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KILLED BY TRAIN.

Sam Jones, of Saltpeter, W. Va., the Victim.

The Accident Occurred Sunday Morning, Three Miles East of Here.

On Sunday morning last, about three o'clock, while George Montgomery, operator in the N. & W. office at Fort Gay, was returning from the station to his home at Saltpeter he was startled to discover the mangled dead body of a man on the track not far from the residence of John Peters. The point where the body was found is about three miles east of Fort Gay.

Those living near the place were hastily aroused, and investigation revealed that the unfortunate man was Sam Jones, son of a widow who lives in the neighborhood of Saltpeter. Later on it was learned that Jones had got off No. 4 at Fort Gay that morning, returning from some point in Ohio, and he had evidently started to walk home, No. 4 not stopping at Saltpeter. There is a deep cut where he met his untimely death, and one of the many trains passing had crushed out his life.

There was some foolish talk of "foul play," but there can not be the slightest doubt that his death was accidental. The young man was 22 years of age and unmarried.

Jupiter What A Roast!

Pikeville, Ky., July 29.—Pikeville is dead. The business men here can resurrect her. Will they? We believe they will. We demand that they will. We demand that the Mayor and City Council arise from their long slumber and call a meeting of Pikeville's business men, and take steps to purchase the sewer system, and force the citizens to tap into same, and thereby rid ourselves of the filth and cesspools, thereby ridding ourselves of the typhoid and other diseases caused by the accumulation of filth. Also to take steps to pave the streets, thereby giving labor to many of her idle laborers who long for a job to earn some "grub" for their little ones. Delay in this matter is dangerous, as well as, we fear, future damnation to Pikeville. If Pikeville citizens will not arise and go forward, we then favor Elkhorn City taking the county seat, because Elkhorn City is sure destined to come to notice in the year future—sure to be the division for the C. C. & O. Ry., as it is now the terminus of the C. C. & O.'s Big Sandy division. What more can we say to a dead city to cause her to arise?—Cor. to Ashland Independent.

Death of William Murray.

William Murray, formerly of this county but latterly a resident of Lawrence county, O., died suddenly at his home near Kitts' Hill, not far from Ironton, about 6 o'clock last Saturday afternoon. He had gone for his cows and was found dead by a neighbor. On the following day services were held at Mamre Baptist Church, and on Monday the body, accompanied by several friends and a choir from Ironton, was carried to Paintsville, where it was buried, the Rev. Arthur Preston conducting the service.

Mr. Murray was 56 years old and had been a member of the Baptist Church 35 years. He was an upright, greatly respected citizen. He left a widow and one son, the Rev. Koscoe Murray, of the Baptist Church, and who is well known in Louisa.

Are You Building A House?

Those needing plaster and lath will do well to see the Snyder Hardware Company, Louisa. They can save you money because they buy the plaster in carload lots direct from the factory. The lath are first quality.

Also, we can furnish you reliable paints at reasonable prices.

The Dog Days.

These are dog days. Did you know it? If you do it's because you read it or saw it in an almanac or some one told you. They came and you felt no difference whatever. They caused no madings among the canines, they had not the slightest effect upon the water in the old swimming hole, and didn't cause the mercury in the thermometer to rise the hundredth part of a degree. Yet, some of us have heard from our early boyhood that dog days cause all these unpleasant things about the water, the weather and the dogs.

There is a time in the year when the brilliant star, called Sirius by some and Canis Major by others, rises in conjunction with the sun. The ancients, groping about for cause, noticed this conjunction and thought the bright celestial gem caused any and all the phenomena of the season. This conjunction was an accident which the stars will eventually change, and will at some time bring the rising of the dog star in the winter. Astronomers have exploded the superstition, yet with many the myth remains. The strongest believers in it are those who plant in the moon, wait till the sign is right before they wear their babies and believe that "night" air is the direful spring of woes unnumbered.

City Council of Louisa.

The City Council met Tuesday evening with only one member absent. The only business of importance transacted outside of paying claims to the extent of the money on hands was an order to build sidewalks.

It was ordered that the walks on both sides of Main Cross street be extended to the south end of that street. This means that new walks are to be laid alongside the property of Mrs. J. F. Akers, Mrs. J. F. Davis and Mrs. M. S. Burns. The college people will build connecting walks into the grounds.

The Louisa Board of Education will erect a substantial closet structure at the rear of the public school building and will equip it with the most efficient apparatus. Sewerage has been purchased from the water company.

GOV. WILLSON REFUSES

To Restore Certain Lawrence County Ex-Convicts to Citizenship.

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 4.—Gov. Willson today refused restoration to citizenship to the applications in a block of six petitions from Leslie county and four from Lawrence county. Letters from the indorsers of these applications state that county primaries are soon to be held, and the request is made that the pardons be forwarded as soon as possible, so that the ex-convicts concerned may vote. The Governor says that it is evident that these applications originated rather in the desire to use their votes than on the merits of the cases, and he declares that whenever such come in a group they will be refused in a group.

The Lawrence county men affected are Robert Dillon, abduction, two years; Bill Burton, grand larceny, one year; Eli Justice, grand larceny, one year, and King Damron, grand larceny, two years.

In regard to the Lawrence county applicants the Governor says: "Ex-convicts who happen to be Republicans are not for that reason presumed by the Governor officially to be 'good' Republicans."—Louisville Times

Visited Detroit and Canada.

Quite a number of Louisians left on Saturday morning for a visit to Detroit, via Ironton. While in Detroit time was allowed for a brief stay in Windsor, Canada, thus giving the excursionists a trip to the domain of King Edward. The party returned to Louisa Monday evening, well pleased with the trip.

These made the pleasant journey: George Picklesimer, Milt Picklesimer and wife, Bascom Muncy, Bert Shannon, Lon Borders, Fred Dixon and J. H. Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hensley.

MASS MEETING

To Be Held in the Interest of the Anti-Tuberculosis Movement.

Investigation has recently developed the fact that there are, in the entire State of Kentucky, only 82 beds for the special treatment of consumption. There are, of course, a few city hospitals in the larger cities of the State, which will receive tuberculosis patients, just as those suffering from other diseases are received, but the number of beds provided for the treatment of tuberculosis, according to modern methods and for special attention to this disease. There is, in the entire State, only a single sanatorium for the special treatment of tuberculosis, and there is only one other general hospital with special facilities for the reception of consumptives.

These workers have recently started a movement which promises to have the greatest influence in every leading town in Kentucky. A meeting has been planned to be held early in the fall for a general discussion of the organization of the entire State. Every county is to be represented in his meeting, which is expected to cover a period of two days, including a series of addresses by specialists and experienced workers in the modern organized movement against consumption. The movement will have as its chief purpose the organization of a State Association, and it is said that the definite plans of the Committee, which have already been determined, will be announced within the next two weeks.

Sues for Its Interest.

The C. C. & O. Railway Company has instituted suit in the Federal Court against the Elkhorn Land and Improvement Company and others, pertaining to its claim in its contract of the C. C. & O. Railway to it, claiming it has an interest in the 100-foot strip of land the C. C. & O. got of the Elkhorn Land and Improvement Co., which strip was deeded to the C. C. & O. for a consideration of \$500, and the further consideration that it (the C. C. & O.) would have the road in operation by April, 1905, when it did not get the road to the land of the Elkhorn Land and Improvement Co. till this past spring; and it is a noted fact that the contract to the C. C. & O. Company does not refer to or mention any rights the C. C. & O. had or was even claiming as against the Elkhorn Land and Improvement Co.—Ashland Independent.

A Comedy in Three Acts.

At the Paintsville depot, every time a train arrives, a lot of women rush into each other's arms. The train crews call this head-on collision.—Paintsville Herald.

At the Louisa depot, every time a train arrives, a lot of men set their watches.—Louisa News.

Here in Ashland there are some few men who are so full of business (?) that they run to the postoffice every time they hear a hand-car pass.—Independent.

Republican Contest Case.

Louisville, Ky., August 3.—To consider a contest filed by S. C. Ferguson, of Prestonsburg, against A. T. Patrick, of Salyersville, a call has been issued for a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee for August 19 in this city. The point involved is the nomination for Circuit Judge of the district composed of Floyd, Knott and Magoffin counties.

Shooting at Webb.

On the 25th of July Roland Salmons shot John Bowen in the arm, the difficulty taking place near Webb, as a result of Bowen's being drunk. Bowen's arm had to be amputated, Dr. C. J. French, of Crum, performing the operation. Salmons gave himself up and was bonded out.

Milt Pickler, the new road overseer, is having some much needed work done on the Blaine road just across the hill from Louisa.

PROF. A. R. CRANDALL

Examining Mineral Resources of Big Sandy Valley.

A. R. Crandall, an expert geologist, of Milton, Wisconsin, was in the city last night, having come from the Tug river country where work in connection with the state geological survey is being done.

Mr. Crandall formerly resided at Lexington and for many years was connected with this line of work, and he is probably one of the best posted men on the subject to which he has so long been devoted in the state. The work he has been doing lately was to trace the continuity of the coal deposits in Eastern Kentucky.

Speaking with regard to this matter Mr. Crandall stated that the coal deposits of this section were something truly wonderful in extent, and he predicted that Eastern Kentucky was destined in time to become one of the wealthiest sections of the state, as its natural resources only awaited development, when that time would come. The facilities for that development have already assumed an important status and when blackwater navigation is established along the two forks of the Big Sandy river the development of that section would be really astounding.

Mr. Crandall left for Huntington to confer with some of the gentlemen interested in coal operations on the Tug river and will return to his work in a day or two.—Cattletown Tribune.

Thirty years or more ago Professor Crandall was recognized as high authority in geological matters in this State, and the passing years have only added fresh laurels to a head grown gray in the study of the earth and its contents, and enriching with his research and development the State which, without him, would have been less known to the world. Added to Professor Crandall's knowledge as a geologist is a reputation for absolute honesty which places him in the front rank of experts. Geologists and mining engineers have examined mines and other mineral properties, and they have grown rich by lying analyses and reports. Prof. Crandall is not one of these. His integrity is without flaw and his professional attainments are splendid. There is no more fitting word. The work he will do in Eastern Kentucky will be of inestimable value.

Not in Time for Conference.

Judging by what the Herald says the next Conference of the Southern Methodist Church for West Virginia will not be held in the new church.

Even after the walls are up and the interior is finished much work remains to be done. The tower, 88 feet in height, will require some time in completing. The basement, wherein are located the committee rooms, banquet room, dining room and kitchen, must be cemented and plastered, which is no small task. The building will be completed and dedicated some time in December.

Will Quarantine Against Our Sheep.

Gov. Willson was notified by the Secretary of Agriculture, at Washington, that Kentucky in the near future will be quarantined to prevent the spread of scabies, a disease of sheep.

Dr. F. T. Eisenman, State Veterinarian, is in receipt of a letter from A. D. Melvin, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, stating that this action will be taken because of the prevalence of the disease in the State and the absence of State control over the movement of sheep in interstate commerce.

Huntington Business Deal.

"One of the most important business deals that has been recently closed in this city was consummated yesterday, whereby Samuel Biggs and T. S. Garland, of The Valentine-Carland-Biggs Co., took over the interests of J. W. Valentine in that firm," says the Huntington Herald-Dispatch. "The final papers, closing fully the deal, will be signed this morning. The consideration, while running well up into the thousands, is private."

More Oil Wells.

Within the next ten days the work of erecting the derrick for a test for oil on the Vinson farm, thirty miles south of Kenova, will be started, and those interested in the enterprise believe the drill will be going by September 1st.

The well will be drilled on the L. F. Vinson property. Mr. Vinson owns a large tract of mineral and farming lands near Glen Hayes, and experts declare that the natural conditions are decidedly favorable for oil.

The well to be drilled on this tract will be located about four or five miles from the Torchlight well, which is proving a paying producer. The Torchlight well is on the Three Mile creek, near Louisa. The Vinson property is on the West Virginia side of Big Sandy, and in direct line with the trend of the best discoveries in Lincoln county. The first well to be put down on this property will be within three miles of the Eureka pipe line, which carries the Bath county production to market—Independent.

Gone But Not Forgotten.

"Ichabod" may soon be written on the fields where the blackberry blossomed and yielded its juicy harvest, but in numerous closets and cellars, in glass and tin, aye, and in the little brown jug, the rich fruitage awaits the coming of the fall, when the jam and the jelly and the rich red wine will richly pay for hours and days of labor in hot kitchens.

The busy housewife may rest (?) row till the luscious peach cries out "Preserve me!" and the Rome beauty and the russet yield to the skill of our good women and give a "butter" at once tempting and satisfying.

About Ready for Drilling.

The drilling of the new well on the See property on Three Mile has been delayed by the failure of some of the material to arrive. We are informed that it is now on the ground and that work will begin in earnest right away.

Informed that it is now in the ground in the local oil situation.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR BOY.

Little Son of Elbert Arnett Has Close Call and Was Injured by Train.

As a result of a bit of boyish foolishness Tad Arnett, aged 10, son of Elbert Arnett, lies at his home just across the railroad track opposite Mrs. Julia Fulkerson's, with a crippled right arm.

Between one and two o'clock on last Thursday afternoon the lad and elder brother were standing on the track near his home. The local freight, No. 87, passed down, running at the usual rate. While it was passing the boys Tad grabbed the "stirrup" on a box car and was dragged a few feet. When he let go he fell with his right arm against the rail and the wheel lacerated the posterior muscle and also injured other parts of the limb.

The boy walked home where his injuries received proper attention. Dr. Bromley was sent for and later Dr. Burgess was called. The lad is doing as well as could be expected and will probably not lose his arm. He has also received a wholesome lesson.

Suicide in Magoffin.

A suicide occurred at Gullett, in Magoffin county, Wednesday. George Sizemore, aged 30 years, jumped into a well, head foremost, and dashed out his brains.

George Sizemore was a brother of Folk Sizemore, who committed suicide about six months ago by shooting himself in the abdomen with a shotgun.

Morgan Oil Item.

Dr. A. C. Nickell was at the Brewer well on Laurel, Tuesday morning and stated that they reported to be 27 feet in the oil sand and about 1,300 feet down.—Hazel Green Herald.

LOST A LEG.

Wils Skaggs Injured by Train at Portsmouth.

A Native of Louisa and Efficient Employee of Norfolk & Western Railway.

A very serious accident, resulting in the permanent crippling of a citizen of Louisa, occurred on the N. & W. railroad a few miles east of Portsmouth last Friday afternoon.

Wils Skaggs, son of G. W. Skaggs, of this place, was employed as a brakeman on a freight train. On the date named he was on the steps of the rear car of a moving train. He was standing so he could, by leaning out, signal the engineer. While in this position his right leg was caught between the car and a sort of platform which had been built to hold brick for shipment, and was almost torn from his body. Skaggs says that even in this awful position he realized the gravity of the situation, and to save his body from being crushed under the wheels he threw himself backwards upon the platform. The crew had seen the accident, the train was stopped and the men ran to his relief. The blood was spouting in great jets from the mangled leg, seeing which one of the crew hastily cut a bell cord and with it made a ligature and raised it around the limb above the seat of the injury. This wise action, the surgeons say, saved Skaggs' life.

The injured man was carried to a hospital in Portsmouth as speedily as possible, and as soon as it was safe to do so the leg was amputated a short distance above the knee. News received daily by his parents is favorable, and it is hoped by all who know him that he will make a sure and speedy recovery.

Wils Skaggs is about 36 years of age, of good habits and industrious, and it is very unfortunate that he should be compelled to be thus lamed for life.

A year or so ago Wils sustained an accident which resulted in the amputation of a finger. The member was buried in the yard, of the residence here, and on Saturday last the amputated leg was "laid to rest" in the same spot.

More About the New Cent.

The Philadelphia mint issued on Monday "Lincoln" pennies which the Treasury Department has caused to be designed and struck off in honor of the 100th anniversary of the late President's birth.

The head of Lincoln, which appears on the coin, was designed from a photograph in the possession of Chas. Elmer Norton. The face is relaxed and smiling, the artist having sought to reproduce particularly Lincoln's expression when talking to children.

The artist, Victor D. Brenner, is twenty-seven years old, and is a Russian who came to this country as a boy and sold matches in the streets and studied art at night at Cooper Union. He saved up enough money to continue his studies in Paris and on his return opened a studio.

Circuit Court Next Month.

The Lawrence Circuit Court will convene on the second Monday in September, which will be the 13th this year. The term can not exceed three weeks. Unfortunately, the calendar for this district is so made up as to cut a week off of two terms of the Lawrence Circuit Court. The law provides for three terms per year of four weeks each, but for the reason stated above we get only one full term. The result is that it is impossible to keep up with the work.

Parole for John Abbott.

John H. Abbott, of this place, was paroled last Saturday by the State Prison authorities at Frankfort and will be released the last of August, 30 days after the action of the Board. Eight years ago he was given a sentence of fifteen years for killing Jay Barton.