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## WALTER FORRESTER'S LETTER.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 7.—You can't tell much about a man till he's 45 years old, nor about a horse till he's 10 year old, and in the same way you can't form much of an estimate of a Kentucky Legislature until about the 9th legislative day in the evening. But by its breeding and form I should say that the present Legislature is a very good body. It is composed of young men who are full of energy and hope and who look upon the bright side of life. I never could make much headway with these old fellows who have had their day. Give me the young men with hot blood in their veins and a good digestion to wait upon a robust appetite.

There are fewer cranks in this body than in any that has assembled in Frankfort in the last two life-times. Even Bill Lyons had sense enough to feel himself out of place here and he only staid a couple of days. He set up his month at various prominent points about the Capital and started it to talking and then went off to watch the results, but nobody dropped anything in the slot and so "Windy Bill" went back to Washington where Bill Deboe registers from Kentucky, alas!

It is useless to forecast what is going to be done. Several things and several fellows will be "done" before the Legislature adjourns. Several candidates for several offices will be done with politics and if I am not much mistaken, the democratic State ticket for 1899 will be made up. The brightest young men of the democratic party are in this Legislature and they know their business. Goebel and Bronston and Beckham and Giespie and Jolly and Shanks and Pulliam and Macquot and Orr and more names than I can cram into a little bulletin like this, are coming to the front. They will be the coming men of affairs and you may put their names down for future reference.

Next week will witness the start of the real work and nobody knows what it will be, but everybody knows that the leaders are shrewd and aggressive and they will not chase any rainbows.

## MIDDLEBURG.

William Cullen Bryant left yesterday for Indianapolis.

School opened up at J. W. I. Monday morning with about 35 in attendance. Tellus Gann has gone to Nashville, where he hopes to find employment by the aid of his uncle.

The Middleburg & Trace Fork pike entering this place has recently been treated to a coat of gravel which was badly needed.

Rev. J. M. P. Limer has been holding a series of meetings at the Turkey Knob school-house. Rev. W. E. Foster preached at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Some miscreants entered the cave of Mr. Miller and took with them his cat-sap, leaving the preserves and various other fruits. The old man will "catch-up" with them.

Friday presented a phenomena to your scribe and others. There was a dense fog until noon and all at once the fog disappeared; old Sol appeared and the oldest inhabitants say they never before witnessed such a play.

Every other family here seems to have taken the "move" fever. W. P. Wesley has moved to his father-in-law's up the river. John Paul moved in the house vacated by Wesley. Michael Taylor bought out Prof. J. H. Allen and the professor has gone to Somerset, where he will probably go into the drug business. Milton Jones has moved into the house vacated by Taylor. Thos. Moran has moved to the Coulter place and Mr. Perry Wesley and wife have rented the Moran property. Mose Bell and Joshua Wilham have moved to North Middleburg and E. A. Wesley has moved to Carpenter's Creek and we have a straight tip that the new superintendent will move to our town. W. T. Coulter was to have moved back yesterday to his old place in North Middleburg.

An exchange says a little girl named Mary went to a boarding school and soon dropped a letter from her name making it May. Last year she married and still another letter was clipped. She is Ma now.

James Marshall first discovered gold in California on January 24, 1848, and the 50th anniversary of the event will be celebrated throughout the State.

The longest canal in the world is in Russia. It extends from St. Petersburg to the frontier of China, and measures nearly 4,500 miles.

The Coudersport, Pa., clothes pin factory has received an order for 16 carloads of clothes pins. This will take 80,000 feet of beech logs.

Sam Jones says they are cutting dresses so low for the ball room and so high for the bicycle that God only knows where it will end.

Bishop Potter is out in a strong article favoring the reodoption of the whipping post law and it has created quite a sensation.

## LANCASTER.

Prof. B. F. Evans has begun a splendid subscription school at Edenton, Madison county.

James Floyd, colored, was lodged in jail charged with attempting an assault on a colored woman at Davistown.

Jailer David Ross has taken possession and proposes to take day boarders, as he has but few prisoners, and does not want to keep hotel without a register, as some do in this city.

Elder George Gowen returned from Chicago and filled his pulpit Sunday. Miss May Hughes has returned from Louisville and announces that the orchestra will meet at Mr. J. W. Miller's on Tuesday night for practice.

An appreciative audience heard Mr. Carl Herrman on Thursday night, and Messrs. Louis Landram and J. M. Farra, who had charge of the affair, realized enough to pay about one-fourth of the amount required to buy the instrument for the Lancaster Orchestra.

On Saturday a warrant was issued against Prof. R. W. Fletcher, colored, a well-known teacher and politician, charging him with the paternity of a child, born to Emma Johnson, a colored girl, who once attended his school. The day for his trial is not fixed. It is understood that Fletcher denies the charge.

Capt. Mike Salter returned from Wayne county and left again for Barboursville. Ex-Sheriff T. B. Robinson went to Frankfort on Friday. Capt. W. J. Kinnaird and G. M. Patterson have recovered sufficiently to drive out. S. D. Rothwell has moved to his new and handsome residence on York street, and Miss Sallie Tillett has taken charge of the Lancaster Hotel.

The democrats in this county heartily concur with the Louisville Post in recommending the Hon. R. C. Warren for attorney general. He is honest, worthy, altogether capable and, above all, a true and consistent democrat. The same paper speaks truthfully when it says that my Senator, Hon. Geo. T. Farris, will make a record for himself. It had a very good picture of him, the only fault being in showing hair on his pate.

Frank Hardwick was taken before Judge Burnside on Thursday charged with seducing Miss Minnie Humphrey, under 21 years of age, on a promise to marry. He consulted an attorney and finally proposed to marry, if the girl was willing. She was summoned to town to marry him or to testify against him as she chose. She preferred to marry, whereupon the judge remitted his costs and united them in marriage, thus settling all questions of law and dropping the case from the records of the court.

On Sunday morning at daylight, the dead body of Rev. E. Richie, a prominent colored minister, was found near the depot, about 150 yards from his house, with pants and overcoat on, but the feet were bare. It is said that he had suffered for a time of throat troubles and that he was often delirious. He had left the house about 4 o'clock and the neighbors soon began searching for him, with the results above stated. Coroner Greenleaf will hold an inquest to-day, Monday.

Sheriff Sanders, Deputy Ward and Circuit Clerk J. W. Hamilton have entered upon their duties in earnest and are very prompt and attentive. I had occasion to call at the offices of Supt. Miss Eliza Lusk and County Attorney Letcher Owsley and I found them both quite busy and their offices are so neat and attractive, with beautiful pictures, fine curtains and carpeting, that I involuntarily lifted my old hat and hid my cob pipe, something unusual in entering other offices in this city. I called at Mr. Owsley's office first and he carried my card to Miss Lusk on a silver waiter, the offices being on the same floor, and the janitor being absent at that time. This is a new and much-needed departure in office-keeping here.

Mr. R. L. Elkin has gone to Louisville to attend the fowl show, taking a few of his fine chickens with him.

On Friday the fiscal court bought the 16 miles of the Lexington, Nicholasville & Lancaster turnpike, lying in Garrard county, including toll-houses and half the bridges, for \$14,000. If bonds are authorized in November they pay cash, if not, annual payments, bearing 4 per cent interest, will be made out of a levy of 25 cents on each \$100 of property. The court will meet again on Wednesday when it is hoped that other roads will be bought. It might be better to sell, as the raider law may be repealed, and then the owners of the roads could not afford to pay guards.

About 25 raiders tore down and destroyed the two toll-gates near town at the junction of the old and the new Danville roads on Saturday night. They left a note telling Mr. Geo. Ball, the gate-keeper, that he would be beaten with many stripes if he collected any more toll. I asked Mr. Ball why he didn't go out to see them. He said that he started out and his wife

wouldn't let him go. It is wonderful what an influence a wife can exert on certain occasions, when she has no influence at other times. An application had never been made for guards since these gates were replaced. It is thought that they will be rebuilt and toll will be taken as before. Citizens on the road say that the raiders came from the direction of Danville.

## RELIGIOUS.

Rev. J. B. Crouch has been assisting Rev. W. R. Davidson, of McKinney, in a splendid meeting at Esbans.

Dr. John Hall has resigned the pastorate of the Fifth-Avenue Presbyterian church, New York, after 48 years service.

Sisters of Charity are to establish a \$100,000 infirmary at Nashville. The mansion of Judge J. M. Dickinson has been purchased for the purpose.

It is stated that the Mormons have 1,400 missionaries and that they are pushing their work among the ignorant with great energy, and they are bound to gain political control of Utah.

Eld. George Gowen, of this city, has accepted the position of literary editor of the Christian Guide, a paper published in Louisville. The work will not conflict with his pastoral duties.—Lancaster Record.

The Rev. Isaac M. Yonan, who once lectured here, and a native of Persia, has received a letter from his home to the effect that his father, brother and little child were recently attacked by Mohammedans. The brother was instantly killed, being cut to pieces, and the father and child were thrown into prison.

The story of the Kentucky governor (Desha) who pardoned his son who had committed a homicide, and then resigned is familiar to all Kentuckians, but it is not known generally that the son, who then disappeared, is now the most eloquent preacher in the Hawaiian Islands. He knows the native language perfectly, and his greatest sermons are preached in it.—Owensboro Messenger.

Eld. F. W. Allen preached two splendid sermons Sunday, in the morning at the Christian church and at night in the union service at the Presbyterian church. The subject of the morning discourse was "The True Philosophy of Life" based on Mark, 15:25 and at night on "Benevolence," text Rom. 15:2 and Matt. 5:48. Mr. Allen is closely related to the distinguished James Lane Allen and also to Eld. James L. Allen, the Danville minister and teacher. All who heard him were greatly pleased.

The most remarkable demonstration in the history of Christian Science was given in Boston Sunday. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, has increased its membership in 12 months by 3,800. There were admitted at the beginning of last July more than 1,400 and 2,400 more joined Sunday. The total membership is about 10,000, and it is said to be the largest individual church in the United States of any denomination. Every seat was full Sunday and 400 had to stand up during the services.

Morganfield was struck Sunday afternoon by a cyclone, which destroyed the city hall and the store of Mart & Bro., and damaged several other buildings, the losses on all amounting to \$30,000. Marshall H. B. Sellars, who was writing a letter in the city hall when the cyclone struck the building, was killed.

On account of an alleged case of small-pox in the Negro section at the Cross ore mines, Cumberland Gap, Tenn., the white miners have driven all the Negro employes away from the works.

Two men attempted to rob a passenger on an Illinois Central train near East St. Louis. In the struggle which ensued one was pitched from the train and killed.

A bridge over the Cubahatchie river, 21 miles east of Montgomery, Ala., gave way under a train Sunday. Twenty persons were injured, but only two seriously.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has contracted for 100,000 tons of new steel rails at \$18 a ton. It is said other railroads have placed orders for 110,000 tons.

A claim for \$74,000 has been filed against the city of New Orleans by Frenchmen who were detained there by quarantine during the yellow fever scare.

Near Falmouth, James Kelley and his little daughter, en route home from church in a buggy, were drowned while trying to cross a swollen stream.

Edwin Simpson, paroled from the Elmira, N. Y., reformatory, shot and killed Frank Beckwith, a night watchman, at Walton, N. Y.

Ohio capitalists have leased 15,000 acres of land around Jellico and will sink oil wells.

Mrs. Jessie Mulligan, a pretty widow, is a brakeman on the Northern Pacific railroad.

## THE LEGISLATURE.

The caucus for librarian will be held to-night.

The Legislature was too patriotic to work on Jackson's day, so it adjourned from Friday until Monday.

Senator C. J. Bronston, of Lexington, is slated for chairman of the Senate committee on judiciary.

A bill has been presented in the House to prohibit the sale of crab cider in local option localities.

Hon. J. Morgan Chinn is chairman of the committee to decide Rev. Bertram's contest for the seat from Wayne and Clinton. The committee stands 9 to 2 democratic.

Senator Hays introduced his bill providing that convicts sentenced for no more than two years and all of the minor criminals work on the roads of the counties from which they came.

A resolution by Mr. Weatherford prohibits smoking in the House at all times, and one by Mr. Melan prohibits the "littering" of desks of members by bill posters and advertisements of too enterprising merchants.

The Louisville Commercial says that Senator Farris will lead the fight against the confirmation of Dr. Wiley as asylum superintendent, one of the grounds being that Wiley went to his home at Harrodsburg on election day and worked and voted for the republican ticket.

Gov. Bradley will appoint Dr. John L. Long superintendent of the institution for feeble minded children, vice Huff, resigned, and Dr. Louise Bergman, a female physician, also of Louisville, will go in as third assistant at the Lexington asylum.

Gov. Bradley has sent the appointments of the following commissioners of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Danville to the Senate: S. A. Newell, of Somerset; Boyle O. Rodes, of Danville; P. M. McRoberts, of Stanford. There are nine commissioners in all, but only three are to be appointed this year. The governor also sent in the following recess appointments for trustees of the Schools of Reform: Mrs. Nellie G. Cheatham, of Louisville, and W. P. Walton, six years each; Mrs. Louise E. Yandell, of Louisville, and B. T. Conway, of Lebanon, four years each and Miss Sophia A. Charles, of Lexington, and Dan H. Howard, of Lebanon, two years each.

TO COLLEGE WITHOUT COST.—The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette (weekly edition of the Commercial Tribune) offers to pay the entire expenses for a three-months' term of instruction in College for any poor young man or woman who is unable to defray expenses getting an education. Write a postal card for a copy of the weekly edition of the paper and find a full explanation of the plan. This is one of the boldest strokes of modern journalistic enterprise.

After dipping his pen in wormwood and gall, Editor O'Sullivan, of the Louisville Critic, writes of Mayor Weaver: He is no more mayor of Louisville than is the last walf and stray left at the door of the Home of the Innocents. He is a perfect "Bootle's Baby," the plaything of the camp, a fat, vacant-eyed, spineless creature, who is given a belly-full of Mellin's food every morning and who is practically sleeping his guileless life away.

A Kentuckian who had moved from place to place and at last landed in Western Texas, was asked if he liked the place. He answered: "There was once a man who moved from Kentucky to Nebraska, from Nebraska to Arizona, from Arizona to Texas and then he died and went to hell, but the change was so gradual he never noticed it."

A Graves county farmer accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting quail, in violation of the law which makes January 1 the beginning of the close season. If all good laws were self-executory, what a law-abiding people we would be.—Louisville Times.

John Rockefeller, who was born in England in 1792, is alive and in splendid health at Evansville, Ind. He voted for Henry Clay in 1824, was a warm supporter of Mr. Bryan in 1896 and says he intends to vote for him in 1900.

A dispatch from Wilmington, Del., says that a son of Henry Clay, by a servant girl with whom the great commoner became enamored, died there of paresis in the Home of the Insane.

Seventy-four million pounds of second-class mail-matter were deposited in the New York postoffice during past year. The net earnings of the office last year were \$4,900,000.

The Fleming county grand jury indicted a turnpike company for setting up a toll-gate in less than a mile of Flemingsburg. The distance less than a mile was four feet by absolute measure.

Tom Cyrns was hanged at Atlanta for murdering his mistress.



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