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TEN CENTS PER WEEK

## GREATER ACREAGE OF GRASSES SOWN IN M'CRACKEN CO.

Farmers Do Not Like to Dig Down for Cash to Buy Corn in the Winter.

Late Spring Causes Rush of Planting Crops.

## WINTER TURF OATS BOUGHT

A greater acreage of hay, timothy and red top will be sowed this year by the farmers of McCracken county and adjoining counties than ever before. All of the farmers remember what prices they had to pay for corn last winter when the crib had been emptied, and they are preparing to avoid another deep dig into the pocketbooks by sowing grasses. A seed dealer today said that his business had been heavier this summer than ever before, and that the crop of hay and timothy in the purchase would be at least one-third heavier this year.

In attributing the increase to the high prices of corn, he added that for the past three or four years there had been late springs and when good weather came there was everything on the farm to be planted in a few weeks. Help has been hard to secure and the farmer has not had an opportunity to plant all of the corn he needed for his stock without a sacrifice of his other products. Hay and timothy is a food for stock that is sowed in the late summer and fall, and after the work is over there is no more bother until time to harvest it next summer. By this means the farmer has more time to devote to his garden products.

**Winter Turf Oats.**  
Besides doing a good business selling timothy, the seed dealers have been rushing selling winter turf oats, seeds that were unknown in McCracken county until a few years ago. Winter turf oats are sowed in the fall like wheat, and then the work is done until the next spring. The stock is better than the old oats that were sowed in the spring while the farmer had his rush of work on.

Corn in McCracken county will be late this year, although the farmers' faces are wreaths of smiles over the rains of the past two weeks, and they say that many ears of corn have been made by the showers. Many of the fields were dwarfed, and even now if an early frost comes there is a prospect of a short crop for McCracken county. Farmers planted a heavy acreage of corn this year, but probably there will be no more than an average yield on account of the late spring.

**Barbecue at Cecil.**  
A barbecue was given at Cecil today and a large crowd of Paducahans were out. Many candidates were present, and shaking hands with the voters, and making stump speeches.

## DRIVEN TO ISLAND.

Man and Two Children Rescued After Spending Night.

Evansville, Ind., Aug. 14.—Leo Heys and two children, living on the Kentucky side of the Ohio river, reported a terrible experience in the halibut that swept this section Monday night.

Heys and his children were in a sailboat when the storm came upon and the wind blew them upon an island several miles above the city, where they were forced to spend the night and were not able to get away for about twelve hours. The children were furnished with hunger when rescued by a steamerboat.

## JAP STEAMER IS SEIZED.

Chinese Authorities Will Cause Another International Tangle.

London, Aug. 14.—Another cloud has arisen between China and Japan, according to a special dispatch received here from Hong Kong, owing to the seizure at Chinchou by the Chinese authorities of a steamer having on board 10,000 rifles and 2,000,000 cartridges.

Japanese Merchants have protested, claiming that this cargo belongs to them, and they threaten to make another international question out of the incident. The seizure is similar to that of the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru in February of this year.

## Chicago Market.

	Sept.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	94 1/4	94 1/2	94 1/4	94 1/4
Corn	77 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
Oats	47 1/2	46 1/2	47	47
Prov.	15.12 1/2	14.92 1/2	14.95	14.95
Lard	9.30	9.22 1/2	9.25	9.25
Ribs	8.75	8.65	8.65	8.65

## Four More Indictments Expected From Calloway County Grand Jury Against Night Riders on East Side

Jake Ellis is Released on Bond Until Next Term of Circuit Court at Murray—Judge Wells Will Speak.

Murray, Ky., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Four more indictments for night riding will be returned by the Calloway county jury today. These indictments, it is reported, will be for burning Smoot Hendrick's barn in the eastern part of the county. It will be remembered that Will Ingram, a state's witness, testified in the Jake Ellis case that he met with the party at Center Ridge church and they rode to Hendrick's farm and burned his barn. He named Young Garland, Kelsie Kirk, Bob Duncan and Ed Thompson as members of the band. Efforts to indict state's witnesses for minor offenses fell to the ground. It is reported that as soon as Commonwealth's Attorney Smith got wind of the purpose he stopped it.

Jake Ellis, in whose case yesterday the jury disagreed, was released today on bond. Ellis' attorney, J. C. Speight, said: "I am sorry there was not a verdict one way or the other." Attorneys for the commonwealth believe it was a victory, especially since the jury stood six to six at first. It is said the defense expected an acquittal until the new evidence came in. Since the trial and the testimony of Joe Ryan, others have been heard to talk inadvertently, and the commonwealth has some new evidence.

**Law and Order Campaign.**  
Judge A. J. G. Wells is not taking any part in politics this fall, but today he announced a list of speaking dates and he will stump the county talking in the interest of law and order.

**Minister is Victim.**  
Murray, Ky., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—"Woe be unto me if I preach not the gospel" may be a biblical injunction that will be seriously considered by at least one Calloway county minister if the present reign of lawlessness and intimidation which has even affected ministers of the gospel continues.

According to a gentleman of unquestioned reputation who was in Murray yesterday, an aged Baptist minister has been forced to resign one pastorate, threats were made to drag him from the pulpit in another church and an engagement to hold a protracted meeting was canceled in another instance because the good man has on different occasions admonished his brethren to refrain from night riding.

His first trouble occurred while pastor of a church in the northeastern

**THAW WILL BE FREE.**  
New York, Aug. 14.—Eugene Philbin, former district attorney, expressed his belief that Harry Thaw will be free within a month. He says as Thaw is not convicted of a crime, he can be freed on habeas corpus if taken out of the state. If Thaw is needed in the bankruptcy proceedings in Pittsburgh, he will be taken there by federal authorities and become free as soon as he leaves New York.

part of the county. He preached a sermon against night riding, which caused so much dissension among his members that he resigned. Later at the conclusion of a successful meeting at a church in the southeastern portion of the county the minister took occasion in the course of a sermon to his converts to advise them against night riding. It is said that men left the church and discussed dragging the minister from the pulpit and whipping him. The latest experience of the minister with night riding sentiment was when he received information from the officers of the church where he had been engaged to conduct a revival that he was no longer wanted and the engagement canceled. This church was in the section that a witness in the Jake Ellis trial testified a church was used as an arsenal or storage place for the guns that were used by night riders on the different raids.

## REFUSES TO PAY BANK INSURANCE AGAINST ROBBERY

Not entirely satisfied with the Bandana bank robbery case, the insurance company, which had burglary insurance on the bank, has refused to pay the loss sustained by the bank last spring, for which Sam Everts, John Halger, Ernest Elmendorf and Will Hubards were called to trial in Wickliffe this week. Attorneys Hendrick & Corbett returned from Wickliffe last night, where the criminal case was continued until the January term of court. This civil suit of the bank against the insurance company also was continued.

## WALL OF FLAME ENVELOPES CROWD AT BALLOON ASCENSION, BURNING SCORES

Catastrophe Attends Lighting of Match Near Gas Bag in London.

London, Aug. 14.—The balloon of Captain Lovelace, an American, exploded at the Franco-British exposition while being inflated for an ascension. Two were killed and a dozen frightfully burned. Scores were trampled in the panic that followed. Bystanders lighted matches and the gas bag exploded. A wall of flame leaped out enveloping the crowd. Scores fell unconscious. Before rescuers removed them two died. Several were fatally burned. The balloon shed is burned and it is feared other bodies are in the ruins. Lovelace was badly hurt. The explosion rocked the exposition like an earthquake.

## Successful Flight.

Brin, Aug. 14.—The new Perseval dirigible balloon sailed over the city for nearly three hours, carrying five passengers. The machine was under perfect control, but military engineers postponed a longer flight until the machine is perfectly adjusted.

## Bold Robbery Attempted

An attempt was made to rob the store and pawnshop of Ike Cohen, 106 South Second street, last night. It is alleged, by Will Puttrel, colored. Some one hurled a large brick through the plate glass window, but before he could pick up articles from the window a shot was fired by Cohen and the vandal made a fast run from danger. Patrolmen Brennan, Cross, Whittemore and Franklin heard the shot and pushed in on four directions. Puttrel was cornered in a stable loft and placed under arrest.

## HIS CURLY HAIR.

Burlington, N. J., Aug. 14.—Alfred Smith, five years old, fell from a merry-go-round and his curly hair caught on a spike protruding from the platform. The boy was dragged along the floor until the scalp was pulled from behind his ears. Frank Spanoga jumped to the rescue and was caught on the spike. His leg was broken and his arms mangled.

## PLOT KILLING OF KING AND EMPEROR DURING MEETING

Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 14.—Police declare a plot to assassinate King Edward, of England, and Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, during the conference at Ischl was narrowly averted through arrests of two anarchists at Langdon. The men were armed with revolvers and daggers. They were caught en route to Ischl. Guards have been doubled since the discovery of the plot.

## Little Boy Dies

Mr. W. E. Amyett, of 612 Adams street, received word yesterday from Memphis of the death of his nephew, Harold Hoffman, 8 years old. His death was due to congestion and occurred yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. H. A. Amyett, Mr. Amyett's mother, left last night for Memphis.

## KENTUCKY BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS WILL DISAPPEAR

New Independent Rating Bureau Will Take Its Place in State.

Mr. Rose Receives Notice to Wind Up Work.

## ABANDONED IN OTHER STATES

Forestalling any possible legislative antagonism, the Kentucky board of underwriters has notified its agents throughout the state, and Mr. C. C. Rose in this city, that at the end of the fiscal year in November, its existence will terminate. Noting the action of many state legislatures in making it unlawful for insurance companies to rate their own business, in common, the Kentucky Board of Underwriters anticipated similar legislation from the Kentucky legislature and will turn over the business to an independent rating bureau.

For fifteen years the Kentucky Board of Underwriters, an organization created and supported by the insurance companies in the state, has rated all the fire risks its members wrote, and Mr. C. C. Rose has been the agent of the board for eight years in Paducah. Whether he will be employed by the new independent rating bureau that will come into existence, following the dissolution of the Kentucky Board of Underwriters, is not known now, but his long experience here and the eminent satisfaction he has given in the position, practically insure that he will continue in the work.

In many states the insurance companies maintained their own rating boards until legislation made them unlawful, but the Kentucky companies are departing from that precedent, and while no active hostility has been shown to the system in this state, they thought it expedient to adopt the independent system before they did so involuntarily. The business of the Kentucky Board of Underwriters is to inspect every building or stock on which insurance was desired, and fix the rate at which the companies in the organization could write the insurance. The rate is determined by the height of the building, thickness of walls, exposure from exterior fires and other points.

This rate, ascertained by Mr. Rose, was submitted to the state central office, and ratified, if correct, and was then promulgated among the insurance agents. Every policy the agents write must be reported daily to Mr. Rose who sees that it was written on the rate he made. With a rating bureau entirely independent of the insurance companies, inspections will be made and the rate promulgated as before, but no daily reports would be made to the bureau's local agent. The difference in a nut shell will be, that the companies, instead of writing policies on rates made by their own agents, will write on rates made by an independent and disinterested bureau.

While no tinge of suspicion has been attached to the operations of the Kentucky Board of Underwriters, it is believed that the insuring public will be better satisfied, if the rating is done by an independent bureau, which, having no interest in the companies, might be supposed to act with absolute impartiality. But no wild cat rating agency would find support from the companies, as they will accept rates only from a bureau they believe is competent to fix rates and they will pay for this service like business enterprises pay for the mercantile agency service.

## WEATHER.

**CLOUDY**  
Partly cloudy tonight with cooler in north portion; Saturday probably showers. Highest temperature yesterday, 68; lowest today, 73.

## Fortune is Saved From Swindler by Losing Six Hundred Dollars in Scheme—Girl Would-be Victim

White Haired Rascal Proposed to take Wealth of Pittsburgh Heiress Through Her Confidence in His Honesty.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 14.—By allowing himself to be swindled out of \$600 and then landing Moses Phillips in jail in New York on a charge of running a "brace" faro game, Melville B. Moxley, a well known business man of Pittsburgh, saved his sister-in-law, Miss Frederica Bosch, from being fleeced out of \$40,000 or \$50,000 of the fortune she inherited at the death of her father, T. B. Bosch, less than a year ago, who was one of the best known paper manufacturers of the country, with offices in New York and Chicago, whose estate was estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

Using his age, venerable appearance and social position as a cloak, posing as a retired judge of position and means and thus gaining admission to the country's best society, Phillips is accused of using the confidence reposed in him to fleece those with whom he came in contact socially.

One of the letters written by Phillips to the girl says:

"There is a bare possibility of my going to Europe in August on important business matters. I wish you could come to New York before I leave. I could give you an opportunity to realize \$20,000 or \$50,000 without the investment of a dollar in a legitimate transaction. This may sound like a Munchausen tale, but I am not talking through my hat. I regret that I cannot give you details. It is strictly confidential."

Miss Bosch laid the whole case before her brother-in-law and he advised her to have nothing to do with it, but after some further correspondence with Phillips, Moxley decided to risk \$600 to determine just what the game was in which Phillips was trying to ensnare Miss Bosch.

## ENGINEER FALLS UNCONSCIOUS IN HIS ENGINE ROOM

William H. Grainger, engineer of the towboat Harth, was overcome with heat last night at 10 o'clock and has been unconscious ever since. The Harth was tied up with the upper fleet of the West Kentucky Coal company in the Tennessee river, when engineer Grainger fell unconscious in the engine room and was there several hours before he was discovered by members of the crew. He was brought down to the foot of Campbell street this morning and was removed to the home of his brother, Capt. H. D. Grainger, 1223 South Sixth street, in Guy Nance & Son's ambulance. Dr. J. T. Reddick was called to attend Mr. Grainger.

Mr. Grainger's family are visiting in Caseyville at present. They were notified of Mr. Grainger's condition and will be home on the first train. Mr. Grainger is a middle aged man and is well known on the river. His condition is serious and his recovery is doubtful.

## Boy Kills Sister

Hopkinsville, Ky., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Walter Maxton, 9 years old, killed his 7-year-old sister while playing with a shotgun today.

## Alleged Housebreaker

Dick Oakley, colored, was arrested this morning by Patrol Driver Terrell on a charge of housebreaking. It is alleged that Oakley is the person that broke into the store of A. Bauer, Ninth and Washington streets, and took a pistol and other articles of merchandise. His trial was continued in police court today.

## John C. Wiggins

Mr. John C. Wiggins died at 10 o'clock Thursday night with congestion at the ripe old age of 84 years, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Foster, seven miles from the city on the Blandville road. He leaves five children: Mrs. R. L. Foster, of the county; Mrs. Henry Lovelace, of Paducah; Mrs. Florence Reimer, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Ellie and Tom Wiggins. He was a member of the Methodist church and a Mason. The remains will be buried in the family cemetery in the county at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

## BRADSHAW CREEK ROBBED OF SMELL BY IMPROVEMENT

Culvert Will be Built From Jefferson to Broadway and Fill Made.

New Street Will be Opened Through Property.

## DESIRABLE FOR BUILDING

Solving one of the most difficult problems the health department has had to face, an agreement practically has been reached between M. H. Weikel and the city, whereby a culvert will be built from Broadway to Jefferson street, along Bradshaw's creek, which will drain that section of the city and eliminate a standing unsanitary condition.

This culvert will enable Mr. Weikel to fill in the hollow there without stopping the natural flow of water in rains and high water, and thus stagnant pools will be prevented, and as residents in that section have had their sewers emptying into the creek, disconnected, the foul odors that formerly made the atmosphere there unhealthful, will disappear. The block of ground, so reclaimed, will be filled in and residences will be built, adding to the desirability of that section as a residence district.

As proposed by Mr. Weikel, he will construct the culvert and deed to the city sufficient ground to open a street through from Broadway to Jefferson street, and would be willing for the city to remunerate him by absolving him from taxes on the property until his expenses in making the improvements have been repaid. City Solicitor James Campbell, Jr., has decided that this could not be done legally, but the city could refund him the taxes from year to year. The council has not ratified the agreement, but some arrangement will be made, as it is considered a reasonable proposition and an opportune time to make the improvement.

If the new street is opened, the culvert would be under the street running diagonally from Broadway to Jefferson street. It would be an arched culvert built of brick and concrete. When the river is high the hollows on either side of the fill there could be filled or emptied without hindrance, as the river rises and falls. For many years Bradshaw's creek has been a problem to the health department and it will welcome any improvement that will drain the water away from that district.

## Bandits Outwitted.

Berlin, Aug. 14.—The new Parse-light holdup of Messenger's saloon was frustrated by George McGraw, who shot W. Fay, an alleged bandit. Three men entered the side door with drawn revolvers and attempted to rifle the cash register. McGraw fired, wounding Fay. The others fled.

## SUNDAY SHAVING A LUXURY.

It is Not a Necessity, Says Judge Parker, and All Barber Shops Will Close on Sunday in Lexington.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 14.—In the circuit court here Judge Parker held that Sunday shaving is not a necessity, and all barber shops will hereafter be closed on that day.

## GROWING CIGARETTE HABIT CLAIMS 25,000,000 SLAVES.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—Government statistics just issued show an enormous growth of the cigarette habit in the United States during the last year, when 56,492,336,113 "paper pipes" were smoked. Counting the number of men and boy smokers at 25,000,000, this gives an average per smoker of 2,216, and when it is considered that there are thousands of smokers who use tobacco in some other form, it brings the average for the cigarette smoker up very high.

## PHYSICIAN DIES UNDER PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES

Philadelphia, Aug. 14.—L. Emerson Wheat, a physician, aged 45 years, was found dead in his home at Nineteenth and Diamond streets in one of the most pretentious residential sections of the city, under startling circumstances. Beside the body, which lay half-dressed upon a couch, two women were found by the police praying for his resurrection and uttering strange incantations, though physicians say the man had been dead at least 48 hours. Mrs. Fannie Soult, a professed spiritualist, and Miss Florence Beckman, who were arrested by the police, were the women. Mrs. Soult said she had been treating Dr. Wheat by giving magnetic treatment.

