

THE WEATHER.  
Continued fair, and warmer  
tonight and Tuesday.

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PADUCAH KENTUCKY. MONDAY EVENING. MARCH. 5. 1906.

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## TEN PERISHED IN A CAR BARN FIRE

Sixty Families Rescued After  
Great Difficulty.

The Dead At Meridian, Miss., Not  
Over 25—Work of Clearing  
Debris Under Way.

## THEATER FIRE AT DES MOINES

New York, March 5.—Firemen to-day began searching the ruins of the Metropolitan car barns burned last night in a spectacular fire, in which it is believed ten persons lost their lives. By hard work the firemen saved a row of tenements containing 60 families. During the fire a man was seen staggering in a window and then fall back into the flames and others are reported missing.

## No Increase in List of Dead.

Meridian, Miss., March 5.—Thousands of people lined the streets of Meridian throughout yesterday and today, hundreds of whom came from the surrounding country and even distant cities to view the wreckage which extends in an almost unbroken mass from the Meridian fertilizer factory through the city to the extreme northern limits. Six companies of militia and one battery alternately guarded the property.

Laborers were at a premium, and so urgent were the needs of speedily removing the debris that armed squads of militia caught up every stray negro in the city and set them to work on the wreckage, paying them \$2 a day for their work.

## \$75,000 Fire in Des Moines.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 5.—The Grand opera house and observatory building were destroyed by fire this morning. The costumes of "The Home Seekers" company were burned, loss \$75,000.

## Crazed By Religion.

Louisville, March 5.—"Oh Lord, I'm ready, let the train hit," said Finish Bates, a negro, today as he stepped on the railroad tracks in front of a freight. He never finished the sentence as the train struck and killed him instantly. Bates was crazed by religion and had been walking the street reading a Bible.

## 300 ARRESTS

Result From the Recent Riots At  
Springfield.

Springfield, O., March 5.—Everything is quiet in this city today and the militia will be withdrawn. About 300 men and boys have been arrested as a result of the recent riots.

## Mrs. Catherine Laffer Dead.

Mrs. Catherine Laffer, age 42, of 13th and Bockman streets, died suddenly yesterday morning of heart trouble.

She was at her home when the attack came and died before medical assistance could reach her. Coroner Eaker was called and after investigating found she died of general heart trouble. No inquest was held over the remains.

The deceased was born in Pennsylvania and was the wife of Mr. George Laffer. She leaves a husband and six children. The funeral was held this afternoon, burial at Mt. Carmel cemetery.

## The City Has Answer Ready in Suit to Collect County Taxes On City Property

City Solicitor James Campbell, Jr., has prepared his answer in the suit of Auditor's Agent Frank R. Lucas against the city for taxes on \$210,000 of the city's property, and passed it up to the mayor today for his consideration.

The suits are on the following property which the auditor's agent contends the city should pay the state taxes:

Market house ..... \$50,000  
City hall ..... 10,000  
Light plant ..... 40,000  
Fire departments ..... 26,000  
Fire apparatus ..... 10,000  
Oak Grove cemetery ..... 25,000  
New cemetery ..... 5,000  
Wharf ..... 30,000  
Other property ..... 14,000

This suit will come up before the next session of the county court.

## NICK IS BACK.

Congressman Longworth Returned  
to His Duties Today.

Washington, March 5.—Representative Longworth has returned to his congressional duties today. The famous bridegroom was given a hearty handshake by every member of the house who met him. Congressman Longworth brought Speaker Cannon a Cuban cigar a foot long and an inch in diameter.

## GREENE CASE.

Overruled Motion of Defense For Verdict of Acquittal.

Washington, Mar. 5.—Judge Gould, in the district supreme court this morning overruled the motion of the defense in the trial of State Senator Greene, of New York, for a verdict of acquittal filed at the close of the trial last week. Greene is involved in postal fraud cases.

## THE ASSESSMENT BY COUNTY DISTRICT

People in the City Pay On \$8,441,077 This Year.

Those in the County Pay On \$2,239,052—Total Assessment of Collected People, \$209,400.

## RECAPITULATION SOON READY.

The county assessment for the year has been completed with the exception of the recapitulation. The last figures to be completed are those showing the assessment by district after the supervisors finished, and after the clerk footed up the columns, the figures showing the exact assessment for the year by district.

First district, south of the south side of Jackson street: \$1,097,705.  
Second district, north side of Jackson street to south side of Kentucky avenue, \$1,201,726.

Third district, north side Kentucky avenue to south side of Monroe, \$4,706,586.

Fourth, north side Monroe street to city limits north, \$1,435,060.

The other districts in the county foot up to \$2,239,052, this representing the total assessment in the county outside the city.

The total assessment for property inside the city is \$8,441,077, which represents the amount on which owners of property inside the city limits have to pay county taxes, while \$2,239,052 is the amount on which those owning property outside the city in the county, have to pay taxes, showing that property owners of the city pay about four fifths of the county taxes.

The total county assessment this year is \$10,680,129.

The total amount of property in both city and county, which colored persons own, and are assessed on, is \$209,400.

## Quarterly Court.

County Judge R. T. Lightfoot this morning called his quarterly docket and set cases as far ahead as Tuesday. He took no action in any cases today. The docket is not very large.

## Death of a Child.

The infant of Henry Thompson, of Kayler, Graves county, died this morning of fever. One was two months old and will be buried at Kayler tomorrow.

## HEAD IS SLATED FOR ONE OF PLACES

On the Commission to Draft a  
Printing Law.

The Resolution Was Then Passed—  
Conn Linn, of Calloway, Also  
to Be On Board.

## NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE

Frankfort, Ky., March 5.—The house, upon convening at 12:30 o'clock today, accepted a senate amendment to the Head resolution providing a special legislative committee to draft a state public printing law for submission to the assembly of 1903, and adopted the resolution as amended. It provides that the commission shall be composed of three senators and three representatives.

Senators Albert Charlton, of Louisville, and Conn Linn, of Calloway, are slated for appointment by President Thorne, and Representative Louis Head, of McCracken and Harry McCarty, of Jessamine, for the appointment of Speaker Lawrence.

The house also concurred in the senate amendments to the house bill 44, the second class city annexation bill and as amended adopted the measure. Mr. Simmons secured a reconsideration of the annexation bill and made it a special order for noon tomorrow.

The Stewart libel bill was brought up on motion by Mr. Stone, of Webster, to reconsider the vote by which it was defeated Saturday. An agreement was reached to consider the motion at motion hour tomorrow.

By a vote of 58 to 22, the house adopted the bill by Mr. Head, of McCracken proposing to create the office of superintendent of state public printing. It carries an annual salary of \$1,500, the appointment is to be made by the governor.

## WARMER WEATHER

Is Promised by the Weather Man For  
Tomorrow.

The weather man promises warmer weather by tomorrow. The temperature took a drop Saturday night and remained cool during Sunday and this morning. The lowest reached was 27 this morning and the highest yesterday afternoon 43. This morning just a little ice was noticed on the small bodies of water about the city. It was a very thin crust however.

## Licensed to Marry.

Ben Culp, aged 44, of the county, and Deal Bonds, aged 29, of the county; W. E. Cartwright, age legal, and Mary Edwards, age legal, both of Marion, Ill., were married this afternoon by County Judge R. T. Lightfoot.

## Late Arrests.

John Bolton colored, was arrested this afternoon on suspicion of having stolen a bicycle belonging to Mr. Henry Rankin.

## TODAY'S MARKETS

Wheat—	Open	Close.
May, .....	.78 1/4	.78 1/2
July, .....	.78 1/2	.79 1/2
Corn—		
May, .....	.42 1/2	.43 1/2
July, .....	.43	.43 1/2
Oats—		
May, .....	.29 1/2	.30 1/2
July, .....	.28 1/2	.29 1/2
Pork—		
May, .....	15.55	15.70
July, .....	15.55	15.72
Cotton—		
Mch. ....	10.54	10.50
May, ....	10.72	10.71
July, ....	10.85	10.81
Oct., ....	10.32	10.29
Stocks—		
L. C., .....	1.68 1/2	1.65 1/2
L. & N., .....	1.45 1/2	1.44 1/2
Rdg., .....	1.35	1.28 1/2
T. C. L., .....		1.46 1/2

## Local Market.

Country bacon—12 1/2 c.  
Smoked sausage—12 1/2 c.  
Sweet potatoes—50c per bu.  
Irish potatoes—80c per bu.  
Chickens—35c to 40c.  
Eggs—15c.  
Butter—20c.  
Pork—6c.  
Beef—2 1/2 c to 6 1/2 c.  
Corn—50c per bu.  
Hay—\$10 to \$12.  
Lard—10c.

## FARMERS' MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY

An Association to Be Formed in  
Paducah.

Commercial Club Will Do All in Its  
Power to Assist in Developing  
the County.

## TWO IMMIGRANTS HERE TODAY.

Secretary Coons of the Commercial club has issued a call for the farmers of the county to meet at the club headquarters Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of organizing into an association for the advancement and welfare of the farmer, and also to take steps to develop the county into a big market for garden truck and fruits. The meeting will be addressed by several experienced men, and at a very early date the state commissioner of agriculture will address the association. "We are very much encouraged over the organization," said Mr. Coons today, "and expect to have a big, interesting meeting Wednesday. We want every farmer in the county to come, and bring his ideas and assist us in this work, as it is intended for the benefit of one and all."

Secretary Coons had to call on one of his interpreters this morning. He had two German immigrants as callers, one who had just been in this country eight days and could not speak a word of English, and the other one who could speak very little English. Mr. Coons called in Mr. W. P. Hummel, however, who can speak all the languages, at least when the necessities of the Commercial club demand it, and soon a basis of communication was established. The gentlemen were Max Schuman, of Pennsylvania, and Albert Wepper, of Germany, and they are in Paducah looking for locations suitable for truck farming. Secretary Coons has taken them in hand and will locate them, in all probability in the county.

The Commercial club is daily seeing the results of the work it is doing for bringing immigrants to Paducah and the county, and it is very encouraging. The immigration committee is planning for a very vigorous campaign along the lines it has mapped out, and looks for good results.

## WOMAN RELEASED.

She Was Only Temporarily Insane,  
Declared Physician.

This morning Stella Morgan, colored, was released from the county jail after having been held several days on a charge of disorderly conduct. The woman Friday morning broke into the Foster residence near Sixth and Jones streets, and took possession of the house driving the family out. She seemed to be insane and was arrested. The case was left open until her sanity could be tested and City Physician Bass visited the jail several times and decided that she had been temporarily insane—the result of rheumatism. The jury was empaneled this morning to try the woman but no trial was held after the city physician had rendered his opinion.

## STEAM HEATING PLANT.

Will Be Put in First Class Shape  
This Summer.

H. C. Eddy of the American District Steam Heating Co., is in the city today conferring with the Paducah Light and Power Co. officials with the view of suggesting improvements in the local steam heating plant. The company will begin work in a few weeks to put the plant in first class condition, and bring it up to the highest point of efficiency. The only extensions contemplated at present is the extension of the pipe on Broadway and Sixth over to Kentucky avenue.

## Putting Up New Trolley Wire.

The Street Car company is putting up a new trolley wire on the union depot division of the road, the work starting today. All the overhead work is being reconstructed as rapidly as possible, new wires being put up all along the lines.

## Died of Spotted Fever.

Newport, R. I., March 5.—Charles Friend, a seaman apprentice, ill from spotted fever, died at the naval training station, the eighth victim since November.

## VERY SIGNIFICANT

Are Recent Orders in Regard to U.  
S. Transports.

Washington, Mar. 5.—Indicating the desire of the administration to be prepared for any emergency in China, recent orders governing the movement of army transports is significant. The Meade, McClellan and Kirkpatrick are ordered held at Manila on arrival, pending developments.

## UNCLE SAM HIT HARD

By Advances From Storm in Society  
Island.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 5.—Advances from Society Island state that the cyclone February 22, destroyed the consulate buildings belonging to the United States government and estimates the damage at over a million dollars.

## QUICK WORK

LINEMAN ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED  
SEDUCTION YESTERDAY.

Indiana Officer Had a Requisition  
and Left at Once For Rensselaer,  
Ind., With Prisoner.

Harvey E. Lowman, a telephone lineman who has been in Paducah a little over three weeks, was arrested at his boarding house, the Laveau Hotel, Third and Jefferson streets, last night at 7:30 by Detectives Moore and Baker for alleged seduction. He was carried back this morning to Rensselaer, Ind., by an Indiana officer who had come after him, the requisition having been secured prior to the arrest of Lowman.

Lowman came here to work for the Independent telephone company. He always seemed a very straight young man and his arrest came as a surprise at his hotel. The officer who came after him had made all preliminary arrangements and had his man within an hour and a half after he arrived.

In securing the requisition papers, the officer from Indiana stated he had never been treated better in his life before. He declared that the high officials at Frankfort met him, shook his hand and talked like he was "something more than the ordinary person he felt himself." He was very greatly impressed with his hearty and courteous reception in the state capital and stated he would always remember Kentucky hospitality and would look forward with pleasure to another visit in this state.

## COUNTRY CLUB

WILL BE ORGANIZED EARLY  
THIS SPRING.

A Preliminary Meeting Will Be Held  
At the Commercial Club  
Tomorrow.

Preliminary steps will be taken at a meeting to be held tomorrow night at the Commercial club headquarters toward the organization of a country club. An organization committee composed of Mr. Given Campbell, Mr. Cook Husbands, Mr. Gus Thompson, Mr. Louis Rieke, Jr., Mr. E. P. Noble, Mr. Stunders Fowler, Mr. W. L. Brainerd, Mr. Edwin J. Paxton and Mr. M. F. Fitzpatrick.

It is proposed to organize the club and then solicit the membership and consider propositions for sites, and the details of the organization will be perfected at the meeting tomorrow night.

## Trial For Lunacy.

J. W. Edwards, of 708 Tennessee street, is being tried for lunacy this afternoon before Judge R. T. Lightfoot. He is a machinist and stationery engineer and has been in bad health for many months, his mind seeming to have been affected. His case is not violent, however. He consented to go to Hopkinsville for treatment and the trial is a merely legal formality.

## Mrs. Hessig Hurt.

Mrs. Catherine Hessig, mother of Dr. H. T. Hessig, while chopping kindling today was injured by a flying piece of wood. Her forehead was struck and a wound inflicted on the scalp. The injury was dressed by a physician and is not serious.

## MAYOR HAS FIGURES BUT IS RETICENT

Will Give Them to the Council  
This Evening, He Says.

In the Meantime He Will Keep Mum  
—Light Proposition Does Not  
Come Up Tonight.

## THE ORDINANCES COME FIRST.

Mayor Yeiser has completed his investigation into the cost of the city's light plant since its installation, but refused today to give out his figures to the press.

"I don't want any newspaper notoriety," he said today when the Sun representative solicited a peep at his report he proposes to make the council tonight. "I shall submit my report without any comment aside from saying that as mayor I deem it my duty to report what facts I may have that bear on the question, and will interest the council, and then leave the matter with them for their decision. It has been a big task, getting up these figures, and I am still not done, I have so many interruptions." With that as a parting shot and the injunction to his stenographer to shut the door and admit no one, "except the old darkey who looks after my dogs, as the Sun said was my orders last week," he turned to his private office.

The mayor, from what is learned from other sources, will attempt to prove tonight that the council committee figures are biased and not correct. His figures will show that he has cost, in round figures, about \$115,000 to operate the plant since it was installed, but that the average cost of lights has been less than \$62.50 a year a light. The committee report showed it cost \$82.24, but the mayor, it is said, claims that the committee did not take into consideration the fact that the plant has been in operation eleven years, and not ten and a half, as it has, and the average number of lights figured on by the committee was incorrect.

Whatever the mayor made his figures they will be awaited with interest, and they will probably leave the mayor and council committee with the task of showing who has made an error in figuring.

## Council Meets Tonight.

The council will meet in regular session tonight. Among the ordinance to be brought in are the tax exemption ordinance, the police ordinance, and one authorizing the city to light its streets by its own lighting plant, or to contract for street lights with any private producer, as it may at any time deem advisable.

The last ordinance is a step necessary to give the council authority to let out the street lights by contract at any time it sees fit. Whether the council will contract with the street car company for any portion of the city lights or not is still a question, and will not be decided for some time. The boards will have to pass this ordinance giving the city the authority first, and then as shown in The Sun a few days ago, an ordinance embodying the contract would have to be passed in the regular course of ordinances.

## To Oppose Light Proposition.

There will be a meeting of citizens opposed to the city leasing its light plant to the street car company, and opposing any measure letting out a contract for any street lights, at the Central Labor Union hall on Fourth street tonight at 7 o'clock, to take steps to get the council to turn down any such propositions. A committee will be appointed to go before the council tonight to present its views on the matter.

From indications, however, the council will do nothing with the light propositions at all tonight. It may pass an ordinance empowering it to let out contracts for street lighting, at any future time if it so desires, but even that is an uncertain quantity, as it is not known how the majority of the council stands on the question.

The opponents of the lighting proposition, however, will have their representatives there to combat any measure that may come up, and the meeting will no doubt be an interesting one. Judge Lightfoot will represent those opposed to the contracts, and is expecting the street car company have some one to argue the matter from its standpoint, it is understood, but inquiry at the street car offices elicited the information that no one, aside from probably Manager Bleeker, would attend the meeting in its behalf.