IN OLD KAINTUCK

News Gathered From Various Places in the State.

MAYFIELD'S BIG FAIR

Projected Stemmery at That Place—Fulton Notes of Interest.

MATTERS THAT WILL PLEASE ALL

NEWS FROM MAYFIELD.

Mayfield, Ky., Oct. 16.—A movement is on foot in this city to effect and operate a tobacco stemmery on a large scale and the project is meeting with hearty support.

One of our local tobacco men heads the list with $2,500, and others are following with smaller amounts. It is the intention of the company to incorporate with $25,000 capital, build mammoth buildings, install new and modern machinery and handle the bulk of the tobacco raised in the county.

By mutual consent and agreement the well known law firm of Webb, Johnson and Seay has dissolved partnership.

Friday is Paducah Day, and the Elks' lodge of that city are coming, headed by a brass band and accompanied by five or six hundred of McCracken county citizens. A committee from Paducah was in our city last Saturday, and informed the executive committee that Paducah was coming up with the clean thing.

Frank James, the ex-bandit, will be entertained while in Mayfield by Mr. James Y. Brand. Frank and Jim are old friends, and are quite fond of each other. It was on Mr. Brand's invitation that Mr. James agreed to come to Mayfield. Mr. James became very much attached to Mr. Brand while the latter was a resident of Missouri, and they kept up a correspondence since Mr. Brand has been in Mayfield. Jim Brand is also a good friend to Scott Cook, and here of late has made frequent visits to Mr. Cook's bank. After learning of Frank James' fondness for Jim and his coming visit to Mayfield, Scott has become a little superstitious and is shipping all his money to Louisville.

THE LATEST FROM FULTON.

Fulton, Oct. 16.—The question of the citizens of the Kentucky and Tennessee sides jointly graveling State Line was settled at the regular monthly meeting of the city council of South Fulton Monday night. The agreement reached is as follows: That the city of South Fulton, Tenn., furnish $700 to pay its part of jointly graveling State Line from limit to limit with Fulton, Ky., South Fulton is to only furnish the money, and the citizens of the Kentucky side to furnish the remainder of the cash and superintend the work.

The work will be begun at once or as soon as the gravel can be secured.

The residence occupied by Jim McWhirter and family, on Eddings street, was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock this morning, together with Mr. McWhirter's household goods.

Charles W. Watkins, who was arrested here Monday and fined $25 in three cases, two of them with jail sentences, was not imprisoned, but placed under guard. He was in telegraphic communication with his employers at Cairo, but they refused to do anything for him until given an explanation. Watkins is going to appeal the case.

LOSES FINGERS IN A PECULIAR MANNER.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Oct. 16.—Tom Steger, a boy thirteen years of age, son of J. T. Steger, of Beverly, lost three fingers of his right hand in a very unusual accident. His father was splitting a piece of timber with an ax, and let the ax slip from his hands, as he raised it over his head. The boy was fifteen feet behind his father with his hand resting on a log. The ax flew through the air and struck the boy's hand, severing the fingers.

AWARDED $766 DAMAGES.

Henderson, Ky., Oct. 16.—In the damage suit of Jacob Bom against the Illinois Central Railroad company the plaintiff was awarded a verdict for $766. Bom sued for $2,000 for damages to his land by reason of the defendant's constructing of a levee and throwing the current of the Ohio river so as to wash his land. The case will go to the court of appeals.

TO WED IN NASHVILLE.

Madisonville, Oct. 16.—Mr. Oscar Beasley, of Auburn, Ill., and Miss Eva Miller, one of Madisonville's fairest daughters, left for Nashville, Tenn., to be married. They were accompanied by J. Percy Miller, brother of the bride-to-be, and Mrs. John T. Waller, of Hopkinsville. After the wedding the happy couple will leave for an extended bridal tour to Buffalo and points in Canada. The contracting parties are prominent in social and business circles. The young man is a prosperous banker of his town and stands high in the estimation of all who know him. He formerly resided in Madisonville. He is a nephew of W. H. Shutt. The young woman is intelligent, charming and attractive and is held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends. She is the niece of Mrs. J. J. Glenn, of this city.

STUDENT COMMITS SUICIDE.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 16.—David Arnett, aged 20, a member of the senior class of State college, shot himself with a revolver at the dormitory at 1 o'clock. Want of money with which to complete his college course is said to have been the cause. He was from Woodford county and an orphan.

GIVEN ONE YEAR SENTENCE.

Madisonville, Oct. 16.—George Connor, colored, was tried in circuit court, charged with false swearing. Connor, on last registration day, swore that he was a qualified voter. He was convicted and sentenced to serve one year in the state penitentiary.

MURDER TRIAL AT CAIRO.

Cairo, Ill., Oct. 16.—The trial of Irving Connell for murder is on in the Alexander circuit court here before Judge Joseph R. Roberts. A jury was secured this afternoon and the examining of witnesses begun. Hon. W. A. Spann, of Vienna, is assisting State's Attorney Alexander Wilson in the prosecution, while Judge W. A. Wall and Judge Henry G. Carter of Mound City, and William N. Butler of this city, are defending. Connell is charged with killing James Don McCracken at a resort known as the Halfway house, three miles from this city, on August 29, 1900. The boys were members of a party which stopped at the place for refreshments, when a quarrel ensued between them, and Connell shot McCracken. His attorneys will try to prove self-defense. Both boys came from prominent Mound City families. McCracken's father is Q. A. McCracken and Connell is a son of James F. Connell, editor of the Mound City Enterprise.

ALL FAMISHED.

OFFICERS AND CREW PERISHED FROM THIRST ON A DESOLATE ISLAND.

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 16.—The steamship Glenroy brings news from Hong Kong that wreckage has been found on Bikar island, a small, uninhabited atoll, one of the Marshall group, which proves that the British ship Manchester, came to grief there. The Manchester, Captain F. Clemens, left New York loaded with kerosene, shipped by the Standard Oil company, just about one year ago. Her destination was Yokohama, but she has never been seen since. She was a steel ship with four masts, splendidly equipped and commanded by one of the best known skippers sailing out of Liverpool. She was first posted as missing at Lloyds and later given up as lost, shipping men agreeing that she must have been lost in a typhoon.

The news from Bikar island is the first information received as to her fate. Many cases of kerosene were scattered about the beach, together with wreckage, some of which had the Manchester's name on it. Foot prints and marks of two boat keels on the sand, together with other signs, make it certain that Captain Clemens, his wife, two children and the crew had been on the island and, being unable to find water, had pushed off again.

Plainly marked in the sand were footprints of a woman and children. The body of one sailor was found in a scrubby growth of trees near the shore. There were also found bodies of birds which had been sucked for their blood to allay the terrible thirst which probably drove Captain Clemens and his crew nearly crazy. They were wrecked during the dry season, when there was scarcely a possibility of rain to afford relief from the terrible heat of that cloudless spot in the Pacific.

A small schooner engaged in trading among the Marshall islands came across these traces on Bikar island about three months ago, and as no sign has since been found of Captain Clemens and his family and crew it is supposed that they died of thirst before reaching inhabitable islands.

The Manchester carried a crew of twenty-five men, most of them being British sailors. The value of the ship and cargo was nearly half a million dollars.

KENTUCKEY HOME.

FUND TO BE STARTED FOR KENTUCKY CONFEDERATES NEXT WEEK.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 16.—At the State Confederate reunion, to be held here October 22 and 23, Henrietta Hunt Morgan Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of Newport, will start the fund for the Kentucky Confederate Home with a donation of $500. The donation will be presented by Miss Lucy Brent Arnold, of Newport, who is sponsor for Kentucky for the U. D. C. On her trip to Louisville she will be accompanied by Miss Mary Porter Brent, maid of honor, of Paris, Ky.; Miss Anna Tribble, of Junction City, and Miss Leonora Peters, of Owensville.

Miss Arnold is the daughter of General James M. Arnold, who is chief of staff to General J. M. Poyntz, commanding the Kentucky division, United Confederate Veterans.

The question of locating a Confederate home on a farm near the central part of the state will come up at the Louisville meeting.

Roosevelt Anecdotes

Theodore Roosevelt was not always the collected, diplomatic speaker he is today. The carmarks of the public man were just showing themselves when he went to school. During those days whenever there was anything special Teddy was called upon to deliver a recitation. Upon the occasion with which this story deals he was announced to recite the poem beginning

At midnight, in his guarded tent,
The Turk lay dreaming of the hour
When Greece, her knee in supplicance bent,
Would tremble at his power.

Teddy rose before a crowded house and started out bravely. With all the flourishes of boyish energy he repeated the lines as far as "When Greece, her knee"— And then he stopped.

He stammered, shuffled his feet and began again, "When Greece, her knee"—

The old schoolmaster leaned forward and in a shrill voice said, "Grease 'em again, Teddy, and maybe it will go then."

Roosevelt a "Mother Made" Man.

According to a family friend, President Roosevelt has good reason to rank himself in the list of mother made men. His father, who was a big, slow, silent man, something burgherlike in manner and speech, left the control of the children very much to his wife, a rarely beautiful woman, black haired, blue eyed and with a complexion of the most exquisite fairness. Pre-eminently a social leader, she was, of course, very much occupied, but nothing ever came between her and looking after her two boys, Teddy and Elliot. Even when lessons were done and the family away for the summer holidays she made them systematically study—not books, but things.

Each of the lads had to fetch her every morning a composition describing some natural object or phenomenon observed the day before. She insisted not merely upon accuracy, but acuteness. Nothing was too great or too small to serve as an occasion. Once, when their summer home was upon the Hudson, it had a wide, vine shaded piazza. The vines were the haunt of many birds and insects, whose doings the young litterateurs religiously reported. Several of the birds built nests in the vines. When the other things had been duly set down, Teddy undertook the nests. He was then hardly ten years old, but filled several sheets. This bird built with bark and straw, that one with sticks and strings, a third had a partiality for hairs and wool, a fourth used whatever came to beak, while other very tiny fellows, warblers and humming birds, would have nothing but down and moss. He also noted that some of the birds divided the weariness of brooding with their wives; that others fed and sang to their mates upon the nest, but did not relieve them. What struck him most forcibly, however, was the birds' habit of house-cleaning—of picking up and throwing outside anything that might soil the nests.

His mother read everything and praised where praise was judicious. Often she saw things which made her smile, but she kept the smile hidden from her little lads.

How Roosevelt Thrashed a Bully.

Theodore Roosevelt had been in Harvard less than a year when he did a thing which won for him the admiration and respect of juniors and seniors alike. A fellow student, larger and more muscular than himself, but contemned as a bully of the worst type, had singled out Roosevelt as the special object of his displeasure, and finally one day was challenged openly to fistic combat in the big gymnasium at Cambridge. The challenge was accepted, and the two youths met on the day fixed for the bout. Teddy's opponent was so anxious to beat his rival that while the two were in the act of shaking hands he sought to gain the advantage by landing a sharp blow on one of Roosevelt's ears with his free left hand. The blow was so obviously a foul one that the students greeted the assault with cries of "Shame!"

Teddy, however, merely stood still and smiled. Then, to the astonishment and discomfiture of his opponent, young Roosevelt bowed politely and extended his hand. The big fellow hesitated, but finally decided to grasp the extended hand in the true preliminary form. This time the bully took no advantage of his opponent and the boxing match began in proper style. It ended in just as proper style, too, for the thrashing the larger man received was severe enough to keep him a-bed for a week afterward.

CIVIL TERM.

MANY CASES ON THE DOCKET FOR THE APPROACHING CIRCUIT COURT.

Everything is in readiness for the civil term of circuit court which begins here Monday. There are among other things 180 divorce cases, some of which have been on the docket for quite awhile.

One of the most important cases is the suit of Porteous and Patterson, the brick street contractors, against the city for a balance of about $7,000. The depositions are the most voluminous of any case ever tried in the local courts, and cover hundreds of sheets of typewritten paper.

Another big suit is that of R. C. Caldwell, assignee of the Paducah Building Trust company, against various stockholders and borrowers, to wind up the company's affairs.

Among the damage suits are: The suit of ex-Engineer J. J. Bornschein vs. the I. C. railroad for $10,000 damages for injuries received in the Clay Switch wreck last March, when several railroad men of this city were killed and wounded.

The suit of Lee Walters vs. Sheriff I. H. Rogers for $10,000 damages for alleged false arrest.

The suit of Rufe A. Veal vs. Councilman J. S. Jackson for $10 000 for alleged false arrest.

The suit of Frank Delvin vs. the N. C. and St. L. railroad for $2,000 damages.

"BIJAH" GIPSON DEAD.

FAMOUS CHIEF OF TUSCUMBIA POLICE SUCCUMBS TO APOPLEXY.

Tuscumbia, Oct. 15.—Chief of Police H. P. Gipson, familiarly known as "Bijah," of this city, died suddenly of apoplexy. He had just taken a prisoner into custody, from the Southern's west-bound passenger train, and started to the station house with him when he was violently atacked. He lived about an hour. He was 50 years old, and for twenty-five years had been on the police force of Tuscumbia. He was a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow, and leaves a wife and three daughters.

PRESBYTERY ENDED.

REVS. REID AND KIRKPATRICK RETURNED FROM WATER VALLEY.

From Monday's daily.

Rev. J. C. Reid and Rev. W. T. Kirkpatrick returned from Bayous Chein near Water Valley, this morning after attending the Cumberland Presbytery held at that place. There was a good attendance, the delegates numbering about 40 and the visitors numbering many more.

The Presbytery met on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and remained in session Sunday and Monday. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Kirkpatrick, of Palma, Rev. W. T. Kirkpatrick was elected moderator. The new church at the meeting place was dedicated by Rev. J. C. Reid. His theme was "The Church of the Twentieth Century." A Christian Endeavor rally was held Sunday evening and Rev. B. Wren Webb, of Mayfield, conducted the meeting. Licentiate W. T. Nunly was ordained to work in the pulpit. Rev. D. W. Fooks was placed in charge of the Bayous Chein church. There was also a business meeting held Monday and several matters of importance transacted. The next meeting will be held here on the Tuesday after the first Sunday in April.

CUBAN EMBEZZLERS.

FISCAL ASKS LONG TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT FOR NEELY AND RATHBONE.

Havana, Oct. 15.—The indictments in the postoffice fraud cases have been sent by the fiscal to the audiencia, but have not yet been made public. It is known, however, that the fiscal has asked that C. F. W. Neley, Estes G. Rathbone and W. H. Reeves the indicted officials, be sentenced to imprisonment for terms ranging from 24 to 26 years. Each of the accused men is charged with from fifteen to eighteen offenses. The counsel for the defense have twenty days in which to file answers to the indictments.

—Mr. Chas. Housman, the driver for Orr, the grocer, bruised his hand and the member is in a very bad condition.

RAILROAD EARNINGS

A GREAT INCREASE SHOWN BY REPORTS FROM LAST MONTH.

Railroad gross earnings for the month of September, compiled by the Financial Chronicle, show a gain over the same month last year on the roads reporting in the large sum of $6,536,704 or 10.46 per cent. The improvement is the more noteworthy as business was to an extent disturbed by the assassination of President McKinley. The day of the funeral, September 19, was a legal holiday, and business was also quite generally suspended on the day of his death, which occurred Saturday morning, September 14. On the other hand it is proper to say there were also some decidedly favoring influences, aside from the continued prosperity and activity of industrial interests, which would insure a large volume of traffic over the railroads in any event. Thus the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo played an important part in swelling the passenger business of a number of roads, particularly those in New York state. The New York Central reports a gain for the month of $811,828, and there is good reason for believing that practically the whole of this was contributed by the passenger department. In the Northwest the roads suffered last year from the failure of the spring wheat crop. This year, with that crop abundant, there are naturally noteworthy gains by contrast. Then, also, it should be remembered that last year the anthracite coal strike was a disturbing feature, and that down in Texas nearly all the roads suffered more or less from the havoc wrought by the great cyclone at Galveston.

Laughter is the axis of moral health—hysterical noise is not laughter.