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## MORROW OUSIS CUSTODIAN OF NEGRO LYNCHED

### Reward of \$500 Offered For Arrest of Each Man in Versailles Mob.

Frankfort, Ky., March 14.—Governor Morrow this morning issued a proclamation removing from office Jailer John H. Edger of Woodford County from whom the negro, Richard James, was taken Sunday morning and lynched. A copy of the proclamation was to be sent to Edgers. This is the first removal from office of a public official under the act of 1920, which declares that if a prisoner be taken from the custody of an officer it shall be prima facie evidence of his failure to perform his duty and of neglect of duty. An order declaring the office vacant was spread on the minutes of the Executive Journal.

Governor Morrow this morning issued the following proclamation: "It has been made to appear to me that on the morning of March 13, 1921, a mob assembled in Woodford County, Kentucky, and unlawfully took from the lawful custody of John H. Edger, Jailer of said county, the person of Richard James and immediately thereafter hanged him until he was dead. Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority in me vested and in compliance with the law of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided, I hereby declare the office of Jailer of Woodford County, Kentucky, vacant and John H. Edger, Jailer of said county, is hereby removed."

The Governor also issued a statement in which he said: "I call upon all peace officers and all those chargeable with the enforcement of the law to bring these murderers to indictment and conviction" and calls attention of all those having charge of prisoners to the fact that the anti-lynching law will be vigorously enforced.

A copy of the proclamation was sent to the Jailer and to County Judge Edmund Mulcahy.

## "Y" CONFERENCE AT PINEVILLE

Pineville, Ky., March 14.—Seventy-five boys from Bell, Harlan, Knox, Whitley, Clay and Laurel Counties met here in the second annual Older Boys' Conference, under auspices of the State Y. M. C. A. They were guests at a banquet given by students of the Pineville High School. The programme, which will conclude with an address Sunday night at the Baptist Church by the Rev. M. F. Ham, evangelist, Lagrange, includes many of the best speakers of Eastern Kentucky.

## OFFICER AND NEGRO IN DUEL

Princeton, Ky., March 14.—C. L. Martin, night policeman, and Bishop Daley, a negro, engaged in a duel in a restaurant here when the negro resisted arrest on a breach of peace charge. The negro struck the officer in the head with the revolver and escaped. He later was captured by several citizens. All shots went wild.

## BOYS FLEE CYNTHIANA JAIL

Cynthiana, Ky., March 14.—Ellery Arnold and John Edwards, convicted of larceny and awaiting removal to the Reform School, escaped from the county jail here. The boys managed to make a hole in the cell wall and used springs from their cots to form a ladder to scale the yard wall. They have not been traced.

## CIRCUS MAKES OWENSBORO OFFER

Owensboro, Ky., March 14.—Business men of Owensboro are considering a proposal of the Sells-Floto Circus that Owensboro raise \$30,000 to induce the show to make this city winter headquarters. Secretary Orin Winford of the Chamber of Commerce has gone to Peru, Ind., former winter headquarters, to investigate.

## CHO'S NEGRO TO DEATH WITH AX

Louisville, Ky., March 11.—Bob Cooper, 48 years-old, negro, was slain with an ax in the hands of Berry Smyser, 65, negro, on a road in Oldham county, near Fewee Valley.

ley. The trouble was the result of an old grudge. Magistrate S. M. Malone viewed the body and the Sheriff of Oldham county took the slayer to the Lagrange jail. Smyser made no resistance. He said he was on his way to cut wood when he met Cooper and a quarrel resulted. Cooper was cut badly, there being three deep gashes in the back and one on the arm.

## KENTUCKY STATISTICS SHOW MORE BIRTHS; FEWER DEATHS

Louisville, Ky., March 12.—Six thousand more babies were born in Kentucky in 1920 than in the preceding year and in 1920, 2,000 fewer persons died in the State, according to a preliminary report by J. F. Blackerby, State Registrar of Vital Statistics, to Dr. A. T. McCormack, State Health Officer. The increase in births is about 10 per cent and the decrease in deaths roughly 8 per cent.

The return of the large number of Kentuckians who were in France with the American armies to their homes, and the resultant resumption of normal social conditions, is the reason given by Mr. Blackerby for the increase in the number of births. The reduction in the number of deaths that occurred in the State he explained by pointing out that the fatalities due to communicable diseases have been reduced materially and that everywhere in Kentucky more attention has been paid to sanitation and health problems.

## DOGS KILLED AFTER GIRL IS BITTEN

Madisonville, Ky., March 11.—There were over a dozen dogs killed at White Plains Wednesday afternoon and Thursday following an attack made by a stray dog on Pearl Hammonds, 10 year-old daughter of Bob Hammonds, who lives between Nortonville and White Plains, and who was bitten three times Wednesday morning. The dog attacked the girl as she was crossing the railroad track enroute home.

The animal was killed and its head has been sent to Louisville for analysis as it feared it had hydrophobia.

War on strange dogs at White Plains followed after the girl was bitten and all dogs acting in a strange manner are being slaughtered.

## LOW TOBACCO PRICES CAUSE MAN TO END LIFE

Eckton, Ky., March 14.—Leaving a note saying that the financial strain due to low tobacco prices was more than he could stand, Tom Farmer, fifty years old, ended his life by shooting himself in the head while lying in bed at the home of his son near Hadensville. The note was dated February 26.

## SHAKEUP IN MIDDLESBORO POLICE

Middlesboro, Ky., March 14.—Two police officers have resigned here and resignation of the entire force looms as a possibility, following criticism by press and pulpit of conditions of lawlessness, and organization of a Ku Klux Klan, which plans a Vigilance Committee.

## CONFESSES CLINTIANA ROBBERY

Cynthiana, Ky., March 14.—Forest Carter, returned soldier, formerly of Cynthiana, who was arrested in Newport with burglary tools in his possession, has confessed to one of the recent robberies of clothing stores here.

## ALLEGED HORSE THIEF HELD

Cynthiana, Ky., March 14.—Leo Watts, Cincinnati, has been arrested here charged with having in his possession a horse and buggy identified as belonging to S. Webster, Pendleton County. Watts was taken to Falmouth.

## QUARTERLY MEETING AT HARTFORD M. E. CHURCH

Rev. B. K. May, of Owensboro, Presiding Elder of this district will conduct the regular quarterly services at the Hartford Methodist next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. After preaching, the communion service will be held.

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## OHIO CIRCUIT COURT STILL IN SESSION

### \$15,000.00 Damages Allowed in Barnard Case; Grand Jury Completes Work

A verdict awarding \$15,000 damages to the plaintiff in the action of Ida H. Barnard, Admrx. vs. Rockport Coal Co., for the death of W. P. Barnard, her husband, as a result of injuries alleged to have been received by him while employed in the Company's mine at Rockport, this county, in January 1920, was returned by a jury in Circuit Court here late Saturday afternoon, after a bitterly contested trial lasting three and one half days. This is one of the largest verdicts ever brought in by a jury in the local court. At the same time was tried the case of L. A. Adams vs. Rockport Coal Co., plaintiff seeking damages for injuries alleged to have been received at the same time and place and in a similar manner as in the case of Barnard. The jury awarded him \$500.

The Grand Jury made its final report and was discharged Saturday. It returned the following indictments:

Jess Sarver, Malicious striking and wounding; Jack Stewart, having liquor for sale; Otto Tichenor, selling liquor, 4 cases; Curtis Royal, housebreaking; Harrison Tichenor, having liquor for sale; Paul Baize, Ira Daniel, Clyde Wallace, John Franklin, Byron Hedra, Enos Clark and William Caltoway, distributing public worship; Eddie Ford and Cyril Ford, assault and battery; Byron Ensor, carrying concealed deadly weapon; Byron Ensor, shooting and wounding, 2 cases; Corbet LeGrand, carrying concealed deadly weapon; Claud Graves, shooting with intent to kill; Cliff Rogers, William Calloway and Quentia Park, injuring property; William Langford, having liquor for sale; Clarence Aull, injuring property; Clarence Aull, deserting infant child; Barney Warnell, seduction; W. R. Pierce, deserting infant child; Clyde Arnold, petit larceny.

Com. vs. J. W. Wilson, charged with pointing deadly weapon, at Pendleton Hudson. Defendant fled, by way of plea in bar, judgment of acquittal of the Hartford Police Court, to which plaintiff demurred. Demurrer overruled and Commonwealth declining to plead further prosecution was dismissed.

Com. vs. Henry Spoule, indictment fled away with leave to reinstate.

Com. vs. Jeff Whittaker and Fred Tucker, charge reduced to suffering gaming on premises, defendant Tucker pleaded guilty, law and facts submitted to court and punishment fixed at fine of \$20. Defendant Whittaker discharged.

Com. vs. Earl Beasley and Byron Ensor, charged with disturbing public worship. Beasley pleaded guilty. Ensor pleaded not guilty and was acquitted by a jury. Punishment of Beasley was fixed at a fine of \$20.

Com. vs. J. W. Wilson charged with pointing deadly weapon at Eck Rial, verdict guilty, \$50 fine.

Commonwealth vs. L. B. Bean, charge reduced to engaging in game of chance, plea of guilty and fined \$100. Two other cases against same defendant dismissed; Com. vs. Knox Wright, judgment for defendant on peremptory instructions; Com. vs. Eddie Ford, fined \$25.

The following householders have been summoned to serve as petit jurors since our last issue: A. H. Ross, Thomas Harrison, W. R. Carson, O. W. Brown, W. H. Baize, Arvin Tichenor, Warren Shields, E. G. Austin, H. A. Baird, C. E. Esley, A. B. Amos, W. H. Spencer, F. H. Benton, W. H. Spencer, E. Cambron, B. B. Everly, J. L. Moore, J. R. Edmondson, R. W. King, Frank Hale, L. E. Jackson, S. T. Burnett, E. H. Maddox, James R. Miller, Wayne Firtle, G. J. Christian, J. C. Moore, Rigdon Butler, Clyde Ward and H. J. Brown.

Action taken in civil suits, of general interest, included the following:

J. M. Johnson vs. I. C. R. R. Co., dismissed settle by agreement; Dexter & Vincoal vs. Arner Casteel, dismissed settle; News Chapman vs. Obert Chapman, dismissed without prejudice; R. A. Rowan vs. W. L. Allen, continued on defendant's motion, plaintiff recovering costs in-

## E. G. BARRASS ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK



In this issue will be found the announcement of E. G. Barrass for the Republican nomination for County Court Clerk of Ohio County. Mr. Barrass has an extensive acquaintance throughout the county having previously served as Circuit Court Clerk and having for the past several years been prominently identified with the political affairs of Ohio County.

His qualification for the office he seeks cannot be questioned and if nominated, he will make his party a strong candidate in the final race.

curd during this term; J. T. Vinson & Son, vs. Illinois Central R. R. Co., continued; The Southwestern Company vs. C. B. Iler, continued on appeal's motion; R. B. Eastin, Admrx. vs. E. P. Barnes & Co., plaintiff filed mandate of Court of Appeals, affirming judgment of Ohio Circuit Court, awarding \$4,000 damages for death of May Eastin in collision between automobile in which plaintiff's decedent was riding and one driven by an employee of defendant. It will be recalled that this accident occurred on the pike between Beaver Dam and Hartford in August 1919.

Frank Black, Sr., vs. Security Life Ins. Co. of America, defendant filed mandate of Court of Appeals, reversing judgment of Ohio Circuit Court; Ernest Woodward vs. Thomas R. P. Wilson, plaintiff filed mandate affirming Circuit Court; Cal. P. Keown vs. John Meadows & Co., verdict for plaintiff; Claude Royal vs. Albert Long, dismissed settle; W. E. Ellis vs. N. A. Schroeder, dismissed settle; R. A. Rowan vs. W. L. Allen, judgment and order of sale; Rough River Lumber Co. vs. Louisville & Nashville R. R. Co., judgment for \$150 and costs; L. R. Goodall vs. Louisville & Nashville R. R. Co., judgment for \$150 and costs; Chas. E. Woodcock, & Co. vs. Broadway Coal Co., petition dismissed; Minnie W. Lee vs. Alfred T. Lee, set for 10th day of term; Frank May vs. R. G. Ford, set for 18th day; Pearl Baird vs. Lydia Daniel, judgment and order of sale; Iona A. Swain vs. C. M. Swain, judgment and order of sale; W. H. Russell vs. John Mitchell judgment for \$145.38 and order of sale of personalty; Chas. McConnell vs. Chas. W. Mulican, judgment for \$337 and order of sale of personalty; Glennie Tichenor vs. A. R. Tichenor, judgment for divorce and custody of child; L. B. Bean vs. R. L. Simmons, dismissed settle; Joe P. King vs. Eli M. Taylor dismissed settle.

## NINE APPLICANTS IN TAX COMMISSIONER EXAMINATION

According to statutory provision, County Attorney A. D. Kirk conducted an examination at the court house here Monday, to ascertain the qualification of candidates for the office of County Tax Commissioner. The subjects in which applicants were examined are: Experience as Assessor; Knowledge of Revenue Laws; Knowledge of Geography of Ohio County; Knowledge of the Industries and Property of Ohio County; Elementary and Business Experience.

Following is a list of those who took the examination: D. E. Ward, W. C. Blankenship, Henry S. Barnes, Clarence Patton, G. R. Wooten, Willie Stevens, W. A. Clark, Roy F. Keown and G. Will Brown.

## TWO CASES OF MENINGITIS

Two cases of meningitis have developed in this city within the past week. Sherrill, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Leach, has in addition to the above mentioned disease, double pneumonia and heart trouble and has been at the point of death for several days.

Butler, the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Butler has pneumonia in the right lung and meningitis. He has also been dangerously ill for several days.

## LEBANON LIGHT RATE REDUCED

Lebanon, Ky., March 14.—Rates for current for domestic use in Lebanon have been reduced from 20 cents per kilowatt hour to 15 cents, following a request by the City Council, based on the drop in coal prices.

## PRINCETON MAY GET COLLEGE

Princeton, Ky., March 14.—A project to establish a college here under auspices of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church gained impetus at a mass meeting of citizens.

## WILL PROBATED

The will of William Brown was probated Monday, March 7, John B. Brown was named as Executor without bond.

## DANVILLE MERCHANTS VICTIMIZED

Danville, Ky., March 14.—Charles Shinkle and John Magee, Danville merchants, were the victims of a check forger. The checks were drawn on James House, wealthy Lancaster Pike hemp grower.

## WANTS POLITICIANS TO PASS P. O. PLUMS

### Many Republicans Would Remove Civil Service Requirements Ordered by Wilson

Washington, March 14.—Republicans are fighting among themselves over Post Office jobs placed under the civil service by President Wilson. They are divided as to whether the party should retain all or only part of the system established by the Democratic Administration, or return to the old spoils system in which Congressmen parceled out the jobs.

Old fashioned spoilsmen are in favor of the latter, and would have President Harding revoke the Wilson order, which made a civil service examination necessary for the filling of offices of the first, second and third classes, the ones formerly filled upon recommendations of politicians.

On the other hand, Postmaster General Hays is getting protests from influential members of Congress against going back to the old plan of patronage. Critics of the old system claim it tends to keep incompetents in office and make it difficult to obtain efficiency. One of the most severe criticisms is that it tends to increase the strength of machine politicians and drags into the mire of all sorts of political squabbling a service which, it is claimed, should be free from all political influence.

One suggested form of compromise is that examinations be held every time a term ends. This would leave a lot of incumbents in. The present system as construed by some politicians permits a Postmaster who has been installed after Civil Service examination to remain for succeeding terms unless something is found against his character requiring his removal.

Among Republicans will be found a few admissions that the Democratic Administration appointed both Republicans and Democrats, according to the Civil Service examination, but the spoilsmen claim that most of the jobs have been given to the Democrats.

The field is full of aspirants for diplomatic honors under the Harding Administration. It was announced at the White House that President Harding had not decided on a single man for any one of the important posts abroad. The declaration was made, it is believed, to overtake the story that George Harvey had been selected as Ambassador to Great Britain, although there seems to be a definite understanding that Mr. Harding intends to name him.

Interesting comment about the plans of the President for Herbert C. Hoover is in circulation here. It is stated that as soon as peace is declared Mr. Hoover will be sent to Germany to bring about friendly relations and promote trade.

Here are some persons mentioned in connection with diplomatic posts: To Great Britain: George Harvey of New York or New Jersey; former Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois; Senator Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota; Cornelius Vanderbilt of New York; Elihu Root of New York; Frank A. Munsey of New York.

France: Myron T. Herrick of Ohio; Gen. John J. Pershing of Missouri; David Jayne Hill of New York; former Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois; Charles C. Dawes of Illinois; Col. William Hayward of Nebraska.

Italy: Henry Lane Wilson, formerly Ambassador to Mexico, and W. M. Guller of New York.

Mexico: Newell W. Sanders, former United States Senator from Tennessee.

Japan: Lloyd Carpenter Griscom of New York.

Germany: Herbert C. Hoover, of California, and David Jayne Hill of New York.

## MOBE YANKEE WAR DEAD TO REACH GOTHAM MONDAY

New York, March 10.—The transport Soiman is to arrive Monday carrying 1,100 bodies of Americans who were killed in action or died of wounds. Memorial services will be held on the pier.