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Black Patch Acclaims Governor, Who Pledges Himself to Restore Peace and Order and Enforce Law

Scenes at Hopkinsville and Princeton Almost Beyond Description in Feeling Manifested by People---Great Crowds and Enthusiasm For Man and Cause.

Governor Willson came into the dark tobacco country with the forebodings and against the warning of his friends and entered it as a champion of the people, embraced by old men and women, cheered by men past the exuberant period of youth, who grasped his hand in token of appreciation of what he is doing for law and order. No governor of Kentucky ever met with a finer, heartier welcome than was accorded Governor Willson Monday and Tuesday of this week. It is probable that pressure will be brought to bear on him to bring him back here this month.

At Hopkinsville the first demonstration took place. More than 5,000 people thronged the streets. They crowded along with him as he moved toward the immense tabernacle, cheering his name, and they found the tabernacle already crowded. There were people from Clarksville, Tenn., where the name of Governor Willson is held in high esteem, from Elkton and Trigg county. Some were night riders, but the majority were there to hear and see for themselves the man who declared he would fight it out with lawlessness without quarter.

At Princeton the same sort of demonstration awaited the governor. A few tried to disturb the meeting, but he addressed them personally and soon had the crowd with him.

He said: "Some of you wonder why the governor does not prosecute the trusts as well as hunt down night riders, don't you?"

"Yes, we do," declared a serious looking man in front.

"Well, I'll tell you then," replied the governor. "Because I cannot. The law is plain. I tried to find some way to aid the prosecution when I found county officials and county and commonwealth's attorneys failing to perform their duty. I desired to employ a skilled lawyer to assist, and I found I could not command the funds to pay him and if I did the commonwealth's attorney could kick him out of the court house door. The state is divided into three departments, the executive, the legislative and the judicial. The governor may and must protect life and property, but he can not swear out a warrant, he cannot issue one, he cannot indict, he cannot prosecute, he cannot convict. It is the duty of the county and commonwealth's attorneys to do this, and if they do not, they are guilty of unfaithfulness to you. Is that plain?"

"Hurrah for Willson!" exclaimed the serious looking man.

When the speaking was over, it is safe to say that half that vast audience crowded up and shook the governor's hand, not perfunctorily and curiously, but gripping it, and some of them with tears in their eyes and others with a thankful expression that was almost prayerful and always pitiful.

"You don't know what a return to law means to these people," said the governor to the newspaper men present.

One farmer, who was introduced to the Paducahans present, said nineteen Democrats on his road will vote for Taft and the whole Republican ticket this fall; because the Republican party nationally stands for prosperity, and in the state for law and order.

"The sentiment for law and order is a tidal wave," exclaimed the governor. "Reports show that the night rider influence is waning, but I was surprised by the demonstration. It was not for me; it was for the cause. More than ever I realize the responsibility of my position. More than ever I am determined on my course. Within a year the tide will have turned. The Black Patch will have officials who will prosecute, and then the leaders must go to the penitentiary. There will be no mercy shown.

"Some common liar has been going about saying that when I was in Washington I declared Kentucky tobacco growers are a worthless lot. I never said it. Sometimes here at home I talk plainly about our shortcomings, but when I am across the river Kentucky is all right.

"I have told men to protect their homes and themselves from masked scoundrels. I have told the soldiers to shoot men riding masked. If a man kills another otherwise than for self-defense he need expect no clemency, and soldiers must expect the penalty of the law if they kill innocent people. But when a man acts in defense of his rights and is denied a fair trial by a night rider court, I shall consider the circumstances, and if the dead man had a mask on his face, little more evidence is necessary."

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST DAY--- AGAIN OCTOBER 20

The total registration for the first day this year was 4,115 as compared with 3,963 the first day of 1907. The registration shows a Democratic gain of 205 and a Republican falling off of 333. What this means seems to be better understood at Republican headquarters than at Democratic. Part of the gain is explained by the fact that many men wish to participate in the Democratic primary. Another registration will take place October 20. Paste this date in your hat.

The registration by precinct yesterday was:

Precincts	D.	R.	P.	I.
Butler's	149	79	4	4
Glauber's	119	35	0	2
S. S. C. H. N. 1	121	39	1	6
S. S. C. H. N. 2	141	131	1	8
N. S. C. H.	198	29	0	3
Savage's	209	149	0	17
Roger's	195	59	0	14
Henneberger's	143	116	0	13
Warehouse	112	10	0	4
Berry's	191	44	2	9
Diegel's	101	177	2	5
S. S. F. S.	90	44	0	9
Chalk's	158	45	3	7
Plow Factory	72	72	0	1
Kirkpatrick's	204	103	0	6
Gallman's	155	192	0	9
Schmidt's	108	112	3	7
Yancey's	73	31	7	5
Totals	2360	1465	23	129

Last Year's First Day's Registration.

Precincts	D.	R.	I.
Butler's	164	93	7
Chalk's	93	51	5
Diegel's	96	201	17
S. S. F. S.	102	50	10
Schmidt's	76	123	8
Glauber's	117	52	11
S. S. C. H. No. 1	99	47	10
S. S. C. H. No. 2	43	165	12
N. S. C. H.	138	33	6
Kirkpatrick's	163	153	22
Yancey's	80	45	5
Warehouse	115	43	5
Roger's	189	84	11
Savages'	181	176	6
Berry's	184	49	6
Plow Factory	36	87	4
Hornsberger's	121	135	9
Gallman's	152	246	7
Total	2455	1795	165

Mr. Page Returns to Louisville.

A. F. Page, formerly trainmaster of the Louisville division of the Illinois Central, has returned from Louisville, where he has been stationed, and will accept the position of chief night dispatcher at the Paducah office.

T. J. Stahl Improving.

Mr. T. J. Stahl, the tobacco buyer, who was operated on for appendicitis, is resting well at Riverside hospital. His physicians are hopeful over his condition and believe he will get well, although he is not out of danger.

WEATHER.

CLOUDY

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; cooler tonight. Highest temperature yesterday, 80; lowest today, 56.

Chicago Market.

Dec.—	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	99⅝	97⅞	99¼
Corn	64¾	64⅛	64½
Oats	49¼	48⅝	49⅛
Oct.—	High.	Low.	Close.
Prov.	14.10	13.90	14.02½
Lard	10.02½	9.95	9.95
Ribs	9.40	9.15	9.20

Waterways Convention

Politics Centers in Chicago.

With Taft and Bryan here Chicago is the center of the political map. Both held conferences with the leaders. Mack, who collapsed last night, has recovered and conferred with Bryan. Taft this afternoon spoke at Galesburg. Bryan gave an interview and reports every state showing his cause gaining converts. He says it gets better each week in New York and Ohio. He has no doubt he will win with a great popular plurality and also a splendid majority in the electoral college. Bryan will resume his tour Friday. Saturday he will tour Missouri speaking at St. Joseph, Paris, Moberly and Kansas City.

AUSTRIA DECLARES NO OTHER POWERS PRIVILEGED TO INTERFERE IN BALKANS

England, Russia, France and Italy for Conference, and Germany Against it.

Vienna, Oct. 7.—Following the annexation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the foreign office issued the statement that neither annexation of Bulgaria's declaration of independence concerns the other powers. The statement is intended to head off the international conference. Bosnia is on the verge of revolt against annexation and Servia is preparing to invade the country. Austria is mobilizing troops to uphold her stand.

More Trouble.

London, Oct. 7.—England, France, Russia, and Italy are preparing to enforce the demand for an international conference to consider the Balkan situation. Germany opposes and may cause a serious diplomatic rupture. The situation is critical. It is reported that Crete is preparing to declare her independence from Turkey and join Greece.

Servian Riot.

Belgrade, Oct. 7.—A serious Servian outbreak against Austria is on. Mobs stormed the Austrian legislation and damaged the building. Troops dispersed them.

TROOPS LEAVE BRACKEN.

Trouble Believed to Be Over Among the Tobacco Growers.

Augusta Ky., Oct. 7.—Capt. Terry left this morning with his men for their home in Cynthiana, most of them riding through. He has had command of the troops here for over a month. There were twenty-five men in camp, the Beatyville company having gone home last Tuesday. Capt. Terry and his men have been well liked by the citizens in general and their departure is regretted. It is hoped that all trouble is over and that they will not be needed any more.

Caldwell Funeral.

The body of R. R. Caldwell, a well known tobacco man, who died at Dawson yesterday of tuberculosis, was brought here this morning to be taken to Puryear, Tenn., his former home, where the burial and funeral will take place. Mr. Caldwell leaves a family.

Metropolis Wedding

Metropolis, Ill., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Cleveland Perrell, of Barlow, Ky., and Miss Chessie Foster, of La Center, Ky., were married here yesterday by Magistrate Liggett. Today James A. Davis and Miss Myrtle Cartwright, of Princeton, were united by him.

Rain at Grahamville

Grahamville, Ky., Oct. 7. (Special)—Grahamville had a good rain this afternoon, and the dusty roads were well soaked. The rain was needed, as the crops had begun to suffer again, and the soil was too dry to work.

St. Louis Wants Test

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 7.—The Times offered a thousand dollars prize to the first aviator who sails a heavier-than-air flying machine from St. Louis to Chicago or Kansas City. The offer is open a year for the purpose of bringing airship tests to St. Louis.

Government Crop Report

Washington, Oct. 7.—The crop bulletin of spring wheat says the average yield is 13.2 bushels. The quality is 88.1. Spring and winter wheat combined production is 659,030,000 bushels. The condition is 77.7. The oats average yield is 24.9 bushels. The quality is 81.3 tenths. Corn October 1, condition 77.8, compared with 79.4 last month.

JESSIE HUGHES

DIES AT HOME NEAR GRAHAMVILLE.

Washington Futrell, 87 Years Old, Dies in the County—News of Mother's Death.

Mr. Jesse Hughes, 23 years old, died late yesterday afternoon at his home near Grahamville after a long illness of consumption. Mr. Hughes was a popular man of the Grahamville neighborhood and is survived by his mother. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Bayou church. The burial was in the Bayou church yard.

Old Resident Dies.

Melber, Ky., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Washington Futtrell, 88 years old, one of the oldest citizens of McCracken county, died last night at 8:30 o'clock of general debility and old age. He was born and reared near Melber and had made it his home all of his life. His wife has been dead for about 25 years, but the following children survive: Leander Futtrell, of California; Dr. Bascom Futtrell, of Missouri; Mrs Robert Chapman, Mrs. Joseph Purchase, of Melber; Mrs. J. W. Hall and Mrs. J. B. Hall, of Paducah. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock with burial in the Oak Grove cemetery on the Clinton road. The Rev. W. J. Naylor, of Lone Oak, conducted the funeral service. Mr. Futtrell was the son of T. Futtrell, who moved to McCracken county from Alabama before the Indians had been driven out of the Purchase.

Mrs. Johanna Roeder.

Deputy City Jailer T. L. Roeder received a telegram last night announcing the sudden death of his mother, Mrs. Johanna Roeder, at Louisville. Mrs. Roeder was 76 years old and was well known in this city. She had been in delicate health for some time but her relatives here did not know she was in a serious condition until the telegram that she was dead was received. The burial will be at Louisville.

Lena Gay Baldridge, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Baldridge, of the Cairo road, died last night of enteritis. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

CONFERENCE

Third Street Methodists Meet For Fourth Quarter.

The Rev. J. W. Blackard, D. D., presiding elder of the Paducah district will hold the fourth quarterly conference for the Third street Methodist church, Thursday at 7:30 p. m. All of the officials and as many members and friends as can, are cordially invited to be present. Reports will will be made by the Woman's Home Mission society, Sunday school stewards and trustees. Election of stewards and superintendent of Sunday school. A called meeting of the stewards tonight after prayer meeting.

WRIGHT MAY SAIL ENGLISH CHANNEL IN HIS MACHINE

Lemans, France, Oct. 7.—Wilbur Wright is considering a flight across the English channel. Hundreds of admirers are urging him to be the first to perform the feat. As no real advantage will be gained Wright is hesitating. He believes he can sail from the Calais to Dover in forty minutes.

TAFT MAKES FIRST SPEECH AND SAYS GOOD WORD FOR IT

Industrial and Commercial Expansion Has Outstripped Transportation Facilities---Should be Systematized.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 7.—President Kavanaugh, formally opened the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Waterway convention. Judge Taft was the principal speaker this morning. He pledged himself to a systematic and generous policy of improvement of lakes and rivers. It is time to consider the improvements in a comprehensive plan to mould into a complete system of transportation. The increase of production has outstripped transportation facilities. He expressed his favor of the lakes to the gulf plan and advised treating each big improvement by itself. He suggested setting aside a fund sufficient to complete each scheme so it will not be affected by congressional appropriation committees.

Fifty thousand visitors are attending the congress. They include 250 governors and congressmen and senators. It recessed after Taft's speech and inspected the work on the canal at Lockport. Tonight Taft and Bryan will address the banquet.

New York, Oct. 7.—Receiver Littlefield, of A. O. Brown & company, has issued an approximate statement of the situation. He says at least two million assets are uncollectable. He estimates liabilities at over $2,800,000 and has $96,000 cash. Securities are worth $100,000. He sees little hope of adequate settlement of claims.

Trans-Mississippi Conference.

San Francisco, Oct. 7.—The Harriman railroad policy and Roosevelt's policy of the conservation of natural resources were the principal features before the trans-Mississippi congress. Resolutions were offered attacking both. Governor Cutler, of Utah, defended Roosevelt and declared his conservation policy the wisest. Vice-President Stubbs, of the Southern Pacific, defended Harriman and declared that if the people were more friendly to railroads it would have a better effect.

TRIES TO MOB NEGRO.

Unknown Men Fire Fifty Shots Into His House.

Mayfield, Ky., Oct. 7.—A party of unknown men went to the home of a negro, Tom Rhodes, in the southeast part of the city, after midnight, and splintered the house with bullets. The negro and his family sought safety under beds and in closets. About 50 shots were fired with shotguns. It is said the mob was looking for a negro who has been an objectionable character in that part of town.

PADUCAH FIRMS GET CONTRACTS IN METROPOLIS

Metropolis, Ill., Oct. 7. (Special)—Bids for the erection of the new office building of the City National bank were opened last night, and the contract awarded to Lockwod & Tuttle, of Paducah for $14,200, the lowest bid. Work on the building will begin this week, as the bank directors are anxious to be in the new home on Fifth and Ferry streets as early as possible. Architect A. L. Lassiter, of Paducah, was present when the bids were opened. Contractor H. M. Weikel secured the sub-bid for the brick work. The new building will be two stories high with every improvement for the bank, and the second floor will be utilized for offices. The building will be handsome, and an addition to Metropolis' business district.

Populist Speaking

J. Will Graham, candidate for congressman in the First district on the Populist ticket, will speak tonight at Lone Valley, in Marshall county, five miles north of Benton. Mr. Graham left this afternoon and will return to Paducah tomorrow night, making the trip overland. It is expected that a large crowd of voters will hear Mr. Graham.

Some Willson Sentences.

While the state administration is protecting Kentuckians in their isolated dwellings in counties, where the local authorities are unfaithful to their oaths, Democratic campaign speakers are going about abusing the state government and appealing through incendiary speeches for night rider votes, practically insuring them immunity upon return to power, Republican campaign orators are denouncing lawlessness.

The governor has no authority or right to prosecute either trusts or night riders; he can only protect citizens and property. County and commonwealth's attorneys are responsible for this duty and the law is plain.

I know the men at the head of the night rider organization and they know I do. In due time, when order is restored they shall be punished without mercy. I know that the farmers constitute five-sixths of our numerical, moral and financial strength. I try to be a true friend to the farmer. He is entitled to more consideration than any other class in Kentucky. I am his real friend, seeking to look after his real interests, not pretending friend, who is trying to use the farmer for his own ends.

The country progressed in wealth and intelligence under the Roosevelt administration more than in all its preceding history. Wages never were higher, farm products never so high. If we overreached ourselves in our optimism and felt a financial backset, we are recovering. If the recent panic had happened during Cleveland's administration we should have thought it was good times returning, so much better are conditions now than then. What is considered "hard times" under a Republican administration would have been considered "good times" under the Democratic.

BIGGEST POLITICAL MEET AT THE AUDITORIUM RINK LAST NIGHT TO HEAR GOV. WILLSON

Thousands Stand and Listen to Declaration of Unwavering Warfare on Lawlessness in Black Patch.

TELLS WHY TAFT SHOULD AND WILL BE ELECTED PRESIDENT AND REFERS TO MISTAKES OF BRYAN

What State Administration is Doing For People and What it is Striving to Do.

"My receptions in Hopkinsville, Princeton and Paducah assure me that the people are aroused for the cause of law and order," declared Governor Willson after the meeting here last night. "I do not believe it is personal popularity of the governor", said he, that attracted the crowds and elicited the enthusiasm. It was the cause. When I campaigned for governor I had good meetings in Western Kentucky, but nothing like these. Nothing like these.

At Hopkinsville five thousand people thronged the streets, and fully half that many pressed behind him on the way to the big auditorium. It was already packed to its capacity. At Princeton 5,000 people packed the court yard. Nearly 5,000, half of them standing, heard him in the Auditorium rink in Paducah last night. The meeting here was the only political meeting that has reached a fifth that proportion this year.

Governor Willson divided his attention here between reporting state conditions to his western Kentucky constituents and national issues. The night rider situation, of course, claimed a considerable portion of his time, and in everything he said he was applauded to the echo.

He spoke of the Kentucky homes that are distressed by the lawlessness, of the sancity of the persons of Kenstruction of property and violations of the ancity of the persons of Kentucky citizens. He said, although he believed the planters had a grievance in the beginning, the organization of lawless bands has degraded the original purpose into the grossest oppression. He said he sent soldiers into the Black Patch to protect innocent lives and to protect property; that he knew who the heads of the organization are and that they know he does, and that when the proper time comes they will be exposed and sent to the penitentiary. He said that proper time can come only when local officials are ready to do their duty; for he cannot prosecute, he can only protect by the armed force of the state. If the tobacco trust is doing wrong, it is the duty of commonwealth's and county attorneys to prosecute it, just as it is their duty to prosecute the night riders. He said he wished to employ counsel to assist in a prosecution and found that he could not interfere in the least way with this prerogative of the commonwealth's

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POWELL SET FREE BY POLICE JUDGE WITH SCOLDING

Police Judge D. A. Cross dismissed the warrants against W. A. Powell, a collector for the Universal Supply company, for killing Oscar Pritchett, colored, and wounding Major Pritchett, colored. The case has been pending in the court for nearly a month, but the dismissal does not bar the grand jury from returning an indictment against Powell. Judge Cross rebuked Powell for carrying the pistol, and included a few words against the loan companies, which he said charged usurious rates of interest.

The shooting occurred September 12 when Powell went to Pritchett's house to collect a debt for the loan company. On the first visit a fight ensued, and Powell left with the warning that he would be back. On the second visit witnesses for the defense swear that Oscar Pritchett struck Powell in the head with a rock, and then father and son jumped on the collector. The evidence of the prosecution was not so clear, as the witnesses did not see all of the trouble. Powell has been out on a bond of $1,000.

Hughes in Nebraska

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 7.—Hughes, of New York, began his tour of Nebraska. He told Bryan's neighbors he is a clean man, but an impractical theorist and unsafe in the white house.

Bringing Gholson Back.

Mr. T. W. Luttrell, a guard at the state penitentiary at Eddyville, will return tonight with Henry Gholson, a convict, who was a witness in the murder case of Chares Lee Hill, colored, left this afternoon for the prison.

President Won't Speak

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 7.—Bishop Cranston, of Washington, presiding over the Genesee conference, told preachers he has authority that Roosevelt won't take the stump in the campaign. He showed a letter, postmarked Washington, but wouuldn't say whether it was from the president.

COCKRILL MURDERERS ARE DISMISSED

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Alex and Elbert Hargis, Ed Callahan and Jesse Spicer were dismissed in circuit court today of the charge of killing Jim Cockrill, on motion of Commonwealth's Attorney Allen, who said conviction is impossible.