock. He buys direct from the factories and all his prices are low.

The following reads good and, when concocted, doubtless tastes good. Try it, some of you noted providers:

Peel and separate into lobes four oranges, and cut each lobe in half. Blanch a cup of English walnut meats; take the seeds from three dozen Malaga grapes. Mix these ingredients together, set in the ice for an hour, or until very cold, put into a salad bowl lined with crisp lettuce leaves, cover with mayonnaise dressing and serve.

J. T. Roberts, of Ashland, made a business call in our city Monday evening; but it is noted about that Mr. Roberts goes to Paintsville, Wednesday, on still more important business. He is an old Lawrence county boy, and perhaps (?) will return to the Big Sandy region for a life companion. Who knows?—Ind.

Painful Accident.

While at work near Potter Saturday Charley Diamond, a C. and O. section man, received a very painful injury. He and another man were unloading heavy iron pipe from a car, each using a crowbar. The other man's bar slipped, and the pipe falling on Diamond's bar caused the end he was holding to strike him violently on his breast bone. The result was a badly skinned chest, severe pain and some shock. Diamond has the chest of an ox, else the blow would have broken the bone. He was brought to his home where the Company Surgeon attended to his injuries.

CADMUS.

Clave Stewart was visiting friends, friends here Sunday.

Bill Whitte is on the sick list.

Sam Workman was visiting John Ekers Sunday.

Milt Carter was visiting friends here Sunday.

Maud Crank, of this place, has gone to Portsmouth to work in the shoe factory.

Heber Riffe was visiting friends Sunday.

Dora Roberts visited her sister at Calbertson the past week.

John Roberts made a business trip to Catlettsburg one day last week.

Jim Hensley was visiting friends Sunday.

Several people of this place attended the show at Green Valley Saturday night.

Austin Riffe was visiting Mr. Elkins Sunday.

There will be church at Green valley Sunday eve without fail.

Rosa Ekers was calling at Mr. Belcher's Saturday.

Jim Compton was visiting W. V. Roberts Sunday.

Chit Hewlett went to Louisa last week on business.

We are all glad to know that the report of W. V. Roberts' death is a mistake.

Old rumor says we are to have a lot of weddings Christmas.

Jess Hall and wife visited home folks Sunday.

Mrs. Mart Webb and children, of Polley's Chapel, were visiting her parents here Saturday and Sunday.

Ed. Mady, who has been sick for some time, we are sorry to say is no better.

Ed. Riffe and Buck Elkins went to Twin branch Sunday.

Mrs. Sizemore has been visiting her brother, W. V. Roberts, for the past two weeks.

Tom Chadwick and wife were visiting Jim Chadwick Friday.

Misses Hester Woods, and Mood Vanhorn were visiting Miss Jessie Stuart Sunday.

Miss Nellie Hewlett gave a birthday party to her friends Saturday night, and all report a nice time.

Misses Della Belcher and Mary Belcher were visiting in Obolville Sunday.

George Short went to Morgan Saturday night.

Willie Chadwick was visiting Wm. Belcher Sunday.

John D. Belcher left here last week for Portsmouth, where he will spend the winter.

Bill Isaac was calling on friends Sunday.

Andy Woods contemplates a visit to Ashland soon to visit relatives.

Jim Berry, who has been away for some time, has returned home.

Blue Eyes.

HICKSVILLE.

Bro. Berry preached to a large congregation here last Sunday. Misses Belvia Jobe and Jessie Rome, of Osie, were visiting Miss Isabelle Hicks Sunday.

Mr. Stewart, of Ashland, was calling on Al Hicks last Monday.

Buck Woods was here last Tuesday buying hogs.

W. M. Holbrook recently sold a fine drove of cattle to Geo. Belcher.

Doc Smith was here last Monday collecting tax.

Ranvillia and Hester Holbrook were visiting Miss Isabelle Hicks last Sunday.

John Gullion is making groceries for E. Pinkerton.

Silas Jobe, of Osie, was visiting here last Sunday.

Alvin Holbrook was visiting friends on Blaine last Saturday.

Snooksie.

LOST:—Plain Gold watch with initials on case. Lost in Louisa last Saturday. Finder return to Big Sandy News and receive reward.