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## FIFTEEN BOYS

### Enlist in the Corn Growing Contest.

Thirty-Five More Wanted, and Another Meeting is Called for March 11th.

The call for fifty Lawrence county boys to enlist in a corn growing contest was responded to by fifteen boys youngsters — only fifteen. The meeting was held at the court house in Louisa at the appointed hour and the attendance was small.

Following are the names of the boys enrolled for the contest:

Klan Carter, Irad.  
Ed Peters, Louisa.  
Ovey Burchett, Louisa.  
Earl Burchett, Louisa.  
Roy McKinster, Mattie.  
Walter Clayton, Jr., Louisa.  
Ted Hillips, Louisa.  
Oscar Vinson, Saltwater.  
Boyd Workman, Saltwater.  
David F. Burke, Walbridge.  
Bob Carter, Ellen.  
Frank Thompson, Ellen.  
Earl Berry, Blaine.  
Jay Thompson, Ellen.  
Roy Thompson, Ellen.

It was decided to make one acre the required amount of land for each contestant to plant in corn. Prizes will be announced later, as subscriptions are not yet all in. W. T. Kane offers five dollars in gold for the best and nearest written history of the crop written by the boys after the harvest next fall.

### Another Effort.

In the hope of getting a larger number of contestants it was decided to call another meeting for Saturday, March 11th, at one o'clock. Every neighborhood in this county should be represented at that meeting. It is very much to the discredit of our farmers that the interest displayed in this important matter up to this time has been so slight. It indicates that they are asleep. They do not realize that they must adopt new methods if they would prosper. Each year the enterprising farmers are demonstrating that one acre can be made to produce as much as four or five acres did under the old methods. Many old farmers in this county believe they know more about the proper way to raise corn than anyone could tell them, yet some of their pet practices are absolutely incorrect and injurious to the crop.

Mr. W. T. Kane was present at the meeting Wednesday and gave a most interesting lecture, or rather an informal talk. He is taking part in this Lawrence county project simply as a public-spirited citizen. He is not on salary. His opportunities for observation and study of improved methods have been very great during the past few years and he can tell the farmers many things that will be to their very great advantage.

Wake up and attend the meeting Saturday, March 11th.

The contest is open to boys up to 15 years of age, inclusive. Seed corn and full directions for getting the best results will be furnished free to all contestants.

The boys are urged to attend the meeting on March 11th, rather than to send in their names. Much may be learned there. Also, the men of the county are welcome.

In the meantime the boys who want to try their hand at a crop this year should select an acre of land and plow it deep.

### A KY. COAL AND IRON ROAD.

A dispatch from Harlan, Ky., says that the Wasioto & Black Mountain Railway, according to announcement by T. J. Asher, president, will begin service for both freight and passengers March 1 to a point one mile from Harlan. It is under contract to enter the town by April 25. Grading is almost completed on the extension of 27 miles up Poor Park to the operations of the Wasioto Steel Co. Track-laying will be resumed immediately for the completion of the 22 miles remaining.

### Active in Good Works.

The News has heretofore spoken of the noble work being done in Chicago by a society known as the Children's Day Association. The organization looks after the welfare of destitute and homeless children, and ranks high among the charities of the big city in which it labors. The president is Mrs. Melvina Garlin Funk, a Lawrence county woman and a sister of Mr. John P. Garlin, of Louisa. As will be seen by reading the following which appeared in a Chicago paper of recent date the society is reaching out after other worthy work, the care of widowed mothers:

A state law giving an annual pension to widowed mothers who have dependent children will be asked of the State Legislature by the Children's Day Association of Chicago. Plans were perfected at a meeting held in the Green room of the Congress Hotel last night. A committee was appointed to draft a bill to be introduced in the House and Senate at Springfield some time next week. Mrs. L. L. Funk, president of the association said: "Recent reports from the Juvenile Court show that the case of widowed mothers with children can be accomplished with a comparatively small per capita cost. We believe that about \$25.00 a month will keep a family of four, and we will start a movement toward securing the enacting of a law that will afford this pension."

### RECEIVER FOR STEEL PLANT.

Independent Steel Company, of Kenova, in Financial Trouble.

Following closely upon the proceedings instituted before Circuit Judge J. B. Wilkinson, at Wayne, last week, in which Holt & Duncan and Williams, Scott & Lovett, of Huntington appearing for a certain number of stockholders of the Independent Steel Co., of Kenova, asked for the appointment of receivers for this company, and which action was arbitrarily withdrawn by the complainants, following the announcement of Judge Wilkinson that he would appoint Sheriff Crum, of Wayne county, as receiver for the plant, the same attorneys appeared before U. S. Judge Alston G. Dayton, at Richmond, Va., Friday and instituted suit for the dissolution of the corporation and the appointment of special receivers.

Judge Dayton, having been especially designated in the absence of Judge Benjamin F. Keller to act as Judge of the Southern district, acted favorably on the petition presented by the attorneys representing the stockholders, and appointed H. C. Duncan, Jr., and E. E. Williams, of Huntington as special receivers for the concern. By the order appointing them, the receivers were authorized to operate the plant until further order of the court, and empowered to issue receivers' certificates to the extent of \$20,000 to cover the expense of operation.

Messrs. Duncan and Williams, the receivers, assumed charge of the plant this morning, and it is understood that they will continue to operate it as heretofore.

At the same time as appointing the receivers, Judge Dayton issued an injunction, restraining Sam Crum, the sheriff of Wayne county, from enforcing the execution in his hands against the Steel Company. This injunction will be served on Sheriff Crum today.

E. E. Williams, Paul W. Scott and H. C. Duncan, who appeared before Judge Dayton in behalf of the stockholders, returned to Huntington from Richmond, Saturday afternoon. Messrs. Duncan and Williams furnished bond to the extent of \$50,000, and will operate the plant practically as before with the exception that a number of expensive attaches of the institution will be eliminated.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stewart pleasantly entertained a few friends at what on Monday evening last, the occasion being the presence of their niece, Miss Bertha Watson, of Ashland.

### A Good Shopping Point.

Louisa is rapidly becoming an attractive place for those who live at the various points along this division of the C. and O. railway. Shoppers who have found what advantages this point possesses over Catlettsburg and Ashland some here on every train and make purchases for the home and for the farm. Everything except liquor sold in the places named can be bought in Louisa, and for less money. As a shopping place Louisa is much patronized by those who live between this point and Catlettsburg. They can reach this city by 7:25 and leave for their homes at 9:24, thus having two whole hours for making purchases, whereas if they went to Catlettsburg or Ashland a day would be consumed and the cost of a dinner added to the larger fare for transportation. Parties living above this city can reach here about 4 o'clock and have an hour and a half for trading then get the evening train for home.

Our merchants, particularly those who advertise in the News, keep large and varied stocks, at prices as low as goods of the same quality can be purchased elsewhere. Our business men will treat you honestly and politely and try to make your brief visits pleasant.

### Swore He Had No Dogs.

And now he is being entertained by Jailer Hayes at the expense of the county. This is how it happened: Jonas Payne, of Irish creek, made affidavit before an officer authorized to administer oaths that he had no dogs and did not harbor any. Jonas did this in an effort to avoid the payment of the dog tax assessed against him. He was not popular with some of his neighbors, and they, hearing of the affidavit made as aforesaid, filed information with Esquire John Hughes and the aforesaid Payne was arrested on a charge of false swearing, was duly tried in the examining court of the said Hughes, was held for trial in this Circuit Court, and in default of bail was brought to Louisa Wednesday and lodged in jail.

### Were Taken to Frankfort.

Sheriff Arnett, of Magoffin county, passed through Louisa Tuesday, having in charge Elliott Salyer and Kelley Blanton. They had been tried and convicted in the Magoffin Circuit Court on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. Salyer was sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary, while his accessory got off with two.

### MORE OIL PROSPECTING.

Well to be Drilled this Spring Near Busseyville, Ky.

A company has been organized to drill wells for oil or gas on a boundary of 600 acres near Busseyville. It is understood that the location will be on the farm of W. D. O'Neal, Sr.

The company has been organized under the name of the Busseyville Oil & Gas Company. Two hundred shares will be issued at \$25 per share. Subscriptions amounting to about \$1000 have already been received. Arrangements have been made to rent machinery and casing at a very low price, which will add greatly to the economy of the operation. It is to be a local enterprise and the books are open for the subscription of stock from local people. Those desiring to take stock may apply to F. R. Bussey, Busseyville, T. V. Bartels, Torchlight, Thos. Hayes or W. D. O'Neal, Jr., Louisa.

Practical business men are in charge of the project, and they are men so well known for integrity that all will feel sure of fair treatment all the way through. Those who take stock now will own not only a pro rata share in the well, but also in the entire lease, which makes the proposition quite attractive. All unpaid stock, or surplus money left after completion of well will remain in the Treasury as the property of the stockholders.

Catlettsburg has a population of 3220 according to the last census.

## EXIT "GRABBERS"

### Rehearing Denied by U. S. Supreme Court.

Last Hope of the Foreign Non-Taxpaying Claimants Gone.—Big Sandy Titles Clear.

The following dispatch from Washington tells of the final settlement of the big land suit, in which this part of Kentucky has had so much at stake. It also shows the character of argument made by Gen. Jack-a. Hendrick—brave, bold, noble Jack. "Jack, the Giant Killer" was not in the same class with this modern Jack—the bravest man produced in half a century, according to his own statement. Read the thrilling story of how the intrepid Jack walked defiantly amongst the wild and woolly Big Sandians, a la Daniel in the lion's den, and escaped unscathed.

There is another story that Jack might tell of his connection with the Big Sandy land business before the organization of the grabbers. It would make a better showing of nerve than the following story does.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The United States Supreme Court today denied a petition for rehearing in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Lands Corporation against the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The petition was filed by William Jackson Hendrick, and in it he tells of the difficulties of the owners of the land in dwelling upon their property or listing it for taxation.

Mr. Hendrick in his petition states: "The owners were poor heirs scattered in sixty-five counties of Kentucky and in almost every State of the union. If any one of these heirs has happened more than once, went up there hunting for his land or to list it for taxation, he was confronted with the muzzle of a Winchester repeating rifle in the hands of a man to whom marksmanship was a badge of honor, whether the mark was a man or a coon. If he didn't walk or ride away instanter his friends never heard from him again, and, so far as known, he found sepulchre on his own land or his bones were left to bleach where his body fell. Such was the fate of young Winans, of Philadelphia, after he had bought and paid for his land. No man knows the place of his burial to this day. And counsel, who signs this petition, was the only one discovered for half a century who had the temerity to appear in the courts of the territory on behalf of these poor heirs. He presented his case there within arm's length of a score of gentlemen who boasted notches on their rifles.

"These are the reasons why the heirs never took actual possession of their land."

But it seems that Mr. Hendrick's grasp at a straw as he went down in defeat availed him nothing. The last hope of the "grabbers" is gone. The Court of Last Resort has settled the business forever.

### ENTERTAINMENT.

Some time in week after next an entertainment by home talent will be given at the Masonic Hall, for the benefit of the Young People's Missionary Society. The first part of the program will be a short play rendered by the girls. The remainder of the evening will be given up to a minstrel performance by about 20 of the young and younger men of Louisa.

### QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Rev. J. M. Ackman, District Superintendent M. E. Church, will hold quarterly meeting and communion service at the M. E. Church this city, next Sunday morning.

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Rev. O. F. Williams will be here Saturday to hold quarterly meetings services Saturday night and Sunday morning at the M. E. Church, South.

### R. B. Neal Was Here.

Rev. R. B. Neal, of Pikeville, had a children's meeting at Louisa, Friday evening. Though notice was short, a splendid audience greeted him, and what he could have the children do surprised all present.

He remained over Sunday in the K. N. C. town of the valley. He is deeply interested in that school as it has over one hundred of his Pike county boys and girls enrolled.

There is a strong pressure being brought to bear on him to induce him to locate there. One gentleman, not a member of his church, offers one thousand dollars as a starter, only, toward building him a new church house, if he will pitch his tent there. The students, whose firm and steadfast friend he is, all love him and want him.—Ashland Independent.

### Big Land Deal.

One of the largest land deals that has been put through in Eastern Kentucky for several months is the sale of more than 200,000 acres of coal and timber lands in Pike county by the Mason Coal and Coke Company to the Kentland Coal and Coke Company. The price is said to have been more than \$10 an acre, which means a total purchase price of considerably more than \$2,000,000.

## JAMES FRANCIS O'DONNELL

Will Appear at Louisa Monday Evening, March 6th.

The next number to be presented in the Entertainment Course is James Francis O'Donnell. He will appear at the Masonic on the night of March 6th in The Sign of the Cross, a play which Wilson Barrett, the great actor has rendered famous. There are eighteen characters in this beautiful production, and Mr. O'Donnell assumes and represents them all.

The News suggests to those who have copies of The Sign of the Cross will do well to re-read the play, and become familiar with its plot and action.

Mr. O'Donnell appeared in Ashland recently and the Independent of that city said the following concerning him:

James Francis O'Donnell, the noted monologue artist, appeared at the Ashland Theatre last night, giving "The Sign of the Cross." He was greeted by a capacity house, made up of our city's most cultured people. To say all were delighted with Mr. O'Donnell's great work is expressing it mildly.

He is one of the finest readers that has ever appeared in Ashland—and that is saying much, for we have had all the "big noises" in this line. Mr. O'Donnell impersonates the eighteen different characters of this great play by voice inflection, tone-color, facial and physical expression, with that degree of perfection that one sees, not the impersonator, but the living, breathing personality portrayed.

### Convicted of Murder.

Three persons were charged with the murder of R. F. Blankenship, Jr. in Pike county, at the term of Circuit Court just completed there and two convictions were secured one against Blankenship's wife, Mrs. Malinda Blankenship, who was given an indeterminate sentence from two to twenty-one years in the penitentiary, on an indictment for manslaughter, and the other against Hiram Collins, who was given the same sentence on a like indictment. The indictment against Presley Collins, charged with the same crime, was dismissed, subject to recall whenever desired by the Commonwealth.

### NOT EVEN A GROWL.

Because of a little flurry of snow those who are fond of repeating old adages and wise sayings will say that March came in like a lion. There was scarcely any wind, and the mercury was above freezing all day when, according to the calendar, spring began. This is not very lion-like.

### "Because I Love You."

Some of the best and best known amateurs of Louisa, most of whom you have heard and heartily applauded, will again appear before us on Friday and Saturday nights, March 3 and 4. This time they ask you to see them in the beautiful society drama entitled, "Because I Love You, a play of four acts, many scenes and some interesting and thrilling situations. There is also a duel to the death! Armed with swords two rivals for "her" hand fight it out in plain view of the audience—it will be a big one, too—and let us hope it will be a surviving of the fittest. Don't pronounce this fightest, please. There will also be a horse race, but only one of the company will see it, and he will describe it in glowing terms. Place your bets early.

Really, these young people are ready and will present the play in good shape and style. They are "up" in their parts, and the little pleasantries we have used are used merely to get out of the rut of stereotyped phrase. Reserved seats 35 cents, for sale at Nash & Herr's. For particulars see small bills and be sure to attend.

### Mrs. John Bradley Dead.

In the death of Mrs. John Bradley, which occurred at her late residence on Greenbrier, about 4 miles from this city, Wednesday morning, her surviving family lost a devoted wife and mother, and the community in which she had lived so long a valued neighbor. Mrs. Bradley had not been in good health for a long time, and when consumption began its ravages she had not sufficient strength to long resist its attack. She was a consistent member of M. E. Church and had long been an active Christian worker. She left a husband and four children, all grown, to mourn their loss. The funeral occurred on Thursday, conducted by Revs. Hanford and L. M. Copley, of this city. Interment was made near the old home. Mrs. Bradley left four brothers, James, George and Bassom Hale, of this city, and Mont Hale, of Huntington.

### Has Returned From Kansas.

Mrs. Sam Pigg, of Whitehouse, recently returned from Kansas, where she had been called by the fatal illness of her mother. Shortly after the burial, her father died. He had no sickness, and evidently died of grief from the loss of his wife. Mrs. Pigg's parents were named Ratcliffe, and they were formerly residents of Pike county, Ky.

### SOME EXCITEMENT

Results from Reports of Prospective Railroad Line.

Whitesburg, Ky., Feb. 27.—Since the announcement of the construction of a railroad by the New interests from Webbville, Lawrence county, through Salyersville, Paintsville, Prestonsburg and Hindman to a connection with the Wasioto and Black Mountain railroad on the Cumberland River, timber and coal land values have made a decided increase all along the route, especially in the Beaver and Upper Rockhouse Creek sections of this county.

Deals have become real active on Beaver Creek, an Eastern syndicate having just closed a deal on 5,000 acres at \$60 per acre, while a number of small deals have been made at prices ranging from \$75 to \$90 per acre. Immediate steps will be made looking toward the construction of the road which will be a very important one from a coal and timber standpoint.

Construction work has been started on the Indian Creek and Pound River railroad and lumber carried from Pound Gap down Brush Creek, twelve miles to Clintwood, Dickinson county, Va., skirting the Kentucky border line, penetrating a rich coal and timber section that will be developed immediately upon the completion of the road.

The Carrier Lumber Company, of which C. W. Currier is manager, is building the road. It will be the first railroad to enter Dickinson county.