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DEVELOPMENTS OF EASTERN KENTUCKY

MANUFACTURERS RECORD REVIEWS THE WONDERFUL PROGRESS MADE.

Whitesburg, Ky., August 28.—The left fork of Beaver creek, through which the road to Ohio is starting rush construction work on 26 miles of railroad, is to witness important developments within the next six months, according to announcements, and some of the initial work is now under way. Already work has started along the 26 miles of new road; two or three of the developing companies have men and machinery on the ground and it is stated that a number of industrial cities will rapidly spring up in a hitherto long-neglected out-of-the-way mountain section.

The Elk Horn Mining Corporation is establishing the modern new town of Wheelwright at the mouth of Otter creek, six miles below Whitesburg, which was started about 18 months ago by the Milwaukee Gas Coal Mining Co. with offices in Milwaukee. At Wheelwright, named or Jere H. Wheelwright, a large force of men is doing extensive grade work, cutting forests, leveling the mountain-side, building roadways, temporary houses, etc., and within 30 days, it is declared, thousands of people will be living in Wheelwright. In a large measure the building material required here will be manufactured on the ground, sawmills and planing mills now being installed. The native forests will be utilized, brick will be manufactured upon the ground and stone will be cut from the mountain-side, which contain large amounts of fine stone. Some of the largest machinery supplies for the extensive powerhouse to be built will not be brought in until the Baltimore & Ohio line is completed. Large sums will be expended in the development and building of Wheelwright. While Jenkins, the industrial city established on Elk-horn creek by the Consolidation Coal Co. four years ago, came up so rapidly that it was known as an "overnight" city, so to speak, the growth of industrial Wheelwright is expected to surpass the building of Jenkins. The buildings will consist of modern business blocks, banking houses, large coal mines, Y. M. C. A., churches, schools and many modern miners' homes.

Another town is being laid off on a site further up Beaver creek, while construction has started anew on Whitesburg, where hundreds of new buildings are to be constructed within the next few months. Already much mining work has been done at Whitesburg, accumulating stocks of coal for shipment to the markets when railroad facilities have been provided.

Other towns will be built up along the way, and it is stated that for 10 miles along the narrow valley of Beaver creek there will be a solid town. The Elk Horn Mining Corporation acquired an area of 5000 acres along the left fork, all of which will be developed within the next few years.

FUTURE FOR SHEEP BUSINESS LOOKS BRIGHT.

Farm and Fireside, the national farm paper, says: "There has been no time within the last twenty-five years when the sheep business has been in such good condition as the present, and the prospects for the future look bright. The Eastern farmer, as a rule, keeps his sheep in a more or less careless way. It is profitable in spite of his carelessness. There was a time when sheep were kept primarily for wool, but now, because of the increase in consumption of mutton and the prices realized, the mutton consideration stands first. "I find that sheep properly handled are the best paying animals on my farm, considering the initial investment and equipment."

THE NEW CHURCH.

The basement walls and floor, with drain tile and gas lines, for the new M. E. Church South, are completed. The inside or filling brick are being hauled from the railway station to the site. The face brick, stone and tile have been ordered. The window frames are here. The time and part of the timber have been contracted for. The brick laying and stone setting are already arranged for. As soon as enough material of all kinds arrive, the work of construction will begin. It is hoped this will be early in next week.

MR. FANNIN BACK FROM FLORIDA

Mr. Phil Fannin, who resides at St. Augustine, Fla., arrived in Ashland Tuesday for a visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Fannin has purchased property in St. Augustine, and expects to make that city his future home. Both he and Mrs. Fannin are in love with the place, and especially with the climate. Their many friends will be glad to know that they are both enjoying the very best health.

SEWING SOCIETY.

Several women of the M. E. Church, South, met with Mrs. A. L. Burton on Tuesday afternoon to sew. They expect to meet each week and will be glad to receive orders for sewing. The meeting next week will be held at the home of Mrs. M. S. Burns and will be on Wednesday afternoon. All women are invited to attend.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ESTILL OIL FIELDS.

Irvine, Ky., Sept. 2.—Prof. A. M. Miller, geologist of the University of Kentucky, at Lexington, recognized as authority in Kentucky geology, has been here for the past two weeks making an extensive survey of the Estill field. It is expected that a more complete survey of the entire district will be undertaken by the students of the university, geological department, later in the season and that much data will be collaborated which will prove invaluable to operators here.

Preliminary work is now in progress toward the establishment of an independent oil refinery at some location in Kentucky and the selection of a site will be decided upon within a few days according to David L. Melick, who is the prime mover in this important venture. The company has received its charter from the Secretary of State for the purpose of refining crude oil, laying pipe lines and operating for oil and other privileges have been granted the company which is styled, The Melick Refining company.

The oil run for the week ending August 26 was about 4,000 barrels daily or approximately 28,000 barrels for the week. This amount of oil over the Cumberland pipe lines is considerably less than was anticipated after the completion of the supplementary 4-inch line. Officials of the company stated that the additional facilities would enable them to handle 6,500 barrels daily. The new line has been in operation for several days and the two working together have about reached their capacity. The runs in the future will therefore be about 4,000 barrels daily on an average and hardly sufficient relief to keep the wells in the field "alive."

The "mysterious" well on the Eb Scribner farm, Miller's creek district, drilled in by Alex McKnight, of Pitts-burgh, has continued to be the absorbing topic of discussion and while it is reported by the operator to be a prolific deep sand well, many yet consider it with suspicion and doubtless will do so until the pump is set at work. The skepticism was offset to some extent Wednesday when the transfer of 116 acres was made in the sum of 110,000 for an adjoining lease. The purchasers in the deal are McKnight and Orr, who obtained the Tip-top lease from Bays, Lindley & Company.

DEATH OF JOHN PICKRELL, WELL KNOWN HOTEL PORTER.

John Pickrell, colored, died Wednesday morning at his home in Louisa, after a brief illness. He had both typhoid and pneumonia in severe form. The body was buried Thursday in the Wallace burial grounds about two miles from Louisa.

John was almost 59 years old. Almost constantly for forty years he had been a porter and waiter at what is now the Brunswick hotel in Louisa. He more widely known than most colored men. His courtesy and intelligence and sense of humor had made him popular with the traveling public. A wife and two sisters survive him.

PROF. T. J. COATES HEADS STATE NORMAL

PIKE COUNTY NATIVE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF STATE SCHOOL AT RICHMOND.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 5.—Although he had made no application, filed no credentials and was represented by no spokesman, Prof. T. J. Coates, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, was to-night elected president of the Eastern Kentucky State Normal School at Richmond over thirty competitors by a unanimous vote of the Board of Regents of State Normal Schools, all of whom were in attendance. Mr. Coates will succeed Prof. F. G. Crabbe, who resigned to accept a position in a Western college.

It was announced that Prof. Coates will accept and will take up the duties at once. This will make a vacancy in the position of rural schools supervisor, which will be filled by appointment. Prof. Coates has been rural schools supervisor for five years and previous to that had been principal of the Richmond high school. He is a Kentuckian by birth and was educated at the Normal school at Bowling Green, where he received his A. B. degree, and at the University of Chicago, where he took post graduate work.

The session to-night was the second meeting held for the purpose of electing a president, the board having been unable to reach a decision at a meeting held here about a week ago. Among the applicants who were mentioned as having a chance for the place and whose names were seriously considered by the board were: Nat B. Sewell, of London; J. C. Lewis, of London; R. E. Eubank, of Lexington; W. A. Moll, of Louisville; Dr. E. C. McDougle, of Richmond, and Dr. J. A. Sharon, of Cleveland, a former resident of Kentucky.

The board was in continuous session from 5 o'clock this afternoon to 9 o'clock tonight. The only matter considered was the election of the president, after which adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, when the board will meet with Prof. Coates to consider a number of matters connected with the administration of the institution, such as the selection of several teachers, the naming of the office force and other details.

MOUNTAIN GIRL MAKES FIRST VISIT TO CITY.

Here is the way the Louisville Times writes up a girl from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky on her first visit to a city:

If a girl of 18, of unusual beauty, intellect and refinement, should have gone to sleep a hundred years ago and had just awakened she would doubtless have experienced the same sensation as Miss Mary Combs, who has recently been visiting in Louisville.

The mountains of Eastern Kentucky have indeed played a strange part in the life of the natives. As barriers, they have kept intact and preserved the purest Anglo-Saxon people, who cherish the same traditions, superstitions, customs and language of old Elizabethan England.

Miss Combs was born and reared in Clay-co., Ky., forty miles from a railroad, and where the steep, rough mountain roads have had little improvement. On this account many of the natives have seen little of the outside world.

When Miss Combs started to Louisville she had never seen a railroad. This implies also that she had never seen the improvements and inventions of the past hundred years. Her personality and charm of manner would lead a stranger to believe that she had enjoyed every advantage of city life.

For the first time she saw steam engines, automobiles, street cars, elevators, tall buildings, paved streets, electric lights, gas lights and hundreds of other things too numerous to mention. This case is not an exceptional one for hundreds of persons in Clay-co., grown to middle and old age, have seen none of the inventions of the past century and know nothing of the modern methods of living. These people have made little progress, living in practically the same manner as their ancestors, who blazed the way through Cumberland Gap from Virginia and North Carolina.

After a thirteen hours' ride in a joint wagon Miss Combs reached East Bernstadt, where, for the first time, she saw a railroad. She went from there to Crab Orchard, where she was brought to Louisville by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Matlack in their automobile, the first she had ever seen or ridden in. Then, step by step, the progress and inventions of modern times, of which she had read but never seen, were unfolded to her. Level fields of hemp and bluegrass stretching for miles were a revelation to her. In amazement she gazed upon the modern farming implements, silos, auto trucks, carriages and other improvements never seen by one imprisoned by the mountains.

She gradually saw something of city life in passing through Danville, Harrodsburg, Lexington, Frankfort and into Louisville. Here she spent several days in visiting churches, churches, theaters, parks and enjoying everything that appeals to a normal 18-year-old girl.

Miss Combs is a senior in the Oneida Baptist Institute, a school founded and fostered by "Burns of the Mountains," who is devoting his life to the education and enlightenment of the mountain people. He has been the main instrument in stopping the feuds, and through his system of christian education is making it possible for the present generation to live different lives from their forefathers and to get out of the mountain fastnesses and see how the world is progressing.

J. J. MCCOY RETURNS FROM THE WEST.

Mr. J. J. McCoy made a pleasant call at the Big Sandy News office Tuesday. He is a very interesting gentleman. In spite of his 78 years he is active in body and mind. He is a native of Martin-co. A few years ago he moved to Washington and bought a farm. Unlike most people who go to the far west, he is very frank about that country. He says it has been grossly exaggerated. The land is adapted to very limited uses. It is not adapted to a great variety of crops, as this part of the country is. Mr. McCoy and his wife will probably remain in Kentucky, which is good enough for them. They have been at Gallup visiting Harvey Hardin, Sr., who was their neighbor for many years in Martin county. Mrs. McCoy's last visit to Kentucky was in 1907 and Mr. McCoy's in 1911.

REV. M'ELDOWNEY AT CONFERENCE.

Rev. L. E. McEldowney and family went to Charleston Tuesday to attend the annual conference. He took with him a good report, slightly larger financially than was sent up from Louisa last year. \$175 was raised in about five minutes at the services last Sunday morning. The return of Rev. McEldowney has been urged upon the Bishop.

ED. MASON KILLED.

W. W. Mason, of Hurley, Va., was called to Asheville, N. C., by the death of his brother, Ed Mason. He left last Sunday to attend the funeral. Mr. Mason, who was employed in a lumber mill was caught in a wheel and injured so badly that death followed. He was the youngest brother of W. W. Mason and had been married only a few weeks. They formerly lived in Huntington, W. Va.

Mr. W. W. Mason will stop in Louisa on his return to see his wife and son who are guests of J. W. Yates and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sullivan returned Thursday from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. B. J. Fox, in Scottdale, Ohio.

FAIR ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANOTHER MEETING

BLOODED CATTLE TO BE HERE AT FAIR, OCTOBER 11, 12, 13.

The Lawrence County Fair Association held its meeting Sept. 2, at the courthouse with a splendid crowd attending. The stock company to buy pure-bred stock was increased to twenty by Mr. Tom Miller and Mr. John H. Burgess. Mr. Woods left the first of the week for Lexington where he will confer with Prof. Good, of the beef cattle department of the Experiment Station. Eight choose the Herefords as follows: Col. J. H. Northup, Jim Woods, Dr. T. D. Burgess, Noah Wells, Jake Workman and John H. Ekers. The three taking Herefords heifers are Tom Miller, Noah Wells and John Gartin. Those casting their luck with the Shorthorn, are Dr. L. S. Hays, Green Hays and John H. Burgess. The Aberdeen Angus, so often called the Black Poll, was selected by J. P. McClure. The pure-bred animals representing the three leading beef breeds will be at the fair October 11, 12 and 13. The Fair Association regrets that Mrs. Mary Burns Horton is unable to act as superintendent of the Woman's Department for this year. Mrs. Horton has been superintendent for several years and has done a great work in developing this department. The Lawrence County Fair Association will meet Monday, September 18.

FIVE KENTUCKY CITIES SEEK U. S. ARMOR PLATE PLANT.

Washington, Sept. 5.—Five Kentucky cities are rivals for the establishment of the new armor plate plant which the Federal Government will soon operate. They are Paducah, Wickliffe, Middleboro, Dover and Ashland. At least two of the cities—Paducah and Wickliffe—will send delegations to Washington on September 13 to present their respective claims to the Navy Department. Senator James to-day received an elaborate, illustrated brief from Middleboro, prepared by F. S. Lee, a consulting engineer, pointing out many reasons why the citizens of Bell county think Middleboro is the best place for the plant.

The best information obtainable here is that the Navy Department contemplates establishing the new armor-plate plant in the East—probably in Pennsylvania—and that although the department will give to all interested cities the privilege of bidding for the plant, it has no serious thought at this time of establishing the factory in the South or the Middle West.

PAVED ROAD FROM WAYNE TO KENOVA.

For a date some time prior to January 1, and probably before December 1, the county court of Wayne county acting upon petition, will submit bond elections for one of the most important road improvement projects ever undertaken in West Virginia. This scheme involves the construction of a paved highway or hard road of other acceptable material from Wayne county house, in the heart of Wayne county, to the paved road at Ceredo, thus giving the people not only of the town of Wayne, but those of a stretch of the fertile Twelve Pole valley twenty-five miles long, easy market outlet to Huntington, Ashland and Catlettsburg and the advantages of better school, church, mail and social facilities generally than they now have.

To secure this roadway would require the successful holding of bond elections in Union and Ceredo districts.

THREE DEATHS IN THE VICINITY OF LOUISA.

Mrs. Skeen, a widow living at Tabors creek, West Va., a short distance below Fort Gay, died Monday. Her age was about 65 years.

Mrs. Chas. W. Clay died at her home on Long Branch, not far from Fallsburg, Wednesday. She was 88 years of age and leaves a husband and grown children.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Wilson, Jr., died their home on Lick creek Wednesday evening.

RAILROAD EXTENSION.

West Liberty.—Work on the extension of the Morehead & Northfork railroad, from Redwine to Lenox, Ky., has been resumed, and the contractors say the road will be completed by December 1. This road will open the largest coal and timber fields in Eastern Kentucky.

The Lenox Sawmill company is the largest timber owners in this field, having paid \$116,000 for the Roper-Roese Lumber company property. A large mill is being erected at Lenox, the terminus of the road.

EVANS-TAYLOR.

W. M. Taylor and Mrs. Mollie J. Evans were married last Saturday afternoon in the Clerk's office. Mr. Taylor lives on the C. W. Diamond farm near Louisa, which he purchased a few years ago when he moved here from Floyd-co. He is a good citizen. His bride has been a resident of Louisa for several years, is respected by everybody, and has many friends. This is not the first matrimonial experience for either of these parties.

SADDLEBAGS OF FAMOUS GRANDFATHER.

W. R. Spurlock, a well known citizen of Wayne, recently having been recommended for the office of postmaster of his home town, came down from Charleston yesterday having in his possession a much prized article. This was an old pair of saddle bags which belonged to his grandfather, the late Rev. Burwell Spurlock, who preached the gospel in Wayne county before and for a few years after the civil war.

There are not many people yet living who remember Rev. Burwell Spurlock well. He was born in 1788 and came from Greenbrier with his father at an early age. He was a man of exceptional intellect and, without opportunity for systematic schooling, read and studied until he was deeply learned. He was an itinerant Methodist preacher, known throughout the mountains as a flaming light of righteousness.

Even after the war, when he was old, he continued to preach and work among his neighbors. He died in Wayne in 1879 at the age of eighty-nine years.

In his rides through the mountains he used saddle bags, and when his riding days were over, he gave his saddlebags to Judge James H. Ferguson, another mental giant Judge Ferguson used the bag until the time of his death, upon which he gave them to Major Joseph Chilton, of Charleston.

During his visit to Charleston this week, young Mr. Spurlock came into contact with Major Chilton, who soon learned that he was Rev. Burwell Spurlock's grandson.

Saying that he had something in which he would be interested to see Major Chilton took the visitor to his home and showed him the saddlebags. The incident ended in the presentation of the saddlebags to the grandson of the original owner. It is believed that these saddlebags are at least 100 years old.—Huntington-Herald.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AT BETHEL CAMP GROUND.

Program for the district Sunday School Convention to be held at the Bethel Camp Ground near Louisa, Sept. 9, 1916.

9:30. Devotional
Welcome Address—Luther Pigg.
Response—James Prince.
The Sunday School Vision—W. J. Vaughan.

Attendance Problems—W. A. Gaugh.
Appointment of committees and adjourn.

Noon.
Devotional—W. A. Gaugh.
Report of district Secretary—John Bradley.
Teaching Children—Miss Jennie Bromley.
Teaching Adults—C. B. Wellman.
The Sunday School Superintendent—A. O. Carter.
Address—W. J. Vaughan.
Report of committees. Adjourn.
There will be dinner on the ground. Everybody come and stay all day.
JOHN BRADLEY, Dist. Secy.

THOS. A. EDISON DECLARES FOR WILSON

NOTED INVENTOR, LIFELONG REPUBLICAN, GIVES REASONS FOR SUPPORT.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Thomas A. Edison, lifelong Republican and a strong supporter of Roosevelt's candidacy for the Republican nomination, made announcement today of his intention to vote and work for Woodrow Wilson. He gave out the following statement:

"Not since 1860 has any campaign made such a direct call of Simon pure Americanism; the times are too serious to talk or think in terms of republicanism or democracy. Real Americans must drop parties and get down to the fundamental principles.

"More than any other President in my memory Wilson has been faced by a succession of tremendous problems, any one of which decided the wrong way would have had disastrous consequences. Wilson's decisions so far have not got us into any serious trouble, nor are they likely to.

"He has given us peace with honor. This talk about the United States being despised is nonsense. Neutrality is a mighty trying policy, but back of it are international law, the rights of humanity and the future of civilization.

"With reference to Mexico, I think that the President has acted wisely, justly and courageously. It was right that the United States should not have recognized such a murderous personality as Huerta. I do not believe that we should intervene now. Mexico is a troublesome neighbor just now, but war and conquest is not going to make her a better one. Both against England and against human slavery the United States worked out its salvation through revolution, and it was a pretty slow trying process.

"It has been said that Wilson at first was against preparedness. Perhaps he was, but when convinced intelligent public opinion was overwhelmingly in favor of it, he changed. That is the proper thing for our President to do. A President defiant of public opinion would be a dangerous man in our system of government.

"They say he has blundered. Perhaps he has. But I notice that he usually blunders forward."

JUDGE CISCO NAMED TO HEAR JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 5.—Circuit Judge A. N. Cisco, of Grayson, was designated today by Governor Stanley to try the contest case of A. J. Kirk, against Flem D. Sampson for the Republican nomination for Court of Appeals in the Seventh district. He will convene the contest court at Barbourville Friday.

TWO KENTUCKY REGIMENTS DETRAIN AT EL PASO.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 4.—Approximately 3,000 National Guardsmen arrived to-day, bringing the total number of troops on station here to about 43,000. The Eighth Ohio and the Second and Third Kentucky Infantry Regiments detrained and went into camp.

AGED PRISONER WANTS JUSTICE.

Would Have Court Hear Facts of Killing Done Forty-four Years Ago.

The Williamson, (W. Va.) Republican says: Andrew Wise is to return to Buncombe-co., North Carolina, and stand trial for the alleged killing of J. C. Rogers there forty-four years ago. Although he has lived almost the allotted span Wise desires to satisfy any punishment that may be meted out to him by the law of the land. His five children, useful and respected citizens, entertain the same feeling.

There was some talk Wednesday that Wise might resist extradition, it being stated that there was no indictment against him in the North Carolina-co. It is not likely that this course will be pursued.

It was understood that an officer from Buncombe-co. is enroute to Williamson to take charge of the aged prisoner.

This case is another illustration of the so-called long arm of the law. It has now been forty-four years since the alleged victim, J. C. Rogers, was slain, probably the longest time on record between the alleged commission of a capital crime and the bringing of the accused to trial. The case is arousing great interest over the entire country.

From North Carolina it is learned that on the night of the killing, probably about this season of the year, 1872, Wise and Rogers with others were at a cane mill where molasses were being made. This mill was located about midway between the homes of Wise and Rogers.

Some time during the night, it is alleged by the North Carolina authorities, Rogers became enraged because somebody kicked his dog. Accusing Wise, Rogers rushed at him, being armed with a heavy wooden bucket.

There were two other men present, it is alleged. In the fight that followed Rogers was struck or cut about the temple with a knife and some time later died from the wound. One of the other men, Lewis Miles, died many years ago and the other by the name of Donohue disappeared and never was heard from again.

While Wise refuses to discuss his case it is stated that he did not know he was wanted for the alleged crime until arrested. It is stated that he visited North Carolina during the year 1915 and that for many years his relatives kept up correspondence with relatives in Buncombe-co.

Something of the career of Wise will be of interest to our readers as he was for forty-years a resident of the Big Sandy valley. When he came to the valley shortly after the killing of Rogers he first located in Pikeville where he remained three years.

Next Wise went to the mouth of the Big Sandy, where Catlettsburg now stands, remaining there only a few months. He took employment on the farm of Ex-Senator John Y. York, father of Dr. William York and Attorney A. Blaine York, of this city. This farm was located in the vicinity of the Falls of Tug River and there Wise met and married Elizabeth Lackey. He remained around the farm until 1892.

In 1892 Wise moved to Mingo-co., spending most of the years since then either in Williamson or Nolan. He was often in the employ of the railroad company as section man and otherwise and was a good steady worker. He is the father of seven children, five of whom are living.

It was stated at the time of his arrest that Wise's former wife, whom he divorced eight years ago, caused his arrest but the children state that this is not true. The mother has been living with the son who is a farmer in Monroe-co. and did not know anything until after the arrest was made. It seems that Stephen Rogers, son of J. C. Rogers, was the instigator of the proceedings.

Wise bears the very best of reputations here. He was always sober and quiet and a number of merchants have spoken highly of his integrity. His children are also very highly respected. The living children are:

Curtis Wise, born in Wayne-co., now a resident of East Williamson. Curtis has lived here a number of years and is a trusted employee of the railroad company.

John Wise lives in Columbus and is employed as storekeeper by the Pennsylvania railroad company. He is 22 years of age and single.

George Wise, is 35 years of age and owns a farm in Monroe-co., where he is highly respected by his neighbors. Mrs. Ellen Smith lives on Pond creek and another daughter, Mrs. Geo. Simpkins, lives at Nolan. All the children have been in Williamson to help their aged father in his time of need and the family have countless friends who will render any assistance possible.