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HIGHER DAM.

Crest of Louisa Lock and Dam To Be Raised.

Preliminary plans and estimate for raising the crest of Lock and Dam No. 3, Big Sandy river, Louisa, Ky., have been prepared in the local U. S. Engineer office and submitted to the District Engineer, Major J. G. Warren, Cincinnati, Ohio, for consideration. These plans contemplate an increased depth of 4.5 feet above Dam No. 3, giving a depth of 17 feet, on the sills of the locks next above on the Tug and Levisa forks.

The plans involve the following: new pair of modern steel lock gates to replace old wooden gates, increase in height of lock walls, center pier and abutment of dam, new movable parts of increased height in navigation pass and regulating weir of dam, protection wall below abutment, etc.

The type of pass will be similar in all respects to those of Dams Nos. 1 and 2, commonly called needle dams, the two latter dams being the largest of their kind in the world. The type of weir has not yet been decided upon, there being several types which fulfill fairly well the requirements of the case.

This work was authorized by the act of Congress of Mar. 3, 1905, which provides that upon the completion of Locks No. 1 Tug and Levisa forks, any funds remaining may be applied to raising the crest of Lock and Dam No. 3, 4.5 feet above its present level. It is thus evident that this work cannot be started until the locks on the forks are completed. The lock on Tug fork has been completed, as reported in the NEWS. It is probable that the lock on Levisa fork will be finished very shortly after the opening of the working season as it is practically completed now. It is expected that the work on Lock and Dam No. 3 will be inaugurated as soon as funds become available.

No decision has yet been reached as to whether this work will be done under control of day labor employed by the Government. The most economical method will, of course, be adopted.

Shocking Death.

George Nevitt, familiarly known as "Shorty," and an expert plumber employed by the Union Plumbing Co., of Ashland, is dead under most peculiar circumstances.

He left the shop about 4 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, well and in good spirits. Nothing was seen or heard of him all day Friday, and on Saturday morning some of his fellow-workmen went to his home to make inquiries. They had to break open the door to get in, and in a front room, sitting in a chair in front of a red hot gas stove, was Nevitt, dead, and swollen from the heat and decomposition until the buttons had burst off his clothes. In some places the clothes were torn by the great swelling. In his hand was a letter from his wife, who was visiting in Ohio, telling him to take care of himself and the cat. On the floor was the cat, dead, also swelled enormously. The stove had no pipe whereby the products of combustion could be carried off, and the Coroner's jury found that Nevitt had died from suffocation.

Revivals In The Big Cities.

A great religious revival is sweeping over the big cities of the East Brooklyn, particularly, is feeling its effect. The following concerning the church of which the Rev. Frederick F. Shannon is pastor, is from the Brooklyn Eagle:

In the morning the monthly communion service was observed, when the individual cups were used for the first time in Grace Church. There was a large number of communicants. The pastor, the Rev. Frederick F. Shannon, was assisted in this service by Dr. Elijah Smith, of the New England P-thern Conference. During Mr. Shannon's pastorate of two years 204 have been received, the largest ever received in the history of the church. The Sunday School had an interesting session. Dr. S. D. Gordon's "A Picture of God," being read by a former mem-

ber now in the Far West in a letter of request to the pastor.

A stirring service for men only was held in the auditorium of the church at 4 o'clock. The attendance was surprisingly large, a representative gathering of men from the church community listening to a masterful address by Dr. Francis J. McConnell. His subject was "The Char-lots of Israel and the Horsemen Thereof." "Suppose we take this great truth that God is near, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, that the Holy Spirit is our guide and instructor, then we ought to go the full length of our Christianity," said Dr. McConnell. "The trouble with most of us is just this: We do not go far enough. We believe that God is near, then let us go the full length of our belief. We believe that God can redeem and save men. Then let us go the full length."

At the conclusion of the strong address Mr. Shannon asked: "How many of you men believe in God's presence here now?" The audience arose as one man in response.

Killed in Huntington.

A Huntington paper says: Harvey Gidson, one of the most prominent merchants of Pike county, was found dead at the underground crossing at Eighth avenue and Sixteenth street, in Huntington, early Sunday morning.

Mr. Gidson had gone to Huntington, Saturday morning, to purchase goods for his large general store, and had purchased a large bill of goods from Hagen, Ratcliff, and Co., the wholesale grocers of that city.

After buying the goods he proceeded to tank up on whisky, and became drunk and was arrested and placed in the city prison there in the afternoon, but towards evening he had sobered up and was released from jail, but proceeded to tank up again on whisky, and it is thought he had wandered out on the C. and O. railroad, and in walking along the track, had fallen over the underground crossing, a distance of about 25 feet.

The following dispatch to a Cincinnati paper puts a different face on the matter.

Huntington, W. Va., February 10.—With his head crushed to a pulp, the dead body of W. H. Gibson, a Pikeville, Ky., man, was found lying over a steep embankment on Eighth street at 8 o'clock this morning. That Gibson was the victim of foul play is the opinion of local authorities and Chief of Police Dawson has taken the case in hand. Arrest of local men who were with Gibson not many hours before his death, may follow.

The murdered man is known to have participated in a poker game until early Sunday morning. Though he was drunk, nothing of any value was found in the dead man's pockets.

Accidental Killing.

William Maynard, son of Moses Maynard, and his brother Mill were out hunting late Saturday evening. Starting a rabbit on a point near Mrs. Chapman's barn William went rushing down the hill in order, presumably, to head the game off and in his hurry to get over a steep ledge of rocks he had thrown the breech of his gun forward and the hammer striking on the bolt rock caused the gun to go off. He received the entire charge just above the heart. I heard the shot, also heard his brother calling for help and made my way to the spot quickly as possible only to find on reaching his side that he was dead.

The funeral was held at the Patrick grave yard. H. W. Lambert.

Death of Mrs. Helen Headley.

News of the death of Mrs. Helen T. Headley, of Morristown, N. J., has been received by her friends in Louisa. She died very suddenly last Saturday. She was stricken with paralysis last fall and was thought to be improving lately, but the sudden death of a sister a few weeks ago may have had much to do with her own demise.

Mrs. Headley was a woman of much intelligence and character and of marked business ability. She leaves two children, W. T. Headley, of Philadelphia, and Miss Nellie Headley, of Morristown.

\$242,000.

Big Sandy River Gets That Amount Into R. & H. Bill.

THANKS TO ELKINS AND HUGHES.

A telegram from Congressman James A. Hughes to Col. Jay H. Northrup, brings the joyful news that the United States Senate Committee on Commerce has added to the Rivers and Harbors Bill \$242,000 for continuing the improvements on the Big Sandy river.

\$225,000 of this amount is for building dams to the locks already completed on Tug and Levisa forks. The remainder is to be expended on Dam No. 1 at Catlettsburg.

As our readers know, it was impossible for our Representatives to get anything for Big Sandy into the Rivers and Harbors Bill in the House, because of the attitude of Chairman Burton. Again Senator Elkins has come to our aid through the influence of his close and personal and political friend, Hon. James A. Hughes. It is with pleasure that we, along with all other Big Sandians, give the credit to these loyal friends and able statesmen. Senator Elkins is chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, which has charge of the Rivers and Harbors bill in the Upper House of Congress.

No argument is needed to show that the government should build these two dams at the earliest possible date. The locks are practically ready for use and it would be poor business to allow them to stand three or four years, absolutely useless—and this is what would of necessity happen if no appropriation were included in the present bill.

MRS. THAW.

Her Promise of \$1,500 To The Presbyterian College.

The trouble of Harry K. Thaw, on trial in New York for murder, is being felt very keenly in the mountain section of Eastern Kentucky at present. Some time last year his mother became interested in some manner in the Presbyterian school and college at Pikeville, which is giving attention to preparing young men for the ministry, especially for work in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

Mrs. Thaw promised to give the school \$1,500 when needed. There was no note taken from her, nothing save a memorandum made of the promise. Last week Rev. Dr. John Barbour, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Maysville, who is the chairman of the committee that collects donations, received a letter from the superintendent stating the school was badly in need of funds at present. Dr. Barbour has Mrs. Thaw's promise, but owing to the trouble of her son at present he did not think it wise to remind her of her promise, but raised the necessary funds in his own congregation. This school at Pikeville is under the direct management of Ebenezer Presbytery, North.

Young Men in Session.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Kentucky will hold two Conventions this year, in place of the State Convention hitherto held annually, but now meeting biennially. The Central and Eastern Kentucky Convention will meet at Frankfort, February 22-24, and the Western Kentucky Convention on April 12-14, at Madisonville, in connection with the opening of the new \$22,000 Association building at that place.

It is expected that the Frankfort Convention will be attended by 300 delegates from the city, railroad, student and county Associations in the State, east of Louisville. The program will be participated in by prominent leaders in the Association movement in Kentucky and throughout the country, and includes addresses and papers by G. N. Bleson, Dayton, O., President, J. C. Achson, Danville, R. W. McGill, State Secretary of Tennessee, Maj. S. W. Greene,

Louisville, Dr. H. B. Fuller, Dayton, O., H. E. Dodge, Terre Haute, Ind., A. W. Honsan, Indianapolis, Ind., H. P. Anderson, New York city, President, S. W. Hitt, Danville, J. T. Wilson, Harrodsburg, Prof. Jas. Watt Raine, Berea, and others. The various railroads have granted an open rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip from all points in the territory of the Convention; also from Louisville. Tickets on sale February 22 and 23, good until February 26.

A limited delegation of pastors and laymen from points in the territory of the Convention where Association work is not organized will be cordially welcomed and duly accredited as corresponding delegates of the Convention, upon making applications for credentials to Henry E. Rosevear, State Secretary, 817 Fourth Avenue, Louisville.

Will Be Greatly Missed.

The many Louisa friends of Mr. E. P. Thomas and family will regret very much to know that these excellent people are no longer residents of this place. So long as they kept their beautiful Louisa home we had a claim upon them, and a hope that while Mr. Thomas was kept by duty in another place he would still call this home and be one of us. The sale of his property dissipated this hope, and although they may in the very distant future take residence here again they now seem gone for all time.

Mr. Thomas was one of Louisa's foremost citizens; intelligent, progressive, liberal, social. The removal of such a man makes a great big hole.

Mrs. Thomas has the warm geniality of her lamented father and the kindly manner of her equally lamented mother, and she made the Thomas home the scene of an abundant hospitality.

Everybody, young and old, will miss the charming daughter, Miss Felicie. Born in Louisa, she has grown to a beautiful young womanhood among us, thoroughly unspoiled and unaffected. The Big Sandy NEWS wishes for these good people health and happiness wherever they may be. They leave for Cincinnati to-morrow.

Death of John Borders.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, John Borders, of Borders Chapel, quietly passed over the divide into the spirit world. Mr. Borders was one of the best known men in the Big Sandy Valley, and belonged to one of the oldest and most prominent families in Eastern Kentucky. From his youth he was perhaps the most religious man in the valley, and he was known by all the older people as "Shouting John Borders," by which title he was distinguished from others of the same name. He raised a large family of children, all of whom are among the best citizens of this section. He was eighty-eight years old, and was comparatively active until a very short time ago. His funeral took place last Monday, and he was laid to rest by the side of his wife and kindred who had preceded him.

Transactions in Real Estate.

Several have occurred recently. The biggest deal was the sale of the Yates or Gannel residence property on the corner of Main and Jefferson streets. It was bought by W. M. Justice from Miss Amarda Yates for the round sum of \$5,000. The purchase includes the 2-story residence opposite A. J. Garred's. The property is considered cheap by good judges of real estate.

Mr. Justice has sold to John Stump the property on Maple st. opposite Thomas Luther's. Consideration \$1,000.

Conley and Bickle have sold to Henry Young a residence in their addition to Louisa. Price \$400.

John Stump has sold to Lewis Berry of the East Fork neighborhood, his residence property in Buchanan. The consideration was \$1,300. Mr. Berry will move to Buchanan.

Mr. C. H. Hays was here this week from Moravia, New York, on his way to Red Bush to visit relatives. He went to New York three years ago and likes the country so well that he does not expect to return here except for occasional visits. He will remain a week or ten days.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

Twelve divorce cases are pending on the Johnson Circuit Court docket.

The United States Court of Claims has awarded Isaac E. Gray, of Pikeville \$48.

Alexander Blair has been appointed postmaster at Barnett's creek, Johnson county.

Elliott vs. Leslie, Pike; affirmed by the Court of Appeals. Martin vs. Conley, Floyd; affirmed.

Mrs. Bessie Jones, former stenographer in John C. C. Mayo's office, was married to a Mr. Hitchcock, of Catlettsburg, Thursday.

Prestonsburg is to have a bridge. It's a sure thing, and work will begin on same at once. There have been four bids made, but the contract has not been let, up to this time.

An unknown man, traveling up the railroad, stopped at Allen City several days ago, at Bent Cox's, and, after staying a few hours, went on to Marrowbone, Pike county, where he is now down with smallpox.

The following postmasters have been appointed: Calveston, Floyd county, Fred C. Hall, vice Andrew Hall, removed; William, Magoffin county, Andrew Spradon, vice A. E. Darnall, resigned.

Prestonsburg, Feb. 9.—The silver chimes of the wedding bells were once again sounding in Prestonsburg, when on Thursday evening, the 7th at 8 o'clock, Mr. James T. Garnet and Miss Cynthia Davidson were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Davidson.

Paintsville, Feb. 9.—Sam Collier, near this place, had the misfortune to have his house and nearly all of his furniture destroyed by fire last night. His 2-year-old son had a narrow escape. This will be sad news for Mr. Collier's many friends, all up and down the C. and O. railroad. Mr. Collier is a prominent contractor with the C. and O.

Mr. Collier carried a \$1,000 fire policy in the Hartford Fire Assurance Society of New York, but has been informed that company is not authorized to do business in Kentucky, and will doubtless be unable to collect the policy.

Luther Kountze vs. Joseph Hatfield, etc.—Appeal from Pike Circuit Court. Opinion of the Court by Carroll, Commissioner, reversing.

Land—Ownership—Boundary—Verdict—New Trial—In this controversy involving the ownership of certain land and timber, in which the evidence as to ownership and boundary is very unsatisfactory, and there were errors in the instructions, which were not excepted to. Held—That the verdict of the jury was flagrantly against the evidence and a new trial is awarded.

Hager & Stewart, W. S. Harkins for appellant; John F. Butler, J. M. York, J. S. Cline for appellees.

Estep, etc. vs. Estep, etc.—Appeal from Magoffin Circuit Court. Opinion of the court by John D. Carroll, Commissioner, affirming.

First—Judgments—Action to Vacate—There appears to be no authority which authorizes the vacation of a judgment nine years after its rendition when it appears that not only all of the parties were before the court, but were of age and laboring under no disability.

Second—Fraud—Mere Statement of Not Sufficient—A mere statement that the judgment was obtained by fraud is not sufficient. The petition should point out specifically and fully the fraud relied on. Tested by this rule the petition in this action was not good.

If there be anything in "signs" the people of Johnson county residing on the East side of the Big Sandy river will have occasion to be better informed on the Walcott title than they now are.

There is a strong probability that

the land holders in that section will be called upon to defend their titles in court. A strong company known as the "Sandy River Coal and Lumber Company," with headquarters at Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., has been organized for the purpose of testing the validity of the Walcott title in Johnson county. This company claims the ownership of 15,000 acres under this title. The East side of the river is the only territory in Johnson county affected by the Walcott title, as the original Walcott survey only includes the lands lying between the Levisa and Tug forks of the Big Sandy river.

Little is known of the "Sandy River Coal and Lumber Co." It claims that the service of eminent lawyers has been obtained to "perfect its title," but the date of the opening of the fight is not announced. It is supposed to be backed by a lot of land sharks.

Plans are now being perfected that will result in the consolidation of the Methodist and Southern Methodist Churches of Paintsville. The movement was quietly started two years ago, when the Sandy Valley Seminary passed to the joint ownership of the two churches. Since then the two churches, although holding separate services and supporting two pastors, have practically been one organization. A poll of the membership of each church shows a unanimous willingness for the consolidation. The final steps leading to the consolidation will be taken before the conferences of the two branches of the Methodist churches, in September. It is now an assured fact that official sanction will be given the movement.

When all the plans are completed, one and possibly both of the church buildings will be sold and a splendid church edifice erected. The new organization will be denominated the Union Methodist Church, the pastor to be selected by two of the Bishops of the Methodist and Southern Methodist Churches.

The plan is to construct a church building, costing not less than \$15,000, on the best site obtainable. A splendid parsonage will also be constructed.

K. G. E.

Allan D. Cole, of Maysville, Chief of Kentucky, Knights of the Golden Eagle, has just announced the appointment of his Board of Canvassers, to canvass and count the vote cast for Grand Castle officers last December. The count will occur in the office of Attorney J. Frank Stewart, corner Winchester avenue and 15th street, in Ashland. Mr. Stewart being appointed Judge of the election. The date set is Saturday, March 16th.

The other members of the board are as follows: Jesse Lyons, Ashland, and C. L. Urban, Greenup, clerks; G. W. Enyart, Cannonsburg, and Frank Dawson, Ashland, clerks. Jas. W. Lashby, of Grayson, having no opposition, will be the next Grand Chief, and is an educator of note, insuring a fitting successor of Hon. A. D. Cole, the incumbent.

Have No Intention Of Leaving.

Certainly not. Why should they? Mr. Shipman has been in business in Louisa about four years. He has done a fine business from the start, and it is better now than ever before. The trade of the firm has steadily increased and the outlook for future business is excellent. The firm is a popular one, noted for square dealing, and instead of seeking other fields it will reach out right here in this city for a greater volume of trade.

The residence occupied by Mr. Shipman has been sold, but Shipman & Gentry, The Clothiers, have taken another lease on the property occupied by them as a store and will continue as in the prosperous past.

Gone To California.

Attorney and Mrs. Thos. R. Brown, of Catlettsburg, left Monday for an extended sojourn in California, and during this time Brownstone, their home on the south hillside, will be closed, Miss Quinn Brown being a guest at the home of her brother, Alex. L. Brown, and Miss Florence visiting with Mrs. Gus H. Hampton. Mrs. Brown was here last Monday to say good bye to her relatives. The Browns will not return until some time in April.