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CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION IN LOUISA

MISDEMEANOR CASES HAVE SO FAR ATTRACTED COURT'S ATTENTION.

The January term of the Lawrence Circuit Court began January the 2nd, with Judge A. N. Cisco presiding and Commonwealth's Attorney John M. Waugh, prosecutor. The attendance was very large, in fact the courtroom when court was opened was entirely filled with entertained listeners. These had been attracted by the fact of its being the first appearance of Judge Cisco as the Judge of this Judicial district. They were probably further attracted by the interest taken in the number of new cases which were set for trial this term. As usual, the first business of the court was the empaneling and instructions to the grand jury. The jury is composed of the following well known and substantial citizens:

Grand Jury.

Alfred Young, Sr., Andy Webb, Jr., J. O. McNeal, Elias George, J. W. Spillman, Floyd Wellman, W. N. Sullivan, Sam Bromley, George Kouns, John Akers, J. F. D. Borders, R. D. Hinkle, Jr.

The charge of Judge Cisco then followed, which was listened to with the closest attention. Charges to the grand jury by the Judge nearly always attract some attention, but in this case the attention was very marked. Judge Cisco came here comparatively unknown as a jurist to the people of Lawrence county, but he had not proceeded very far in his charge when it became very evident that he was an able lawyer and would make an able Judge. His charge is said to have been, by those who heard it, one of the ablest. If not the very ablest charge ever heard in the courthouse of Lawrence county. The expression of opinion concerning it, and opinions have been heard from a majority of the Lawrence county bar is that the entire charge was of very great merit, and none of the expressed opinions vary in sentiment. One lawyer, who is probably the nestor of the bar of the Big Sandy valley, with an experience of over sixty years, said that for clearness and forcibleness of expression, comprehensiveness and evident earnestness and sincerity, he had never heard it equalled. The attorney who gave utterance to this opinion was not a member of the Judge's political party either. Another old and experienced attorney, who had been practicing at the Lawrence county bar for a great many years, and whose political faith is not that of Judge Cisco, spoke equally emphatic in admiration of the Judge's charge, and so we might cite expressed opinions of many other members of the bar.

Judge Cisco took up nearly every variety of misdemeanor and felony, and remembering that he was talking to plain citizens and not to lawyers he defined each offence so clearly and comprehensively that every member of the grand jury thoroughly understood what the specified offence consisted of. Along this line Judge Cisco gave some new interpretations of some of the offences. Of disturbing religious worship for instance. Other judges might have said it, but the NEWS never heard them say it, that a drunken man to disturb a congregation need not be boisterous nor attract any attention by his conduct, the very fact that he was present in an intoxicated condition in a church or house of worship constituted an offence, even though he did not make noise enough to disturb a mouse. He made several other illustrations of what constituted offence which threw new light upon them and which will doubtless enable the grand jury to gather more offenders into the meshes of the law. Judge Cisco uses no superfluous words, does not "stop over," but in his deliverance of an opinion comes to the point in clear, understandable English. By his charge to the jury he has convinced all who heard it that he will see that the law, so far as he can do it, will be vigorously and at the same time impartially enforced. So far he has not had to try in this court any felonies, that is to say none up to the time these lines are written. Lawyers who have heard him, however, in his rulings in misdemeanor cases, are satisfied that he will try to give felonies, which unfortunately are upon our docket, impartially and well. At the conclusion of the Judge's instructions the grand jury retired to its room and began its labors. It has already returned several indictments, among which are two against Webb Holt and Henry Bussey, charged with the willful murder of Wm. Davis on the night of 26th of November last at Busseyville, particulars of which homicide have already been given in these columns. The parties were brought before the court and were held in bail of \$10,000 each for their appearance on Wednesday, January the 12th, which is the time set for their trial. They gave the bail.

FIRST MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AND OTHER BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

This body held its initial meeting in regular session Tuesday evening. All the members were present except Dr. Wellman, who is confined to the house with a broken leg. Mayor R. L. Vinson, ex-officio chairman, was present and presided. By the way, it might be well enough to say in this connection that the chairman has no vote on any measure, whatever, coming before the body unless it be in case of a tie. It is proper under the circumstances that the general public be made acquainted with this fact.

There was not much routine business disposed of and the council proceeded to the election of the various city officers. The present Marshal, "Bunk" Smith, was re-elected and his salary increased \$25 on the month, making it \$300 a year larger than before. The other officers elected were C. L. Miller, City Attorney; Charter Wellman, Clerk; O. C. Atkins, Treasurer; Wm. Carey, Assessor; Albert Murray, Light Tender.

An order was passed allowing the Water Company \$50, and At Wellman pay for attending to street lights.

DISORDER IN MAYSVILLE WITH CHANGE TO "DRY."

Maysville, Ky., Jan. 1.—For the first time in its history of over 100 years, Maysville is without the sale of liquor, thirteen saloons and two wholesale houses being closed. Thirty thousand gallons of liquor have been sold in the last three days, several saloons selling out and closing early yesterday. During the closing hours last night revelry and drunkenness were rampant. An unidentified man had one of his eyes knocked out with an empty bottle.

RAILROAD WRECK AT OFFUTT.

On Tuesday morning last the caboose of a C. & O. freight train upset near Offutt, a station not far above Whitehouse, seriously injuring conductor James Balls. He was rendered unconscious and was taken to the C. & O. hospital for treatment. Conductor Songer was also hurt but not so severely.

Gov. Stanley has issued a requisition on the Governor of West Virginia for the extradition from Logan-co., that State, of Alito Stamper, charged in Rowan-co. with uttering a forged instrument.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES IN M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

REV. McELDOWNEY BEGAN INTERESTING REVIVAL MEETING SUNDAY EVENING.

A series of evangelistic services was inaugurated at the M. E. Church, South, last Sunday evening under the conduct of the pastor, the Rev. L. E. McEldowney, assisted by the Rev. Marvin Powell and wife, singers. Quite unexpected to most of his congregation Mr. McEldowney said at the opening of the morning service that these meetings would begin at the evening services. He said the time was auspicious and that he could not have been more fortunate in the time for the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Powell, who have much to do as evangelistic singers, had been here before and won the hearts of all who heard them sing their sweet songs. He further said that he had secured their help for at least three weeks. According to program, the meeting did begin Sunday evening preceded by an able sermon delivered in his usual forcible way by Mr. McEldowney. Preceding the sermon a choir augmented by the presence of several volunteers and led by Mr. Powell, entered heartily into the work of the occasion and added much to the interest of the meeting. This choir is composed of the choir of the M. E. Church, South, and helpful volunteers of the other churches in this city. They showed almost immediately the effect of the skillful conductorship of their leader who has a way of getting his choir members to do just as he wants them to do and he wants them to do well. During the services Mr. and Mrs. Powell sang, as they also did at the morning services, some very beautiful duets, their fine tenor and contralto voices blending harmoniously. Their singing will be an especial feature of the remaining meetings of the series. These meetings promise to be very successful, in fact a revival of religion seemed to be "on" Sunday evening. Deep feeling had been manifested throughout the entire services and when the minister, at the close made a call for those who were willing to help in the meeting very many in the great congregation came and by shaking hands with the minister declared their willingness to help, and following this manifestation Mr. McEldowney called for those who desired to be helped. Many heeded the invitation and showed by going forward that they were indeed in earnest. Sunday night the congregation was a very large one, every inch of the seating capacity being used even the aisles being full of chairs. Interest in this evangelistic demonstration continues and continues to increase. All denominations show their interest in the meetings by their presence. Mr. McEldowney goes at this business, if one may use this expression, in a very masterful way and has his meetings well under hand, seeming to know the right thing to do and he certainly does it.

PLEASANTLY ENTERTAINED FOR GUESTS.

On New Year's evening the hospitable home of Rev. and Mrs. L. E. McEldowney was the scene of a very pleasant entertainment given by them for their Huntington visitors, Miss Ailer and Miss Stella Combs. It would be eminently proper to call the affair a musical as music, instrumental and vocal, was the piece de resistance, to speak after the manner of describing banquets. The violin, the saxophone, the piano and the voice contributed beautifully to the harmony evoked on this auspicious occasion, and the fine refreshments that were served did not in the least disturb the concord of sweet sounds. Speaking of the pleasant gathering every one said, "We had a perfectly lovely time" and all know that what everybody says must be true.

CATLETTSBURG HOTEL SCENE OF TWO WEDDINGS.

On Saturday evening at 9 o'clock two couples appeared at the Fuller Hotel, matrimonially bent. Rev. Thos. Grenfell was called in and performed the ceremony, uniting Lee Adkins and Miss Martha Adkins, of Naughtuck and Melvin Coleman and Virginia Keen, the two latter being Pike-co., Ky. teachers. The latter couple left Sunday morning for Iowa, where they have an engagement to teach in the public schools. This double ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ray Swartz, who had dropped in for a call on Mr. and Mrs. Fuller.—Independent.

BORN ON ATLANTIC OCEAN, CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY.

Maysville, Ky., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Jane Blanchard yesterday celebrated her ninetieth birthday anniversary here. She is the daughter of the late Thomas Tudor and was born on a steamship while en route to this city from Cape Town, S. A., where her parents had lived for years.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

On Sunday night, Jan. 9, at 6:30, the Rev. L. M. Copley will preach in the Christian church, the subject being, "Wise And Otherwise." All are invited.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Dr. O. H. Motley and Asa Dennis engaged in a shooting affray at the home of J. D. Yocum, near Ezel, Friday, the 2nd inst. Motley was shot in the right side of the mouth, knocking two of his teeth out.

HUGHES DENIES RUMOR.

Hon. James A. Hughes, former representative of the Fifth district of West Virginia in the lower house of congress, last night issued a denial of the report that he might be a candidate for the Republican nomination in the fourth district.—Herald-Dispatch.

DEATH FROM PNEUMONIA.

Ruth Simms, who has lived many years at the Dennison hotel, was stricken last Thursday with pneumonia and died on Wednesday of this week. Her death was quite a shock to her many friends and acquaintances, as it was not realized that her condition was so serious.—Painville Post.

AIDS FIGHT ON ILLITERACY.

Frankfort, Ky., January 4.—Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, president of the Kentucky Illiteracy Commission, has gone to Washington to confer with President Wilson and P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, regarding the eradication of illiteracy. A bill has been introduced into Congress providing for a nation-wide extension of the movement to eradicate illiteracy.

MARRIAGE OF THREE POPULAR YOUNG COUPLES.

Leonidas S. Moles, a very popular and well known C. & O. operator, was married Wednesday to Miss Elizabeth Goble, of Prestonsburg. Mr. Moles is quite well known in Louisa where he was for several months telegraph operator in the local office. He is a gentleman of fine character and excellent habits, much liked by all who know him. It was a home wedding, having taken place at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Clay Goble.

Interesting particulars are given by our Prestonsburg correspondent.

OHIO RIVER STEAMER KANAWHA SINKS.

PARKEBURG, W. VA., JAN. 5.—SEVERAL PASSENGERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CREW ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE DROWNED EARLY TONIGHT WHEN THE PITTSBURG AND CHARLESTON PACKET, KANAWHA, STRUCK A ROCK PIER AT DAM NO. 19, IN THE OHIO RIVER, NINE MILES BELOW THIS CITY.

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FORMER LOUISIAN BUILDS ROOM FOR BIBLE CLASS.

Announcement was made yesterday by Dr. W. B. Hendershot, pastor of the Central Christian church, of plans for the erection of an addition to the church building which will adjoin the property recently purchased from J. E. Sumner by Z. T. Vinson and placed at the disposal of the congregation. Mr. Vinson did not deed this property to the church but tendered it for use, rent free, for a period of five years, at the end of which time the church has the option to purchase. Mr. Vinson will also provide the funds for the erection of the addition which is now proposed, which will be 35x40 feet and two stories in height. The lower floor will be used for the Friendly Bible Class, of which Mr. Vinson is teacher.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

HERBERT WALKER DEAD.

Herbert Walker, who has been suffering for some time from appendicitis, died at his home on Tom's creek, Sunday. Mr. Walker was a member of one of the most prominent families in Johnson county, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife and two children and a host of other relatives and friends.—Painville Post.

SUBMITS APPOINTMENT.

Frankfort, Ky., January 4.—Secretary of State Lewis today submitted to Governor Stanley his appointment of William Dighus, of Prestonsburg, as Assistant Secretary of State. He is awaiting the assent of the Governor to make the appointment complete, as the statute requires that the Governor must give his approval. Lewis has declined to permit Charles J. Howe, of this city, to act as Assistant Secretary of State and will not recognize any of his acts.

MISS ELIZABETH GOBLE AND MR. LON S. MOLES WED IN PRESTONSBURG.

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WEDDING AT OFFUTT.

On Thursday, Dec. 30th, at 5 p. m., Aden See, of this city, was married to Miss Minerva Bartram, of Clifford. The wedding took place at the home of Jno. Frazier and the Rev. O. H. Hamilton, pastor of the Baptist church, was the officiating minister. The bride, an attractive young lady, popular with her many friends, is the daughter of Wm. Bartram and is a niece of Mrs. J. E. Peters and Mrs. Sam D. Frazier of this place. The groom is a son of Charley See and is a highly respected and a worthy young man.

WARD-COMPTON.

On Dec. 22d Miss Cora May Ward was married to Mr. L. G. Compton. The wedding took place in the county clerk's office and they were married by the Rev. M. A. Hay. The groom lives at Richardson and the bride was postmaster at Offutt, Johnson-co. Both are well known and highly respected people.

CONDITIONS IN SOUTH.

Because of the unusual diversifications in the South during 1915, there resulted the largest grain and forage crops of all descriptions known in the history of that section. There are also more hogs, cattle and dairy cows in the South than ever before. The Southern States as a whole are more self-contained than at any time in their history and are apparently on a sure and solid foundation in all agricultural and industrial ways. The optimistic spirit of the people as regards the future is shown in the great revival of business

SAYS OPTIMISM GRIPS COUNTRY

BUSINESS OUTLOOK IN STRIKING CONTRAST TO THAT OF 1915.

Washington, Jan. 2.—That the outlook for better business for the first four months of 1916 is in striking contrast to that prevailing this time last year is the opinion expressed in a report published to-day by the Committee on Statistics and Standards of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. There are localities where much caution and conservatism yet remain, and the influence of high prices for the future further accentuates this caution because dealers feel that high prices will curtail buying by the consumer.

PROMINENT ASHLAND WOMAN DEAD.

Mrs. Eliza J. Gartrell passed away at five o'clock Tuesday evening at her suburban home at Clyffside Place, after a protracted illness from bronchitis and other complications. She was 80 years old and is survived by five children. Mrs. Gartrell was well known in this city, where she had several relatives.

KENTUCKY OIL IS BOOSTED EIGHT CENTS

LATEST ADVANCE BRINGS RECORD PRICE TO \$1.63 PER BARREL.

Barbourville, Ky., Jan. 2.—Kentucky and Tennessee producers of the better-grade petroleum received a belated Christmas gift in the shape of an 8-cent advance in the price of the crude product, raising the quotation on this grade to \$1.63 per barrel. The Kentucky-Tennessee fields are starting the new year with most extensive plans for development in the history of the field. More rigs are now in operation than ever before, the number in commission being over three times in number shown at this time one year ago.

PRODUCTION FALLS OFF.

Kentucky figured in the productivity of petroleum during 1915 to the extent of 450,000 barrels, as against \$2,441 barrels the year before, according to the United States Geological Survey's annual output estimate. The total estimated output of the country during the year was 287,400,000 barrels, or (Continued on page 2.)

THROUGHOUT THAT SECTION, AND THE GENERAL OPINION THAT THE SOUTH HAS ENTERED ON A PERIOD OF LASTING PROSPERITY.

AS FAR AS IS POSSIBLE TO FORECAST, IT SEEMS MORE THAN PROBABLE THAT THE SYSTEM OF DIVERSIFICATION WILL BE PERMANENT AND THAT THERE WILL BE MORE GRAIN AND FOODSTUFFS RAISED IN PROPORTION TO COTTON IN THE FUTURE. THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRIES HAVE EXPERIENCED A REVIVAL BECAUSE OF MUCH HIGHER PRICES.

There is more livestock in the country at this time than for the same time last year, despite the unfavorable conditions reported in certain sections in the Northwest.

The lumber business of the United States which has seemed dead for several years, according to the National chamber report, appears only to have been sleeping. It is improving slowly throughout the entire country, but especially in the yellow-pine district of the South. This is due to increased orders for exports and to buying by railroads and car companies. It is expected that during the spring there will set in buying for homes, and a general revival of business throughout the country especially outside of the large cities is looked for during the first six months of the coming year. Of all the so-called barometers of business, according to the authority quoted above, there are none so truly indicative of general prosperity as building. It is usually the last industry to feel the impulse of better times, but its activities embrace so many lines of business that this effect is general throughout the country.

LOUISA MAN SPEAK AT BANQUET.

At a banquet recently given to the Men's Bible Class of the Centenary Methodist Church South, Ashland, Mr. H. C. Sullivan, of this place made a fine address. The Ashland Independent had the following notice of it:

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RAILROADS REPORT BETTER BUSINESS AS A WHOLE AND RAILROAD SHOPS ARE EMPLOYING MORE AND MORE MEN.

Manufacturing has taken on new life through the whole country and in almost every branch. Abnormal activities prevail largely in the East and in certain portions of the Central West because of heavy orders from abroad for war purposes. This has created a temporary lack of raw material in many lines not otherwise affected by war orders. There is much consequent decrease in unemployment. Prices are being advanced everywhere by manufacturers in all lines and they are continually being flooded with orders. Automobile factories and flour mills are exceedingly busy. This is likewise true of potteries, cement factories and furniture.

WHILE MONEY IS PLentiful AND RATES GENERALLY ARE NOT HIGH, THERE IS A WIDE DIFFERENCE IN THE CASE OF EACH INDUSTRY.

Merchandise stocks in the hands of the retailers vary from light to normal. Orders for future shipments in the spring are being more generally placed than for some years past, thus showing the confidence of the dealers in the immediate future.

CROP YIELDS IN GENERAL, OTHER THAN COTTON, EXCEED THOSE OF ANY YEAR KNOWN IN OUR HISTORY.

This is especially true of the small grains as a whole, and particularly of all of the forage crops which are in abundance beyond precedent. This latter fact is one that is most significant and of very large moment to the country as a whole. It is of the utmost value and important to the farmer to have cheap and abundant feed for his livestock through the coming winter, and this state of affairs at present exists as one of the stable foundations for that commercial prosperity which seems definitely to have arrived.

THE QUALITY OF THE CORN CROP IS, AS A RULE, BELOW THE AVERAGE IN THE MOST NORTHERN TERRITORIES, AND GENERALLY VERY GOOD THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH, WHERE IT WAS RAISED THIS YEAR TO AN EXTENT NEVER KNOWN BEFORE.

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