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Lucien Lasley's Letter.

(To the Editor of the Interior Journal.)
NASHVILLE, Jan. 21.—Nashville is a beautiful city built in a field of mounds, and therefore well drained. And well it is so for it rains here continually and profusely while at it. The first sun of the year is showing out a little this evening, while the earth is spongy with recent rains, and the Cumberland swollen to threatening fullness, while all its tributaries kiss the bridges they pass under, murmuring jealously onward, bearing a little ocean to the sea. Nashville was taken during the war by Gen. Buell, but not moved away, as is evident by some conspicuous old landmarks that are to be seen. The Vanderbilt University is out in the western suburbs and the grounds join the grounds of that wonderful ADVENURE, the race track; which of the two improvements affords the most diversity is open to controversy. At any rate, my opinion can not be had until after the spring races.
There are something over 50 horses here at present and many more to come soon; among the latter the wonderful El Rio Rey. It will be the ambition of every trainer here to beat him, and a plume in the cap of the successful one. Should a Lincoln horse beat him, Stanford must be ready to illuminate. The Lincoln horses shipped well and are doing well. There are two in the stables named for two of Stanford's handsomeness and deserving young ladies and they (the fillies) are much admired by the horsemen here. Wonder what they (the horsemen) would do could they see the two ladies in whose honor the two are named? Tennesseans, much like Kentuckians, love their own soil and horses, but many of them lie away to Kentucky for wives, as you know some Virginians are glad to have done. Well, it displays fine taste, for there are none like 'em. One sometimes thinks when he receives the hearty welcome accorded Kentuckians everywhere they go that it must be due to the fame of Kentucky women, for the men—well, they do not seem to be so deserving where we know them well, perhaps they are on good manners away from home.
One issue of the I. J. has reached us here, and even the ads. were read. Nothing like it away from home. 'Tis a letter from everybody to everybody, and those not mentioned are supposed to be well or to be engaged in nothing unusual; or nothing, as usual. Dick sings, whistles, cogitates and recites Western experiences to keep off the blues, and pokes the fire to keep warm. Hope his patience will last till time to work him a few heats every morning; then it is 10 to 1 he keeps off the blues.
For fear I tell all I know this time and can not write again.
I AM YOURS, SILENCE.

In Memoriam.

The sods of the valley have just fallen over the remains of a beloved citizen, whom God in His infinite wisdom has taken from us to the Heavenly land—Thomas Carson. Twenty-four years and seven months was the brief period allotted him on earth. In the bloom of youthful manhood and in the beauty of a good character, he has left the home of which he was the only protection of his widowed mother and sister, caring for them with a loving solicitude. Of him it might be truthfully said he had a kind word for all and said harm of none, and with young associates kind and accommodating. Leaving his mother and sister so unprotected was his greatest regret in dying. But ere the messenger brought the final summons he was reconciled and when assured he was just passing to another world, he expressed himself as going to a brighter one and not afraid to die. He called his mother and sisters to his bedside and bade them an affectionate farewell.
Oh, that good-bye, mother! How sad, was it forever! But we have the blessed assurance of a tearless and unbroken reunion of the loved ones, when life's weary pilgrimage is ended. Then let us not mourn their departure from this world, where every joy is shadowed by a grief. It should rather be a cause for congratulation.
The remains were lovingly borne by kind friends and relatives to their last resting place in Buffalo Cemetery, after an impressive service at the Presbyterian church, of which he was a member.
Dear mother and sisters, look to the only source from whence cometh comfort and consolation in a trying hour. The Hand that smites can also heal. And with our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of so devoted a son and brother, we commend the bereaved to the ever watchful and loving care of our Heavenly Father.
A FRIEND.
Crab Orchard, Jan. 24, 1890.

The surgeons of Gouverneur Hospital, New York, performed the Cesarean operation to try and save the life of an unborn babe after the death of its mother. Only half a minute elapsed from the time the woman breathed her last till the little babe, a boy, was taken away through an incision in the abdomen. It only lived long enough to show it was alive by a convulsive fit.

JUNCTION CITY, BOYLE COUNTY.

—It is reported that the factory will in a few days close for repairs.
—Among the guests at the McCullum House is a 10½ pound boy who arrived on the 23d inst.
—Mr. A. Tribble, who has rented the Cumberland Hotel at Middlesboro, will take possession 1st prox. He tells me he was offered \$900 per foot for a lot on Cumberland Ave. in that city, which offer he refused.
—In Hilton's drawing ticket number 2962 gets the cart, ticket held by Mr. McCauley, operator for the C. S. Ticket 4629 the stove, 1908 the clock. The latter have not been claimed as yet.
—Capt. Raines, applicant for the postmastership at Lebanon, was in town Monday. I understand he has been endorsed for the place by every republican member of the Kentucky legislature.
—Mr. James Surber, an excellent young business man of this place, has been appointed a ganger and left last week, accompanied by Mrs. Surber, to report for duty. He will be assigned in Anderson county.
—The law just passed by the legislature ordering a vote on local option in Boyle county is much talked of here as this is the only place in the county save our suburb, Shelby City, where there are saloons. There will be a hard fight.
—M. R. Parks, of Harrodsburg, was in town Monday. T. R. Ware, agent at Pineville, and wife, passed through Sunday returning from a visit to Mrs. Ware's mother, Mrs. Graham, at Danville. Mr. T. D. Campbell and wife, of Carlisle, were here Friday en route home from a visit to relatives at Parksville. Miss Pattie Tribble was home Saturday and Sunday from Daughters' College, Harrodsburg.
—The report in the Advocate from the committee appointed to inspect and report as to the needs of the county poor-house, to sell the present poor farm and buy better land, meets with approval with nearly all of our citizens. The Hardin county poor-house is self sustaining. It is located in a good, rich portion of the county and has a fine brick building. During a very pleasant visit to that county I saw it. There is no good reason known to me why the same excellent state of affairs should not exist in our county, which is certainly as well favored as old Hardin. Still they have set the example. Let us imitate them. The matter is now in the hands of the county court.

Branaman's Side of the Bastardy-Infanticide Case.
To the Editor of the Interior Journal,
BEREA, Jan. 25.—I am not a subscriber to your valuable paper, but have been a reader of it for years and hope you will allow me space in it till I give your Mt. Vernon correspondent a few facts in regard to myself, as he is mistaken, or has been misinformed. So far as the case against Jennie Laman is concerned, I have nothing to do with it. It is a case of the Commonwealth against her. The writ was sworn out by some of her kind-folks before Squire Hamman, Justice of the peace, of Rockcastle. I hope your correspondent will consult the records for himself and find out that I am right; also if he will go to the records of the common pleas court of Madison county, he will find that the case was not dismissed, as he would have you believe, but beaten by testimony introduced in the court that it was a clear case of black-mailing, gotten up by her and her mother. The verdict of the jury clearly proves this. There never was a time that the suit could not have been stopped for \$30. It was principle and not money that I was defending in the court. Money was their object from the beginning and they were both disproved to the satisfaction of 12 jurors. Now your correspondent has either got to throw the verdict of the jury away and believe her who has been disproved in open court or throw her say-so away and believe 12 sworn men. Which will he believe?
But of course he only had one side of the case to judge from and could not do any better. I hope he will never attempt to associate my name with theirs again. He can find out all about them by asking any of their neighbors. As far as the sympathy for the girl is concerned, there are always some men ready to sympathize with such characters as she is.
Respt., J. J. BRANAMAN.

MATRIMONIAL MATTERS.

—Miss Mollie E. Holmes and James Hearne were married at Danville last week.
—Mr. Armstead Miller Hiatt, who is a widower of 59, came down with Mrs. Susan Renfro, Saturday, from Crab Orchard, and they were made one flesh in Judge Varnon's most approved style. The record shows that the bride had been married three times before, altho' she is but 29. Our hearty congratulations are extended.
—Twenty-five girls in a brass factory at Birmingham, Conn., have struck because, among their grievances, the foreman had the windows painted to keep the girls from flirting with outsiders.

Anti-Saloon Meeting.

At a meeting of the citizens of Lincoln county, irrespective of party, held at the Court-house in Stanford, Jan. 25th, Mr. G. P. Bright was called to the chair and P. L. Simpson appointed secretary, when on motion the chair appointed the following committee on resolutions, viz: P. W. Carter, Crit Eubanks, J. D. Bastin, Dr. G. W. Bronaugh and Jos. McAlister, who reported as follows:
RESOLVED 1. That in the opinion of this citizens' Anti-Saloon Meeting the law passed the 11th of September, 1886, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in Lincoln county, has in a large measure been successful, and we desire its continuance.
2. That we call upon every voter in the county to use his influence and vote to banish forever from our county the saloon demon.
3. In order that the issue, saloons or no saloons, shall be brought fully before the people, competent speakers be engaged, and that this meeting appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to solicit funds to pay all necessary expenses.
4. That we, their husbands and brothers, appeal to the women of the county to rally to the defense of their homes and loved ones against the approach of the destroying dragon, and that they use every means consistent with christian womanhood to defeat the saloon power.
5. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the INTERIOR JOURNAL for publication.
While the committee was out the Rev. Ben Helm being called on delivered an excellent short speech, showing the importance of all persons who are opposed to the liquor traffic going to the polls and recording their votes against the saloon and license, high or low.
The meeting was then addressed by Rev. John Bell Gibson and Rev. Godbey in short addresses, which were well received by the audience.
On motion, the chair appointed the following persons to act as a county committee on organization, viz: A. K. Denny, Dr. T. B. Lewis, J. B. Green, F. Edmiston, L. G. Gooch, Dr. Traylor, Isaac Hamilton, John O. Neal, Jno. Johnson, James Daddler, Sr., J. T. O'Hair and J. G. Livingston.
On motion, the chair appointed the following persons a committee to correspond with speakers to address the people on the importance of doing their duty faithfully in the approaching contest, viz: John S. Hughes, Dr. G. W. Bronaugh, Rev. Ben Helm, Jos. McAlister.
On motion, the secretary was directed to furnish a copy of the proceedings for publication in the INTERIOR JOURNAL. The meeting then adjourned.
P. L. SIMPSON, Secy.

CHURCH AFFAIRS.

—Cumberland Avenue property is firm at from 10 to 20 per cent. advance over last week's prices and quite a number of lots on this thoroughfare have changed hands at prices ranging from \$120 to \$250 per foot.—Middlesboro News.
—The non-partisan temperance women who succeeded from the W. C. T. U., because it is a political body, held a meeting at Cleveland, O., and selected the name "National Crusaders" for the new organization. Mrs. Ellen G. Phinney, of Ohio, was chosen president.
—The Presbyterians all over the country are getting ashamed of their "confession of faith," and a number of Presbyteries have voted in favor of its revision. The idea that a man is born damned and that infants are burning in hell not a span long is fast becoming obsolete, to the intelligence of preachers and people, be it said.
—Who preached the longest sermon on record? Paul, when he spoke boldly for the space of three months. Acts 19:8. On another occasion he preached so long that one of his congregation went to sleep and fell from the three story loft and broke his neck. Acts 20:9. To be sure Paul restored the young man to life, but as that power has passed from man, preachers should not run the risk of killing people by imposing long sermons on them.
—The Philadelphia Record knows Sam Jones perhaps better than Bro. Barnes and hence has not so exalted an idea of him. Commenting on Jones' remark, "I know the year 1890 is going to be an epochal year and some things have gone just as far as they can go," the paper says: Among the things which should not have been allowed to go so far is the patience with which the public have tolerated a religious montebank like "Rev." Sam Jones.
—Dr. Gilbert, general superintendent of the International Sunday-School Institute, held three interesting services here and succeeded in organizing a Sunday-school normal class of 27 members. Mr. W. G. Roney was elected leader and A. C. Sine secretary. The first meeting will be held in the lecture room of the Christian church next Monday evening, Feb. 3d, at 7 o'clock. The little books necessary for the course can be obtained at Mr. Sine's office on Depot street on and after Wednesday. The object of the movement is to teach Sunday-school teachers how to teach more profitably and understandingly.
—The station, Belview, by Belmont, has been sold at Lexington for \$3,500 and will be taken to England.

T. R. Walton Starts West by Way of the East, and Tells Entertainingly of his Travels.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 24, 1890.
DEAR INTERIOR.—I felt really sad when I left Stanford at an early hour Monday morning last (12:17) for Richmond, Va., via Knoxville on my roundabout way to California in pursuit of health. Having made my home in Kentucky for the last 15 years, I am very much attached to the people, and I must say that they are as kind and hospitable as I ever expect to find.
I stopped over for a day or so at Knoxville, and found it a thriving city of about 45,000 inhabitants, and increasing every day. New buildings by the score are going up; and some are as fine as any to be seen except in the largest cities. The future of Knoxville seems to be bright. I called on Mr. M. Peyton, formerly of Stanford. He is doing splendidly; and, besides making lots of money in the practice of law, has been very successful in his investments in city property. He is very attentive to his Kentucky friends, and I desire to thank him many times for his kindness to me.
From Knoxville to Richmond, my trip was not as pleasant as it might have been. First, I had to take the train at Knoxville at 10:40 a. m., Tuesday, in a driving rain, to reach Richmond, as I expected, at 8:55 p. m. the same day, but at Lynchburg missed connection and had to lay over there from 4 o'clock till next morning. My train was due at 2 a. m., and I was up at that time to get aboard, but it did not arrive till 6:15, and consequently another connection—at Petersburg—was missed, and I did not reach Richmond till 12 Wednesday. They say that trains on this line are nearly always behind. I know this I have not been on one that was on time since I left. I advise the readers of the INTERIOR to stick to the C. & O. for Eastern Virginia points.
My route, for the most part, was through a pretty country, and that which is not pleasing to the eye is instructive to the mind, if the many scenes of the late war are traced out and contemplated. I passed within three miles of Appomattox C. H., where Lee surrendered, and over the famous long and high bridge, where one of the great battles was fought, &c., &c. From Bristol to Roanoke are some of the finest farming lands I have seen anywhere. All thro' that section the towns are being boomed, and people are making fortunes just as fast as investors in Middlesboro and Big Stone Gap. Roanoke seems to be ahead of the Salem, New River, Wytheville and Pulaski are following right along. Of late in Stanford I heard little else besides the boom in Eastern Kentucky discussed, and on the train the talk was almost entirely of speculations made in the towns I have named. Lynchburg is making a great many improvements. Like Lexington, Ky., she is trying hard to have the State capital moved, and promises that Virginia shall save a million dollars if it is located there; but I don't think she'll succeed. It is the hilliest town I ever saw, not excepting Kansas City. As is generally known, the manufacture of tobacco is carried on very extensively, and the whole place is perfumed with the scent of the weed.
The weather yesterday and day before was cold, but it is warmer now. A little snow fell yesterday.
Whenever I find anything I think will interest your readers I'll write again.
T. R. WALTON.

MT. VERNON, ROCKCASTLE COUNTY.

—The case of Miss Jennie Laman, charged with infanticide, was called Friday and by agreement between the attorneys and the court bond of \$500 was arranged and given for her appearance at circuit court. Mr. H. F. Turner, of Richmond, appeared for the defendant.
—A little son of Matt Pike, at Pine Hill, Saturday while fooling with a pistol accidentally fired it, the ball striking his little two-year-old sister on the hand. The ball entered near the thumb and came out at the wrist, producing a very ugly wound. The little sufferer was brought to town and the wound dressed by the doctors.
—J. M. Frazer is in from Pittsburg on the sick list. Mrs. Dr. Flannagan, of Powell's Store, Casey county, with Master Reppert, is visiting Mrs. J. W. Nesbitt, at the Newcomb Hotel. B. P. Martin, who has been so low with pneumonia at Lily, is reported a little better. Mr. Charles Higgins, of Kirksville, and Mr. Gibson, of Barbourville, are here. Mr. Waldo Hart, of Conway, after a severe tussle with the grip, is visiting his best friend, Mr. E. B. Smith, this place. Miss Susie Bodell left yesterday for Pennsylvania.
—Harry Middleton Miller, aged 24, son of M. J. Miller, Esq., of this place, died Friday night of pneumonia, superinduced by the gripe. Last Monday a week ago, being under the impression that he had sufficiently recovered from the attack of influenza to come out, he ventured out on the street in the rain and was stricken that night with pneumonia, from which he died. His parents are prostrated with grief over his early death. His mother is seriously ill. The burial took place Saturday evening in the cemetery, after services at the house.

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