ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Seven more earthquake shocks occurred in Messsina during the past twenty-four hours.

The people of Messina, although still alarmed as a result of the latest earth shocks, are beginning to return from the country. The authorities have adopted stringent measures to prevent anybody occupying houses that are not considered safe.

The body, supposed at first to be that of a Chinaman, which was found in the Hudson River, was not that of Leon Ling, who is charged with the murder of Elsie Sigel. After an autopsy Dr. Thomas Curtin, Coroner's physician, declared the body was that of a white boy not more than sixteen years old.

Eight men were shot, one perhaps fatally, in a shooting affray at Ione, Ore., Saturday. Six of the men are alleged to have been wounded by F. G. Earhart, said to be an ex-convict, and who was surrounded by a Sheriff's posse and finally captured.

The statute extending the provisions of the four mile law to the entire State of Tennessee became effective Thursday at midnight. Under the provisions of this act it will be unlawful to sell or tipple liquors, wines, ale or beer as a beverage in Tennessee. The manufacturers' bill to prohibit the manufacture of liquors does not become operative until January 1, six months more time having been given the brewers and distillers than was given the retailers by the legislators.

In a speech before the Yale Alumni President Taft issued a note of warning to Congress. He declared that if the Republican party failed to live up to its promises and what was expected of it, it would be relegated to "his majesty's opposition." The President made this reference in speaking of the difficulty of defining a latter-day Democrat and declared that the trouble was not altogether on that side of the house. The throng of 3,800 Yale graduates present, however, caught the significance of the utterances and interrupted the President with cheers.

J. W. Christie, a farmer living near Aberdeen, S. D., his wife, his daughter, Mildred, and a farm hand were murdered by an unidentified tramp. It is believed the murder followed an attempt to get a large sum of money supposed to have been in the Christie home.

The case of the eight alleged night riders of Tennessee, six of whom were under the death sentence, charged with the murder of Capt. Quenton Rankin at Walnut Log on Redfoot Lake, October 19 last, were reversed by the Supreme Court and remanded for new trial.

With imposing ceremonies the granite monument erected in Washington as a memorial to the founder of the G. A. R., Maj. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, of Illinois, and to the organization itself, was unveiled Saturday. President Taft was the principal speaker and guest of honor.

One child is dying and about twenty more women and children are suffering from severe injuries received in a panic in the Kresge 5 and 10 cent store in Detroit, Mich., following the cry of "fire" after a scuffle between two women over a bargain on the crowded second floor of the establishment.

Acting upon the suggestion of Postmaster General Hitchcock, the Administration's political adviser, it is evident that non-partisanship in the coming census is bound to myth. Several weeks ago there was a semi-official announcement from the White House to the effect that there was to be no politics in the census and that the President would allow his Democratic Congressmen to name the supervisors in each of their congressional districts. According to the Chief of the census there is no such fixed policy decided upon by the appointing power. Instead there is a strong probability that the Republican machine largely will have the say. Census supervisors have to be confirmed by the Senate. In order to get around this difficulty there will be no appointments until after Congress adjourns.

WEST VIRGINIA NEIGHBORS.

C. M. Myers, of Williamson, was fined $2 in Police Court up at Huntington last week, the charge against him being that of drunkenness. This case considering the man's life, has many attendant features which are pathetic in the extreme. Myers, up until four years ago carried the prefix Rev. to his name, being for many years a minister in one of the protestant denominations. He was a scholarly and upright man, and stood high in the church and as a citizen. A few years ago strong drink took hold upon him and his decline was rapid. While he has not been in the pulpit for seven or eight years, as late as five years ago he exercised the functions of the ministery to the extent of performing the marriage rite.

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Our correspondent at Canada, Ky., reports the following fatal accident from his locality: Last Friday about twelve o'clock, Lula, the thirteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith poured some coal oil into the fire in the kitchen stove. It flared up, and the can exploded. The poor girls clothing immediately caught fire and in a few moments she was fatally burned. She lived until about eight o'clock Saturday evening, when she passed away. Her remains were buried Sunday afternoon in the old Richard Station graveyard. The parents and brothers and sisters of the little girl are well nigh heart-broken.

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Last Sunday afternoon was a dark one for the Grapevine baseball team, as well as for Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, the Superintendent of the Red Jacket plant at Grapevine, as it took the horrible death of Clyde Wilson, the Superintendent's son, and a youth of much promise. The Grapevine team upon which Clyde Wilson held the position of first baseman, went Sunday morning to Berwind to play a game. Upon its conclusion, the boys came back down to Iaeger, and instead of enduring the long wait for No. 3, decided to catch the earliest freight. Soon one came along. Young Wilson had arranged with one of his companions to run to the forward part of the train, get on and to take a suit case from him and then let the other fellow catch on further back. Wilson ran forward and leaped, but as the train was now moving pretty fast, by some mishap his foot slipped and he fell under the wheels, his body parallel with the track, and was almost split open, one thigh being driven up almost under the arm. He uttered only one cry, "Boys, I'm gone," and died almost instantly. His body was picked by comrades and was brought to Williamson, where it was prepared for burial. It was taken back to Deforme on No. 16 Monday, and laid to rest near the residence of his parents.

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Naugatuck, June 20.—Little George Baldridge was drowned in Tug river near the mouth of Pigeon creek Friday.

The lad, who resided at his home with his father, from Baldridge, at this place, had been swimming with his father but had left the water and presumably had started for home.

As both were in the water with their clothes on, the elder Baldridge made his way to the opposite side of the river and was watching some parties below who were trying to make their way up through the thicket.

When Tom returned home, however, the boy was nowhere to be found.

A search was instituted immediately and the body was found almost directly across the river from where the elder Baldridge had been sitting when he thought his brother was on his way home.

The boy had evidently sunk into deep water unexpectedly from the edge of the sand bank in the mouth of Pigeon creek and possibly struggled very little.

Every effort possible was made to resuscitate the lad but in vain. Mrs. Baldridge, the mother, was telegraphed at Warfield, Ky., where the remains will be taken to-morrow on No. 15 for interment.

Tommy Baldridge was nine years of age and considered one of the best boys in the community and the grief over the sad accident as well as sympathy for the bereaved family is universal.

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Columbus Belcher, convicted recently in the Mingo Criminal court of murdering Curtis Carter and sentenced to hang on the 17th day of September, was taken to the penitentiary at Moundsville Monday evening by Deputy Sheriff W. N. Cole and Assessor N. J. Keadle.

Belcher had strong hopes that his attorneys would be able to upset the verdict and that he would not be compelled to enter the prison with the terrible sentence hanging over him. He was not told of the trip until Monday evening. When Jailer Thomas told him to get read. He stated that he would rather "drop dead" in his tracks than go.

Messrs. Cole and Keadle returned home Wednesday evening and state that Belcher gave them no trouble during the trip. At the prison he broke down and cried like a baby.

While thus unstrung it is stated that Belcher declared his intention of making a complete confession as to the wanton murder of Carter. During the trial it was hinted that there had been a conspiracy to take Carter's life and Belcher's confession may bring all the facts to the surface.

Belcher revealed to Messrs. Cole and Keadle the names of two prominent men on Leatherwood creek who, he alleges, hired him to commit the deed. He claims to have received $225 in money. An investigation will doubtless follow.

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Keenis Wright was sentenced yesterday to six months in jail and a fine of $100 by Squire Elkins of Chattaroy, for carrying a pair of brass knucks contrary to the new law in regard to this offense. The justices are wisely coming down on the pistol toters and other similar offenders as they do.

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A report which became current here Wednesday to the effect that the Bank of Williamson at Williamson, W. Va., had failed, was verified by a dispatch in the Cincinnati Post to-day and also by information received by Mr. K. L. Varney, of this city, who had deposits in the institution to the amount of about $3,200. From the best information obtainable, the bank opened Monday, but did not open again after business hours of that day. It is said the institution will pay out dollar for dollar.—Catlettsburg Tribune.

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A Column Dedicated To Tired Mothers As They Join The Home Circle At Evening Tide

To bring what pleasure and contentment we can into every life is the best way to fill our own with happy.

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To make home happy is an art—an art a good many people have either lost or never found.

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There is nothing gained in the government of children by threatening that which is not performed.

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The mother of mothers is she who is the guide, the friend, the companion and confidant of her daughter—the saintly ideal and sweetest living lesson to her son. She stands to them as the embodiment of womanly purity and womanly wisdom.

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If you want to give a little boy, from six to ten years old, a start for the penitentiary just allow him the privilege of running on the streets until late bedtime. It is there he learns his first crime. It is there he gets his first lesson in vulgar obscene language. His start for prison is made.

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"Please state to the Court exactly what you did between eight and nine o'clock on Wednesday morning," said a lawyer to a delicate looking little woman on the witness stand. "Well, she said, after a moment's reflection, I washed my two children and got them ready for school, and sewed a button on Johnny's coat, and mended Willie's dress. Then I tidied up my spring room and made two beds and watered my house plant and glanced over the morning paper. Then I dusted my parlor and set things to right in it and washed some lamp chimneys and combed my baby's hair and sewed a ruffle on one of her little dresses and then I swept my room and dusted and brushed and put away the boys' Sunday clothes and wrote a note to Johnny's teacher asking her to excuse him for his being late to school on Friday. Then I fed my canary bird and cleaned off the breakfast table and gave the grocery man an order and swept off the back porch and then I sat down and rested a few minutes before the clock struck nine. That's all." "All," said the dazed lawyer. "Excuse me, Judge, I must get my hands before I call the next witness."

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LET US TAKE TIME

Let us take time for the good things. We shall go to the day's work with a sweeter spirit for it.

Let us take time for the evening prayer. Our sleep will be more restful if we have enlisted the guardianship of God.

Let us take time to speak sweet, kind words to those we love. By and-by, when they can no longer hear us, our foolishness will seem more wise than our best wisdom.

Let us take time to read our Bible. Its treasures will last when we shall have ceased to care for the war of political parties and rise and fall of stock, or the petty happenings of the day.

Let us take time to be pleasant. The small courtesies, which we often omit because they are small, will some day look larger to us than the wealth which we accumulated in the time in which we neglected.

Let us take time to get acquainted with our families. The wealth we are accumulating hereafter may be a double blessing to the son who is a stranger to you. Your high, public kept house, busy mother, may prove to be a home to the daughter who has had no time to caress.

THE SHADOW WE CAST

In this great world of continual cast shadows, we are constantly receiving shadows on those around us and receiving sunshine from others in return. There is no darkness of life which is not sometimes pierced by sunshine, and no sunshine which does not sometimes fall on shadows. It matters not which way the light falls. We see it, then, and then we walk in sunshine or shadow as the case may be. It is often a matter of a moment, perhaps, or a few moments, and yet a shadow may be cast which is longer than the time it took to cast it. How often does one feel the cold greeting, cast a shadow over the sunny, smiling face of one who, ere it may behave waited, shivered at the sound of his foot steps in place of a joyous welcome to his home. How often has the parent, by a harsh reproof, chilled the overflowing fount of confidence and love which is welling up from the heart of the innocent prattler at his knee? How often are the bright rays of hope fading and the clinging grasp of the souls of those worn out by poverty and the never ending conflict of life, by the stinging ridicule or the scornful silence of those whom the world honors, aye, love to honor? How often does the child—even after it has grown to the full bloom of manhood and is clad in the garments of strength and beauty—bring sorrow to the parent already tottering on the brink of eternity? Then beware, lest you cast a deeper shadow over those already darkening in happiness! The shadows we cast can we escape them? Can we look back, as we walk on in life's journey, and see no shadows marks about our foot-prints?

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