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HARDING WILL ASK CONTROL OF RAILROADS

Unless Strike is Settled Soon the President Will Seek Large Powers.

There is no change in the rail strike situation, which is hampering business of almost every kind. It is said President Harding will appear before Congress next Tuesday and ask for power permitting him to take over the railroads, unless a settlement is reached before that date.

The experience of government operation, it is thought by many people, probably appeals to both the railroad owners and the employees. Both of these forces "rode" the government in that period and they would like to do it again, according to the opinion of many people.

In the meantime the general public suffers and pays, the coal business is not far away.

LIGHTNING STRIKES TREE IN WILLIAMSON, W. VA.

Five were injured, some seriously, in East Williamson Thursday afternoon when a bolt of lightning struck a big beech tree under which they were working. The men were engaged in constructing a road way for the Wilhelmina Coal Co., and were working near the tree when the storm came up.

The bolt split the tree and part of it crashed down on the men, all being caught and crushed to the earth by the limbs and branches. Had it not been for the soft ground it is believed several of the men would have been killed.

Great excitement resulted when it was learned that the men had been caught under the tree and quite a crowd of volunteers assembled to rescue them. It was some time before they could be extricated.

A man named Dunn was found pinned down by the main trunk and it was feared that he had been crushed fatally. His injuries, however, were only slight. John Broadnax, colored, was the worst hurt, suffering a broken leg—Mingo Republican.

FIVE STRIKERS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING ORDER TRIED

Covington, Ky., Aug. 7.—Five defendants, former employes of the C. & O. Railroad, charged with violating the restraining strike order issued by Judge Cochran of the United States Court were on trial in Federal Court today. The defendants, charged with contempt by the C. & O. Railroad, which alleges that the defendants intimidated employes of the company thus interfering with their work.

Attorneys for the defendants informed the court that they would waive a jury trial and permit the court to pass on the evidence.

Three other defendants through their attorneys demanded a jury trial. Judge Cochran continued their cases until the opening of the October term. They were released on \$500 bond each.

KNOTT COUNTY MEN RELEASED ON BOND

Calloway Dobson and Henry Combs, under indictment in Fayette circuit court for murder in connection with the shooting of Henry Noble, 16-year-old boy, who died in a Lexington hospital a year ago as result of wounds received when a party of officers were ambushed in Knott county, have been released from the county jail at Lexington under \$5,000 bond each.

Dobson and Combs were arrested several weeks ago in Breathitt county.

Four other Breathitt and Knott men under indictment in Fayette circuit court on the same charge are still at large. Green Watkins, Breathitt county deputy sheriff, was killed in the same attack that Henry Noble was fatally wounded.

LOGAN COUNTY VOTE COUNT IS COMPLETE

Logan, W. Va., Aug. 4.—Canvass by the county board of canvassers, for all of the forty-six precincts of Logan county was completed tonight, with the following result:

United States Senate:—Republican, Sutherland, 690; Ogden, 567; Lilly, 271; Edwards, 128; Jones, 51. Democrats, Brown, 230; Neely, 695.

United States Congress, Fifth District:—Republican, Goodgoon, 1271; Democrats, Lilly, 2952; Pendleton, 426. State Senate:—Republican, Godbey, 1057; Keatley, 285; Hetsel, 74; Shooley, 52. Democrats, Campbell, 1248; Chapman, 674; Johnson, 199; Bowman, 118; Hays, 92; Hoge, 74; Kirk, 72.

TENTH DISTRICT RESULTS IN CONGRESSIONAL RACES

Latest reports from the Tenth district indicate the nomination of F. T. Hatcher of Pikeville for Congress by the Democrats, although complete returns are not in.

John W. Langley was re-nominated by the Republicans.

INJUNCTION STOPPED AWARD FOR WAYNE COURT HOUSE

A contract for building a new court house for Wayne county, W. Va., was to have been awarded on the fifth, but an injunction prevented this. The question will be argued before Judge Bland at Wayne next Monday.



ARTHUR B. AYRES

Mr. A. B. Ayres, President of the Union Gas & Oil Company who uncovered the Blaine oil pool in Lawrence and Johnson counties. It is now the largest producing pool in Kentucky. This company's 19600 acres comprise the best oil and gas property east of the Mississippi river.

Mr. Ayres had these leases taken up about five years ago and promoted the development that is now going forward with 29 strings of tools in operation. When these leases were taken the field stood condemned in the eyes of oil men because the Standard had drilled several deep test wells not a great distance away, perhaps a mile and a half distant at one point.

A. B. Roberts Suicides Near Paintsville

A. B. Roberts, age 30, shot himself through the head and died instantly at his home at Hager Hill, three miles from Paintsville, Tuesday night. He was a merchant. Domestic trouble is said to have been the cause. He was a native of Pike county.

THOS. ARCUTT DIES IN DAYTON, OHIO

Thomas Arcutt, formerly of Ft. Gay, W. Va., died at Dayton, Ohio, on Monday, July 31. The body was brought to Fort Gay and laid to rest on last Saturday at one o'clock in the Bartlam cemetery.

Mr. Arcutt was 23 years, 5 months and 14 days old, having been born Feb. 17, 1899 in Morgan county, Ky. He enlisted in the U. S. army in 1917 and was honorably discharged in 1919. He was in overseas service twenty-two months, and had been at Dayton for some time.

FIELDS WINS FOR CONGRESS

There was less interest displayed in the primary election in Kentucky last Saturday than was ever before known. The apathy held good in Lawrence county, the vote being extremely light.

In three precincts, Busseyville, Swannam and Gambill, the polls were not opened.

For Congress W. J. Fields, Democrat, received 664 votes in Lawrence county, W. T. Cole, L. H. C. Dury 48 and R. G. Buckley 1.

The Republican vote in Lawrence received 131 for George Osborn, 94 for J. H. Stricklin and 18 for Trumbo Snedegar.

In ten precincts in Lawrence Mr. Fields received every vote cast by Democrats, which is a remarkable record. He won in the district by an overwhelming majority.

MAJOR J. P. PAYNE KILLED AT HAZARD

Hazard, Ky., Aug. 7.—Major J. P. Payne, formerly of the U. S. army, who was shot here Saturday, it is alleged by F. C. Huckaby, died today in the Hazard hospital. Three bullets took effect, two in Payne's body and one in the arm.

Huckaby is in jail and it was said today a murder charge would be placed against him. Payne was a captain in the forces of the Baldwin-Peltis detective agency.

The shooting took place in the Wootton Morgan building, where depositions were being taken in the divorce proceedings of Huckaby vs. Huckaby.

Payne, aged 47, it is stated, was assisting Mrs. Huckaby in a counter petition.

CARMI THOMPSON NOMINATED FOR GOVERNOR OF OHIO

Carmi A. Thompson has won the Republican nomination for Governor of Ohio. He is a cousin of Mrs. R. L. Vinson, of Louisa, and has many relatives just across in Wayne county, W. Va., most all of whom are Democrats.

LINCOLN DISTRICT VOTES \$150,000 BOND ISSUE

The proposition to bond Lincoln district in Wayne county for \$150,000 to build hard roads was voted on favorably last Tuesday. The road on which this fund is to be used is that leading from Wayne to Williamson.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Jim Nolan, 34, to Hattie Kirk, 24, of Chatteroy, W. Va.
Everett Jennings Vinson, 25, to Nanie Glossip, 36, of Goodie.

SUIT MAY DECIDE NORMAL TANGLE

School Site Body Is Unable to Determine Meaning of "Establish."

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 7.—A friendly suit probably will be instituted to determine how far the powers and duties of the Normal School Commission extend in the establishment of the two new schools. Judge W. T. Fowler, law partner of Judge Ed C. O'Rear, chairman of the commission, said tonight.

The question was presented to Judge O'Rear following a statement given out by W. S. Wallen of Prestonsburg, secretary of the commission, in which he said that the new schools might not be established until the mooted point of "powers and duties" of the commission was cleared up by the 1924 session of the General Assembly.

Both Judge O'Rear and Judge Fowler said the suggested suit reflected no dissension between the commission and the State Board of Education. Judge O'Rear said that the commission "has no ambition to infringe upon the authority of the State Board of Education and no desire to take responsibility beyond the duties imposed upon it."

Judge Fowler said that it had not been decided definitely to file a test suit, but that this seemed the only way of clearing up the situation.

The question is whether the word "establish" in the law means the commission is merely to select the sites take title to whatever real estate is given, accept the money contributed, and then turn the property over to the State Board of Education, or whether the commission must erect buildings, equip them, employ faculty and adopt a course of study before turning them over to the board.

Dawson Gives View.

Attorney General Charles I. Dawson, who is now out of the city, said a few days ago that in his opinion a fair construction of the law would be that the commission should locate the schools, accept the property and erect the buildings, but that the employment of a faculty, the adoption of a course of study and such matters rather would fall under the head of management, which is the function of the State Board of Education.

Nothing was given out as to the probable time for the next meeting of the commission. At a meeting held in Lexington last week fifteen ballots were taken without any decision being reached as to the location of the new schools.

Wallen Sees Delay.

Ashland, Ky., Aug. 7.—W. S. Wallen, Prestonsburg, secretary of the Normal School Commission, said here today that unless the question of what "establish" was cleared up that nothing further might be done toward establishing the schools until after the 1924 session of the General Assembly.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB MAKING SOME ROAD REPAIRS

The Lawrence County Automobile Club is smoothing up the road from Louisa toward Blaine. Work is being done as far as Busseyville at present. The work will be extended on all roads where automobile owners justify it by joining the club.

By full co-operation of all auto owners this plan will be a great help in keeping roads in condition. A little attention all the time is the secret of caring for dirt roads.

GAS WELL IN BOYD.

Drillers have reached a depth of 900 feet in the gas well located on Keys creek, three miles back of Normal. It is owned by Sam J. DeBord and others.

Mr. DeBord declared that his men are drilling for gas which they expect to reach at a depth of 1300 feet. He said that if oil was struck before the gas was reached and was of such quantity as to be a paying investment drilling would stop. If gas is reached, it is to be sold to the American Rolling Mill Company here, he said.—Ashland Independent.

PIKEVILLE MAN IS AUTO VICTIM

John Bowles Killed in Collision at Ironton, Ohio.

John Bowles, age 23 was almost instantly killed when the automobile he was driving collided with another machine at Ironton Wednesday afternoon. Glasses in the windshield cut his throat.

The accident occurred just outside the city at a crossroads. Curtis Davidson, of Superior, Ohio, was driving the other machine. Both were wrecked. The Bowles machine was thrown from the road and turned over. It belonged to Jim Floan, formerly of Pikeville. Bowles went to Ashland by train and hired the machine. A woman in the car is said to have a broken collar bone. Other occupants were bruised, but not dangerously injured.

Bowles' mother and uncle, Mack Bowles, went to Ironton yesterday to accompany the body to Pikeville. The victim was a son of John Bowles, who died a few years ago.

READY FOR THE JUDGES



Youthful calf-club and pig-club members are already grooming their pets for fall judging. Betty Compton, however, enters her black-faced sheep.

KENTUCKY RANKS HIGH IN FARMING

Census Bureau Gives Fifty-Four Per Cent of Population Living On Farms.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Kentucky is among the eleven States of the country which the population living on farms was more than half the total population, according to the 1920 census and one of the fourteen States in which the farm population exceeded 1,000,000 persons, it is shown by figures obtained today from the Census Bureau.

Kentuckians living on farms in 1920 numbered 1,304,862, or 54 per cent of the total population of the State. The nine States which exceed Kentucky in percentage of farm population are: Mississippi, with 1,276,282, or 71 per cent of the total population; Arkansas, with 1,147,049, or 65.5 per cent; South Carolina with 1,074,693, or 63.8 per cent; North Dakota, with 394,500, or 61 per cent; North Carolina, with 1,591,227, or 58.7 per cent; Georgia, with 1,655,213, or 58.2 per cent; South Dakota, with 362,221, or 56.9 per cent; Alabama, with 1,335,895, or 56.9 per cent, and Tennessee, with 1,271,708, or 54.4 per cent. Kentucky ranked tenth, with 1,147,049, or 56.2 per cent.

Oklahoma, with 1,617,327, or 59.2 per cent, was the only other State which had more than half its total population living on farms.

Texas had the largest farm population of any State, although it is not among the eleven States whose farm population exceeded 50 per cent of total population. Its total farm population was 2,277,773. Kentucky ranked fifth in total farm population, the other three States ahead of it being Georgia, North Carolina and Alabama.

PRESTONSBURG MAN KILLS HIMSELF

Mr. Tom Johns is reported to have committed suicide last Monday at his home in Prestonsburg, by shooting himself through the heart. Nobody was present when the rash act was committed, his wife having just left the room. He was near 50 years of age.

Mr. Johns had been in ill health for several years and was very despondent at times as the result of this condition. He was a son of John G. Johns, who died in Winchester a year ago. The wife and a married daughter survive him. Also, two sisters, Mrs. Geo. P. Archer and Mrs. Ernest Robinson.

False Report Told of Fatal Affray at Webb

One of the wildest canards ever put over in this vicinity was broadcast last Tuesday from a point near Webb, W. Va., about 18 miles southeast of Louisa, on the N. & W. railway. It said Walter Copley was killed and Lee Curry and Rufus Wallace fatally shot in a controversy over the bond issue election then in progress. 12 state police were sent hurriedly from Williamson.

It develops that "Slack" John Crum was very active in the bond election at a voting place a few miles distant and his opponents fell upon this scheme just before noon to get him away. Crum fell for the canard and is said to have started at once for Webb with a number of friends to avenge the supposed crime. Before the truth was known the report got into the newspapers.

LOUISA MADE GOOD IMPRESSION.

Through outside sources we learn that the State Normal School Commissioners were most favorably impressed with Louisa. They so expressed themselves individually in conversation with persons not living here. After the visit of the commissioners to Morehead a Louisa man talked with an official of that place without disclosing to him that he was from Louisa and the official said Louisa was the only competitor that Morehead feared.

WILL RETURN TO VAN LEAR.

Mr. C. L. Hawkins and family who recently moved to Louisa from Van Lear will return to that place about the first of September. He is purchasing agent for the Millers creek division, Consolidation Coal Company. Their new residence on Lock avenue will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Phillips, who will move here from Robinson creek, Pike county, where they have been living the past few years.

PROGRESS OF THE HOME COMING AND CENTENNIAL

Immense Crowd Indicated by Responses to Invitations.

(By R. C. McCLURE)

Community Spirit Commended.

Most of our citizens, we dare say, by this time know about as much of Home Coming Week, Aug. 28 to Sept. 3, as ye scribe. We have told you long and loud for the past four weeks; so there is little left for us to say. We do desire, however, at this time to emphasize the hearty community spirit that is apparent everywhere. Enthusiastically our people unite to make the occasion one long remembered, no hickering, no dissension; unitedly and harmoniously we each move to the task assigned in providing entertainment of every character calculated to please our relatives and friends that are so soon coming back to see us, so soon to be our guests. Most commendable such a spirit should characterize our people at this particular time, and may we not venture the hope that it will perpetuate itself, both in Louisa and in Lawrence county. Let us keep up our "Home Coming Week" has passed into history. It will make us a stronger and more successful and happier people, if we will do this. Let us assert the supremacy of moral and spiritual ideals in the community of which we are a part, co-operative in every movement, which has for its ultimate aim, a better Louisa, a better Lawrence county.

Say They Are Coming.

The return postal cards that accompanied our invitation and 38 page booklet-program, are being returned from every direction, properly signed, and, strange to say, up to date, not a single one has declined our invitation. Some have taken the trouble to write us long epistles telling us how much they appreciate our efforts, commending the energy that we are putting into this movement, and venturing the hope that they may soon be with us.

Added Entertainment Feature.

On Saturday, September 2, we are going to put on a calithumpian parade, this for the entertainment of young America, not going to forget our young people, and not a few of us boys past fifty want in on this parade; want to go back and renew our youth by laying aside our dignity and dressing up in the ludicrous, mirth provoking costume. By the way, some of you older boys may have forgotten just what kind of a parade this is, so we define it calithump, a boisterous parade, with blowing of tin horns and other discordant noises, also a tourlesque parade, a charivari. So Mr. Mayor you are in the hardware business and we'll ask you to see that we all get a tin horn.

Our management expects to give a premium for the first, second and third best display. Let us all get in the parade; some of us will not need to do much fixin' to make us look ridiculous, imposing thru splendor or "rediculous" blending of fast colors, and help to make our share of the discordant noise. It will be lots of fun for the onlookers.

In this same connection with added entertainment features of the week, we mention a Merry-go-round; this for the entertainment and amusement of the part of the crowd that has not lost its zest for the riding of spotted horses, little wooden ponies; the little folks, if you please, all of whom will get great entertainment out of this peculiar feature of the show. Along with the Merry-go-round will come a high diver who will give exhibitions every day during the week, one in the daytime and the other at night. No street carnival will be admitted. We want that everything connected with our Home Coming Week shall be clean and high class.

Public Speaking.

In addition to the speakers previously announced, we have added to our list the name of Mrs. Melva Gartin Funk of Chicago, a former Lawrence county girl who will respond to the address of welcome. Those who were fortunate enough to hear the address of Mrs. Funk at the court house in Louisa during the World war will not fail to hear her on this occasion.

By the way, Mrs. Funk is the mother of Miss Pauline Gartin Funk, a writer of songs; one of Chicago's youngest composers. A number of her compositions have been approved and sung by the late Enrico Caruso and Gail Curci. Miss Funk has kindly consented to write for us our "Home Coming Song."

Lawrence County School Fair.

Superintendent of public schools, Dock Jordan, has arranged for a Lawrence County School Fair on Wednesday, August 30, Thursday, August 31, and Friday, September 1, thereby giving to both the teachers and the pupils of the county an opportunity to join in our Home Coming Celebration. This is most unique and will afford us opportunity to meet and know those entrusted with the training of the youth of our county.

"Delightful task to rear the tender thought,
And teach young ideas how to shoot!"

Ticket Sales.

Those entrusted with this most important part of our labor of love, the

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