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ANOTHER FRAUD.

Orr, Ky., Comes to the Front Again.

"People's Saving Bank." A Mythical Institution, Practicing Same as Did the "Bank of Orr."

The remote postoffice of Orr, over on the western edge of Lawrence county, is to come into prominence again. Our readers will remember that about two years ago that little place got into the newspapers through the fraudulent operations of one David Prince, president and chief cook of the mythical Bank of Orr. It is said he had stationery printed and used it in his writing such letters to various dealers throughout the country as would induce them to ship goods without cash in advance. He was sent to the penitentiary one year for this offense.

Now comes proof of another scheme of the same kind from the same place. The Cornish Company of New Jersey shipped an organ about two weeks ago to Walter Prince, Orr, Ky. The company writes that "the balance of \$45 was deposited with Mr. D. W. Prince, of the People's Saving Bank, of Orr, Ky."

This indicates that the old scheme is being worked under a new name for the alleged bank. We have no further information about the scheme and have heard of no other victims as yet, but there are probably others.

The United States authorities will be notified and doubtless the guilty parties will be landed where they belong.

David Prince's Career.

A career as bogus bank president, convicted felon, inmate of the Kentucky penitentiary and the Lawrence county jail and laborer under guard on the public highway should be sufficient to convince David Prince that the way of the transgressor is hard. Some time ago David began a career as "bank president," "President of the Bank of Orr," located at Orr, Lawrence county. The concern was as bogus as David was, and this is saying a great deal. By "ways that were dark and tricks that were vain" this heathen "medicinal man" raked in sundry and diverse shekels, to the loss and discomfort of sundry suckers. His gait was swift while it lasted, but he finally stumbled. His cardboard "bank" went, not into the hands of a receiver, for there was nothing to receive, but to pieces, and its president, built of check and nerve, went to the pen. In the seclusion afforded by this enforced retirement the dethroned Prince had time to meditate upon the utter vanity of things terrestrial and to mature plans for a more honest if less glittering career. If he formed such plans he forgot to develop them upon his re-entry upon the activities of life. The lure of lucre without labor was upon him, and he at once began the illicit sale of red licker, the kind which stings like an adder. As a diversion while so engaged David sought the society of the golly while assembly were solemn and of the earth earthy. On one of these occasions the devilish Dave carried with him to the crowded saloon the inhabited home of the gay and demonstrative hornet. At the psychological moment David opened this nest of winged fire, and the inhabitants thereof swarmed forth and—we'll draw a veil over the subsequent proceedings as well as the results. For such "persecutions" as Uncle Pete Skaggs used to call 'em David was recently haled into court and fined and imprisoned. Being in financial straits he has been unable to satisfactorily adjust with the commission, and he is now, accompanied by a guard, doing what he can to make the roads in this vicinity fit for Drew Burchett's automobile. He has 100 more days to labor and, and with sufficient encouragement he ought to do much in this time.

Our Bible Class.

The News notices the fact that throughout almost the entire State there is an expressed feeling of interest in the study of the grandest book of all ages, the Holy Bible. Towns in all sections have their Bible classes wherein the Scriptures are taught and studied. Many of these classes or circles are very large. Cynthiana has a class of 172, and other towns have circles numbering fifty, seventy-five and a hundred. Louisa's Bible Study Circle has a smaller membership, but in the ability of its instructor and the manifest interest our class is equal to the largest. Prof. Kennison—he is not a "perfectionist," he's the real thing—is filled with a knowledge of the Good Book and his earnest, patient teaching, his lucid logical expositions of the Word equal his knowledge. Those who fail to join this Circle miss much. Both branches of Methodists, Baptists, Christians and Episcopals are represented, and Prof. Kennison, a Presbyterian in affiliation, is a composite Christian, if he will excuse the expression.

Go, if you want to, with your pet ideas concerning Calvinism, Arminianism, modes of baptism, repent and believe or believe and repent, and you need have no fear of having your toes or your feelings hurt in the least.

New Coal Operation.

The Allburn Coal and Coke Company has secured from the owners of the Pike Colliery property the Kootz branch section of the property and will commence development at once. The old opening at McCarr, Ky., will be used and the coal dumped on the West Virginia side of the Tag river on the old tipple which was first erected by the Pike Collieries Company. It is expected that the output will be gradually increased up to 500 tons a day. The seam to be operated will be the Red Jacket or Thacker. The property to be operated has been closed down for about three years, owing to financial difficulties which the old company met with. The property was later sold by order of the court and was finally purchased by J. C. Miller.

BAPTISTS AT LOUISA.

Group Association Will Meet Here September 6-7.

The News announced last week that the Western Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South, would be held in this city September 6. It has since learned that during that week the Group Association of Baptists would be held here, and that Circuit Court would be in session at the same time. Well, Louisa is far-famed for its hospitality. It knows no distinction in creeds or politics, and our people will see to it that the Conference and the Association will get the best there is in the shop, leaving Judge Hannah to attend to finding board and lodging for those whose retirement from society for a time would be beneficial to the community.

BIG SANDY GIRL WINS.

The following is from The Dassel (Miss.) Anchor. Miss Ferguson is a native of this vicinity, a daughter of John M. Ferguson, deceased, and a sister of Mrs. Fannie Wade, Mrs. J. L. Carey and Mrs. C. L. Miller, of Louisa. Her mother and relatives moved to Minnesota several years ago. The final declamatory contest of High School students was held Friday evening, April 28. Gold Medals were presented to Frances Spath, who took first place among the Dramatic speakers, and to Miss Garnet Ferguson winner among the speakers of comic pieces.

NEW OFFICERS.

The Louisa Railway Co. held a meeting in this city recently, at which two new directors were elected: F. S. McConnell, of Mt. Vernon, O., and M. S. Barns, of Louisa. The directors then elected Mr. McConnell president, vice Dr. M. G. Watson, moved to Huntington.

KY. NORMAL COLLEGE.

Successful Term Closed. Will Re-open in August.

The 1910-11 term of the Kentucky Normal College was practically closed last week. Nearly all the non-resident pupils left for their homes, so as to be ready for the teachers' examinations which will be held in the various counties this week. Prof. Kennison continues to hear some classes, but the term may be considered closed. The past was a year of hard work on part of both teacher and pupil, but the work accomplished repays tenfold the labors of instructors and students. It was eminently satisfactory work. "We'll be back!" was the cry of the crowds who took train for home. And they will. Not only does the real seeker for an education, the earnest aspirant to better things, "come back," but he brings his friends with him. It is safe to predict that of the hundreds of young men and women who attended the K. N. C. this year, and who were earnest and studious workers and will take the teachers' examination, more than nine-tenths of them will, if given a square deal, obtain certificates. And where they teach they will be asked to teach again. Watch the results of the first examination in this county and see if this prediction is verified.

Progress In Corn Growing.

To facilitate the work of the boys' corn clubs throughout the State the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment station has issued a bulletin of information. The publication is designed not only to meet the needs of the boys clubs, but to disseminate agricultural knowledge among the farmers generally. To provide for practical demonstrations of the value of scientific farming the Agricultural College has undertaken the organization of boys' and girls' agricultural clubs. These bodies are generally designated as corn clubs, though it is not intended that their efforts should be restricted to corn growing. The Bulletin says that "results showing the value of improved methods can usually be gotten more quickly through the cultivation of corn than by any other method. Once this value is proven in the crops of the corn clubs the boys and girls will be encouraged to undertake larger and more difficult problems."

The Bulletin contains many helpful suggestions as to seed selection, fertilization, cultivation and the grading and judging of corn. It also contains a model of a constitution and by-laws for the organization and maintenance of the clubs. The publication is appropriately funded, since the present year has witnessed the formation of many clubs in all parts of the State and the movement promises to have an important bearing on the agricultural progress of Kentucky. In the Southern States these clubs have accomplished a great work. They will do the same for Kentucky if their organization can be effected and maintained in every county. The average yield of corn in Kentucky for the past ten years has been a little over twenty-six bushels to the acre. With improved methods of cultivation it should be possible almost to double this yield. Any material increase would be of obvious benefit to the state.—Courier-Journal.

TO BE MARRIED JUNE THE 6TH.

Louisa relatives and friends have received invitations to the wedding of Miss Sadie Enlow and Mr. George R. Heffly, at Huntington, June 6th. Miss Enlow is a daughter of Dr. C. R. Enlow. Her grandmother is Mrs. Sarah McClure Bloss, and through this relationship she has a large number of relatives in this vicinity. Mr. Heffly is a prominent young lawyer.

THE NEW OIL WELL.

The Besseyville Oil & Gas Company will begin active operations within a few days. The derrick and machinery from the Garred well are being moved to the O'Neal farm. Drilling will begin as soon as the rig can be put in place.

R. C. McClure for Legislature.

In this issue of the News Mr. R. C. McClure, of this city, announces his candidacy for the Republican nomination for election to the Kentucky Legislature. Except that his political faith is not of the brand this paper thinks bears the correct label nothing can be urged against Mr. McClure, and what is here said relates entirely to the man and in no sense to the politician. He was born in Lawrence county, and when he was ushered into the world the traditional silver spoon was quite a long way from his mouth. By industry and merit, not unaided with good luck, he has acquired more of this world's goods than he had when a boy. With his industry he mingled sobriety and a good education, making a personal reputation above reproach. These qualities and the long-drawn out dominance of his party brought him office, and that he has succeeded in his efforts to improve his condition entitles him to great credit. Mr. McClure is a good citizen, a good speaker and a good Republican politician. That he should aspire to represent his county at the Capital is only natural. He is a hustler and may get the nomination.

Near The Century Mark.

Should Mrs. Ann Maria Nicholson, of Ashland, live sixty-four more days she will be 100 years of age. She is now 99 years and 201 days old, and is said to be about as sprightly as the average middle-aged matron, hence there is no apparent reason why she shall not be able to celebrate her centennial anniversary. She is the mother of Constable Ben Nicholson, with whom the sun has ever continued to make his home, having some time ago laid aside matrimonial agreement made and entered into between himself and popular young lady of Ashland rather than leave the home of his mother or have the home encumbered by more inhabitants than now occupy it. Mrs. Nicholson was born in Lewis county and for a while she resided in Maysville, later—fifty-seven years ago—having come with her family to Ashland when there was really no town there.—Cattletown Tribune.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting For Ashland District at Prestonsburg June 12-16.

The annual District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, for Ashland District will be held at Prestonsburg beginning Monday, June 12 and closing Friday the 16th. Thursday will be set aside for the laymen's movement. Some prominent connectional men are invited to attend this conference and an unusually interesting meeting is expected.

BANK OF WILLARD CLOSED.

The Bank of Willard, at Willard, Carter county, was closed by a State examiner last Friday. A shortage of \$14,000 is said to be the cause of the action. The shortage is alleged to be chargeable to W. J. Rice, the Morehead banker who has been in similar trouble elsewhere, and to the cashier, O. H. Barley. It is said the bank was organized by Rice and that the funds were secured from the institution by him soon after it started. Until recently there has been no examination of State banks and we are informed that this is the first time this bank was examined officially. It is said the depositors will lose nothing.

HAS GONE TO JACKSONVILLE.

The Rev. Franklin Hardin, pastor of the Baptist church, this city, left Monday for Jacksonville, Fla., where he goes as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. He will be absent about ten days.

BLANKENSHIP FOR MAYOR.

The town council of Matewan has elected Mr. G. T. Blankenship mayor to fill the unexpired term of the late W. R. Hoskins, who, with Chief of Police Musick, was killed a few weeks ago by Tom Chaffin.

IN CALIFORNIA.

Very Readable Letter From a Louisa Woman.

The News publishes below portions of a very interesting letter written from California by Mrs. J. C. Thomas. The letter was to a relative, and not intended for publication.

I feel so conscience stricken when I recall how few decent letters I have taken time to write you, since I left in January! Post cards are better than nothing, of course, but it seemed to me that I had so much to say, that I must wait for two or three hours of absolute leisure in which to say it, and those hours never seemed to arrive. We were first in New Orleans, of course you know, for a week. We encountered, luckily, perfect weather, and all the conditions for a delightful visit were simply ideal. The city itself, is a different place, they told me, from the one of even six years before, and John found it immeasurably improved over the city he had worked in twenty years ago. We found the St. Charles, new, the old one remodeled and made perfectly up-to-date, most comfortable and satisfying. Almost every day we indulged in an automobile ride visiting different interesting points, and as this place gave us our first view of tropical growths, palms, oranges, etc., we enjoyed the novelty of the scenes. Jack was much interested in the sight of overhead or above ground cisterns in every-body's back yard, and the beautiful cemeteries, alarmingly full of inhabitants, and their marble and stone works of art in the shape of tombs, mausoleums, etc., and their built up graves, as they cannot bury their dead over 2-3 feet below the surface on account of striking water below that depth, consequently they build the grave half above the ground, interested us all. We spent parts of several days in the old French quarter, which successfully resists all attempts at modernization, visited the old St. Louis Hotel, the Cabildo, the Cathedral, and numerous places of greater or less historical interest. The Antique Shop made famous by Eugene Field's poem, and the French Opera, of course, at the latter place, John left while they were performing, and returned at the finish to escort me home. Really, except for the novelty of some of their arrangements and customs, I did not enjoy either, as their music, acting and all were too explosive for my taste. But I did enjoy the experience. We revelled in the good fish and the delightful preparation of it in New Orleans, the pompano being the most delicious thing in the fish line I have ever eaten. Nothing I have ever tasted from the Atlantic, the Pacific or the Lakes is so good. Yet we ordered it in San Antonio, and could not eat it. It seems only good when perfectly fresh from the gulf. We left New Orleans one evening and after a hot night, and day reached San Antonio. A "North-er" struck the town just as we did and it was cold every minute of our three days stay. We visited the Alamo, of course, and three missions a few miles out of San Antonio, that in their ruined condition were the most pathetic sights I have witnessed for a long time. The Big Hot Wells and hotel, the hotel being heated by water piped right from the ground, just out of San Antonio, and the ostrich farm had their share of attention. We left one evening for El Paso and reached there at 2:30 next afternoon. Spent that evening and all next day in poor Juarez, a short ride over the Border. Had lovely warm weather there and a most interesting visit. I got several very good pictures of Mexican scenes, and by the way, in my efforts to make friends with some of the people, to buy a few things, etc., I found it impossible to find anyone who spoke English. Doesn't that seem strange wonderfully so? That a town so close to the all-pervading American should remain so perfectly Mexican? We found a beautiful Mission church in Juarez, you will see it in some of the war pictures, built before the May Flower landed, in good constant use. I was trying to buy some beautiful drawn work and fillgree things, that were dirt cheap, but

the duty is so high, one might as well buy them at Shillito's. We went in to see the bull fight ring or amphitheatre, but no bull fight for me. The people looked so poor and miserable, so many beggars and old people, and their little houses of adobe or mud, so uncomfortable and look so easily knocked to pieces that I should think a few well directed shots would blow the town to dust. Poor little Juarez.

El Paso is a nice little American city, which we didn't waste much time on. From there we came on to Los Angeles, twenty-four hours trip again. The distances out here are perfectly enormous, compared to the ones we are accustomed to. Little met us in Los Angeles and we went out home with her. Monterey is 18 miles back of Los Angeles, a pretty little town in the San Gabriel Valley, in the middle of the orange belt. After a week's visit with friends, during which time it rained, almost constantly, and such rains, the wettest ever. We went through one of them to get into town to hear Tejano. Excuse me while I pause to go into an ecstasy at the mere recollection of her. You have read of her all and more than I could tell you. After a week, as I said, we went up to San Francisco, our friends prophesying it'd be worse there. But it wasn't. The sun began to shine when we were only a few miles out of Los Angeles and continued to do so each day, except one of the week we were in Frisco. We went up by the beautiful Coast Line. Left Los Angeles at 8 a. m., into San Francisco at 8 or 9 that night. We had acquaintances on board the train from Marion, Ind., en route to Japan. We all went to the same hotel, and we were down to see them sail three days later, they taking us through the Japanese steamer. We visited Golden Gate Park, Seal Rocks, Chinatown, a night trip. Dined at the Cliff house, went over to Berkeley to see the State University, made the Mt. Tamalpais trip, and had a most enjoyable profitable week. San Francisco is a wonderful city and much as I admired old New Orleans, I don't see how the latter city could have thought she had a ghost of a show in the fight for the Exposition in 1915 or for

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COUNTY DIPLOMAS.

Nine Applicants Pass Examination and Four Fail.

Superintendent O'Daniel held an examination for county diplomas last Friday. There were 13 applicants, of whom 3 passed and 4 failed. The successful ones and the grade of each are as follows:

Miss Sannie Ferrell, 88 6-10; Miss Nora Sammons, 87 6-10; Miss Willie Belle Cole, 85 6-10; Miss Dollie Allen, 76 7-10; Miss Nora Roberts, 95 5-10; J. U. Johnson 81 1-10; Miss Emma Sparks, 84 7-10, and W. N. Conley, 81 1-10.

The diplomas entitle the winners to the full four years' course of instruction in the county high school, free of cost. If they desire to teach they must pass the regular prescribed examination for teachers' certificates.

SERIOUSLY HURT.

Joshua L. Diamond, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Louisa, is laid up at his home with an injury which will probably make a cripple for life, even if it does not result in his death. A few days ago "Uncle Josh" got tangled up with a rope and a calf. The result of the tangle was a broken thigh, and as the sufferer is close to 89 years of age the consequences are serious. Dr. Ira Wellman set the broken limb.

EARLY START ON RIVER WORK.

The National Contract Company, of which J. C. Thomas and H. A. Scholte are members, has completed and pumped out the coffer dam for the Ohio river lock which they are to build at New Cumberland, W. Va. This breaks the record for an early start on Ohio river improvement work. This company is composed of hustlers who are liable to break many records.