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## MORE COAL.

### Valuable Deposits Found Under Drainage.

### Core Drilling Has Shown Rich Veins Under The Surface on Big Sandy.

It has recently developed that in this section there is more coal under the ground than in the hillsides, and strange to relate, in most instances the coal underneath is of greater thickness and in many instances a better grade than the hill coal.

The discovery of this fact was due to the use of core drills which have been used extensively in Johnson county and in some sections of Floyd county during the past two years. These drills can be sunk to great depths like oil drills, but in using these drills a core is brought up, thus showing the character of earth, rock or coal through which the drill is passing.

The use of these drills has developed the fact that several fine veins of coal lie underneath and makes this the greatest coal field in Kentucky and perhaps in the United States, and within a few short years at the most coal operations will be conducted all over Johnson and Floyd counties, for it is now conceded that in these counties is to be found the cream of the coal that our valley contains.

As an illustration of the result of the findings made by the use of the core drill, Whitehouse, which for a time, was the largest mining town and produced the most coal in the valley and which was a few years ago practically abandoned, the coal in the hillsides becoming exhausted, promises yet to become the center of a very large coal operation.

After it was thought that the bottom had dropped out of the Whitehouse coal supply, Mr. John C. C. Mayo purchased everything in sight in and around Whitehouse, several thousand acres having been acquired by him in that section, and the feral now has the straight tip that company is now being organized to develop the Whitehouse field.

Shafts will be sunk to a depth of eighty feet, at which point a better grade of coal is located than the hill canal coal mined there a few years ago. Capt. Jack Rittenhouse is the first operator to shaft for coal in the Sandy valley, the mines now being operated by the Tibbals Coal Company, at Lower Greasy, six miles southeast of Paintsville, having been opened by him a few years ago. The coal was found at a depth of forty-two feet and finds a ready market.

The Whitehouse operations to be started by Mr. Mayo and associates means the expenditure of a large sum of money as the plants will be first class and the capacity of the mines will be several thousand tons per day.

In view of recent developments in this section, may we not be justified in saying the half has not yet been told?—Paintsville Herald.

### Formerly Lived Here.

Mrs. M. C. Kirk stopped off on her way from Olympia Springs and Louisville last night to visit her father, Ben Cassidy, and Mrs. Cassidy, who, we are glad to say, is improving. Mrs. Kirk went from here to Olympia Springs about three weeks ago, where her husband joined her, and together they went to Louisville and on their way home Mrs. Kirk stopped here, her husband going on to Maysville, where he had to be this morning to attend to some legal business for the C. & O. R. R. Co.—Olive Hill Times.

### A Young Subscriber.

Probably the youngest subscriber to the NEWS is Miss Effie Spillman, of Osie, this county. She is only 12 years old, but she takes, pays for and reads the Big Sandy News, and has done so for several years. She is a bright, intelligent girl, fond of reading, and will make, if she lives, a bright, good woman.

### Was Well Known Here.

After an illness covering nearly eight years, Miss Emily C. Kibbe passed away this morning at 8:40 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Sanford, on Division street. She had been a patient sufferer for many years, but only last Friday did her condition become very alarming, and since that time death was expected at any hour.

The deceased was about 65 years old, and during her entire illness had been cared for in the best possible manner by her sisters who reside in this city, Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. Agnes Rigg. She was a lovable woman, a sweet Christian character, and her demise will cause much sorrow.

For about twenty years she was principal of the Bellwood Seminary, near Louisville, and her former students are now scattered in every part of the country. She is also widely known throughout the Big Sandy Valley, as well as the State. Miss Kibbe was probably the oldest resident of the city, having been born and reared here, and resided here after severing her connection with Bellwood Seminary.—Cattlettsburg News in Ashland Independent.

### Counterfeiter Gets Term in Prison.

Confessing that he had made and passed counterfeit money, William B. Pettus, a former school teacher of Carter county, was sentenced by Judge Sater in the Federal Court at Cincinnati to thirty months in the Leavenworth, Kan., prison. Pettus told the court that he entered the counterfeiting business because he wanted to get into jail "to keep from starving."

During the trial it was disclosed that Pettus had served a term in the Colorado State Reformatory and that he had been incarcerated in a Virginia insane asylum "after having tried to clean up a whole family with a half dozen razors," as he expressed it on the witness stand.

## JOE GARDNER DEAD.

### Popular Traveling Salesman Passes Away at Hospital in Ironton.

The many friends of Joe Gardner, formerly of Salyersville, will regret to learn of his death. This occurred in Ironton, O., early on last Monday morning. On the same day the body was taken to Paintsville and on the next day it was carried to Salyersville for burial. Mr. Gardner had for some time been in failing health, and a few weeks ago he entered the hospital of Dr. Keller at Ironton, for an operation for hemorrhoids. This was successfully done and recovery from it was rapid. A few days ago he was told by the doctor that if he was as well the next day as he seemed then he could go home.

The next morning Mr. Gardner complained of fever and severe pains in the neck and base of the brain, and upon making an examination it was found that he was suffering with tubercular meningitis and about 5 o'clock last Monday morning death ended his suffering.

Joe Gardner was one of the best known and most popular salesmen in this region. He was very companionable, making friends wherever he went. A few years ago he married a daughter of Judge William Woods, of Webbville. To them was born a son, a bright, handsome boy. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Gardner went to Prestonsburg to live, and this place was his residence when he died. He was a brother of Judge D. W. Gardner, of the Magoffin Circuit, and was related to many prominent Kentucky people.

### Rev. Copley Will Lecture.

Rev. L. M. Copley, of Louisa, Ky., will give a series of lectures on the bible at the Pleasant Baptist church on the 3rd Sunday and Sunday night in October, present month, and Saturday night before. His lectures will include all time from the beginning to the final consummation. He is very deep down in the bible. Let everyone that wants to learn more about the bible come and hear him.—Effie cor. to Wayne News.

### Farmer's Son Has Narrow Escape.

This forenoon there came near being a shocking tragedy enacted three miles south of the city after a most unusual manner, the details of which promise to be extremely interesting when they come to be aired before the courts.

A. L. James, a farmer, who resides three miles from town, has a sixteen year old boy, Vernal James, whom he has had driving a team of mules on the road. This morning, as usual, the James boy was sent with the mule team to his work and after he had been away nearly all forenoon his father, who was at his home, was greatly surprised to see the team coming in a run with a young man on the wagon lashing the animals at every jump. He at once discovered that the driver was not his son, and hastening to meet the team he was shocked to find his boy hung by the feet to the hounds of the wagon while his head was being dragged over the rough road. He succeeded in checking the team and releasing his boy from his perilous situation and hurrying to the city sent Dr. Oblinger to administer to his boy's relief. In the meantime officer Salyer was notified and placed the boy who was driving the team, who proved to be Marvin Scott, sixteen years old, under arrest and locked him up.—Cattlettsburg Tribune.

### Railroad Will Reach Grundy.

The Ritter Lumber Company, the largest lumber corporation in this part of the country, is at present completing an extension of its narrow gauge railroad, known as the Big Sandy and Cumberland, running at present from Devon, on the Norfolk & Western, eighty miles west of Bluefield, to Blackey, up Knox creek to a point six miles of Grundy, the county seat of Buchanan county, Va. The new part of the road is about fifteen miles in length and though heretofore the road has been only used for hauling lumber, a passenger service will be put on at the completion of the new road.

The Ritter people own about 11,000 acres and in addition to its use of a logging road, it furnishes outside connection for the products of the Ritter mills in the surrounding country. The company also has five band plants in operation between Devon and Blackey.

During the recent murder of Mrs. Betty Justice and the Meadows family the company turned out on full pay 300 men to help track the murderers.

### Singular Accident.

About 9 o'clock on last Tuesday morning the entire shelving on the upper side of P. H. Vaughan's store on Main street fell forward upon the counters on that side, carrying the goods in a broken, confused mass to the floor. The shelves were heavily loaded with goods of various sorts, and the show cases on the counters were also full of various articles, and the crash wrought much damage to cases and goods. Fortunately no one was hurt by this singular accident, but the money loss by damage to goods is considerable.

The cause of the mishap is not exactly known. Investigation showed that the sills on that side of the building had rotted and sunken enough to loosen the nails which held the shelves to the wall. It is also possible that the high wind which blew on Monday night had shaken the house enough to start the fall.

### Sent His Card.

George Elson McClure, of Yuma, Arizona, not being able yet to make the long trip from his native town to the old home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnolds McClure, has sent his card. George Elson was only born, however, on the 15th of September, 1909, and expects to visit Kentucky when he is older.

### Big Gas Well in Wayne.

The Columbia Gas Co. struck a gasser in the Wayne county field recently near Gilkerson, that will make a million feet daily. These wells in that section will soon be connected with the main pipe line by branch lines and the pipe has already been ordered for this purpose.—Huntington Herald.

## PERSONAL FACTS.

### A Few Points About Candidates.

### These Are The Men For Whom You Should Vote on November 2nd.

Hon. Jerome Prichard is a pronounced temperance man, favoring the County Unit bill. His opponent's position on this important question is judged by certain alleged acts of his during the recent local option election in Ashland.

Hon. W. J. Vaughan is the man to vote for in the Legislative race. He is everything that a man need be for this position. He has the character, the ability, the fluency of speech, the State-wide reputation necessary to command attention and influence legislation. It is not often that we get an opportunity to elect such a man to this place.

Hon. John M. Waugh is unquestionably an able and faithful prospector. He has not missed a court date since his term. He has vigorously prosecuted the violators and has in this way made many enemies. But he will gain more than he loses on this account.

Judge W. M. Justice is a business man who succeeds with his business ventures. The qualities that have enabled him to succeed in business will make him a successful County Judge. Executive ability, honesty and fairness are attributes that he is known by all to possess.

When it comes to a question of ability James Hinkle measures up with any young man in eastern Kentucky. And in addition to that he has integrity of the highest kind, and industry, and ambition to lead in his profession. He is not a narrow partisan, nor a political trickster. He has proper regard for the rights and the feelings of men of all political faiths and of all stations in life. As County Attorney he would not be the tool of any set of men or of any organization, but would in truth be the attorney for the people. You will never be ashamed of having voted for him.

Add Skeens asks for another trial at the hands of the people. He pledges in return faithful service and a careful keeping of the trust. He is a competent Clerk.

H. B. Hewlett asks for the office of Circuit Clerk. Having become physically unable to do the hard work of an itinerant minister he was forced to give up regular work of this kind, and in his declining years the people will be doing a worthy deed in electing him to this office.

Milt Evans has served as a Deputy Sheriff and knows the duties of the office which he seeks. He is active and has the executive ability and education necessary to transact the important duties of the office of Sheriff.

Jay O'Daniel is a man of more than ordinary ability, excellent education, good judgment and irreproachable character. As Superintendent of Schools he would make a record of which neither he nor his friends would ever be ashamed. He has taught school successfully for many years and is very popular with all acquaintances.

It is unnecessary to say anything about Al Hays. They all know him. He is conceded to be just about the best liked man in the county. Nobody could dislike him. He is genial and generous to everybody, honest and honorable, and the people are for him.

Charley Cooper, for Assessor, is yet under the cloud of sorrow and the burden of loss placed upon him by the dastardly crime committed by the midnight assassins who burned his residence and his children. He is now kept at home and out of the canvass by the illness of his wife.

### Church Question For Settlement.

The Baptist Church at Keene, Ky., is in trouble, or rather one of its members is in trouble, and he wrote to the Attorney General for an opinion that he thought might help him. According to the letter to Judge James Breathitt, the Baptist Church adopted a rule that any member of the church who was absent without cause for three consecutive Sundays was liable to fine and dismissal from church membership. The man who wrote the letter wanted to know whether this was legal or not. The letter was referred to Judge Blakey, Assistant Attorney General, and he dug into the law. He could find only one case bearing on the subject, and that case held that the majority of the Baptist Church had the power to govern, and seemed always to have governed wisely. So Judge Blakey decided that so far as he could see the Baptist Church at Keene had the right to fine and expel its members.

### A Newer Fad.

When our pleasure seeking people tire of flinch and "bowls," whist and skates, motion pictures and such, they might take up the newer fad of Owingsville sassity.

Coon hunting is an exciting sport, marred occasionally, however, by the unexpected and unwelcome coming of the little animal whose looks are better than the sign which indicates its presence.

The Owingsville Coon Club has been reorganized for the season with excellent prospects of much fine sport. Four dogs of unsurpassed records have been procured at the nominal cost of \$25 a head. The membership is select and for those who got in on the ground floor the fee was only \$2. Ford Patterson is president, Jouett Lacy secretary and treasurer and W. F. Mark hornblower.

## SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

### 16-Year-Old Boy Has Skull Crushed by Kick of Horse.

Sullivan, the 16-year-old son of Al Burton, of Blaine, this county, was the victim of a very shocking accident on Sunday morning last, one which may cause his untimely death.

The boy, with two or three companions, was sitting beside the road in or very near town when some one went by leading a horse. As the animal came in front of the boys it lashed out violently with one of its hind legs, striking young Burton full on the forehead, above and to the right of the right eye. The foot was shod and it inflicted a horrible wound. The skull was crushed like an egg shell, the brain coming through the broken pieces in considerable quantities. The hemorrhage was very great, and it was thought the lad would die before surgical aid could be secured.

Local physicians were speedily called, and they did all in their power to relieve the suffering boy. About noon Dr. L. H. York, of this city, was summoned by phone and he went to Blaine at once. He remained all night, returning to Louisa on Monday afternoon. Dr. York removed several pieces of bone, one of which required over an hour's difficult work for its removal. He left young Burton conscious and resting well and some hope is held for his ultimate recovery.

### Carnival Company Here Next Week.

The Will H. Weider Carnival Co., consisting of six shows, ocean wave and merry-go-round, will exhibit in Louisa, Ky., all next week, commencing October 18 and ending October 23, 1909. This is one of the largest carnival exhibits traveling on the road today, presenting a number of high class attractions never before seen with an organization of this kind.

The company will play a special benefit for the City of Louisa and the town volunteer firemen. The exhibitions will be placed on the streets near the Court House. This will be a week of fun and enjoyment for everyone. Remember the date and don't miss the week of pleasure.

### Guard Against Diphtheria.

The NEWS regrets to chronicle the appearance of diphtheria in this place. There has been one death caused by it, and there is at least one other case. There is, however, no cause for alarm, but great cause for watchfulness and care. There are no diseases more contagious, none more deadly if not properly treated. Fortunately science has discovered what the best pathologists of the world deem a specific for this much dreaded disease, and it is about the only specific known for any disease. It is the diphtheritic antitoxin, and the NEWS only voices the consensus of medical opinion when it declares that when properly used this antitoxin will cure nearly every case of diphtheria. There have been failures, but these have been because its use was begun too late or the quantity was too small. It must be used early and in large quantities, and (this is a point which must not be overlooked) to the exclusion of all other remedies, or perhaps it would be better to say, to the exclusion of other drugs. Absolute cleanliness, careful nursing, proper feeding and stimulation and support are valuable remedies and must not be neglected, but the antitoxin is the sheet anchor in this dreadful storm.

Antitoxin is not only a cure but a preventive also. In many cases it is almost impossible to completely isolate a patient suffering with diphtheria. This should be done when possible and an absolute quarantine established. Attention to the mouths of children should not be overlooked during the prevalence of diphtheria. The mouth and throat should be inspected daily and kept clean. The minutest sore may become the hot bed of disease and infection. Rinse and gargle often with pure water and frequently with listerine. If your little one is too young to do this for itself wash the mouth and throat with a swab of absorbent cotton, using a new piece every time. And don't forget that not only the throat but any mucous membrane is subject to attacks of diphtheria.

### Returned Thanks.

At the close of a most excellent sermon on "Divine Workmanship" last Sunday morning the Rev. W. L. Reid, pastor of the Southern M. E. Church, expressed his thanks for the cordial welcome which had been extended by his congregation and the people generally to him and his family. He also expressed his appreciation of the kindness practically shown by the people at his home on last Friday night a week ago. He liked the packages, and more still the people who came with them. Mr. Reid said he wanted to know us so he could call us by name, but we must be patient until he could properly connect names and faces.

"I don't know," said the minister, "anything of the methods of my predecessors, and if I did know I should not follow them. I came here to do good in my own way, and hope that, with the blessing of God, we shall have a prosperous year."

### Will Not Move Depot.

Residents of Prestonsburg will have to be content with the depot on the present location for a time at any rate, as the Railroad Commission at a meeting decided for the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad in the dispute over the location of the depot. Prestonsburg is on the opposite side of the Big Sandy river from the depot of the C. and O. and the residents of Prestonsburg wanted the railroad to erect a new depot 2,000 feet farther up the river and at the foot of the bridge across the river leading into Prestonsburg proper. To do this the railroad would have to cut away a hill and spend a large sum of money, so it is said. The commission after hearing arguments, decided that the railroad need not change the location of its depot.—Courier Journal.

### Ducks and Geese.

The surface of the river was fairly alive with wild ducks last Monday, not only in this vicinity but from the mouth to Pikeville the river swarmed with the aquatic birds. All Monday night wild geese squawked in this neighborhood, and early next morning five or six of them were seen in Lick Creek.