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## OIL NEWS.

Development Prospects are Excellent.

Several New Wells Will be Started in This Field Within a Few Weeks.

Activity in local oil matters has increased considerably since the good weather came and the prospects for large development are very flattering.

From reports that seem to be trustworthy seven wells are to be started within the next five or six weeks. These wells will be within seven miles of Louisa and will be a long step toward a test of this field.

Well No. 2 on the O'Brien farm four and a half miles south of Louisa is already under way. The derrick was completed Wednesday and drilling has begun.

Another well has been located in the same vicinity, half a mile nearer Louisa, and just below school house No. 46 on Three Mile. It is to be drilled by Messrs. Dimmick, Smith, Leidecker and Lawrence. The derrick will be started as soon as the timber can be put on the ground.

A Huntington company will drill a well in the Garred and Blackburn neighborhood. Two wells besides this are to be drilled on the west side of Levisa river, nearer Louisa.

A derrick is now under construction on Vinson Branch, about seven miles southeast of Louisa. The company that will drill this well is composed chiefly of Huntington people.

A well was drilled in Tuesday on Powdermill Creek in Wayne county, W. Va., about seven miles south-east of Louisa. Conflicting reports are being circulated about the result. It seems that the owners of the lease have reported it dry. There is another report that a fairly good showing of oil was found.

A large number of oil men have been in Louisa during the last few days. Trading in leases continues quite active. Prices are increasing steadily.

## The River Dams.

The dam at this point was closed on Wednesday and the pool is rapidly filling. The Ohio river is too high to admit of raising dam No. 1, and the dam at Kavanaugh, No. 2, is not needed just now. If the dams at Salt Peter and Chapman are used at all this season it will be late in the fall.

The rivers and harbors bill has not yet been passed by Congress, consequently there is nothing available. Every cent of the money appropriated for Tug and Levisa was expended and work on these two streams can not be resumed until the bill now before Congress is passed.

## Rev. Holcomb Received \$700 Here.

Rev. Holcomb was given a free will offering of \$700 during his meetings at Louisa. It seems that some people are expressing an opinion that he is raising all the money possible for selfish purposes. We happen to know that such is not the case, and in justice to him we feel it our duty to say so. He has charitable obligations upon him which require every dollar he has been able to raise. A part of this work is the education of some poor boys. Also, meeting the deficit in the Evangelistic Bureau is a part of his burden.

## Highly Complimented.

In the Ashland Independent's notice of the Easter service held in the M. E. Church South occurs the following:

"Miss Fress, soloist and choir instructor, is to be congratulated. The music by the choir was excellent, and the Easter solo by Miss Fress was superb."

## Mining on Greasy.

The Tibbals Coal Company, operating at Lower Greasy, has changed hands in part and will be under new management. Mr. C. E. Tibbals, who for three years has been general manager, retires and is succeeded by H. C. Banker, of Ohio, who is a man of vast experience in the mining business. The capital stock of the company will be increased and several improvements made in the plant, thus increasing the facilities of the mines. The company's name will not be changed. The Tibbals mines were opened by Capt. Jack Rittenhouse, a pioneer in the business, and are the first experiments in mine shafting in this section. The coal is found at a depth of about forty feet underground and is a very high grade bituminous. The success had by Capt. Rittenhouse led others to thinking of the possible coal deposits underground until arrangements are being completed to have several such operations. As a matter of fact it has been discovered recently that more coal is underground than in the hillsides in this section.—Paintsville Herald.

## Dismissed The Case.

After spending two days hearing the testimony introduced by the plaintiff, Judge Kirk in Circuit Court, dismissed the case of Mrs. Lode Sublett vs. the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad on account of the killing of Mrs. Sublett's husband near the Pain Creek bridge three years ago. Jay Sublett was going from the depot in the direction of the bridge when a train came along and killed him. He was intoxicated and did not get off the track. The case after being filed in Circuit Court here was taken to the U. S. Court at Catlettsburg, but was remanded back. It is likely to go to the Appellate Court for final jurisdiction.—Paintsville Herald.

## DINNER TO MINISTERS.

### Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sullivan Entertain the Preachers.

The close of last week was delightfully marked by an elegant dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sullivan at their beautiful Main street residence. The intention of the hosts was to pay tribute to the ministers who wrought so ably and faithfully during the ten days of what will long be called "the Holcomb meeting," and it is reasonable to doubt if a more acceptable recognition of their labors could have been offered. The gentlemen of "the cloth" are quite appreciative of the proper good things of this life, and the NEWS declares that no class of men, in all the vocations of life, are more deserving of all the good they get out of this sublunary existence.

Not all the ministers who were active at the evangelistic meetings were able to be present at the feast spread for their brethren, and to the absent ones is hereby tendered condolence for the loss of that which, illogically enough, they did not possess.

Originally intended for preachers only, the occasion was marked by the presence of gentlemen of quite different callings. There was enough prepared almost for a regiment and the table was built along the same lines of bigness as are the hearts of the hosts, so the places intended for the absent ones were filled by others, who were only too glad to profit through the misfortune of their fellows.

Shortly before dinner was announced Mr. Sullivan asked Prof. Kennison to lead in the concerted recitation of the Twenty-third psalm. After the recital each one was asked to say what verse of scripture was his preference, and why.

At the table the Rev. Dr. Hanford, of the M. E. Church, invoked the Divine blessing. The dinner was truly a feast. Nothing was lacking of the many things which make one of the dinners for which Louisa is proverbial. The menu offered that happy combination of delicacies and substantial which when partaken of is apt to make a preacher forget that he is expected by some to live

on souls, and often small ones at that.

Enlivened by flashes of wit and wisdom, and bright with remark and repartee the dinner was thoroughly enjoyed from turkey to toothpicks, although there must have been near the close some groanings which by a sense of propriety were prevented from being uttered.

After dinner at the request of the hostess, she presiding at the piano, the company sang several songs, after which the Rev. C. C. Hill, of the Baptist Church, in an eloquent prayer, expressed the gratitude of all present for such an occasion of fraternal enjoyment. It was indeed an hour of keen enjoyment, one which will be long remembered by all who were there.

The guests were the Rev. Dr. Thomas Hanford, the Revs. W. O. Black, of Fort Gay, W. L. Reid, S. F. Reynolds, C. C. Hill and E. M. Kennison, and F. H. Yates, Al. Savage, of Ashland, F. L. Stewart and Dr. G. W. Wroten.

## Appreciates Our Holcomb Edition.

Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, March 28, 1910.

Editor Big Sandy News: Your paper—my weekly letter from home—has often brought me glad tidings through its bright, newsy columns; but when the "Special Walt Holcomb Evangelistic Edition" entered my study this morning, the New York Tribune had to take a back seat, while the Brooklyn Eagle had to stand on the "waiting line" as well. Truly, it is good news indeed! I write to express my joy in your joy, my hope in your hope, my triumph in the Lord and Saviour of all. I am sure my dear old home town had an Easter such as she never had in all her history. What a glorious thing to see a whole community turning its attention to the better life! What a fine thing, also, for such a community to have a journal to report the gracious work of God in its columns. I am heartily glad that I was once a "devil" in its office. Faithfully yours, Frederick F. Shannon.

## Frank Kazee Jailed.

Frank Kazee, a local young fellow, who was arrested at Logan, W. Va., several days ago and brought back on a serious charge, was arraigned Tuesday before County Judge Wurts and bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$100. Being unable to give bond, he was again placed behind the bars of the county jail.

It will be remembered that ex-County Attorney W. M. Savage, of Lawrence county, made complaint to the local police that on Tuesday, March 1st, he was on a street car here and struck up an acquaintance with Kazee; that the latter induced him to get off at Cliffside Park, under pretense of taking Savage to the home of a relative; and that in the park Kazee held him up and robbed him of \$80.

Kazee at once disappeared, but the officers succeeded a few days ago in locating him at Logan, and he was brought back to face this grave charge.—Ashland Independent.

## Ho! Ho! William. Ha! Ha! Billie.

William Myers, the popular conductor on the morning Big Sandy train, was here a portion of last week a witness in Circuit Court. Mr. Myers began railroading up Sandy with the construction of the old Chattahoochee railroad and has been in continuous service since that time, being the oldest—in point of service only—railroader on this division. He has been running as passenger conductor for forty years, during which time has not met with an accident or had a row. We understand Mr. Myers is very much impressed with Paintsville and if signs go for anything he will either locate here or cause one of our best girls to change her residence.—Paintsville Herald.

## Died The Same Day.

Newton Baylous and wife died last Saturday, the former dying in the asylum at Lexington, while the latter died at the family home in Boyd county, five miles west of Catlettsburg. Baylous was a well known farmer, and they leave a family of eight children.

## FIRST COURT

Ever Held in Lawrence County, Kentucky.

Interesting Old Record Dug Up in the County Court Clerk's Office.

March Court, 1822.

State of Kentucky, Lawrence County, To-wit:

BE It Remembered that at the house of Andrew Johnson on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two (it being the fourth Monday in said month of March), Edward Burgess, Nimrod Canterbury, John Wellman, James Wheeler, John Haws, Thomas Thompson, John Stafford and Isaac Bolt produced commissions from under the hands of John Adair, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, for the time being, with the seal of the said Commonwealth thereto affixed appointing them the said Edward Burgess, Nimrod Canterbury, Lewis Wellman, James Wheeler, John Haws, Thomas Thompson, John Stafford and Isaac Bolt, Justices of the peace in and for the County of Lawrence, and thereupon the said Edward Burgess, the first numbered in the said commissions, before the said Nimrod Canterbury (the second numbered in the said commissions) did on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God took as well the oath to support the constitution of the United States and of his State, as the oath of a Justice of the peace, together with the oath prescribed by the act of Assembly entitled: an act more effectually to suppress the practice of duelling. And then the said Edward Burgess administered on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God to the said Nimrod Canterbury, Lewis Wellman, James Wheeler, John Haws, Thomas Thompson, John Stafford and Isaac Bolt the persons named in the said commissions, as well to support the constitution of the United States and of this State as the oath of Justices of the peace, together with the oath prescribed by the act of assembly entitled "An act more effectually to suppress the practice of duelling." And thereupon a court was formed for the County of Lawrence. And now here at a court held agreeable to the Act of Assembly establishing the County of Lawrence approved the sixth day of December one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, at the house of Andrew Johnson as aforesaid, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of March (being the fourth Monday eight hundred and twenty-two, and in the XXX year of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Present Edward Burgess, Nimrod Canterbury, Lewis Wellman, James Wheeler, John Haws, Thomas Thompson, John Stafford and Isaac Bolt, Esq., Justices.

The above is an exact copy of the record showing the formation of the first county court of Lawrence county. At that term William Graves produced his commission as Sheriff from Governor Adair and was duly sworn by Edward Burgess, the presiding justice. His bond was three thousand dollars. Joseph R. Ward was appointed clerk of the court, giving a bond of one thousand dollars.

## Forest Fires.

The smoke which has pervaded this locality for the past several days is caused by forest fires which are burning throughout the Sandy valley. In many sections all work on farms has ceased, the men, and in some instances, the women, being needed in the work of stopping the ravages of the flames. No casualties have been reported.

## Contract for a Louisa Firm.

Frank Skene and J. L. Richmond have closed a contract for 10,000 yards of concrete work at Evansville, Ind. They are now shipping a plant to that point and will begin work at once.

## Use The Water.

Last summer Louisa was probably the driest town in Kentucky—not the "driest," perhaps, but dry in the sense of being scant of moisture. It is said that the town pays out annually seven hundred and fifty dollars as rental for twenty-five sprinkling hydrants, conspicuous by their nonuse. The result of this neglect is inches deep of dust on the streets and clouds of germladen dust in the air and going into the lungs of our people.

One of the best possible investments which any man who has access to one of these sprinkling plugs is the purchase of fifty or more feet of good hose, and then get up energy enough to use it.

Dust is a nuisance and a menace to health. It is ruinous to clothing, carpets, curtains, dry goods, in fact to almost everything it touches. It is also a nuisance which can be so easily abated in Louisa that a failure to get rid of it seems almost criminal. Let us see if we can't have less dust and a purer atmosphere in this city this summer.

## Her Eighteenth Birthday.

The eighteenth birthday of Miss Victoria Garred was quite informally but very pleasantly observed at her home on Tuesday evening last. Several of her young friends called to pay their respects and tender their congratulations, and their stay was protracted until near midnight. Music and delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all, and some found pleasure in the dance.

Misses Shirley Burns, Julia Snyder, Margaret and Rebecca Lackey, Imogen Porter, Istalena Fagg, Opal Spencer and Flora Jones, and Messrs. Hardin Short, Charlie York, Ed Allen, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Renshaw and Alex. Garred were the participants in this pleasant event.

## MANY CHURCH ADDITIONS.

### Last Sunday the Record Was Broken for New Church Members.

Very tangible results of the big meeting were in evidence on Sunday last and since. On Easter morning new members were received into all the Louisa churches, and many more will be added to the already large number. Dr. Hanford, of the M. E. Church, reports the accession of about 25, most of whom are residents of this city. Rev. A. J. Soard, of the Christian Church, has been absent a few days and can not yet say what additions his church will receive, but at least a dozen, possibly more, will make the good confession and will be baptized. The Baptist Church, the Rev. Mr. Hardin, pastor, reports most favorably regarding the strengthening of that body. The NEWS does not know the exact number of accessions made by the Baptist Church, but it is considerable. One omen of good is the largely increased number in attendance at the Wednesday evening prayer meetings of the various churches. This must be most encouraging to the faithful pastors. Many a night in the past they have been the "whole thing," to speak rather irreverently, at their prayer meetings, but this week there was a large gathering at each church and good meetings were the rule.

The services at the M. E. Church South on Sunday morning were most beautiful and impressive. The building was full from doors to chancel. At the close of a short but impressive servon baptism was administered to twenty who had been converted during the Holcomb meeting. They were of various ages, but all were old enough to understand the solemn vows which they were taking. At the conclusion of this ceremony forty-three persons were received into the church. After assuming the obligations of membership the new members were ranged in a double row, facing the congregation, and while hymns were sung almost the entire congregation, irrespective of creed, passed in front of the newly made members and extended to them the right hand of welcome

and encouragement. It made a touching and impressive scene.

About two o'clock in the afternoon the various congregations of the city, with many others, assembled at the river near the foot of the grade. Every denomination in Louisa was represented in this gathering, but a stranger present would have failed to recognize any difference in belief or practice.

After a short service the Rev. Mr. Hardin, pastor of the Baptist Church, immersed nine candidates. Immediately following this the Rev. W. L. Reid, of the M. E. Church South, immersed one person.

It was an impressive sight. Larger numbers have been baptized at that place, but it is safe to say that never before in the history of the town has such a fraternal scene been witnessed. The spiritual and moral uplift felt and seen in this city since the recent revival is great, and its influence for good will be lasting. Some who have put their hand to the plow may look back. We are but mortal, and mortals are frail. Even Peter denied his Lord, and one could not resist the jingle of silver, but of the great number who claimed to have been born to a new and better life during the Holcomb meeting, many will walk in the light of that life until the Master receives them on the other side.

## Questions for Teachers Examinations.

Frankfort, Ky., March 29.—Having tried "almost every possible method to keep persons from stealing teachers' examination papers, Prof. J. G. Crabbe, Superintendent of Public Instruction, has devised a way that he thinks will be successful. Instead of having the questions printed in Frankfort or with a machine in the office of the Department of Education, Prof. Crabbe sent the questions to a publishing house a thousand miles from Frankfort, and the matter went to the plant without anything to show from whence the job came. The printers who worked on the job did not know from what State the papers came to them or what the questions were for. The printed list of questions, eighty different forms, enough to last three months, will be shipped to Prof. Crabbe and locked in his safe. When the time comes to send out the questions, Prof. Crabbe will mail them, without even himself knowing what the questions are. No one in his office knows to what printing office the questions were sent, and the original copy for the questions has been destroyed.

Prof. Crabbe says the only way the questions can get out now is after they leave his hands and pass into those of the County Superintendents.

## S. X. Swimme Married Again.

Muskogee, March 9.—As every piece of machinery stood silent Rev. Seneca Xenophon Swimme, 44 years of age, minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Checotah, Okla., and Mrs. Lena Brown, 40, also of Checotah, were married at midnight in the editorial rooms of the Phoenix.

Rev. Swimme once upon a time was a newspaper man. "A reformed newspaper man," he now styles himself. Last winter during the Bulgin revival he covered the meetings for the Phoenix. Rev. Swimme met Mrs. Brown at Checotah two months ago. The two stole away from their friends last night.

Swimme at one time was a member of the Western Virginia Conference. A year or so ago he tried to publish a newspaper in Pikeville. His wife died, and he put his young children into the Children's Home, Louisville.

## \$5,000 Suit Against the C. & O.

R. S. Chaffin, of Louisa, was in Catlettsburg today on business connected with his suit against the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company. He is suing the company for \$5,000, alleged damages resulting to him from an accident which happened to him while employed on the road at Salt Rock, W. Va., last summer. While here he procured depositions of persons to be used as evidence in the trial of the which will come up at the term of the Lawrence Circuit Court.—Catlettsburg Tribune.