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WALTER FORRESTER'S LETTER.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 14.—Mr. Speaker Beckham has more than vindicated the highest expectations of his friends in the selection of the House committee. This work has been well done and the results will be seen by the higher character of the laws that will be enacted and in the killing of bad legislation.

In the Senate, the president pro tem, Wm. Goebel, is guiding the majority with his own inimitable tact. Goebel leads his party so easily because there is nothing small about him. He is not vain, or jealous or eager for the applause of the gallery. He never attempts to "boss" the democratic caucus but when he sees a wrong move he quietly calls a halt, points out the danger and his associates have such confidence in him that they are always ready to accept his advice without question when he sees fit to offer any suggestion.

It is a good body of men. There must be some crank, some dumbo, possibly a Bill Lyons, concealed among these apparently intelligent legislators, but I have not found him up to this writing. There are more intelligent men, more bright speakers, more representative men in this Legislature than any I have seen. It has been told us by such truthful men as Mark Hanna that all free silver men are anarchists; well if these are anarchists and that late and lamentable aggregation of hoodlums and betrayers that Gumbo Hunter corralled to vote him into the United States Senate at so much per—if these Hunter representatives stand for "law and order," I think I will run up the red flag. But the truth of the matter is, Mark Hanna and "Marked" Hunter have lied. The plotters and trimmers eliminated, Kentucky is made of the noblest race of men on earth. The Kentucky democrats and the Kentucky republicans of the better class are honorable, courageous gentlemen. This is a good typical Kentucky Legislature. Both democrats and republicans are good people in this body, because the people selected them.

Very little legislation has developed yet, but I will forecast as the most probable and important the redistricting of judicial districts and possibly the Eighth Congressional; and the work of committees on "revenue and taxation" headed by Emmett Orr in the House and the committee on education in the House headed by Charlie Nelson, of Hardin. The revenue committee is almost certain to recommend the consolidation of the offices of jailer and sheriff, to take effect at the expiration of present terms. In "cities of the first class" otherwise Louisville, the change may become immediately effective. This committee may evolve a plan for new public buildings by a small tax and the employment of the convicts.

The committee on education is going into every subject of interest to the cause of education. The school book question will be prominently to the fore and Chairman Nelson is carefully collecting all the information possible on this subject. In addition to the book question, Mr. Nelson intends to provide against the imposition of teachers of bad character upon the common schools. To this end he will favor a law permitting the holder of a first-class certificate to teach any where in the State provided he has also a certificate of character from the superintendent of his home county.

More business will develop and very rapidly during the third week of the session. **WALTER FORRESTER.**

Dr. Samuel Schenk, of Vienna, announces that he has made a discovery by which the sexes may be produced at will.

Ten ladies of the smart New York set have formed a syndicate for the purpose of determining who do and who do not belong to the select society.

J. W. Stonehouse, a Chicago merchant, who recently assigned, jumped from the 16th story of the Masonic Temple building. He never knew what hurt him.

There are now 1,233 convicts in the Frankfort penitentiary, 80 of whom are under 18. Of the total number 268 are for house breaking, 154 for murder and 153 for manslaughter.

Walker D. Hines has been made assistant chief attorney of the L. & N., with headquarters at Louisville. This is a high tribute to his ability. Mr. Hines is a nephew of ex-Chief Justice Hines, of the court of appeals.

The State College has issued handsome invitations to the opening of the National History Building next Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Gov. Bradley, Senator Bronston, Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge and others will deliver addresses.

The precipitation from Friday noon to Saturday morning was 2.65 inches, more rain than fell continuously since February 21 and 22. The rainfall of Friday exceeded the entire precipitation from August 22 to November 1.—Lexington Herald.

LANCASTER.

Sheriff James Sanders took James Tudor to Frankfort to serve 21 years, for aiding in the murder of Marion Sebastian.

R. L. Elkin got second premium four times on his beautiful Minorca fowls at the Louisville show as follows: On a whole pen, on a hen, on a cockerel and on a pullet.

Judge George Denny, of Lexington, was here Friday looking after his turnpike interests. He has many friends here who are always glad to see him. Mr. Theodore Currey has been on the sick list for several days, but is improving.

When stating that Louis Leavel, colored, was fined for drawing a pistol on R. W. Fletcher, I did not know then that Fletcher was fined for using abusive language, which fact is now reported, in order to do justice to both parties.

Charles Anderson wagered a handsome sum with J. I. Hamilton that Senator Farris would make a speech before he had been in Frankfort 10 days. Of course Charles won, and Hamilton says an explosion would have taken place if he had not made the speech.

The amount of work mapped out by the Legislature points to a successful session. As much good is proposed in the repeal of obnoxious laws as in the enactment of other laws. For instance the proposed repeal of sections of the Martin mob law and of the board of equalization are moves in the right direction, while an act to tax dogs, regulate the price of school books, and make the school system more efficient and many others, looking to the general welfare, will meet the hearty approval of the people.

On Friday the fiscal court bought the three and a half miles of the old Danville road, lying in Garrard county, including half of the Dix River bridge, for \$1,565. This leaves the Richmond, Crab Orchard and Stanford roads still taking toll, the owners being unwilling to take the prices offered. The court will meet again on Tuesday. In all 58 miles have been bought for \$20,915, or about \$360 per mile, and 27 miles remain unsold. It is yet hoped that some agreement will be reached by which all parties will be satisfied.

New developments regarding the burglars who raided the town last week reveal the fact that they were very deliberate. They went through Mr. Mason's papers and the number of objects misplaced leads Mr. M. to believe that they had used chloroform on him, as he slept so as not to hear them, and had a dull sensation next morning, something unusual for him. At Mrs. Gill's they went to the dining room and deliberately ate a lunch. Their trip has caused many old guns and pistols to be rubbed up and old shutters to be closed. While no arrests have been made there are many who believe that the work was done by home talent, but this theory will not hold good when we consider the fact that they went to Mr. T. J. Hatcher's. The track of one of them shows a pressure of the center of the foot on the ground, as if the person making it had no hollow in the foot, nor any instep, and Sam Rothwell says this is a sure sign that he was a republican, as their feet are shaped that way. But, all jests aside, suspicions rest upon one individual who had better be cautious how he moves.

MT. VERNON.

The changeable weather has caused much sickness.

The "Chautauqua" will meet with Mrs. B. J. Bethurum this week.

A siege of fever has attacked our town. It is especially troublesome among the children.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Dr. A. G. Lovell next Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Ira M. Boswell preached to large audiences at the Christian church last Sunday. The beauties of God's love are impressively taught by this eloquent preacher.

The community received a pleasant shock last Saturday by the return of Wm. McClary, who disappeared so mysteriously nearly two years ago. He has traveled extensively since he left, having visited all the large cities of the East.

Mr. L. King is worse and it is probable that his wounds may prove fatal. Will Mullins, who was shot in the hand the day of the "fusillade" near courthouse, is slowly improving. The Messrs. Langfords and Mullins have given peace bonds.

Miss Mary Cox will return to Danville this week. Miss Lida Dillon, of Livingston, is here attending school. Mr. Jasper Rieckles has moved to his new residence. Dr. Pennington's family has moved to S. H. Martin's large residence. Rev. J. S. Forrer preached his first sermon in his new position at Ocofl, Fla., last Sunday. Mr. Miller and family, of Lancaster, have moved to the "Orchard" property on Town Hill.

Col. J. W. Colyer, of Somerset, was



DESS WHO I IS.

This is a picture of 5-months old of the pretty little daughter of a prominent gentleman who married a Lincoln county beauty. If you think you know who the little lady is drop us a card naming her and we will see how many is correct.

In town last Thursday. He has made a successful officer and fearlessly attends to duty. Mrs. Kirby has a class in physical culture at the college. Master F. L. Thompson has the fever. Mrs. Jennie Williams entertained the young people one evening last week. Mrs. J. L. Joplin gave a party in honor of Miss Dillon last week.

The W. C. T. U. medal contest which was held at the Christian church last Saturday night was well attended. The contestants were handsomely attired in white and presented a lovely picture as they filed up the aisles. Misses Otye Brown, Hattie Adams, Florence Mullins, Celia Gentry, Della Arnold and Lily Taylor were the speakers. All did well and were highly complimented by the judges. Miss Mattie Williams and Messrs. L. M. Boswell and C. C. Davis, who bestowed the handsome silver medal upon Miss Celia Gentry and second prize upon Miss Lily Taylor.

LIBERTY.

United States Pension Examiner Garrison, of Somerset, was here last week.

W. B. Cochran and J. G. Talbott propose to resurrect the Liberty Tribune some time before the 1st of February.

A monument has just been erected over the grave of Thomas A. Kempis, in the church of St. Michel, at Zwolle, 426 years after his death.

W. C. Adams and wife were visiting Mrs. Adams' mother in Jamestown last week. Miss Stella Hudson, of Danville, is visiting Mrs. J. P. Wilkinson.

F. P. Combest sold to Dr. W. D. Stone, the property known as the Old Red Tavern on the South side of the public square, who will begin early in the spring to tear away the old building and erect a handsome residence on its site.

W. C. Adams has bought one-half of the drug business of M. K. Humphrey and they will run in connection with their drug store a general hardware store. It has been known for some time that a hardware store was needed here and there can be no doubt of its success. The style of the firm will be Humphrey & Adams.

One Mr. Radcliffe in the employ of J. G. Wearen, a feather renovator doing business at this place, jumped his board bill at the Exchange Hotel last week and decamped with \$10 worth of Mr. Wearen's feathers. He took along with him also a horse and wagon belonging to Mr. W., which he left at Moreland in a livery stable, with strict injunctions against letting it out until his return. The owner of the property was absent at the time.

Miss Burke and Mrs. Bralley, of Danville, are visiting their sister, Mrs. F. P. Combest. Miss Julia Myers visited Miss Lizzie Phillips last Thursday and Friday. Q. C. Godbey has bought the house and lot belonging to Miss Sallie Wolford. W. H. McClure, of Humphrey, has sold his mercantile business to Solomon Ashley, who took charge Jan. 1st. Two very delightful parties were enjoyed by the young people last week. One occurred at the residence of Mr. John Wilkinson and was given in honor of Misses Jennie Wilkinson and Lucy Bowman. The other was given by Miss Amanda Stone last Thursday evening and was pronounced by all present to be the most enjoyable event of the season.

Col. E. H. Galtner has issued a special order removing Lieut. Sharpley, of Frankfort, from his place in the Second regiment, on the grounds of incompetency. He claims that a non-commissioned officer was never in command at the Danville toll gate, which is still guarded.

A 15-year-old school boy at Philadelphia confessed to murdering a six-year-old school boy while playing in the woods last week.

The Kentucky river is on a boom at High Bridge and many ferry-boats have been swept away.

NEIGHBORING COUNTY NEWS.

E. B. Linney has been appointed postmaster at Danville.

The grand jury at Pineville returned 111 indictments, charging violations of the liquor law.

Bud is the name of a new postoffice in Wayne and John M. Buck has been made postmaster.

John Shelton, who killed Buford Overton, was convicted at Pineville and given two years in the reformatory.

Z. T. Lanahan was appointed postmaster at Cio. Whitley county, and Job M. Kerns at Paisley, Wayne county.

Antonio Vogliotti was fined \$905 for selling grape cider in London. There are 30-odd more indictments against him.

John W. Parrish, of Madison, assigned to Col. D. M. Chenault. Assets \$18,000 to \$20,000, with liabilities of \$12,000.

The Reporter says that J. H. Allen, late of Middleburg, has bought an interest in W. H. Tibbal's drug store in Somerset.

The Somerset Reporter has this interesting news item: "Owing to this rush of business two more blind tigers are now in operation."

Clell Richardson is said to have shot at Dora Clay, his sister, and wife of the general, with murderous intent, because she took sides against him in a quarrel.

The tollgate keeper on the Lexington pike at Dix River received a threatening notice and guards were asked from the Boyle authorities and placed at the gate.

Mrs. Kate Hope, wife of Mat Hope, of Pittsburg, died last week after a protracted illness. She was originally from Danville, where her remains were taken for interment.

John Doty playfully pointed a pistol at Robert Ballews at Richmond, saying "I'm going to shoot you," and he did, the ball making a severe scalp wound. He didn't know it was loaded.

Gilbert Hayes, a young farmer, while on his way from Berea to his home near Manchester, dropped his pistol from his pocket, which was accidentally discharged, the ball striking him in the head and killing him instantly.

Great indignation is felt at Middlesboro over the fact that Wm. Givens, who was fined for assault on a boy has had the main witness, Miss Hattie Brecheer, indicted for perjury. All the bar at Pineville has volunteered to defend her.

J. A. Carpenter, writing to the Advocate from Perryville, says that the boys of that town have been behaving so badly lately that the new board of trustees refuses to serve and the marshal elected declines to qualify. Mr. C. fears that if the state of affairs continues the charter will be forfeited.

The student, Montgomery, who assaulted President Frost, of Berea College, because he accused him of the paternity of a prospective child of one of his colored female students, was held at Richmond in bond of \$400. Montgomery is a barber and a married man, and entered College from Ohio.

The cases of Peyton and Elsie Langford, charged with maliciously shooting and wounding Will Mullins and Latham King at Livingston last Monday, were called Saturday at Mt. Vernon and continued until the 20th, on account of absent witnesses, Judge R. G. Williams had every man who entered the court-house searched for a weapon.

It leaks out that there has been trouble between Adjutant General Collier, Assistant Adjutant General Forrester and Col. Galtner, of the Second regiment, over placing R. M. Shearer, a non-commissioned officer, in charge of troops at Danville. It is claimed that Col. Galtner was ordered to place a commissioned officer in charge, and if trouble had occurred and raiders been killed, the charge of murder could have been made.

There is said to be dying in a house of ill fame at Lexington, the beautiful young daughter of a distiller at Quail, Rockcastle county, who ran off and married Walter M. Downing, while she was visiting in Chicago. He was a son of the millionaire tobaccoist of Boston, and he was greatly incensed with his son for marrying. In order to placate him he sought divorce from the girl but failed to get it and she took up with a rich New Yorker, who deserted her. She went from bad to worse and finally drifted to Lexington where she was taken sick and according to an agreement entered into with him, she has sent for her rich husband.

Mrs. Lucille Blackburn Lane, youngest daughter of ex-Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, probably fatally shot herself accidentally in her apartments in Washington about midnight Saturday.

Logan L. Carlisle, youngest son of Hon. John G. Carlisle, died at his father's residence in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle are both ill and the latter's condition is considered serious.



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