

# The Paducah Evening

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PADUCAH, KY., WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 8, 1908

## 1 BID SUBMITTED FOR STREET WORK ON SOUTH TENTH

Bitulthic Company Gets Contract For \$2.40 Per Square Yard.

G. W. Katterjohn Only Bidder on Sidewalks.

### THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Without competition to the Southern Bitulthic company got the contract for paving of Tenth street between Broadway and Kentucky avenue with bitulthic at \$2.40 cents the square yard. This is five cents more than the Broadway work, but in that contract the company is allowed 45 cents the cubic yard for excavating and filling, while the Tenth street contract embraces all necessary filling and grading. The same provision is made in the concrete sidewalk work on Tenth street between Broadway and Kentucky avenue, which was let to G. W. Katterjohn for 18 cents the square foot, with 95 cents the lineal foot for granite curbing and 40 cents the lineal foot for concrete gutters. The Broadway sidewalks were let for 15 1/2 cents the square foot, but extra allowance was made for excavating and filling. Mr. Katterjohn was the only bidder.

The contracts were let this morning at an adjourned session of the board of public works, which approved the bond of \$6,000 furnished by the Southern Bitulthic company for honest performance of its Broadway and Jefferson street contract. The company's equipment has been ordered shipped here from Knoxville, Tenn., and the work will commence in a few days.

The board of public works adjourned over until this afternoon to transact routine business.

### Home Broken Into.

The home of Mrs. John Lane, 1005 Clark street, was broken into this morning and three old half dollars stolen and a pair of trousers. The money was in a collection and the thief decided to take it and put it into circulation. The family was away at the time, but neighbors remember seeing a young man leave the back way and a description has been given the police department.

### County Court.

Judge Lightfoot sentenced Henry Finney, colored, of the county, to six months in the county jail yesterday afternoon, for failing to support his family.

### In Police Court.

It was like old times in police court this morning to take a look at the bench; for it was well filled with offenders. Somehow the after effect of the Fourth was bad, and the police did a rushing business late yesterday afternoon. Many of the cases were continued owing to the absence of witnesses. The docket read: Disorderly house—Mary Hall, continued until July 19. Breach of peace—Lottie Schroeder, continued until July 10; John Humphrey, \$10 and costs; Mattie Peck, \$5 and costs; Will Cramer, Fred Bryant, Elmer and A. Wyatt, continued until July 11; Will Cramer \$5 and costs; Joe Allen, alias Black Cat, \$50 and costs. Fugitive from justice—Robert Weekley, colored, ordered returned to St. Louis. Breach of ordinance—Charles Snitz, Frank Williams and Mattie Cooper, continued. Malicious shooting—Walter M. colored, dismissed.

## Entertainment of Traveling Men All Prepared For and City is Well Decorated in Honor of Occasion

Secretary of Three-States Organization Arrives and is Pleased With Arrangements—Delegates Begin to Arrive

Secretary F. L. Bartlett, of St. Louis, of the Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi Traveling Men's association, is in the city in advance of the hosts of drammers, who will begin to arrive tonight for the three days' meeting Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Other officers of the association will arrive today.

Nothing is lacking now, but the traveling men themselves to insure a great meeting. August Scherman, the St. Louis decorator, is hourly making Broadway more beautiful, and those persons who wondered why he started in so early to decorate now see that the volume of work before him necessitated the time. The hotel lobbies, the retail stores and the Commercial club headquarters for the meeting are receiving attention from him today, as well as the street decorations.

### Headquarters.

As fast as the traveling men arrive in the city they will go to the Commercial club rooms, Sixth street and Broadway, to register and secure rooms. If the hotels cannot accommodate the crowd, the reception committee has a long list of private homes where the visitors will be welcome. The badges for the meeting are unique, in that they have a place at the bottom for the name and city of the wearer, so that introductions will be unnecessary. Special badges are provided for the officers and for the Paducah men who will be in charge of the entertainments.

Secretary Fowler, of the Commercial club, sees nothing in the way of three days' uninterrupted pleasure for the traveling men, and thinks that all the expense for the meeting will be repaid the city many times in the enthusiastic reports that the visitors will carry back to their territories in the three states about Paducah. To have hundreds of drammers boosting the town will be the best advertisement.

### The First Day.

Most of the traveling men will arrive tomorrow afternoon and an open air concert by a military band at Fifth street and Broadway will be the first event on the program at 5 o'clock. Park cars will be taken at 7 o'clock for a ride through the city, terminating at Wallace park, where addresses of welcome and responses will be heard in the Chautauqua pavilion. Fireworks will be displayed at the park before this meeting.

John R. Smith, former president of the K. T. M. association, will respond to the welcome.

Another open air concert, summer theaters and the various concessions will be the attractions after 8:30 o'clock and a dance will be given complimentary to the visitors in the pavilion, which will end the first day's round of pleasure. On Friday, July 10, the delegates will assemble for a parade in uniform, headed by the civil authorities with B. W. Cornelison as grand marshal, assisted by aides.

Automobile and horse races at the

fair grounds and a baseball game between the Elks of Paducah and Dyersburg, Tenn., will constitute Friday afternoon's entertainments. Yacht races and motor boat contests on the river at 6 o'clock in the evening and a moonlight excursion on the Dick Fowler at 8 o'clock will bring Friday's festivities to a close.

Official business will be transacted in the executive session to be held at the Kentucky theater on Saturday morning, when officers will be elected and the next place of meeting chosen. There will be special prizes given for the tallest and shortest delegate, ugliest and handsomest delegates, for the most popular lady visitor and for the best decorated turn-out.

Among those whose places of business have been decorated by August Scherman are Wolff's jewelry store, the Richmond House, Louis Clark's grocery, Lew Allenberg's place, the Ideal Meat Market, R. W. Walker and company, and The Sun office and all are delighted. Mr. Scherman will have a booth in front of the Commercial club for the sale of bamboo steins, from material used in the construction of Filipino native huts at the St. Louis world's fair. They were all duly blessed before being taken from the Philippines and are supposed to carry good luck.

### Fat Bill Tucker.

"Fat Bill" Tucker, of J. F. Tucker, of Memphis, properly speaking, one of the biggest and most successful traveling men on the road, has become a member of the K. T. M. and will address the convention on Saturday morning. A meeting of the executive committee was held at 11 o'clock this morning attended by Secretary Bartlett and J. L. Washburn, second vice president and the local promoters.

### Cupid and K. T. M.

Many honeymooners will be enjoyed at the K. T. M. meeting here this week, and the first couple to arrive in honor of the event was Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weidon, of Jackson, Tenn., who were married there yesterday. Mr. Weidon is a successful traveling man, who will take part of his honeymoon at the jubilee here. Mrs. Weidon is a beautiful and attractive young woman. Other visitors who have arrived are: Mrs. M. A. Rutherford, Mrs. W. W. Herron and Miss Bessie Herron, Mrs. F. L. Bartlett, and Misses Madge and Ada Lee Bartlett, of St. Louis; and Mrs. J. L. Washburn, of Jackson, Tenn., accompanied by their husbands.

### The Elks.

Beginning tomorrow evening and continuing during the meeting of the K. T. M., the parlors of the Elks' home, on North Fifth street, will be open to the visiting ladies for their use. Refreshments will be served during the evening, and the parlor will be a delightful spot to rest after a busy day of sight-seeing.

### City Hall Decorated.

The city officials will not be behind the times, and this afternoon the decorators are making city hall as pretty as any in the city. Mayor Smith and Chief Collins could not see the merchants decorating in honor of the traveling men, and not show a welcome to them by putting flags up on the public building. All of the flags will be kept up at the city buildings and the knights of the grip welcomed with a hearty handshake.

## GIRL WAS RIDING ON TOP OF TRAIN WHEN IT ROLLED INTO PADUCAH STATION

Mattie Cooper of Louisville Was Out For View of the World, She Said.

The second catch of a girl dressed in men's clothes in a month was made by Patrolmen Rousch and Bryant, and Patillo Kirk, of the Illinois Central force, at the Union station, when they arrested Mattie Cooper, 17 years old, of Louisville. The girl with Frank Williams and Charles Snitz, two young boys, was riding on top of a coach of train No. 103, from Louisville to Memphis. They were taken to the police station and the girl gave the name of Thelma Smith, but later she confessed that her real name was Mattie Cooper, and that she left her home on the Fourth of July. Messages have been sent to the Louisville department notifying them of the catch.

The girl tells conflicting stories of her trip, but says she stayed away from home too long, and was afraid to return. She went to the home of a friend and stayed until last night, when she caught a freight train at Twelfth street and rode to West

Point. Before leaving she dressed in an old suit of boy's clothes, but she refused to say where she got them. At West Point as the fast passenger train went through she says she climbed on top of a coach and the two boys were there then.

Her father is William Cooper and lives at Eighteenth and Colgan streets with his wife. She denies that her parents were cruel to her, and one of her stories was that she wanted to see the world. She is a small girl weighing about 120 pounds, and has light hair, which is neatly parted on the side. She wears a white shirt-waist and the suit of clothes is much too large for her. She has on a pair of girl's slippers.

Patrolman Rousch spied the girl's shoe when the train rolled in, and he climbed upon the coal tender to see if he was not right in guessing that his prisoner was a girl. At the command to dismount the three remained on the top and tried to hide, but when a pistol was pointed at them the trio dismounted and the girl gave her name as Thelma Smith. She said she was going to Memphis to see Ed Lewis, a friend.

A conductor from Louisville says that a girl has been reported to the police department as missing from home for three days, and the police are confident that Mattie is the girl.

## TWO SUITS FILED IN FEDERAL COURT AGAINST RIDERS

Refugees From Birmingham, Marshall County, Ask For \$75,000 Damages.

Seventy-One Defendants Are Named in the Pleadings.

### EXHAUSTED THE BLANK SUPPLY

Two suits have been filed in the federal court amounting to \$75,000 by Browning & Hazell, attorneys for negroes who were driven out of Birmingham by night riders. The number of defendants is 75 and includes citizens of Lyon county as well as alleged night riders in Marshall county. The suits required so many summons that the supply of blanks was exhausted and a printing house received a hurry order to print them.

As soon as the summons are completed Elwood Neel, deputy United States marshal, will start out to serve the papers. The plaintiffs are residents of Illinois and were run out of Birmingham by the two raids in which John Scruggs, an aged negro, was killed. It is said that practically the same evidence will be used in the trials that was offered in the night rider trials at Benton, as Otis Bieck, the confessed night rider and star witness for the commonwealth in the trials, was in Paducah last week to give evidence.

It is said that some of the defendants in the suit are men of means.

### Anna Wants Her Children.

Paris, July 8.—Princess de Sagan, formerly Anna Gould, began her honeymoon by instituting a legal fight for the custody of the three children of Boni de Castellane, her former husband.

### MEXICAN MISSIONARY

The Rev. J. G. Chastain, for 20 years a missionary in Mexico, will preach tonight at the prayer meeting service of the First Baptist church. Dr. Chastain is a pleasant speaker. His subject will be: "Twenty Years in Mexico."

### WE'RE ALL DRESSED UP

The Sun's home, at 115 South Third street, stands out conspicuously today as the result of the artistic decorating done by Mr. G. Schmidt, an assistant expert of Mr. August Scherman, the St. Louis decorator for the K. T. M. The ease and rapidity with which these decorators work has been the subject of much favorable comment and a standard has been set that the city will not want to fall below in future events.

### BELIEVES IN WELL

Believing that a sip of water from the old family well will restore him to health, Mr. John Trantham, a popular engineer of the Illinois Central railroad, and his son Robert, 713 South Tenth street, left this morning for the mountains of Tennessee. Mr. Trantham has been ill for several weeks for the first time in eleven years, and he decided to go to his old home in the mountains near Chattanooga and recuperate. As he left he said the first thing he would do was to take a big drink of water from the old family well out of a gourd, and expressed confidence that this would make him feel like a boy. Mr. Trantham has not been to his old Tennessee home for 25 years, and on this visit to relatives he will remain for three weeks.

### CHIEF COLLINS DOES NOT LIKE NEW SCHEME

The resolution that was passed by the board of councilmen Monday night, requiring the changing to be taken out to work in the patrol wagon, has met with disfavor among some of the members of the police department. Chief Collins has expressed his disapproval of it. He says that often the patrol wagon is used for committees to be taken out to inspect work, and the use of it to haul the city prisoners to and from work would make it filthy. The constant loading of shovels and chains into the vehicle would wear it out much quicker, and when the men are working in the outskirts of the city it will take an hour to return. If a hurry call is sent in for the police it will be almost impossible to respond quickly with the patrol wagon in service, hauling the delinquents.

## Bryan Men Control Credentials Committee and Oust McCracken Guffey Delegates to

Sub-Committee on Resolutions Will Work All Day and Submit Platform to Conference Tonight.

Convention Hall, Denver, Col., July 8.—(Bulletin.)—Bryan wants a strong injunction plank that gives only a three day limit for a writ and requires two judges; an emergency currency issued and controlled by the federal government and loaned to national and state banks under proper guarantee. He favors the postal savings bank, if a guarantee bank can not be secured.

The convention was called to order at 12:5 o'clock this afternoon by Chairman Bell, who introduced the Rev. Christian Reiser, of Denver. He made the opening prayer. The hall was packed and thousands were unable to gain entrance. Marching clubs took a half hour parading through the aisles before business could be resumed. The credentials committee in the hope of reaching a unanimous report decided to postpone reporting until 2 o'clock. The committee on rules reported and was adopted.

Denver, July 8.—The convention reassembled at noon, mountain time, or 2 o'clock central time. The committee on permanent organization reported the officers. The permanent chairman, H. D. Clayton, made an address in which he said:

Democratic doctrines are now popular and the Republicans now urge "them as gospel of their own."

He said the name of Roosevelt will be used to conjure with. He attacked Roosevelt as a boss who dictated his successor.

He said Democrats have always protested against abuse of the injunction, upon which Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft dwell, and the promise of tariff revision is false. He declared

### POSTOFFICE RAISES.

Washington, July 8.—(Special.)—The postoffice promotions include Paducah, with four clerks raised to \$900 and nine carriers to \$1,000 each.

## Paducah Man Killed Dr. Wilson.

Philadelphia, July 8. (Special.)—Police are on a clew of a girl said to be from Paducah in their effort to establish the identity of the poisoner of Dr. Wilson, the murdered malpractitioner. No name is given.

A dispatch from Philadelphia this morning says: A clew here in the Adleson poisoning mystery points to the husband of a Paducah woman, who died recently from the effects of a criminal operation performed in Philadelphia by Dr. Wilson. Police

## SOLDIERS CHASE REVOLUTIONISTS FROM MOUNTAINS

Del Rio, Tex., July 8.—Marshall Nolte and District Attorney Boynton left here, following the receipt of important advices. It is believed they have information that Mexican soldiers have routed revolutionists whom they have been pursuing in the mountains and the officials here are to prevent the refugees crossing the Texas border.

### FUGITIVE CAPTURED

Detective T. J. Moore arrested Robert Weekly alias Casey Jones, colored, this morning near Ninth and Washington streets. Weekly is wanted in St. Louis on a charge of assault and battery, as it is alleged that he nearly killed a woman with a knife. He gave bond, but when the trial was called Weekly had skipped out for Paducah. Detective Moore learned that he was in Paducah, and has been on the hunt for him. Weekly agreed to return to Illinois without requisition papers, and he will be taken to St. Louis at once.

Sheriff W. L. Brand of Graves county, was in Paducah yesterday the guest of Sheriff J. W. Ketter.

## HITCHCOCK MADE CHAIRMAN OF REP. NAT'L COMMITTEE

Hot Springs, Va., July 8.—Frank H. Hitchcock was elected chairman, and George R. Sheldon, of New York, was elected treasurer of the Republican committee.

Mr. Taft is conferring with Senator Borah, of Idaho; Frank Lowden, of Illinois; Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio; Charles Nagle, of Missouri; William Ward, of New York; E. C. Duncanson, of North Carolina; Frank Kellogg, of Minnesota; Powell Clayton, of Arkansas. Elmer Dever is willing to be re-elected secretary.

### CROP CONDITIONS

Washington, July 8.—The condition of winter wheat is \$0.6. Spring wheat is \$9.4. Corn \$2.8.

### Leo Keller Is Touring.

Mr. Leo Keller has gone to Bowling Green and Louisville in his automobile on a pleasure trip. The machine was thoroughly overhauled and repaired for the trip, and with moderate luck he should be delayed but a few hours on the trip. He will be gone several weeks on the trip in his roadster.

## VANDALS AT WORK

Vandals broke into a vacant house at 228 South Fourth street, property of Mrs. J. W. Bloomfield, and destroyed all of the plumbing and broke the bath tub into small bits. Many feet of piping were twisted and it is thought that it was to have been sold as junk. The police are working on the job, but have not been able to untie it yet. The police have been trying to find the vandals who have been responsible for pilaging a number of vacant houses in the city and destroying plumbing work.

### Sale of Government Lots.

Lawton, Okla., July 8.—November 15 is fixed for the sale of lots in the new government addition to Lawton, comprising Indian school land, opened by the Gore bill.

### Two Consuls Named.

Washington, July 8.—The appointments are announced of Samuel Reat, of Illinois, as consul to Mauritania, and Adam Liebernecht, of Illinois, consul to Aden Arabia.

### Louisville Tobacco Market.

Louisville, Ky., July 8.—The Kentucky warehouse sold 21 hogsheds of dark at \$6.70@9.00.

The Louisville warehouse sold 21 hogsheds of dark at \$8.00@11.25.

On his first trip as a traveling salesman for the Webb-Phillips, Mr. H. C. Thomas, left this morning for Princeton. From Princeton he will go south for a several weeks' business trip. Mr. Thomas was a salesman for Wallerstein for many years, but as a traveling salesman promises to become an efficient knight of the grip.

### COMPLIMENTS JAIL

Fiscal court made an exhaustive examination of the county jail yesterday and gave County Jailer J. W. Eaker a compliment for the conditions they found.

### Chicago Market.

	July	High	Low	Close
Wheat	88 1/2	86 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
Corn	72 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Oats	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Prox.	15.52 1/2	15.27 1/2	15.52 1/2	15.52 1/2
Lead	3.37 1/2	9.35	9.87 1/2	9.87 1/2
Ribs	8.65	8.60	8.65	8.65



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