

# KENTUCKY AS A COAL PRODUCER

Has Shown Her Riches In Black Diamonds.

IS ONLY STATE IN THE UNION

Enjoying Name Of Possessing Two Separate and Distinct Soft Coal Fields.

FIRST FOUND HERE YEAR 1827

"My Old Kentucky Home" is known to many, by song and story, in very pleasing fashion. The one fact that stands out in connection with Kentucky, so far as the viewpoint of the Journal is concerned, is the growing coal tonnage of that State, which has jumped ahead over 100 per cent, in the last six years. Perhaps many people have not followed the line of progress in this respect, for it is not so long ago when people from the Bluegrass State came into New York or to Chicago and talked of the possibilities rather than the actualities of their coal resources. They were told that West Virginia must have its chance before Kentucky could come in for anything in that particular line. The "Mountain State" has had its chance until it has reached the proud position of being second, in point of coal production, among the States of the Union.

Kentucky is now taking a pretty good step forward and it has disdanced Alabama, of which we heard so much a few years ago concerning possibilities in the coal line. During the dull year of 1914 Kentucky also went ahead of Ohio in coal production, but this was doubtless due to the fact that there was discussion as to the wages to be paid the miner and the controversy lasted such a length of time that the production of coal in Ohio in 1914 fell to little more than half its normal figure and has not grown to full proportions since. On the contrary, Kentucky has come along "right smart," as the saying is, and we find that the output achieved last year was 21,000,000 net tons, which is quite something in the line of coal output for any Southern State, barring, of course, West Virginia.

Kentucky has often been referred to as the only State in the Union possessing two separate and distinct soft coal fields. In Eastern and Western Kentucky are coal fields of different geological relations. In this connection it may be said that most wonderful strides have been made in recent years in what is known as the Northwestern district, the output increasing in that section of the State from 1,375,834 tons in 1909 to 6,235,519 tons in 1914. In the Southeastern district production increased from 3,342,130 tons in 1909 to 6,137,824 in 1914, while in the Western district the output grew from 5,578,161 tons in 1909 to 7,794,807 tons in 1914.

One of the great notable facts in connection with Kentucky coal is that some of it goes to the vicinity of Chicago, where it is used for making coke in the latest form of by-product ovens, with the result that the iron ore of Minnesota is turned, by the use of Kentucky coke, into steel products, which are afterward distributed in many forms to many parts of the world. Kentucky may produce various exhilarating products from its soil, but the one greatly desired product in the economies of to-day—coal—is of more value in its dynamic force than any other form of carbon.

Coal was first produced in Kentucky in 1827 in either Laurel or Pulaski county, according to C. E. Lesh, of the United States Geological Survey, and in 1828 five boatloads of coal arrived at Nashville. For a number of years thereafter something between twenty-five and thirty-five boatloads of sixty-six tons each were sent out yearly from the Kentucky mines, the number growing to 100 boatloads in 1837, this product being consumed in salt works and iron furnaces convenient to the rivers, the only means of

transportation at that time. In 1840 the coal production of the State was officially set down at 23,527 tons, and in 1860 the output amounted to 285,760 tons. Kentucky reached the million-ton mark in coal production in 1879, and in 1888 entered into the two-million-ton class with a record of 2,570,000 tons. In 1892 the State was reported to have turned out 3,925,313 tons, and in 1900 it produced 5,328,964 tons. In 1905 Kentucky's output was well above 8,000,000 tons, and in 1909 the figure was 10,697,384 tons.—[Coal Trade Journal.

## MINISTER IS RUN DOWN BY AUTO---FATALLY HURT

### Girl Driver Of Car Was Just Learning—Hysterical After the Accident.

Hawesville, Ky., May 17.—Rev. J. E. Fogartie, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, was run over here this afternoon at 5 o'clock and fatally injured, by Miss Gertrude Stephens, who was learning to drive an automobile which she had bought. With her was T. D. Hale, ex-mayor of the city and present county treasurer, who is also the local agent here for the car the young woman was driving. He was training her in the management of the car.

Dr. Fogartie was crossing the street when the car darted around the corner and in the next instant was upon him. He threw up his hands for protection or in warning, but was quickly thrown to the ground, two wheels passing over his body, a gash being cut in his head and internally injured. He was carried to the home of Misses Kate and Nannie Jackson, members of his congregation, where all that was possible was done for him.

He had been pastor of the Presbyterian church here for the past year, coming here from New Orleans so that he might be near his son Arthur Fogartie, who is a student in the Presbyterian seminary at Louisville. He was a widower, with one son and two daughters, both married, one living at Anniston, Ala., and the other in Mississippi. He was fifty-six years of age and very popular as a preacher. His health has been falling recently and he resigned his pastorate here on last Sunday and was preparing to go away for a course of treatment.

The young woman almost went into hysterics when she realized the extent of the man's injuries. The occurrence is greatly regretted here. On Sunday night while Dr. Fogartie was preaching one of his excellent sermons, he was much annoyed by the honking of passing automobiles and referred to it as a violation of God's day of rest and a kind of persecution and he had made a similar reference to Sunday aufoing for pleasure as a desecration of the Sabbath two weeks before in his Sunday sermon.

### Preacher Is Dead.

Hawesville, Ky., May 18.—Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock Rev. Dr. J. E. Fogartie, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, was fatally injured in an automobile accident. Dr. Fogartie died this morning at 4:30.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Hill, of Brookhaven, Miss., and Mrs. Albert Pringle, of Thomasville, Ga., and one son, Arthur Fogartie of Louisville. Dr. Fogartie was taken to the home of Miss Nannie Jackson and Mrs. Kate Jackson. He did not regain consciousness. His children are expected to-day and will take his remains to Thomasville, Ga., for burial.

Miss Stevens is prostrated with grief. Judge Stevens, her father, who is an aged man and in bad health, is in a dangerous condition as a result of the accident.

### To Rid Crib Of Rats.

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## PROSPERITY UNDER TARIFF A REBUKE

### To the Republican Latter Day Prophets.

### THEIR ISSUE IS "ALDRICHISM"

### Business, As Usual, Would Take Vacation If Republicans Begon Schedule Revision.

### A FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE

(By Savoyard.)  
Senator Warren G. Harding, a standpat delegate to the "regular" Republican national convention, has been appointed to sound the "key-note" in that body, and in advance Mr. Harding has notified the public that the tariff is cast for the paramount issue of the Republican campaign, as he designs to pitch it. Whether the party is willing to accept the paramount issue as pronounced by the Ohio Senator is problematical. It is plain, unmistakable Aldrichism and it is meet that it should come from a Republican successor of Mark Hanna in the United States Senate. We all know what a protective tariff is as purveyed by the Republican party. We know how it is constructed. We know that it is the handiwork of special interests who write into the different schedules what taxes should be levied on the masses to swell the profits of the classes. That is what a protective tariff is and all it is.

We were warned by statesmen of the school of Mr. Harding that the Underwood tariff would bring universal bankruptcy. We were admonished that it would close all our factories, vacate all our mines, devastate all our farms, put into a state of liquidation all our banks, throw out of employment all our labor.

These were false prophets. The industries of the country—all sorts of legitimate business—were never so prosperous as now. The best barometer of business is the bank clearings and they were never before so enormous as we see them under this wicked Democratic tariff. The figures are startling in their immensity. In the national banks alone there were, March 7, deposits to the stupendous amount of \$10,790,000,000, an increase of \$2,198,000,000, or nearly 25 per cent, in a space of three months! Just think of that under this miserable Democratic tariff! That does not include the deposits in State institutions, banks and trust companies, which share in this unprecedented prosperity which has come upon the country that was so unpatriotic as to repeal the Aldrichism that flourished during the entire sixteen years of Hannalism that intervened between the first inauguration of McKinley till the first inauguration of Wilson.

Such statesmen as "Uncle Joe" Cannon and Dr. Gallinger were doleful in the warnings that this Underwood tariff would force us to buy everything and not allow us to sell anything. It is written: "Beware of false prophets that come to you in sheep's clothing." Instead of destroying our export trade we have sold abroad, the past twelve months, goods and merchandise that exceed by more than a billion dollars our sales abroad during any year Aldrichism was in the saddle. Nor is that all. For fifty years the G. O. P. has been boasting that its policies alone made a "favorable" balance of trade. Wrong again, as usual. At present the "favorable" balance of trade is greater by more than twofold than it ever was under a Republican regime.

Now it is notorious that when Congress proceeds "to tinker with the tariff," business takes a vacation till the job is completed. There may be some doubt about some things, but there is no doubt about that thing. Well, suppose Mr. Harding's idea prevails; suppose the

Republicans return to power? What would follow? A new tariff would be enacted. That would take many months. Then it would require a year for business to adjust itself to that new tariff. Here would be at least eighteen months of stress, business depression.

The country might stand that if it were passing through a Republican financial panic and business prostration like that of 1907, but it is now riding on the crest of the most marvelous wave of prosperity any people under the sun, on either hemisphere, ever enjoyed.

Are the people fools? We shall see.

## ENORMOUS GAINS MADE BY THE BAPTIST CHURCH

### The Membership [Has Reached the Great Total Of 2,685,552 Souls.

Asheville, N. C., May 17.—The Southern Baptist Convention, at the opening session here to-day, in annual meeting re-elected Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Americus, Ga., president, and heard numerous committee reports, including one from the Foreign Mission Board. O. F. Gregory, of Baltimore, was re-elected secretary of the convention; George W. Norton, of Louisville, was chosen treasurer, and W. P. Harvey, of Harrodsburg, Ky., auditor.

Enormous growth of the Southern Baptist church is disclosed by the report made to-day to the convention by Dr. Lansing Burrows. The membership has reached the great total of 2,685,552 of which 168,235 have been added since the last session. During the year 29,988 have died. The Baptist population of the world is placed at 7,141,413.

There are 24,451 Baptist churches south of Mason and Dixon's line, with 18,075 Sunday Schools showing a total enrollment of 1,760,802. The churches own property valued at \$58,319,639.

The prosperity of the membership is further reflected in the sum of \$12,281,765 contributed during the year for church work. Of this amount \$9,564,222 was raised for home expenses and \$1,699,455 for missions.

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