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## OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

### Correcting Reports About the Elkhorn Mining Corporation.

Assuming without verifying accuracy of Associated Press dispatch from Richmond concerning the organization of the Elkhorn Mining Corporation, we find errors therein need to be corrected, in order that accurate information may be given to the public. It is a matter of local importance. Upon interviewing Judge Hager, elected president of the corporation at Richmond, Tenn., July 17th inst., we obtained and now publish authentic facts with reference thereto:

On July 17th the firm of Hager & Stewart obtained a charter under the laws of the state of Virginia, duly allowed by the State Corporation Commission at Richmond, for a company known as the Elkhorn Mining Corporation. The maximum capital stock is \$6,750,000, of which \$2,000,000 is preferred and cumulative after two years, and \$3,750,000 of common stock, each divided into shares of \$100. The corporation so formed is to lease from the General Fuel Company (all of whose stock is owned by the Elkhorn Fuel Company) approximately 500 acres of land and mineral rights in Letcher county, as also 2,000 or more acres owned by the Elkhorn Fuel Company on the waters of Beaver creek, and its tributaries in Floyd and Knott counties, and to equip the property so leased with modern and efficient machinery and appliances so as to produce the greatest coal output reasonably obtainable. It is estimated that these developments will cost approximately \$2,500,000. Preliminary work in anticipation of the organization of this company has been under way upon the properties proposed to be leased by it for two months or more.

The C. & O. Railway Company is now engaged in constructing a line in the property on Beaver creek, which will be completed by the 1st of January next. The L. & N. Ry. Co., already has a line extending through the property of the Mineral Fuel Company in Letcher county. The property proposed to be developed carries the Elkhorn creek, by-product and gas coal seams, both in the Letcher and Floyd and Knott county properties. The work has progressed to such an extent that it is expected the shipping of coal from the Letcher county property will begin within a few weeks, and from the Beaver creek property as soon as railroad transportation is available. The B. & O. railroad is also preparing to build into the Beaver creek field, and when this is done developments will be made along the line of this road and shipments made over the same as soon as the road is completed.

The charter organization was completed by the election of Mr. Hager as president, and Messrs. Chaikley and Filippa, respectively as secretary and treasurer. A full board of directors was elected at Richmond, and at the next meeting of the board on the return of Messrs. Watson, Mayo and Sleep from their vacation trip abroad the company will be further organized by the election of the following officers:

Hon. C. W. Watson, President.  
Hon. C. C. Mayo, J. N. Camden, W. Fleming and Geo. A. Baird, Directors.

D. D. Camden, Treasurer.  
W. M. Stewart, Secretary.  
J. W. Caulfield, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

At the meantime, preliminary arrangements are under way for subscription to the capital stock, and payments therefor in such installments as will be needed to finance extensive operations of the company.

From these statements of the purpose and intent of this corporation, it will be seen that the Associated Press telegram that it was a holding company, is most glaringly inaccurate, the purpose being to undertake, conduct and continue the coal mining operations and of acquiring and extend unobscured by the operations of any company in Kentucky, unless those of the

Consolidation Coal Company in the Jenkins-McRoberts field. The company will be under the capable direction and management of men of ample financial resources and of proved ability in developing coal properties upon broad and successful lines.—Ashland Independent.

### HEAT STROKE.

Two cases of sun stroke, or heat stroke, in one day in Louisa should be a warning against unnecessary labor and exposure during the heated term. This is a time above all others when everyone should be temperate in all things and totally abstinent in some. Heat stroke falling upon a drinker of alcoholics with the mercury playing with the century mark on the little glass tube is almost always fatal. A bloated boozer is fat picking for old Sol.

There are two different forms of sun or heat stroke, equally serious, and each requires a different treatment. A man drops, often without warning. He is unconscious, red in the face, hot, pulse full and bounding. This man needs ice to his head and back of his neck. No alcohol. Another sometimes feels that he is very sick and weak. Presently he, too, topples over. He has very little pulse and his extremities are cold, almost clammy. This case needs strychnine, nitro-glycerine, whiskey. His case is the more serious of the two—either is bad enough. From some attacks men get well enough to go about, but they are liable to repeated attacks, with less provocation than before. Some men have gone crazy as the result of heat stroke. Guard well your eating and let the other fellow do the booting.

### J. B. McCURE

### Has Something to Say to the Voters of Lawrence County.

To the Republicans of Lawrence Co. I am a candidate for the office of County Superintendent, and want you to vote for me at the August Primary next Saturday.

I have been teaching for twenty-five years. I hold a State Professional Certificate in West Virginia. I have a diploma from Holston College, with the degree of A. M. For the State of West Virginia and the State of Kentucky I have conducted Teachers' Institutes.

If the question of my eligibility for the office should be raised, be assured of the fact that I will qualify at the next examination to be held August 15th and 16th, 1913, as provided in the law I may do.

If nominated and elected I promise to administer the office of County Superintendent to the best of my ability. I shall ever keep in mind the interest of parent, teacher and pupil, all of whom must work in harmony to secure best results.

In view of the fact that I cannot see you personally I take this means of addressing you personally.

Give me this nomination and I will be elected in November.

Very truly and sincerely yours,  
J. BASCOM McCURE,  
Louisa, Kentucky,  
July 28, 1913. (adv.)

### BITTEN BY CAT.

On Saturday last Mrs. William Johnson, who lives on Georges Creek, this county, was severely bitten on the leg by a cat. The fangs of the animal met in the woman's flesh, making a very painful wound. On Sunday Mrs. Johnson was brought to the Louisa hospital, where the wound was centered. It had been reported that the cat had been previously bitten by a dog which was said to be "mad," but which was probably only angry. The cat was killed, while it should have been confined and kept under observation long enough to ascertain if it really had rabies. This should be the course pursued in every case where hydrophobia is suspected. It would give much alarm and mental distress.

## HATCHER GIVES BOND.

### Bail Fixed at \$2000 for Floyd County Man.

George Hatcher, who is charged with having shot and wounded three men at Harold, Floyd county, Wednesday, July 23rd, has had an examining trial and been held in \$2,000 bail for his appearance in the Floyd circuit court. Bail was furnished and he was released. The wounded men, Frank Vincent, of Soldier, Ky., Will Goodman, of Harold, and James Smith, of the same place, are reported doing well. Vincent, who is a brother of Mrs. C. M. Summers, of this city, is in a hospital in Huntington. Smith is at home, the least hurt of any, and Goodman is in the Louisa hospital, where he was brought last Saturday for treatment. The first shot fired went through the right side of Goodman's coat and then through Vincent's head. The next bullet passed through Goodman's body and lodged in the depot wall. The third ball passed through Smith's arm.

How a 45-caliber ball could enter a man's back, pass clear through his body, coming out an inch or two to the left of the center of the abdomen is a mystery, yet this is exactly what the ball that wounded Goodman did. It is not one time in a thousand that a bullet could take such a course and do so little harm.

The NEWS is in possession of what purports to be the facts of this latest of Floyd county's near tragedies, but they come entirely from one side, and if related in this paper might affect the final trial.

After Will Goodman's experience and his venture upon the matrimonial sea a few years ago he is prepared for almost any sort of luck, good or bad. He bears the unique distinction of being probably the only living specimen of a man who married twice the same day living to tell the story. It is something like this:

The lady who became Mrs. Goodman on both occasions lived in Pike county not far from the Floyd line. On the day set for the solemnization of the rites the groom-to-be went to the nearest clerk in Floyd county and procured a license and a preacher. Equipped with these essentials he went to the home of the good woman who was to become a Goodman and the twain became one. Late in the same afternoon the preacher came back under whip and spur and told the happy pair that as the license had been issued in Floyd they would have to go down to that county and have the ceremony repeated. This they immediately proceeded to do and all obstacles in way of connubial bliss were removed.

### A SOLEMN WARNING.

Jeff Wilson and Brakeman Parsons were both working when they were sun struck last Monday. There are several young fellows in and around Louisa and Fort Gay who, having neither money nor rich kin, live without work. The NEWS begs of them not to try to do anything during this hot weather. The result of doing anything harder than rolling a cigarette is too dreadful to contemplate. If you must do something, take a gentle stroll after the sun goes down or give another roll to the bottom of your pants, but do be careful.

### RHODES FOUND GUILTY.

For the fourth time within six weeks a jury in Webster county, W. Va., has returned a verdict of "guilty as charged within the indictment." The penalty is from five to ten years in the penitentiary. After deliberating a little over half an hour the jury in the case of S. U. G. Rhodes, Mingo county legislator, returned a verdict of guilty of having demanded and received a bribe in connection with the election of a United States Senator. Rhodes was formerly Superintendent of the Mingo, W. Va., public schools, and is well known in Louisa.

## TO CUT KENTUCKY TIMBER.

The Rockcastle Lumber Co., of Huntington, writes to the Manufacturers Record as follows:

"We have purchased the timber on 7000 to 8000 acres of land on the water of Cold Water fork and Rockcastle creek, in Martin county, Ky. This timber will be manufactured at our present mill site near Delong, Ky. The purchase will necessitate our building about 10 miles of main line railroad and about 15 miles of logging road. This road will develop about 30,000,000 feet of stumpage. We are not in the market for any equipment whatever except two engines and 20 or 40 logging cars. We have the balance of the equipment necessary to operate the tract in question, and it will be manufactured in connection with our present site in Martin county."

### GOFF-EVANS.

On Wednesday afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. James Evans, this city, Miss Roma Goff, of Pike county, was married to Milton Evans, of Louisa. The Rev. H. B. Hewlett was the officiating clergyman and Miss Mary Evans and Mr. J. Isralsky witnessed the ceremony.

### CLASS PICNIC.

The Sunday School class of Mrs. A. L. Burton went to the country Tuesday for a picnic. A big two-horse rig, loaded with girls and other nice things went to the pleasant home of Mrs. Hester Carter, of Yatesville, and had a jolly time. The weather might have been a little cooler without anybody getting frost bitten, but nobody seemed to mind the weather. A good time was expected and had.

## CAMP MEETING

### At Fountain Park, Louisa, from August 8th to 18th.

The Fountain Park camp meeting will be held in the Point opposite Louisa on August 8th to 18th, under the leadership of C. F. Stroup and wife, of Columbus, Ohio.

These camp meetings have been held every August during the last few years. Mrs. L. C. McClure is the owner of the camp meeting grounds and makes arrangements for the meetings every year. She hopes to have a large attendance and much good accomplished.

### HEAT OVERCAME JEFF WILSON.

While at work at the steam stone crusher on the cemetery hill Monday afternoon Jeff Wilson was overcome by the intense heat. He at once started for home and managed to get into the house before he became entirely prostrated. A physician was hurriedly sent for and Dr. Bromley responded and administered restoratives. For some time Mr. Wilson was in a serious condition, but he is now much better.

### OPEN THE POLLS ON TIME.

On more than one occasion the polls in Louisa have not been opened at 6 o'clock a. m., sometimes delaying the casting of votes for a period of 20 or 30 minutes. On this account men who desired to vote and leave on an early train have been compelled to go away without voting. It is the duty of the election officers to open the polls at the appointed time, having made proper preparation for receiving the vote. Remember the hour.

### ISAAC SAVAGE, AGED 94.

Isaac Savage, who was the youngest brother of the late John Savage, of this county, recently celebrated the 94th anniversary of his birth. He lives at Wurtland, Greenup county, and is well preserved and active.

### HORSE FALLS ON AGED MAN.

While riding at Paintsville Monday, George Chandler, 65 years old, was thrown from a horse, which fell on him, injuring him so badly he will die.

## REMARKABLE CASE.

### Voluntary Surrender of Life Term Man Who Escaped 21 Years Ago.

Frankfort, Ky., July 25.—Clement H. Koors, who escaped from the Frankfort reformatory Sept. 6, 1892, walked into Warden Wells' office this afternoon at 5 o'clock and gave himself up. Dusty records were hauled down from stacks in the storeroom, identification marks produced to corroborate Koors' statements, and with a sigh of relief he donned the second-grade prisoner's garb. He had been a fugitive for twenty-one years, he said, and is now 53 years old.

Then he told the story of his wanderings over the United States and Mexico. He had shot and killed his brother-in-law, Henry H. Bruns, in Covington, for beating his sister, Bruns' wife. That was in December, 1881. The following September he was sentenced to life imprisonment and brought to Frankfort. In the course of the next ten years he became a trusty, and in 1892 he was employed in the warehouse outside the walls.

Hearing that his sister, for whom he had shot his brother-in-law, was in trouble, he became restless and on Sunday, Sept. 6, 1892, he hid behind a barricade of chairs until the prisoners were marched out, then changed for a suit he had secured for the purpose, put on a pair of goggles and walked down the street past the prison gate and hid along the river, while guards searched all around for him. That night he struck out along the railroad track and caught a train into Louisville, thence went to Mill-houser, Ind., from which place he communicated with his mother and she went to him. His mother gave him money, admonished him to do something to make amends for his crime and bade him good-bye. Her words, Koors declared, haunted continually as he wandered through California and Mexico, back to San Antonio and thence to New York City. He risked his freedom once to take a last farewell of his aged mother and went to Covington. Again her words came to him, and New York, where he lived under his mother's maiden name, Geo. Brugger, he met a woman who he says he married to save from a life of degradation. She conducted a rooming house, while he worked at the trade of harnessmaker, learned in prison. But the rooming house, unknown to him, was, he says, a blind for immoral practices, and the police raided. His wife was taken to the Tombs ten days ago and there he went to visit her.

"The sight of the walls and bars crushed the little remaining spirit out of me," said Koors. "I hadn't enjoyed a minute's peace for 21 years. My life was one continuous flight from one place to another and here was my home broken up and the prison again looming up before me. I hurried down to the waterfront, intent on suicide, but the vision of my mother rose before me and I prayed for guidance. Then I tossed a dime—heads I should jump in the water. I tossed it three times and every time it came up tails. I obeyed the impulse that came to me there and started right back to Frankfort."

Koors walked into the warden's office calmly and as calmly inquired if the warden was in. Warden Wells was pointed out to him and said he would see the visitor in a few minutes. "It's very important business I came on," declared Koors with an insistent note in his voice, which moved the warden to invite him into a private room at once. There Koors told his story, but it was so remarkable Warden Wells was unconvinced until Koors was positively identified. This evening Koors ate dinner at the home of Warden Wells, while he recited in detail his career as a fugitive. He is spending the night in a cell.

### A CARNIVAL COMPANY.

The Littlejohn Carnival Company is here for a week's stay. The various attractions are located on the Wellman lot and are numerous attended.

## LAWRENCE CO. BOY KILLED.

John Lyons, aged 19 years, son of Andrew Lyons, of Ulysses, Lawrence county, who was employed as brakeman at the Kentucky Solvay Coke plant, was caught between a switch engine and a coal car at the plant Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and was so badly injured that he died three hours later while on the operating table at the King's Daughters' hospital.

The unfortunate young man's left leg was badly crushed from the knee down, and his right leg was broken above the knee.

According to the evidence of Bert Lyons, engineer on the engine, a 30-ton "dinky," and Tom Callahan, who were on the engine, the brakes refused to work, permitting the engine to strike against the coal car, catching young Lyons, who was on the rear of the engine, which was backing down a steep incline at the time of the accident.—Ashland Independent.

### DEATH OF MRS. JOHN MARTIN.

We have just learned of the death of Mrs. John Martin, wife of one of the most influential ministers of the Western Virginia Conference, who died last night at her home at Guyandotte, W. Va. Mrs. Martin was of the family of James Kilgore of this place, and also has other relatives here. Misses Birdie and Adah Kilgore and Mrs. Barbee, of this place, went to the stricken home this morning. Mrs. Martin's death was caused from stomach trouble.—Cattlettsburg Item.

### THE SICK.

Mr. R. T. Burns has been very sick this week but is now considerably improved. Heat and a disordered digestive system were the principal causes. His grandson, little "R. T." Johnson, is also quite ill.

Mrs. Jay Vinson has been very ill of typhoid fever. She is doing about as well as could be expected.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Burchett continues sick, with intervals of slight improvement. On Friday last Dr. James Kincaid, of Cattlettsburg, was called into the case in consultation with Dr. Bromley.

Mrs. Margaret Moore remains very sick, with very little if any hope of ultimate recovery.

### MARCUM-HARDWICK.

Homer Marcum, age 23, of Ceredo, W. Va., married Miss Kate Hardwick, age 15, of Fort Gay, a few days ago. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. L. P. Hardwick and was visiting at Ceredo when the match was hastily made. The groom is a son of the late Judge W. W. Marcum, and is a promising young lawyer. The bride is a pretty and highly respected girl.

### NEW REFORMATORY CLERK.

Joseph Coffey, of Lincoln county, has been appointed clerk at the Frankfort Reformatory, vice J. B. Mercer resigned. Recently several were paroled, among whom were John Vanhook, of Johnson county, for malicious wounding, and W. P. Perry, Floyd county, obtaining money by false pretenses. In each of these cases more than the minimum sentence had been served and the paroles were recommended by officials and citizens.

### GAS NEAR WILLIAMSON.

The test well being drilled on the property of the Howard Colliery Company on Buffalo creek, struck a good production of gas in the "soft sands" at a depth of 240 feet, Friday about 4:30 p. m. This strike at that particular level was quite a surprise, as the gas in this region is usually found below "The Big Lime" which lies at a depth of about 1700 feet in this neighborhood. It is thought that this is an indication of a strong gas field here. This well is only a little over two miles from Williamson, as the crow flies, and is the first production this side of the Warfield region, which is about 20 miles away. This well will be drilled down to the "Berea" and to test the oil production. The Berea sand is nearly 2000 feet deep here. We hope to announce an oil strike in a week or ten days.—Williamson News.