

JUSTICE LITTLE

The Popular Magistrate Dies From An Overdose of Morphine.

TOOK ABOUT EIGHT GRAINS

He Was Found Unconscious Last Night About 8 O'clock at Home.

LOOKS LIKE IT WAS A CASE OF SUICIDE

From Tuesday's Daily.

Justice J. H. Little, the well known magistrate of the Second district, died at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon from an overdose of morphine, at his home 903 Clark street.

He was thought to be better this morning, but soon began growing gradually worse and died without having regained consciousness.

Justice Little's actions yesterday and for several days previous indicate suicide. Yesterday about 5 p. m. he went to a down town drug store, where he had been buying morphine to alleviate his sufferings from neuralgia, and bought ten cents worth of the drug or eight grains.

He must have taken the whole quantity at his office at Fourth and Court streets, as no trace of any remnants have been found.

Boarding a car he went home, laid down and fell asleep. As it was his custom to often come home and sleep this way, no effort was made to rouse him until about 8 o'clock, when he was found to be unconscious.

Drs. Reddick, Rivers and Griffith were summoned, and saw at once that the patient was suffering from morphine poisoning. A hyperdermic injection was given, it being too late for the stomach pump, but the patient's condition was very precarious, and it was not believed he could last through the night. This morning, however, he was better.

No note or anything of the kind could be found confirming the suspicion that the poison was taken intentionally, although his office was searched and his pockets contained nothing.

He had to several friends for four or five days, however, seemed despondent, and talked of suicide, but did not intimate that he contemplated it.

He had been taking morphine for about eight months for neuralgia from which he frequently suffered.

Yesterday at dinner he was in, so much pain he could eat very little. He remarked that his children were all married but one, and that he considered his life a success.

It was also learned that he had paid house rent and other bills, and had his affairs in good shape.

Justice Little's family, however, doubts to believe that he sought self-destruction, but think rather that he was the victim of a mistake, and took too much of the poison unintentionally.

The deceased was 66 years old the 19th of last March and leaves besides a wife the following children all married, excepting one: Mrs. Guy Nance, Mrs. Wm. Lockwood, Mrs. (Ced) Neil, of Montree, Kansas, Mrs. Fanine Taylor, of Mound City, Ill., Mrs. Clarence Hamilton, Miss Maggie Little and Mr. Willie Little. He was born in Henry county, Tennessee, in 1836, moving to Paducah in 1851, the same year he was married. Since a resident of this city he had been in the hardware and saddlery business and was once a councilman. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Graston, of Cadiz, and a brother, Mr. Marion Little, of Briarsburg, Ky.

DELEGATES FROM HERE

One of the most important events in the annals of the M. E. Church

South will be the General Missionary Conference to be held at New Orleans this week, beginning the 24th and lasting through the month. It is the outcome of the great Ecumenical Missionary Conference that was held in New York last May, and which was such an occasion of interest. A fine program has been prepared containing speakers of note, bishops, clergy and laymen. There will be delegates from every church in the convention. Among those who will go from Paducah tomorrow Rev. H. B. Johnston, presiding elder of the Paducah circuit and chairman of the board of missions of the Memphis conference; Rev. J. W. Irwin, pastor of the Trimble street Methodist church; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Scott and Mr. Chas. Q. C. Leigh, of Broadway Methodist church.

A DOG FIGHT.

OVER THIS FRANK LUTZ, OF PADUCAH, WAS KILLED.

Particulars of the Awful Tragedy Near Newbern, Tenn., Last Saturday.

The tragedy resulting in Frank Lutz's death on the Stull farm near Newbern, Tenn., occurred over a dog fight at a log rolling. The men had rolled logs all day, and toward sundown some one organized a dog fight between a dog belonging to Lutz and one belonging to Childress. The log rollers gathered around the dogs, and the fight was put on. It was a fierce combat. The canines bit and clawed and chewed each other in a ferocious manner. Lutz's dog was getting the worst of it. It looked as if Childress' dog would kill him. Lutz could not stand to see his dog eaten alive and he took a hand in the dog fight. He had a hand stick and with this he tried to terminate the fight. Childress objected to this interference and a quarrel between the men arose at once.

Childress held a handstick in his hand and Lutz was likewise armed. While the dogs were fighting the men were carrying on a war of words, which finally reached the stage of actual hostilities. The result was that Childress delivered a blow on the back of Lutz' head with his handstick which brained him. The log rolling was abruptly ended.

Childress left at once and the officers could not find him when they went in quest of him. The dogs, bleeding and gnawed, left the scene of the fight and the tragedy. Childress' dog following the master who had shed the blood of his fellow man in defense of the canine's rights. A hand-stick is a large pole that will not break under anything but extraordinary weight. With a hand-stick the men, by prying, roll the logs.

THE CROPS.

OPINIONS SEEM TO DIFFER AS TO THE EFFECT OF THE COLD.

The effect in this section of the cold on fruit and crops seems to be in doubt. Some of the farmers and gardeners claim that the damage will out everything down to about half, while others say no harm will result.

"The cold wind was about as bad as a frost would have been," declared one. "We can't tell just now, for some time fruit becomes about half grown and then falls off the trees."

IS OUT FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Harry Smith, formerly of Mayfield, and a son of Ex-Dist. Attorney W. M. Smith, is a full fledged Republican candidate for the legislature in the 47th district, Louisville. It is said he will make a strong race.

The SUN has no superior any way.

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CONSUMPTION

PADUCAH: Concerning News of a Local Nature for Past Week.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Deputy Sheriff Utterback leaves in the morning for the Eddyville penitentiary with the prisoners convicted at the last term of court.

Deputy Sheriff Gus Rogers leaves Wednesday for Lexington and Frankfort with Alice Williams and the two small colored boys sent to the reform school.

Custodian F. M. Fisher has received notice from the treasury department of the awarding of various contracts for supplies for the year.

The water company, of course, gets the contract for furnishing the water and the street car company for the lights. J. T. Donovan gets the street sprinkling contract, Hank Bros. & Jones the contract for furnishing stores. Jas. Marable, for hauling, and Miss Trozevant the laundry work for towels, etc.

The coal bids, amounting to nearly \$1,000, were rejected, and it may be that the department will decide on the use of soft coal instead of hard coal for the building.

"The Voice of Labor," a journal to be published by the local labor unions, will make its first appearance this week. Mr. Edward B. Clark, a well known Chicago newspaper man, will manage the paper.

The Elks executive committee today decided on one of the most attractive features of its carnival.

This will be a queen, who is to appear on the Elks' magnificent float in the flower parade. The identity of the queen will remain a secret. She will have six maids of honor from respectively Cairo, Metropolis, Murray, Princeton, Mayfield and Fulton.

The selection of these maids of honor will be left to the Elks in those cities that have members of the order, and the others by the local committee.

The Elks float will be the most gorgeous thing of its kind ever seen here, but it will not be in competition for the prizes.

The flower parade will be repeated on the day following its inaugural appearance, and the prize winners will not be announced until the second day.

This parade will eclipse anything ever seen here and nothing will be spared to make it one of the best features of the carnival.

Mr. C. C. McCarty, passenger agent for the Illinois Central at St. Louis, was here yesterday and announced arrangements for a big excursion from all points this side of Monday, Ill., for \$1.50 the round trip, and it is possible a special excursion rate of \$2 a round trip will be made for one day out of St. Louis.

The marriage of Miss Annie R. Connelly, of Paducah, to Mr. Bert H. Brown, of St. Louis, took place at 10:30 o'clock this morning at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Minnie Shutt, of 322 North Fifth street, Rev. W. H. Pinkerton officiating. Quite a crowd of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony, and the couple received many congratulations and other tokens of good wishes from their many acquaintances.

They left at noon for their future residence in St. Louis, and will be at home to friends there after May 1st. Mr. Brown is stenographer in a railroad office at St. Louis, and his bride was one of Paducah's most attractive young ladies.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mr. Wm. C. Kelley, who was appointed a cadet by Congressman Wheeler to succeed Cadet Quarles, of Paducah, who resigned, left Fulton, his home, last night, for the military institute. He will be put under the tutelage of Lieut. Braden at West Point, who will assist him to prepare for his examination on June 5. Mr. Kelley would have graduated with first honors from Carr Institute this year. He is a most promising young

man and his success is predicted by his friends.

The school census enumerators are having considerable trouble on account of the bad weather. They must finish by the end of the week and they have quite a little work to do before they are through.

The indications at present are that there will be an increase of 300 or perhaps 500 over the number found last year, which was about 5,100.

The death of Justice J. H. Little leaves a vacancy in the second magisterial district, which will be filled by appointment by County Judge Tully.

Several well known citizens are mentioned for the place. Among them are Mr. Alex Patton, for several years a constable, and Messrs. Jesse Young, E. B. Richardson and Henry Hand.

Judge Tully will probably make the appointment one day this week. The unexpired term is until December.

Willie Hite, the 14-year-old girl who was locked up Sunday night with a companion, Lizzie Edrington, by Captain Henry Bailey to sober up, today went to the county court house, accompanied by her mother, and said she wanted to go to the reform school at Lexington.

When asked why she wanted to go she said because she "couldn't behave herself."

Her mother is also very anxious to send her.

County Judge Tully, however, has received notice that the reform school is full to overflowing, and not to send any more. He had to disappoint the mother and daughter.

There are now two colored boys sentenced to go there, but they will have to remain in jail here until there is a vacancy, or be released.

The Hite girl and her companion were both drunk Sunday night, and ought to be sent somewhere. The Edrington girl is the daughter of Harze Edrington, in jail at Cairo for killing his wife.

The first shovel of sod for the new railroad from Cadiz to Gracey was turned yesterday by Mrs. Nancy Wellford, the oldest white citizen of the town. The breaking of dirt for the road was the occasion of a general jollification among the citizens, but the set programme was not fully carried out because of the inclement weather.

The next mayor of Paducah, should he happen to be opposed to Paducah's going into the second class, will find himself handicapped in any effort he might desire to make, to prevent it, by an ordinance compelling him to have presented to the next legislature a bill providing for the transfer.

"I shall at once recommend to the council," said Mayor Lang this morning, "the formal adoption of the recent census, and the passage of an ordinance accepting it, included in which will be a clause compelling the next Mayor of Paducah to present a bill which the city attorney will draft, and which will be included in the ordinance, to the next legislature for the transfer of Paducah to the second class."

"This will make it incumbent on the next mayor to present the bill to the next legislature, unless the new council repeals the ordinance, which would necessarily place it on record as opposed to Paducah's becoming a second class city."

"Of course this may be unnecessary, but it will be only to insure our being on the safe side."

Mayor Lang said today that he may not call a meeting of the council this week, but will wait for the regular meeting next Monday for the transaction of necessary business. The city supervisors may finish today, or may not get through until tomorrow.

Advertise in SUN for results.

TO GET PARDON

Robert Lee Cole Leaves for the Penitentiary in High Spirits.

GOOD NEWS FROM HOME

Deputy Sheriff Utterback With Several Assistants, Leaves for Eddyville.

WERE NINETEEN PRISONERS IN ALL

From Tuesday's Daily.

Deputy Sheriff Utterback and Deputy Sheriff Gus Rogers left this morning with the 19 prisoners recently sentenced in circuit court for the Eddyville penitentiary.

Robt. Lee Cole, the young man sentenced to one year for grand larceny, showed a Sun reporter a special letter from his father, received this morning, stating that the request made of Gov. Beckham by the governor of Georgia had been granted. The request, according to Cole's statement, was for a pardon.

The prisoner was not handcuffed and left in the highest spirits, stating that he intended to return to Paducah when the pardon comes, and "make a man of himself."

Cole is the young harness maker who was convicted of stealing two diamond rings at Mrs. R. C. Callis's. He pleaded guilty, saying that he was under the influence of cocaine at the time and did not know what he was doing. The rings were pawned to a bartender.

Cole is the son of the postmaster at Lawrenceville, Ga., and has given his father a great deal of trouble. He seems to be weak-minded and on this account will probably get a pardon. He says he learned harness making in a Georgia reform school.

His father wrote Major Harris, the attorney in the case, that he would be here for the trial, but it is probable decided that the quickest way to get his son out was to lay the facts before the governor and secure a pardon, which it seems he has done.

Those who accompanied Deputy Utterback to Eddyville as deputies were: Messrs. Terry Thompson, J. M. Ezell, W. T. Pepper, G. Thornberry, Theo. Luttrell, Robt. Foster, Emil Gourieux and Joe Ullman.

The prisoners were nineteen in number and all but three were colored.

ARTERY SEVERED.

BUD NANCE MEETS WITH A PAINFUL ACCIDENT AT THE MARINE WAYS.

Mr. Bud Nance, the well known ship carpenter, in the employ of the Marine Ways Co., while at work on a barge tearing away some steel plates, was severely injured this morning.

His right hand slipped while prying with an iron bar, which struck the corner of a plate. His hand was torn open and an artery severed. Dr. Boyd dressed the injury, which is not serious.

BOTTLING WORKS.

MR. A. G. BUDDER BOUGHT OUT MR. F. J. BERGDOLL

Mr. A. G. Budder today bought out the F. J. Bergdoll bottling works at Ninth and Madison streets for \$3,000.

Mr. Budder will move them to his present bottling establishment on South Fourth street.

Mr. Bergdoll last week accepted the position of agent for the Hoerber brewery and leased his sheds, wagons, etc., to the Hoerber concern.

Present indications will not exceed a 40 foot rise here.