

# BIG SANDY NEWS.

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## KY. NORMAL COLLEGE.

### Some Facts About This Excellent School and Surroundings.

The editor of this paper feels that for the benefit of all who desire to obtain an education, and for the good of this town and its people, he can not too often nor too strongly speak in these columns of the Kentucky Normal College. This school is a Louisa institution now, has been for four months, and every citizen who has taken the time to look into and study its methods and their results can not keep a feeling of thankfulness that we have in our very midst, at almost nominal cost, a school which offers opportunities second to none in the State. This is a very strong assertion, but the facts warrant the declaration. Let us see. Very much depends upon location. No man wants to send his child to a school which is located in a fever stricken morass. No father would think of sending a boy to a school where saloons flourish by law and sin flaunt its saucy garments by night. Louisa is not in a swamp, neither is it in the mountains. It nestles among beautiful hills—a town where the saloon is only a nightmare of the part, and where vice is so sternly repressed that the town is a model one in this regard. Churches and Sunday Schools invite, and almost the entire community is a committee to welcome and care for the young man and young woman who will come and seek instruction within our gates.

"What can be learned in your school," says one, "What do you want to learn," is the answer. Do you want to fit yourself to be a high class teacher? Not in this or in any other State will you find a better place than the Kentucky Normal College. You can prepare for any sort of a certificate, and you can not fail to win it if you will, but study as you should the course laid down in this school.

Do you want to enter the arena of trade and strive with the Captains of Industry, the Masters of the Markets? The Commercial course offered by the Kentucky Normal prepares young men and women for business life in its broadest sense. It aims to meet the demands of the business world. The course is thorough and practical in its every feature.

You may prefer a scientific course. Here is what the Scientific Course of the Kentucky Normal College aims to do.

The aim of the Scientific course is to inspire young men and women to increase their knowledge of the world, to broaden their views of human activity, and to rise to nobler plans of life; (II) to reveal to the student what he is, what he may become, and what he can do; (III) to encourage the student to take the full classic course (of which the Scientific course is but a part) thus enabling him to complete with the greatest economy of time and money, a general education that will prepare him to successfully fill any position for which the usual College course is supposed to fit its graduates. (IV) to train the student to the habit of strong, critical, independent thinking.

The full studies of this course are Natural Science, Mathematics, Latin, Literature, with Forensic work. This is surely comprehensive enough, and the industrious, ambitious pupil will find it as exacting and satisfying as the most ardent aspirant to educational honors could desire.

All these and much more does our College offer. As was said a moment ago you are asked what is your aim, your desire, and you are afforded the opportunity for having your wants satisfied to the utmost.

The corps of instructors in this school of ours is equal to the best. Men of learning, of education,—there's a difference, you know,—men of large experience as educators, men of moral worth and character. These men are devoted to their work, proud of what they have done and can do. If you want training in music, in oratory or in the school of debate you can get it at the Kentucky Normal College.

So far as taking care of you personally, have no fear on that score. Present students are in some of the best families in town, well fed and comfortable lodged, and all who may

come, both sexes, will be provided for just as well. So to sum up briefly, every boy and girl, young man and young woman, white and of good character, who desires to acquire an education which will fit him for the great battle of life, will find that the Kentucky Normal College, located in the beautiful city of Louisa, will meet every requirement.

J. C. C. Mayo.

The following from the Paintsville Herald concerning the college effort of one of this valley's biggest and best men will be read with much interest:

A few years since, while a student at the old Kentucky Wesleyan College, at Millersburg, John C. Mayo, this city, delivered an address, his subject being "The New South." Although making no pretense as an orator, Mr. Mayo's address was pronounced fine, the president of the college personally congratulating him. Mr. Mayo was a great admirer of the late Henry W. Grady, the great Southern orator-editor, and from him gathered great hope of a prosperous future for the new Southland. In his speech Mr. Mayo referred to Kentucky's great natural wealth, and referred to the mountains as teeming with riches, which, when developed, would be a revelation to mankind.

At the end of his college course Mr. Mayo returned to Paintsville and took up the profession of teaching, then afforded the young men of this section. While never neglecting his duties in the school room, Mr. Mayo's whole soul was set on developing the great hidden resources of his native hills. Little by little he obtained possession of this, to him, priceless jewel, for in those days coal was of no extra value, save for household purposes, and acre after acre was purchased by Mr. Mayo. The rest you know. But we old timers may yet be spared to see the Big Sandy in all her glory, her great resources being converted into money; the hum of industry on every hand; but, everytime we think of the great change, we will think of Mayo.

That Winchester address closed Mr. Mayo's career as a speaker, but it was the beginning of a new era in the Big Sandy Valley.

## FATAL AFFRAY

### At Warfield In Which Two Men Shoot Each Other.

On Christmas Eve two liquor men at Warfield, Martin county, shot each other. They were Blaine McComas and a man named Starr, son of James Starr. McComas was shot through the abdomen and is dead. A ball struck Starr just above one eye, and a part of the ball was removed by Dr. F. D. Marcan from the side of the head, more than half way back. The man is still alive and bids fair to recover, although the ball apparently passed through the region where the brain ought to be.

McComas operated a distillery at Naughton, W. Va., and sold liquor at East Warfield. This is said to be the third man that Starr has killed.

Both men are reported to have been under the influence of liquor.

## P'nty of Booze.

It is evident that there will not be much thirst throughout the Big Sandy valley during the holidays, as 75 gallons of whiskey has been shipped out of Ashland, over the O. and N. S., during the past 48 hours.—Independent.

If reports from Ashland are true considerably more than this amount must have been saved for home consumption.

## Child Burned to Death.

Sherman Vanhorn's little son, age two years and four months, was badly burned last Monday at the home of his parents on Rova Creek, this county, and died from the injuries on Wednesday evening. His clothing caught fire from an open fire place.

Thanks to the "big stick" which Marshal R. A. Stone holds over the boys of exuberant and mischievous propensities, we had a very quiet Christmas. No drunkenness nor disturbance of any kind

## BIG SANDY

### Is to Get Nothing from the Rivers and Harbors Committee.

The following dispatch from Washington brings very unwelcome news: "It is understood here that Representatives Edwards and Bennett and Representative-elect Langley, of Kentucky, have been informed by Chairman Burton, of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, that the forthcoming bill will not carry any appropriation for the Big Sandy and Upper Cumberland rivers. The cases will be carried to the Senate Commerce Committee, and arguments will be made showing the necessity of additional appropriations after the bill goes through the House."

This is not unexpected to those acquainted with the details of the fight for Big Sandy appropriations made in the past. Mr. Burton wants and takes all he can get for the harbor at his home city of Cleveland, Ohio. This necessitates cutting out everything else possible. He seems to be prejudiced against Big Sandy and all that we have received since he has been chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee has been procured over his protest. It has been only through the able directed efforts and almost desperate fight made under the lead of Col. Jay H. Norbup that Big Sandy has been able to get money in every appropriation bill passed for several years.

Senator Elkins is a friend of Big Sandy and it is through him that the efforts of our Congressmen, including James A. Hughes, and the Big Sandy River Improvement Association have been concentrated.

Success has been secured only in this way. It is the only avenue open to us now.

Mr. Burton's prejudice is probably due to the fact that Big Sandy has successfully appealed to the other branch of Congress. It is a well known fact that he is allowing appropriations to go into the bill that are much less meritorious than the Big Sandy river improvement.

Our Congressmen should not be discouraged by Mr. Burton's attitude, but should re-double their efforts and get into the bill through the Senate. It would be a fatal error to allow a river and harbor bill to pass without carrying money for Big Sandy river.

## Communicated.

John C. Compton and Miss Martha Webb were united in marriage at the residence of Dr. Keffer, a cousin of the bride, in Ashland, at high noon Monday in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The bride was attired in white silk, while the groom wore the conventional black. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Hampton, of the M. E. Church South. The bride is the pretty and accomplished daughter of Andy Webb, a prominent citizen of Blaine. The groom is a popular brickman of the C. & O. R. Y. Immediately after the ceremony they departed on C. and O. train No. 38, for a few days visit at the groom's home at Buchanan, after which they will go to housekeeping in Ashland. Their many friends wish them much happiness.

## Back to Railroad.

W. G. Whitl, who recently resigned as road supervisor on the C. & O., engage in the gravel business at Carter City, Ky., has concluded to go back to the railroad. He has accepted the lucrative position of roadmaster on the Seaboard Air Line, and will leave on the 28th for Hamlet, N. C., where he will be stationed for the time being. Mr. Whitl resided at Russell, and is quite well and favorably known in Louisa.

## Chapter Meeting.

Louisa Chapter R. A. M. will hold meetings tonight and tomorrow night in regular convocation. There will be business in the various degrees, and several visiting Companions from Ashland and other places will be present. A full attendance is requested.

The following from the Parkersburg Gazette will interest many readers of the NEWS:

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gardway, of Juliana street, announce the approaching marriage of their sister, Miss Alta Elizabeth Lakin and Mr. Milton Landon Carter, of Yatesville, Ky., which will be solemnized on Saturday, December the twenty-second, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. G. J. Carter at Yatesville.

The bride elect, who is Mrs. Gardway's sister, has for the past year made her home with her in this city, and in that time has made

many friends. She is a bright and attractive young woman and is greatly admired by every one who knows her.

This little piece of news will come as a pleasant surprise to Miss Lakin's many friends.

Mrs. G. J. Carter, of Yatesville, Ky., arrived Wednesday afternoon for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Dan Gardway who has been so seriously ill for several weeks. She will be accompanied home by her sister, Miss Alta Lakin.

## Death of J. N. Thomas.

Mr. John N. Thomas died at Ironton, Ohio, last Saturday night. He was the father of B. F. and J. C. Thomas citizens of Louisa.

Mr. Thomas was 78 years of age. He was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Lawrence county, Ohio. He was elected Auditor of that county three times, and up to the day of his death he was Assistant Auditor. He worked until four o'clock that day and then went home complaining of illness. No alarm was felt, however, until about ten o'clock, when the dangerous nature of the attack was realized. He passed away at twelve o'clock.

The funeral took place on Wednesday. All of the sons and daughters were present except Mrs. Dupuy, of California, and Mrs. Cooper, of Chicago. The latter was kept away by serious illness in her own family.

Mr. B. F. Thomas and family were here when the news of the death came on Sunday morning. Mr. Thomas went to Ironton at once and his family attended the funeral.

## High Class Watchmaker.

Mr. O. C. Wilson, an expert watchmaker from Los Angeles, Cal., has been engaged to take charge of the repair work at Conley's Store, Louisa, Ky., and his service is to begin about the first of January. There is nothing in the way of repairing time pieces that he can not do perfectly. He is the highest-salaried watchmaker ever brought here. If you have any work in this line bring it in and have it done right. A watch is a very delicate piece of mechanism and should be entrusted only to the hand of an expert.

## Telephone Wanted.

The business men of Louisa and many of the subscribers to the connecting country lines want a telephone put into the C. and O. freight depot at this place. The depot is not very conveniently located to the business section and telephone connection would largely increase the value of the service to subscribers. Either the telephone company or the railroad should install a telephone there at once.

## Died Suddenly.

George Crossley, of the Cincinnati firm of J. L. Crossley and Co., dropped dead in the Oxford Hotel, that city, one day last week. He was well known here, having visited this city weekly for several years, selling fruit for his firm. Mr. Crossley was a man of much intelligence, and was the author of a book of poems called "Quiet Times."

## A Delightful Evening.

Senator M. G. Watson entertained a few friends very delightfully at cards last Saturday evening. What now so popular in Louisa, was the game, and it was played with much enthusiasm. In mid-evening refreshments of the most inviting character were served. The guests were Lieut. and Mrs. P. S. Miss Doughty, of Cincinnati, Miss Lella Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stewart.

## Large Insurance Policy.

Frank Wallace Jr., received a few days ago two insurance policies for \$50,000 each, on the life of John C. Mayo, of Paintsville. He received a check for \$2305.00, to cover the first year's premium. Naturally, Mr. Wallace is quite proud of having written this large amount of insurance. These are the largest policies ever bought by a Big Sandy man.

## Seen From The Gallery.

Mr. James Anthony Hughes of West Va. has the loveliest coiffure in Congress. It is pure white, abundant, flowing and always newly manicured, giving an especially picturesque effect to the boyish, handsome face, beneath. Mr. Hughes is a Kentuckian.

## PERT PARAGRAPHS

### Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

Sunshine Coal Co., has been incorporated with \$50,000 capital stock by James Hatcher, J. C. Ratcliff and Richard Hatcher.

George Hager, of Paintsville, is very sick as a result of a stroke of paralysis several years ago. He will leave for Hot Springs about January 10th for his health.

Mrs. N. A. Hatcher, of Harold, who has been sick for some time is recovering rapidly, and shall soon be able to move into her new dwelling which has recently been completed.

Mart Meek was badly hurt last Saturday morning in Paintsville, while making connection with the sewer. A team, loaded with crossties, ran too close to the cut, when the bank gave away, covering Mart, and mashing him badly.

In a pitched battle at Carr's Fork, Floyd Hall, aged 40, killed Havard Sloan, aged 15, a notorious young moonshiner, brother of Perry Sloan, who was killed in a recent moonshiner battle. The ball entered Sloan's left eye. Fifty shots were fired.

G. Milton Elam will open a normal school in the public school building, at Pikeville, January 21st. The outlook is excellent for a large school. The public school, under the management of Prof. Elam, has been a complete success this year.

Miss Anna Lee Spencer, David Brooks and Hayes Sparks of Johnson county, have been selected to attend the State Normal at Richmond, selection having been made by Prof. Milton McDowell, county superintendent, in accordance with the act establishing the normal.

Measles in a very bad form is raging in Pikeville. A child of Will Fields in Fairview addition, died of the disease, and the entire family have been ill from the same cause. Miss Myrtle Bentley and Miss Nora Dixon are seriously ill, and the disease is spreading rapidly.

The Aerogen Coal Company shipped three cars of fine lump coal to Chicago, last week. This is the Aerogen's first shipment of lump coal. The big blocks of black diamonds presented a fine appearance and will have much to do with advertising the coal of this section.

Edgewater Coal and Coke Co., has contracted for mining machinery to be installed at once, and will in the near future build beehive coke plants. The company has under lease (from the Big Sandy Company, Boeton, Mass., and Pikeville, Ky.) coal properties in Pike county which are being developed.

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R. S. Bolen and wife, of Prestonsburg, who are visiting in Missouri, write that they have purchased a fine 45-acre farm there, and a 4-acre lot and fine dwelling in the town of Lamart, Mo., to which they will move in the early spring. They are delighted with the country. They will return here the first of February and go back the first of April.

Capt. J. L. McCoy, Deputy Revenue Collector, has returned after a raid on moonshiners which consumed several weeks and covered the catch of Brothitt, Perry, Pike, Knott, Letcher and Floyd. Eight stills were destroyed and a number of moonshiners captured and taken to Pikeville.

Just before the officers reached the moonshiner still of Floyd Sloan, in Letcher county, Sloan was killed in a fight with one of his partners in the still. In anticipation of a raid Sloan and his partner had divided up a store of whisky and the quarrel occurred over the division.

Altha Christlip, formerly residing in Paintsville, and son of the late Rev. Carlisle, stands charged in the U. S. Court of violating the postal laws. While residing at that place, about one year ago, it is alleged he mailed Dr. Bayes, of Paintsville, a letter, attempting it is claimed to blackmail the Doctor. Christlip left Paintsville soon after the occurrence and moved his family to West Virginia, where he still resides. His case was continued in the U. S. Court at Catlettsburg, last week, his bond being fixed at \$1,000, which he executed.

The Big Sandy Company has just closed a lease with Fon Ruggas, of Pikeville, to open two new coal mines on its property in Pike county, which will have an output of 1,000 tons a day. The Pike Coal and Coke

Company, the Greenough Coal and Coke Company and the Edgewater Coal and Coke Company, all of which have leases on this property, have contracted for mining machinery to be installed at once.

The Big Sandy Company, which is a Boston concern, owns 130,000 acres of coal land in the heart of the well known Elkhorn coking coal region of Pike county, and the mines, which are now being opened up are expected to have, during the coming year, an aggregate output of 6,000 tons a day.

Last Friday morning, near the first stop above Pikeville, as the down-river local was making the run from that point to Pikeville, the tender struck Mrs. Sarah Bradford, a widow, and injured her fatally. Her cow was on the track and she ran onto the track to drive the cow off, when she stumbled and fell, the tender struck her in the head and breast. She died three hours later, without gaining consciousness. Her husband was assassinated a few years ago by Rudolph Sward, who, when Sheriff Will Smith attempted to arrest him committed suicide by shooting himself. She was to have been married again to A. M. Ratcliff, who had taken a raft of timber to Catlettsburg. The nuptials were to have been celebrated on his return. She leaves no children.

Representative-elect Langley has recommended the appointment of O. A. Stump to be postmaster at Pikeville, to succeed J. M. Bowling. The nomination will be sent to the Senate next month.

## Not Improved.

Martin Elderman, formerly of this county, and a very intelligent and worthy man, is, we regret to say, in very bad health. His home for some time has been in Ashland, but about a year ago he went to Arizona, hoping to regain health and strength. For a while he thought he was getting better, but he grew worse again and has returned to Ashland.

## Moving to Huntington.

G. V. Meek is completing his preparations for moving to Huntington and will go within the next week or two. He has purchased business and residence property there, paying \$5,000 in cash for it. He will engage in the merchandise business. We wish him success. His son, Dr. G. C. Meek, will also locate in Huntington for the practice of medicine.

## Building Association.

The Louisa Loan and Building Association, which has done so much for the town, will start a new series of stock the first week in January. As usual, there are many applications for stock already offered. This building association has enabled a great many people to own homes who would not otherwise have been able to do so.

## Real Estate Deal.

J. P. Gartin has sold to H. C. Holtz the house and lot recently purchased from S. J. Plokesimer, on upper Jefferson street. Mr. Holtz lives at Blaine and is better known as Chit.

Chas. Barnell, the Louisa-Fort Gay mail carrier has received an increase in pension and he will now get \$24 a month instead of \$12.

The Louisa public school is taking a vacation this week. It will re-open Monday and New Years day will not be observed as a holiday. All parents should see that their children attend school every day. They can not afford to miss the excellent opportunity now offered to secure a good education free.

The descendants of the late Judge John M. Rice expect to meet with the family of Mr. B. F. Thomas next Sunday and enjoy a reunion. This meeting was proposed for Christmas, but "man proposes and God disposes." The venerable father of Mr. Thomas died in Ironton on 22, thus sadly interrupting the intended gathering.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Miss Heloise will be glad to learn that Louisa will continue to be their residence, at least until Spring.

Miss Lillie Davis died on Saturday, at the home of her father, Ed Davis, on East Fork, and was buried on Sunday afternoon. Miss Davis' death was due to consumption and a sister, who died of the same dread disease, was interred on last Christmas day.

It will be well to remember the next term of the Louisa Circuit Court begins on the second Monday, in January the 14th day of the month. This is important to very many hence its publication in the NEWS.