

# BIG SANDY NEWS

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## FIVE LIVES LOST

### Near Salyersville, Ky., in the Flooded Licking.

#### Cloudburst of Unprecedented Extent Causes the Licking River to do Enormous Damage.

A cloudburst on the headwaters of Licking river occurred Monday evening and made a record of destruction that has never been equaled in Eastern Kentucky.

A message to the Big Sandy News from Salyersville today says five lives are known to have been lost. They are Gearhearts and Conleys.

The water was in several buildings in Salyersville, but none was swept away, as above reported.

No rain fell at Salyersville or within 16 miles of there, and the first the people at that place knew of the flood was when an enormous volume of water swept down upon them. The persons known to have been drowned lived 18 miles above Salyersville. Great numbers of live stock were drowned along the valley, buildings were swept away, and scores of people had to flee for their lives. The property loss can not be estimated.

The water ran in torrents through the town of Salyersville and almost submerged several houses, but the damage there is comparatively

small. Flood occurred only two miles from Salyersville, but less damage was done in the same distance.

From Salyersville to the city property was somewhat exaggerated. At Salyersville, Ky., June 29.—Eight families have been recovered from the cloudburst at the headwaters of the Licking River. Fifty persons are missing, including the entire families of William Conley and John Wireman. They are supposed to have been swept away in the flood waters.

The bodies recovered are those of Mrs. John Shepherd, John Conley, Will Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Roach Gayheart and child, unidentified man, unidentified boy.

Among the missing are the families of John Shepherd, Benton Whitaker and William Bailey and another child of Roach Gayheart.

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### Cloudburst in Upper Sandy Valley.

A cloudburst in the upper valley of the Big Sandy river on Monday last did great damage. Middle creek, Beaver, John's creek and Wolfe creek were suddenly swelled to such heights that horses, cattle, hogs, timber, small houses, etc., were swept into the river. A pier of the C and O. railroad bridge at the mouth of Middle creek was washed away and the bridge was so badly damaged that it will be out of commission for a considerable time. The river at this point raised seven feet an hour, but fortunately this did not continue long, the water not attaining a greater height than fourteen feet. But the astonishing thing was the enormous amount of drift and wreckage which passed during the flood. At one time it was scarcely possible to see the water in the river. The amount of drift, logs, rails, boards, portions of buildings and all sorts of stuff which descended the extent and rapidity of the rise. Scattered along the floating mass were pieces of hogs, sheep, cattle and horses which had been caught by the swift and sudden rise of the river and carried to death.

Some horses with harness on floated down this city. This would reasonably indicate that some vehicle with human occupants had been caught in the swift on-rush of water and might have been drowned, but no news of the death of any person by drowning has been related. The property loss, however, has been very great, and growing crops have suffered with other kinds of valuable holdings.

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The area of the storm was very peculiar. A belt of not many miles width seemed to extend across the peninsula between the Tug and the Levisa rivers and over into the head waters of the Kentucky and the Licking. On the upper Licking logs were hurled through residences by the angry torrents, wrecking the houses and causing the inhabitants to fly to the highlands for safety.

The river at this point is now falling rapidly, but we surely had our "June rise."

## S. S. CONVENTION

### Lawrence County Meeting at Louisa July 7-8.

#### Annual Session of Sunday School Delegates and Workers Thursday and Friday of Next Week.

The News calls especial attention to the following from Mr. W. J. Vaughan, who has the Sunday school work in Kentucky so greatly at heart. He urges all the schools, of any and all denominations, to send delegates to the County Convention which is to be held in this city next Thursday and Friday, July 7 and 8. The programme provided is one of unusual excellence and interest, on which every Sunday school worker and every lover of Sunday schools in Lawrence county should bear. The value of a well conducted Sunday school to the community in which it is held can not be estimated. There is no greater civilizer on the earth. It has done wonders in Lawrence county, and it will be aided and made to do still greater things if the coming convention is made the success it deserves.

Every school should send its allotted number of delegates, and no time should be lost in sending their names to the entertainment committee. Send them today. They will be handsomely cared for, and any and all others who may come will be hospitably entertained. Louisa has a name, not to be made, but to be maintained, or a splendid hospitality, and in taking care of the Lawrence County Sunday School Association our people will not fail to preserve its record.

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## DEATH'S HARVEST.

### The Reaper Has Called Several Local People in the Last Few Days.

#### Death of a Good Woman.

Mrs. Webb, the beloved wife of Mr. Wesley Webb, passed peacefully away, at 11 a. m. today after a protracted illness from a complication of troubles. She was 63 years of age, and a devout member of the Christian church.

The Webb family lived here several years ago, but Mr. Webb sold his real estate interests and they later returned to their old home at Denton, Carter county. A few months ago Mr. Webb purchased the Pennybaker property on Winchester avenue and 32nd street, and moved his family to this city. Mrs. Webb was in poor health when they came here, but the most skilled physicians and the best nursing possible were secured, and they had hoped that she would recover; but it seemed all efforts were futile; she gradually grew worse, and surrounded by her devoted household, she passed to the Great Beyond. She was to reap the reward promised to the faithful.

Beside her husband, three devoted daughters and two sons survive her, and they all keenly feel the loss of a loving wife and mother. She, too, was a kind neighbor and generous to a fault; those who asked alms of her never went unaided from her door, for she was always a friend in need. But where she will be missed mostly is in her own home, for she was a home woman, a true type of an old-time wife and mother.—Ashland Independent.

#### Death of an old Citizen.

William Warnock, an old and highly respected citizen of Lawrence county, died at his home at Richmond and painful illness caused by cancer. He was 75 years old and left a widow and eight children, all of whom are grown. Mr. Warnock was buried Monday, the Rev. H. B. Huletts, of Louisa, conducting the services.

Mr. Warnock was a native of Belfast, Ireland, but for many years resided in this county.

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## COON FRANK KILLED.

### Ashtand Officer Assassinated While Raiding a Gambling House.

Conrad Frank was fatally shot Tuesday night in Ashland while making a raid on a "soft drink" and gambling house owned by Theo. Grannan. The shooting occurred about 9 p. m. and Mr. Frank lived until 6 o'clock the next morning.

He and other officers had previously raided the place and made arrests. The chief of police sent them back to take charge of the gambling paraphernalia. As the officers entered the rear room the electric lights were turned off and a five-shot automatic shotgun was turned loose upon them. Mr. Frank was the only one hurt.

Robert Hammond was captured after escaping through a rear window and is in jail. He does not deny his guilt.

Coon Frank formerly lived at Peach Orchard, this county, and later at Rush. He was 63 years old.

## Music and Elocution.

On Saturday evening, July 2, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, Miss Ruth Wyster will appear at Eldorado theater and give a music and elocution recital. Miss Wyster has a wide experience in this particular department of art, and this experience, with her natural gifts and graces, makes her an attractive caterer to the amusement loving public. Aside from other claims upon the Louisa public Miss Wyster is "one of us." In private life she is Mrs. Guy Atkinson, and she and her husband will reside in this city, where Mr. Atkinson is in business. So give her a warm welcome Saturday evening. The price of admission is 25 and 15 cents, with an extra charge of 10 cents for reserved seats.

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(a)—Caring for the little ones. Mrs. G. A. Naab.  
(b)—Reaching the adults, Elder William-Dunn Ryan.  
(c)—Sunday School Equipage, R. C. McClure.

2:50—The Demands of the Hour, M. S. Burns.  
3:15—Echoes from Washington, Rev. W. L. Reid.  
3:40—Appointment of Committees.  
3:45—Announcement of State Convention, State Worker.  
4:00—Adjournment.

Evening Session.  
7:30—A Service of Song.  
7:45—Prayer for Wisdom, Dr. Hanford.  
7:50—A Voice from the Town, H. C. Sullivan.

8:10—A Response from the Country, Herbert H. Moore, Mathe.  
8:30—Solo, Miss Kate Freese.  
8:35—Address to the graduates of the Louisa Training Class, Elder William Dunn Ryan.

Friday, July 8.  
9:00—Sing His Praises.  
9:10—Prayer for the Work, Rev. A. J. Soard.  
9:15—Reports.

(a)—District Secretaries.  
(b)—County Secretary, O. J. Vaughan.  
(c)—Committee.

10:30—HOW TO MAKE A SUNDAY SCHOOL.  
(a)—The parent's part, Rev. Hardin.  
(b)—The Pastor's part, L. M. Copley.

(c)—The Superintendent's part, Prof. J. B. McClure.  
(d)—The Teacher's part, Prof. Kennison.

(e)—The Secretary's part, Miss Willie Belle Muncy.

10:50—Echoes from Washington, Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace, Sr.  
11:00—The Cardinal Points of the Sunday School, W. J. Vaughan.  
11:20—Free for all Discussion.  
12:00—Adjournment.

## En Route to Martinsville.

Finley E. Fogg, of Paintsville, a member of the State Prison Commission, passed through Louisa a few days ago en route to Martinsville, Ind., where he will spend several days taking treatment for rheumatism. Judge Fogg has been a sufferer from rheumatism for several months, but the duties of his office have occupied so much of his time recently that he has been unable to go to the springs for treatment until now. He and the other members of the commission have been busy since the close of the Legislature making preparations to carry out the provisions of the law passed by that body making the penitentiary at Frankfort a reformatory and the one at Eddyville a prison for the older class of convicts.

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## FOURTH OF JULY

### Will be Celebrated at Louisa This Year.

Next Monday, the Fourth of July, will be celebrated in Louisa. Hon. E. B. Hager, of Ashland, will be chief orator of the day. He will wave the star spangled banner and proclaim the real significance of this anniversary of the birth of liberty in a most entrancing manner. The speaking will take place in the forenoon and the afternoon will be given up to athletics and other amusements.

At 9:30 a. m. there will be a callthumpian parade, led by the Louisa brass band. Cash prizes will be given for the best callthumpian and the best decorated vehicle.

The program for the afternoon will consist of trotting horse races, foot races, sack races, greasy pole climbing, racing, etc. License and preacher will be furnished free to any couple who will be married in public. Cash prizes will be given to all the winners in these contests.

A prize box will be used to distribute a lot of nice presents among all who write their names on slips of paper and put into the box. Free to all. Plenty of ice water, shade and music. Everybody invited.

## THREE WEDD.

### Of Interest to the People Immediate Victims.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Klaber, 517 Madison avenue, was the scene of a home wedding, Thursday, June 16, when the hearts of Mr. Robert Arthur Burgess, Covington, and Miss Mabel Burgess, employees of the home improvement committee in harvesting large crop of domestic native herbs now often in the midst of the harvest.

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