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TOBACCO FIELDS IN THIS SECTION APPEAR SPLENDID

Make Corn Acreage "Patches" in Comparison, and of Most Excellent Quality.

Buyers Satisfy Themselves as to Extent and Condition.

LOCAL RECEIPTS AND SALES

"Tobacco fields and corn patches" is the way the acreage of the two staple crops compare when one makes a trip through the farming section of western Kentucky. The condition on both crops is far above the average, the tobacco crop being especially promising and far advanced, many farmers having "topped" their tobacco, which means that the crop may be put on the market and money realized on its sale by September 15 or a month earlier than is usual.

The high prices and ready sale the farmers had for their 1906 crop of tobacco and a good prospect for the continuance of those conditions existing at the time for planting the present crop coupled with a late, wet spring, caused many farmers to almost abandon their corn crop and devote all their time and energy in raising a large tobacco crop. They were fortunate in having an abundance of plants, while the weather conditions were all that could be desired at transplanting time, and as a consequence "the face of the earth is planted in tobacco," as a tobacco broker expressed it this morning, after having received reports from men in his employ, sent out to ascertain the exact acreage and condition of the growing crop of the weed. Their reports show that in the western district of the "black patch" the acreage is at least a 50 per cent increase over all previous years, while in the eastern, or Clarksville district, the increase is even greater.

In every instance it is reported that the condition of the crop is far above the average and prospects never so good for a fine quality of tobacco being raised. These reports have had the effect of causing the buyers to purchase but small quantities of the 1907 crop, 60 per cent of which is now on the market unsold, a condition brought about by the poor quality of the tobacco in addition to the high prices at which the farmers have held their product.

One of the men, who rode over several counties during the last two weeks, was here this morning and said he was almost mobbed in one section of Calloway county, the report having been circulated that his real business was to determine what farmers had not pledged their tobacco to the association and to offer inducements to those who had not to stay out and sell their tobacco independently.

Local Receipts.
The receipts of tobacco at the Paducah sales-room of the Planters' Protective association during the week have been 263 hogheads, while 91 hogheads have been sold at prices ranging from 9 to 13 cents.
Receipts for year, 1922; sales, 3764.

**FIREMAN LET OUT
BY CHIEF WOOD;
ENGINEER QUILTS**

Fire Chief James Wood, discharged Will Nelson, of the No. 2 fire station, this morning for breach of discipline. Chief Wood intends to follow the orders strictly and the board has promised to back him up. W. F. McCormick is filling in Nelson's place until the board selects a man.

Richard Brown, who has been acting engineer for the steamer at the No. 2 station, quit work this morning because his license had expired. He will take the examination again and have the license renewed at once and probably will be a candidate for the position when a permanent engineer is elected. Lee Story was appointed temporarily engineer to succeed Brown, until the regular election is held by the board.

DISASTROUS BLAZE
Detroit, July 11.—Fire practically wiped out the business section of the town of Riga. A locomotive spark fired a grain elevator. There was no fire protection and all surrounding buildings was destroyed.

Bryan and Kern Head Democratic National Ticket--Denver is Quiet Again After Weeks of Excitement

Indiana Man Pleased at Honor Accorded Him and Bryan Wires His Sincere Pleasure--Everybody Aboard.

Denver, Col., July 11.—W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, and J. W. Kern, of Indiana, for president and vice president, respectively head the national Democratic ticket.

Denver is practically deserted today. Most of the delegates and visitors left last night. The final guard departed today. Most of the eastern delegates are preparing to stop at Lincoln to visit Bryan on their way home. Kern will visit Bryan Sunday or Monday. Kern's nomination was a band wagon rush. The tip that he was the man went around the ball, just after the convention met, and the second speeches showed this. This caused a rush to the band wagon. Kern said today: "I did not seek this nomination, though I am very much gratified that it has been conferred on me. I am especially proud to be associated with Mr. Bryan on the ticket. I shall take the stump and do my level best to secure the election of Mr. Bryan and myself."

Indianapolis, July 11.—At Indianapolis local preparations are made to give John W. Kern a royal reception on his return next week. Four years ago when Fairbanks was nominated a non-partisan reception was given and Kern made the address. It is expected that Fairbanks will make the address, welcoming Kern home now. The entire city will join in the event, Mayor Bookwalter and other Republicans assisting in the arrangements.

At Lincoln.
Lincoln, Neb., July 11.—Bryan today received numerous delegations, who congratulated him and discussed campaign plans. Several hundred called during the day. A crowd of Chicago Democrats were the first arrivals. All went to Fairview. Other eastern delegations arrived later. The Democratic national committee is coming Tuesday. Kern is expected to attend the conference. It is expected the national chairman will be named then. Bryan probably will dictate the choice. Tom Taggart, J. H. Atwood, of Kansas, Mayor Dahman, of Omaha, T. F. Ryan, of Wisconsin, and Urey Woodson, of Kentucky, are regarded as candidates. It is believed Bryan favors Dahman.

Kern By Acclamation.
Denver, Col., July 11.—The Democratic national convention concluded

FRANK MARDIS GUARDED IN HIS HOME BY SOLDIERS WHILE HE FARMS HIS CROP

Calloway County Man Harassed by Armed Band For Testing Against Its Members.

Murray, Ky., July 11. (Special.)—With soldiers patrolling his corn and tobacco fields while he works his crops in the day and a detail around his house while he sleeps at night, Frank Mardis, victim of the night riders' lash last winter and threatened with further violence this season, is making an effort to support his family by raising a crop this year.

Mardis first provoked the hatred of the night riders in the fall of 1907 by selling to the independent buyers. He was visited by a band of 200 masked men and brutally whipped and rode to promise to put all tobacco in the association. This spring he again aroused their wrath by appearing at the court of inquiry and exhibiting his wounds and the six foot limb with which he was beaten, laying the foundation for a prosecution of the members of the mob, whose identity had been established by the confessions of Wiley Stewart, Macon Champion and others. Since that time he has been a "marked man" and has lived in constant fear of being visited again and more severely punished, if not killed. However, with the presence of troops in the county and the check given night riders by the prompt action of the grand jury in bringing indictments at the last term of court, Mr. Mardis had gone ahead with his crop as usual until last week when his farm was visited by a mob of 200 men, who fired hundreds of shots supposedly as a warning. Mardis and his family were not at home, although no effort was made by the marauders to enter the house. When he returned next morning the neighbors informed

him of the occurrence the night before he and his family went to Murray and stayed at a friend's house until a few days ago when soldier guards were sent with him back to his home in the hills on the banks of the Tennessee river, and under their protection he will stay there until his crop is made and disposed of. Then it is understood he will leave the county and seek a home probably in the great west.

Mr. Mardis is a man of frail constitution and the great strain under which he is living has almost broken him down. He has an interesting family consisting of a wife and several small children all of whom appear above the average in intelligence. Like their father their faces depict many sleepless nights caused by fear and anxiety.

MAD TAILOR.
Cincinnati, July 11.—Frank Fred, a tailor, went mad over losing a few dollars playing poker. He poured gasoline over his naked body. All the furniture of the room was set on fire and he fought off the firemen with shears. He finally was overcome and taken to the hospital. He is expected to die.

its labors last evening by the nomination of John Worth Kern, of Indiana, for the vice presidency. The nomination of Kern was made by acclamation amid the resounding cheers of delegates and spectators. No ballot was necessary, as the tide of sentiment had set irresistibly toward the Indiana candidate, state after state registering their delegations in his favor, and all other candidates withdrawing before the universal demand for his nomination. The convention after adjournment at daylight with the nomination of Mr. Bryan resumed its session at 1 p. m. with a powerful undercurrent already in motion toward the nomination of Kern for second place. On the call of states Indiana presented the name of Kern; Colorado, through former Governor Thomas, placed in nomination Charles A. Towne, of New York; Connecticut presented Archibald McNeil and Georgia Clark Howell. The names of Judge George Gray, of Delaware, and of John Mitchell, of Illinois, were not presented, owing to the positive requests of these gentlemen not to have their names go before the convention. For a time it looked as though a ballot would be required, but the steady line of states which joined in seconding Kern's nomination soon made it apparent that the chances of all other candidates had been extinguished.

Towne Starts Acclamation Wave.
Mr. Towne in person was the first candidate to recognize the decisive nature of the Kern movement, and in a ringing speech he withdrew his name from consideration and pledged his support to the ticket of Bryan and Kern. Withdrawals quickly followed from the supporters of Howell, of Georgia, and McNeil, of Connecticut, leaving the Indiana candidate alone in the field. The withdrawal of the Connecticut candidate was accompanied by a motion that the nomination of Kern be made by acclamation. The motion was carried with a deafening shout and the great assemblage broke into a great demonstration on the

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ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN POLICE AND MACHINISTS

Washington, July 11.—An armed conflict is feared between the police and striking machinists at the Washington Terminal company's round house. Fifty strikers with arms are guarding the round house to prevent strike-breakers entering. The police are camping near to quell the outbreaks. It is feared a clash is inevitable.

Hobert and Foreman Graham, of Murray, are visiting relatives and friends in the city.

**HERBERT CRIDER
SHOT AND KILLED
BY ALBERT MYLES**
Galesburg, Ill., July 11. (Special.)—Albert Myles, the well known race horse man, shot and killed Herbert Crider, of Caruthersville, Ill., in a saloon here, an old grudge being the cause of the shooting. Three shots were fired by Myles, two shots taking effect and death came instantly. Myles was in Paducah with a string of horses July 3 and 4.

Bishop Cartis Dies
Baltimore, July 11.—Bishop Alfred A. Cartis, vicar-general in the Catholic archdiocese of Baltimore, died this morning of cancer of the stomach.

CREDITORS SEEK TO HAVE SALE OF REGISTER AGAIN

Claim That Referee Should Have Allowed Bidders to Compete

Matter Goes Before Judge McCall at Memphis Now.

PROCEEDS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT

Attorney J. C. Flournoy, representing foreign and local creditors of the Register Newspaper company, has appealed from the decision of Referee Bagby, of the bankrupt court, in confirming the sale of the Register newspaper plant and business to Warner Moore for \$6,700. There was another bid offering the same amount. The case will be heard by Judge McCall at Memphis, who is ex-cise judge of the United States court for the district of western Kentucky during the absence of Judge Evans, who is in Europe. The attorney in his petition recites the fact that as two bids of the same amount were offered for the plant, the referee should have ordered another sale of the property and given the creditors the benefit of competition between the two bidders. The proceeds of the sale were not sufficient to pay the claims of the first mortgage holders and the general creditors of the concern would not receive any part of their claims.

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RESIDENCE LOST WITH HOUSEHOLD GOODS IS TOTAL

Florence Station, Ky., July 11. (Special.)—Fire destroyed the home of Robert Newton, a farmer, yesterday afternoon. It is thought the blaze started from a defective flue, and the house was burned to the ground despite efforts to save it. Newton lost his household goods and his loss will be about \$500 with no insurance. It was a three room house, and his smokehouse was burned also. The stable was saved after a fight by neighbors. Newton formerly lived in Paducah.

The South Carolina
Philadelphia, July 11.—South Carolina is the newest battleship launched at Cramp's yard before a large crowd, including many naval officials. Miss Frederica Abel, daughter of the governor, christened her. South Carolina is the second of the Dreadnought class. She is sixteen thousand tons and a sister of the Michigan, recently launched.

FIGG IN BAD
Louisville, Ky., July 11. (Special.)—Lee Figg, a contractor, arrested by the board of aldermen for trying to bribe Alderman Hess to approve a granite contract. Hess showed a diamond ring Figg gave him. He led Figg into a trap.

**JOHN M. ALLEN LEAVING
MCCRACKEN THIS WEEK.**
John M. Allen, organizer for the tobacco growers' association, who has been at work in McCracken county for two weeks, will leave tonight for his home at Guthrie to spend Sunday. He will go to Carlisle county Monday.

Burning Lake of Oil A Mile Wide Illuminates Sea For Two Hundred Miles and Threatens Whole Field

Flames Are Fed From Wells and Already the Loss is Estimated at Million Dollars--Ozuluma Territory.

Tampico, Mexico, July 11.—Fire is sweeping over the Ozuluma oil field. A lake of oil a mile wide is burning. It is fed from wells and it is feared the whole field will be destroyed. The loss already is a million. Flames mount hundreds of feet and are seen 200 miles at sea.

**AT GRAND RIVERS
FARMERS' UNION
PLAN WAREHOUSE**

Smithland, Ky., July 11.—The Farmers' Union of this county is planning to purchase the Boston block at Grand Rivers and is almost certain to close the deal. Whittemore, the real estate man of Paducah, is agent for the property, and an option was secured from him by members of the Union several weeks ago, in which the Union was given the privilege of purchasing the property for \$4,000, and were given 90 days in which to raise the money.

This will be the first attempt of the kind in the state. It is hoped by those taking interest in the move to make it of such proportions that adjoining counties will be interested and do business through the Grand Rivers warehouse, and a rally of the farmers is planned for July 25, at which time it is hoped to make definite arrangements for carrying out the deal. R. L. Barnett, the state organizer, will deliver an address to the public.

**JUDGE PARKS FIGHTS
LICENSE PROVISION**
Because business firms are charged the same license as a single business man engaging in the same occupation, and more specifically because several lawyers in partnership pay the same license as a lawyer sole, Judge D. G. Park filed a demurrer in police court this morning. A citation was issued at the instance of R. B. Hicks, city license inspector, against Judge Park for failure to pay license, and the validity of the ordinance will be tested. Many attorneys have failed to pay the license, but the case against Judge Park will be made a test case. In general the demurrer reads that the ordinance is unconstitutional because of discrimination. The decision in the case either way promises to develop an appeal, and although the ordinance has withstood several attacks the grounds of the demurrer are novel, and much interest has been aroused.

NO IMPROVEMENT
Little improvement is shown today in the condition of Mrs. Azelee Watson, 922 Jones street, who was struck over the right eye Thursday night by an unknown negro burglar. Mrs. Watson is unconscious a great part of the time, and imagines she sees the negro. However, the doctors say that she is resting as easy as could be expected. Henry Jones, the negro suspect arrested at the Union station by the police, is still being held pending an investigation.

**WOODMEN OF THE WORLD
GO TO MAYFIELD SUNDAY.**
Woodmen of the World will leave Paducah tomorrow morning on a special train at 9 o'clock for Mayfield to attend the unveiling of a monument to a former member of Jersey camp, of this city. They will be entertained at lunch in Mayfield by the lodge and the unveiling ceremonies will take place in the afternoon. The special train will return to Paducah late Sunday afternoon. With beautiful weather promised, a large crowd is expected to attend this ceremony as well down to Wingo to the unveiling of Sam Beadles' monument.

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Judge E. Barry, of Benton, was in the city last night.

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