



We Have a Lot of things

SUITABLE FOR

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

AND THE BEAUTY ABOUT THE MATTER IS THAT THEY ARE ALL USEFUL AS WELL AS ORNAMENTAL. WE HEARD A MOTHER ASK HER SON RECENTLY WHAT HE WANTED FOR XMAS. HE PROMPTLY REPLIED, JUST ANYTHING NICE TO WEAR, FROM A SUIT OF CLOTHES OR OVER-COAT DOWN TO A COLLAR BUTTON.

IN BETWEEN THERE YOU WILL FIND IN OUR STOCK, SHIRTS, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, COLLARS, SOCKS, SHOES, HATS, UNDERWEAR, SUSPENDERS, HOSE SUPPORTERS, ALSO, SUIT CASES, SATCHELS, TRUNKS, UMBRELLAS.

W. L. FERGUSON

LOUISA, KENTUCKY

WEST VIRGINIA ITEMS OF NEWS.

No Change in Primary Date

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 15.—West Virginia's state wide primary election will be held June 6, 1916. Under a law passed by the last legislature but two parties, Republican and Democratic, will have tickets in the field, they being the only two which cast more than five percent of the total vote in the last general election. Other parties may be represented in the primary only by petition containing five percent of the total vote cast at the last election.

A nominee for the United States Senate all state, half the legislative, and all of the county office nominees will be selected by each party.

Activities on the part of the old line parties have been preliminary up to now, and but little further will be done before January 1, about which time it is expected further avowals of candidacy will be made by aspirants. The Republicans so far have announced in greater number for office than have the Democrats.

Prohibitionists, Progressives and Socialists have announced the intention of circulating petitions so as to be able to have tickets in the field, or endeavor to have the supreme court pass upon the constitutionality of the legislative act making it impossible for them to participate in the primary.

Suit Case Brigade From Up Guyan Goes to Catlettsburg.

Like the march of nearly half a regiment of soldiers was the parade of nearly three hundred men, a suit case brigade, which arrived in the city on the Guyan Valley train of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway last night, and took the street cars for Catlettsburg.

So astonishing was the big crowd of men all with empty suit cases, although the sight is a common one, pedestrians actually stopped and stared.

As Monday the railways may possibly put into effect an order practically barring the carrying of liquor in any quantities it is believed that the Guyan Valley "gang" is getting ready for the drought.

And then too, Christmas is coming, and the foreigners in the coal fields are wont to celebrate on this holiday more elaborately than any other time of the year. Nearly all of those who made up the suit case brigade last night were observed to be foreigners.

Williamson Case is Again Decided.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 17.—A former decision of the supreme court, upholding the constitutionality of the legislative act creating a commission form of government for the city of Williamson, was affirmed by the court today, after another hearing. Counsel for the elected officers of the city were given time in which to file a petition asking for an appeal to the United States supreme court.

Freight Claims Victim.

Fred Walker, a 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hall Walker, of Ceredo, was instantly killed Sunday, when he attempted to board a moving freight train. An inquest was held by Coroner A. B. Brown.

The same old story. When will young men learn to keep off of moving freight trains. A good many young men at Wayne and other points follow this habit. This may be their fate some day.

Appeal Swan Case to the President.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 15.—After Judge B. F. Keller, of Federal court, today overruled a motion to set aside the verdict of his court in the white slave case of Mrs. May Sman, her attorneys declared they would appeal to President Wilson to pardon their client. She was convicted of having transported a Charleston girl to Ashland, Ky., and is under sentence of thirteen months in the penitentiary.

Death Calls Henry Hatten.

Henry Hatten of Neal, aged 60 died Friday, Dec. 10, of pneumonia. Funeral services were held by Rev. Fallon and Rev. Murray of Ceredo Sunday morning.

The deceased was a member of Ceredo Lodge L. O. O. F., and funeral ceremonies of the order were held prior to the burial of the body.

Mr. Hatten is survived by his wife and four children, Miss Louise, and Messrs. Harry, Raymond and Frank. They all reside at their father's home.

LETCHER COUNTY AND WHITESBURG.

What is Happening in this Rich Coal Territory of Kentucky.

WHITESBURG, KY., Dec. 23.—The past week was a record breaker in point of tides, heavy rains, snow, ice, sleet and mud, and as a result development work of all kinds is practically at a standstill in the coal fields.

The first of the week there was heavy snow, while rain began falling early Wednesday and continued uninterrupted until in the afternoon of Thursday swelling the North Fork of Kentucky river and its tributaries into a floodtide, the largest tide in several years. Thousands of saw logs were floated down the river to the big mills below, which will guarantee their operation for several months. Scarcely had the waters receded when Friday evening rain began falling again, continuing until Saturday morning bringing another floodtide in all mountain streams.

In both tides great damage was wrought along the North Fork, especially to the L. & E. branch of the L. & N. railroad and telephone and telegraph lines. Passenger service has been greatly impaired by slips and slides along the river and damage to bridges, trains running from three to five hours late. The day train from Jackson failed entirely two days to make the run. Practically all freight trains and coal trains are standing idle, and as a result no coal has gone out from the Elkhorn and Boone's Fork coal fields since Wednesday, greatly hampering business conditions throughout this section. Some of the mining camps are greatly in need of provisions and supplies and are unable to get them. It is expected, however, by Wednesday or Thursday that freight trains and coal trains will be able to resume, that the roadbed will be put into condition by that time that will warrant the operation of all trains. The main part of the damage is between Jackson and Hazard, while the damage is not so severe above Hazard. Hundreds of hands are working day and night to get the roadbed in order for the resumption of all traffic. Other railroads in Eastern Kentucky suffered much, but it is likely that the L. & N. was the heaviest loser. During the high tides both telephone and telegraph service was practically out of commission. Houses all along the North Fork were flooded. A part of Neon, a business center in the coal fields was under water.

It is reported here from Carr's Fork west of here that a small child of Amanda Thornberry, a farmer, was so severely burned that it died within a few hours. A similar circumstance took place on the headwaters of Beaver creek when a 2-year-old child of Silas Hall was burned to death. In each occurrence the children's clothing caught fire from open stoves. The parents have the sympathy of the respective communities.

While riding horse back across the mountains from Appalachia, Va., Emmett Collins, formerly of this county was seriously hurt when his horse fell with him, breaking several of his ribs and otherwise severely injuring him. Collins was said to be unconscious for some time.

It is reported that the construction of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Co. (The Bell system) are to start the work of constructing their long distance lines through the coal fields via this city, which have been planned for some time. It is said the work will be rushed rapidly forward. Eastern Kentucky awaits with much anxiety this much needed convenience.

Mr. R. B. Franklin of the Letcher Building and Supply Co., here has just purchased property in Lewis addition this city and will start work at once on a large warehouse and other buildings to be used by his company. This will become one of Whitesburg's leading industries and fills a long felt want.

W. L. McDyer of the Kentucky State Road Engineer's Department was here a few days ago from Frankfort look-

ing over the splendid good road work going on around Whitesburg, and expressed himself highly pleased with the work being done, saying that it was the equal of any work in the State. Letcher county will continue to prosecute the work started until the county will lead the whole of Eastern Kentucky in good roads, roads of which she will be proud indeed.

Mrs. S. C. Davis the venerable mother of Karl E. Davis of The East Kentucky News, was stricken a few days ago with paralysis and is now in a very serious condition at the home of her son in lower Main-st. Every possible effort is being made to restore her, however, and it is hoped there will come a change for the better. Mrs. Davis is one of Whitesburg's best old women.

Isam H. Caudill a prosperous farmer of the David section of the county fell a day or so ago and broke his leg immediately above the knee, otherwise severely injuring himself. He is not expected to live, being in a serious condition, according to physicians.

Mrs. Annie Back, aged about 60, one of the best loved Christian women of the Dady creek section of the county and widow of the late Henry Back, died a few days ago after an illness of a few weeks. She leaves many relatives and friends throughout the lower section of the county. Her death is widely mourned.

James Murr, a brakeman on the L. & N. regular local freight was run over early last week near McRoberts and was perhaps fatally injured. He was taken to Jackson in care of Dr. D. F. Smith of this city for treatment in a hospital.

Through the endorsement of Senator Ollie M. James, N. M. Webb has been re-appointed postmaster at Whitesburg for another four years and within the next day or so the Senator will confirm his appointment. Soon after Mr. Webb took charge of the office it was made a presidential office mainly upon his own efforts.

He is regarded as a splendid official and is making a good postmaster. Information from Knott county is to the effect that Uncle Tom Hammons formerly of this county and father of E. A. Hammons is seriously ill and is not expected to live. He is in his ninety year and very frail and feeble. Uncle Tom has a legion of friends in Letcher county who are trusting that he will yet rally.

Mr. C. H. Burton of this city received a telegram a day or two ago from Lake Charles, La., telling of the serious illness of Miss Blanch Burton Reece, who has many friends here who were made during her stay in Whitesburg several years ago.

U. S. Commissioner Samuel Collins and others of this city have just returned from Catlettsburg where they attended an important term of the U. S. Court. A number of important cases were tried out.

Friday at McRoberts Mr. Basil M. Webb, aged 20, son of Jason L. Webb was married to Miss Janie Spangler, aged 16, daughter of Sinclair Spangler of Bittom Fork, Eld. Joseph Craft officiating. Only a few invited friends were present. They will reside in McRoberts.

It is said that the L. & E. express is carrying large numbers of whiskey shipments which are being ordered for the Christmas and New Year debauchery. Little and unworthy is the man who will order whiskey with which to celebrate Christmas. Shame upon him, but there are thousands all over this broad land who curse this day of all days with blood and tears and do not think of the awfulness of it. No wonder crime, misery and want stalks the land.

The Letcher Building & Supply Co., through their representatives R. B. Franklin, Wilson Franklin and Mr. Brown, have just completed, right and on time, a splendid drug store building at Neon for Dr. D. F. Smith—The Neon Drug Co. This is one of the best buildings in Neon.

Since the opening of the main Elkhorn vein of coal by Wilson Fields just back of Whitesburg others have spent much time in their efforts to locate the same vein upon their properties. Mr. Fields is considered lucky by finding the Elkhorn vein.

LETTER, MAILED 50 YEARS AGO IS JUST RECEIVED.

Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—A letter written by the Rev. Samuel Ward, of Neoga, Illinois, November 6, 1869, the day he cast a ballot for "Good Abe Lincoln," was received through the mails here today by Professor W. D. Ward, of Occidental College, a son of H. O. Ward, of Zanesville, Ohio, the man to whom it was addressed. Where the letter went after it was mailed will remain a mystery.

The next postmark after that of Neoga in 1869 is that of College Station, N. Y., August 23, 1910. The letter reached Zanesville last October and after search had been made for the addressee was forwarded here to the professor, who lacks three days of being as old as the letter.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 15, 1915. My dear Sir: You, and all persons interested in game and fish protection and conservation, are cordially invited to attend a meeting which will be held in the Elk's building in Frankfort, Kentucky, on January 12, 1916, beginning at 11:00

RHEUMATISM ARRESTED

Many people suffer the tortures of lame muscles and stiffened joints because of impurities in the blood, and each succeeding attack seems more acute until rheumatism has invaded the whole system. To arrest rheumatism it is quite as important to improve your general health as to purify your blood, and the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is nature's great blood-maker, while its medicinal nourishment strengthens the organs to expel the impurities and rebuild your strength. Scott's Emulsion is helping thousands every day who could not find other relief. Refuse the alcoholic substitutes.

a. m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss this subject and recommend to the Legislature the enactment of such measures as the Convention decides is needed and will accrue to the greatest good to the greatest number.

Two addresses, not over thirty minutes in length, will be delivered by competent and pleasing speakers. The first address will be upon the subject of needed legislation, and the second upon organization and co-operation. A short interval will be allowed for lunch and the Convention will reconvene for the afternoon session.

We appeal to you to devote this day to game and fish protection and conservation. Come to Frankfort with the determination that you will diligently and without prejudice do that which will guarantee a greater Kentucky. This meeting will be just what you, by your presence and conduct, make it. We appeal to you to let nothing prevent your attendance, and if necessary beg that you will make a sacrifice in order to attend.

Extend this invitation to your interested friends and bring them to the Convention. KY. GAME & FISH COMMISSION.

\$10 A SHOT.

Ten dollars a shot was the price paid by Chenault Shearer, a Madison county negro, who fired five bullets from an automatic pistol into the person of Andy Johnson, also colored during an altercation at Ford on the night of July 31. Shearer was tried in Circuit Court Wednesday on the charge of shooting with intent to kill. The Commonwealth was represented by Attorney B. A. Crutcher, S. T. Davis and Harvey T. Lisle. The defendant was represented by Attorney Herbert H. Moore, who made the plea of self defense in behalf of the accused negro. The case attracted unusual attention. The fight took place at a dance given by colored people at Ford, this county. The Johnson negro was dangerously wounded and a raid on a suspected "blind tiger" was a sequel to the fight. The defendant claimed that Johnson entered the dance hall in a drunken condition, that when he interfered Johnson opened fire on him, shooting at him twice. He then fired in self defense.

Mr. Crutcher spoke in behalf of the Commonwealth, while Mr. Moore spoke for the defendant. Both sides argued an hour. The jury returned a verdict finding the negro \$50 and costs.—Winchester Democrat.

RUMORS FROM RUSSELL.

A real estate deal of considerable magnitude and one which has much to do with the growth and prosperity of Russell has been pending for some time and bids fair to be consummated in the next few days.

The deal will involve some \$50,000.00 and will mean much to Russell. Cincinnati division will have control of the new Cincinnati Northern when the bridge is completed and a separate pool with Russell as its terminal will be installed. This will mean a big addition of trainmen and engine men to be located at Russell. Mallet engines will be used and will run from Russell to Waverly, then over the N. & W. tracks to Valley Junction to connect with the Hocking Valley for the Lakes.

All the coal now going over the N. & W. and D. T. & L. that is set off at Kenova will be handled through Russell, and the yards will have to be enlarged to handle the business.

A passenger run from Russell to Waverly will also be put on. This is also going to be a help to Russell the bringing in of many families on account of this new extension.—Russell Times.

ARE YOU PUZZLED ABOUT CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

A few suggestions for Christmas gifts to your family and friends are given here, and all of the items are in stock at the Snyder Hardware store.

- Rocking chairs, Rugs, Brass Beds, Davenport, Center Tables, Silver Knives, Forks, Spoons, Cut Glass, Kitchen Cutlery, Nickelware in tea and coffee sets, Aluminum ware, Dishes in sets and pieces, Wagons for boys, from 25c to \$2.50, Children's Chairs 25c up, Manicure Sets, the practical kind, Flash Lights, The boys like these and the men need them, Safety Razors, Pocket Knives. 21 SNYDER HARDWARE CO.

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No. 16—1:05 p. m. Daily—For Columbus, Cincinnati and intermediate stations. Pullman Sleeper. Cafe car to Columbus. Connects at Cincinnati and Columbus for points West.

Lv. 2:04 a. m. Daily—For Williamson, Welch, Bluefield, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Norfolk, Richmond, Pullman Sleepers. Cafe Car.

1:55 p. m. Daily—For Williamson, Welch, Bluefield, Roanoke, Norfolk, Richmond. Pullman Sleeper to Norfolk. Cafe Car.

Train leaves Kenova 5:25 a. m. Daily for Williamson, via Wayne, and leaves Kenova 6:45 p. m. for Portsmouth and local stations, and leaves Kenova 5:50 a. m. Daily for Columbus and local stations.

For full information apply to W. B. BEVILL, Pass. Traff. Mgr. W. C. SAUNDERS, Genl. Pass. Agt. ROANOKE, VA.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

Schedule subject to change without notice. Effective January 3, 1915.

Local trains leave Louisa, southbound, 8:18 a. m. week days, and 5:18 p. m. daily.

North bound, leave Louisa 9:45 a. m. daily; 5:18 p. m. week days. Arrive Ashland 11:15 a. m. daily; 6:50 p. m. week days.

To Lexington, Louisville and West. Leave Ashland 1:00 p. m. 4:35 a. m. daily. Local, week days to Lexington, 10:35 a. m.

To Cincinnati and West. Leave Catlettsburg, express, daily, 4:15 a. m. 12:40 p. m. Louisa 1:20 p. m. daily.

Leave Ashland, express, daily, 4:20 a. m. 1:00 p. m. Louisa, 1:50 p. m. daily.

Eastbound, Main Line.

Leave Ashland, express, daily, 8:30 p. m. 12:30 a. m. Local daily to Huntington, 12:35 p. m.; runs to Hinton week days.

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