

The Lexington Intelligencer.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS

Days Session—Trans- of Much Business.

OF TAX ABATEMENTS.

to Meet Again the Latter of the Present Month.

County court of Lafayette Monday morning of this week. The judges present and the session until Wednesday. The officers present during the session of the court were Sheriff Thomas, and the following: J. W. Grumke, agent, secured of taxes on twenty acres of land, 21, 50, 28 on account of assessment.

Man allowed to pay on a strip of \$25 on a strip adjoining C. Concordia, for 1895, for 1896 on the G. Young.

Sullivan allowed a credit of \$25 on account of assessment.

W. Hannah allowed to pay east half northwest quarter the south end, and north half northwest quarter the south end, 32, 49, 28, of \$700, without interest, on account of error.

Lexington Triumph Press allowed an abatement of taxes for 1901, on account of assessment.

W. B. Cooper abated on lot 16, St. Thomas' church, Waverly for the year 1901; double assessment.

W. B. Cooper allowed to pay on property for 1900 at a rate of \$355.

Chance allowed a credit of \$25 on lots 1 to 4, block C, O'Malley's addition, Higginsville; also lot 2, block addition. Excessive assessment.

Atkinson allowed to pay on lots 7 and 8, block 38, town of Lexington; also 40 side lot 2, block 41, similar, for 1900 and prior years, interest.

ILLANEOUS ORDERS.

Weedin, road and bridge order, was ordered to select a new bridge and let the same near the farm of Greer; also to examine and grading change of road between 18 and 19, 48, 25.

Pool fund mortgage of B. F. Suddarth was ordered satisfied. And \$650 to B. F. Suddarth.

E. B. Dean ordered satisfied.

It was ordered to notify the Alton Railway company of crossing west of Corder.

Phillips was continued for term.

Weedin, bridge commissioner, was ordered to examine bridge on Willey's farm; also bridge crossing east and west near Jackson Corder.

Herwald was notified to survey for a road for Fritz Zeigler and January, 1902.

Found mortgage on the property of D. Mills ordered fore-

bill was ordered issued for Kerchoff for costs in the private road for by himself.

Wilson, colored, of Higginsville, ordered sent to the county jail.

of T. J. Baudon for the office of the county was accepted.

is in the following inquest certified to the county for payment: Bud Hicklin, a train; Kirk Workcuff, killed by his brother; Nienbauer, suicide.

will be in session again on 26 and 27.

THE MESSAGE IN BRIEF.

Salient Points of Mr. Roosevelt's Recommendations to Congress.

Appended will be found the salient points in President Roosevelt's message to congress:

Anarchists—On them falls the blame for the assassination of the late chief executive. The more frequent such outrages become, the sterner will become the repressive measures. No man will fear anarchists sufficiently to be kept out of the president's chair thereby. Anarchists and all who openly sympathize with them should be subject to federal prosecution.

Trusts—They are a natural growth of the great national prosperity. They should be handled carefully, and publicity is suggested as the best method of curbing them. Caution is needed in anti-trust legislation, because all Americans rise or fall together. Hard times may cut luxuries from the rich, but they take necessities from the poor. No man becomes rich without enriching others. A secretary of commerce should be appointed, especially with a view of putting consularships on a business basis.

Chinese Immigration—The Geary exclusion act should be re-enacted, for the high wages of the American laborer must be preserved.

Tariff—Tinkering should be avoided, but at the same time the reciprocity treaties should be given a fair show. The tariff must protect the difference between the low foreign and the high American wage scale. High tariffs not needed may be well abolished to gain concessions from foreign countries.

Ship Subsidies—Government action to remedy the greater cost of building and maintaining American ships should be considered. Foreigners build and man their ships cheaper than can an American who pays good wages.

War taxes—Reduction is in order, for the revenues are greater than the government's expenditures. Congress should guard equally against being niggardly and lavish.

Interstate Commerce—Many improvements in the original law, which was an experiment, are advisable. Railroads should be forced to give open and just rates to great and small alike.

Agriculture—The department is doing fine work. Farm products are becoming a valuable form of export.

Forest Preservation—Should be undertaken at once and systematically. The greed of a few should not be allowed to interfere with the good of the many.

Foreign Possessions—Porto Rico and Hawaii are prospering just as good as American territories are. Cuba will be set free, probably before congress adjourns.

The Philippines—A herculean task to educate for self-government a people which has never known liberty. Civil government is being established as fast as conditions permit—in fact, experience shows, a little faster at times than advisable. The path of the insurgents shall be stony indeed, but too much cannot be done for the good Filipino. All Philippine appointments are based on merit. Laws and temporary franchise grants are in order.

Trans-Isthmian Canal—Great Britain has made all necessary concessions. The government should now proceed to build the canal, which it must afterward regulate and protect.

Monroe Doctrine—One of the cardinal points of American national life. It is a great agent for universal peace.

Navy—Many war vessels and thousands of men to run them are a most urgent need. "Opulent, aggressive and unarmed" always invites attack.

Army—It is large enough at present. A general staff is desired. The American trooper is the best fighting man on earth. State militia should be federalized. Positively no army appointments or promotions will be made except on merit. Officers sending friends to urge their interest will regret such action.

Closing Paragraph—Kind words for all who have been overlooked, such as the Germans in the loss of their dowager empress, the Britains in losing their queen, the Smithsonian institution, the Grand Army veterans, Chinese, Mexicans and others.

TRAGIC EVENTS IN AND NEAR DOVER.

William Neinhauser, a Prosperous German Kills Himself With a Gun.

METHOD IN HIS MODE OF SELF-DESTRUCTION.

Eight-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell Burned to Death.

The Dover vicinity was startled beyond measure Monday morning of this week by the suicide of William Neinhauser, a German, residing on the Banks farm, six miles east of the town named.

Mr. Neinhauser evidently thought the matter of self destruction over carefully, judging from the unique method adopted to destroy his life. Taking a breech-loading shot-gun and charging it with shells containing number six shot, he "cocked" the "hammer" of the barrel to be used, placed the shoulder-piece against the cog-wheel of a binding machine and rested the barrels on a tongue, or pole, used in connection with horses in transporting the machine from one point to another. Then, with the gun-barrels pointed directly at his heart, with a stick in his hand he pushed the trigger, hurling the deadly charge into his vitals.

The entire load took effect in the heart and breast, cutting the eighth rib loose from the breastbone, making a large round hole in the breast through which the heart could be plainly seen. The powder cooked the flesh around the wound, but aside from this there were no other mutilations. The features were in no wise distorted, thus showing that death was instantaneous and painless.

In the absence of the coroner an inquest was held by George F. Zeising, a justice of the peace, and from the evidence it was shown that the act was premeditated and planned as only could be done by a person who was determined to accomplish that which he undertook. The rash deed was committed in a shed about 150 feet from his residence, and which was used by him for storing his machinery.

Mr. Neinhauser bore an excellent reputation and his neighbors all

testified that he was a good, peaceable citizen and a law-abiding man. No one had ever heard him threaten to take his own life and he had no financial or domestic troubles of any kind. His wife testified that he had been complaining of not feeling well for the past two weeks or more, but aside from that he was in his usual health.

Mr. Neinhauser leaves a wife and two small children beside numerous friends and relatives to mourn his tragic death.

CHILD FATALLY BURNED.

Jessie, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Blackwell of Dover was so badly burned Monday afternoon that she died at half past three o'clock Tuesday morning.

The little girl was playing in the yard with her little brother. As is usually the case with children they were cleaning up and burning trash. Getting too near a blaze the little girl's dress became ignited and her form was soon a mass of flames.

Instinctively the child ran toward its mother and seeing the horrible condition that existed Mrs. Blackwell dashed a bucket of water on the burning clothing and then wrapped her child in a comfort, thus outing the flames. Dr. Harwood was called and everything possible was done for the little sufferer. But of it was no avail. The child died at the hour named after a night of intense suffering.

The body from the neck to the limbs was horribly burned and the skin slipped from the flesh.

The funeral took place at Dover cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

There is great sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell among their neighbors. Theirs is indeed a grief hard to bear and to them the INTELLIGENCER extends sincere sympathy.

Business Men in Theatricals.

The New York Herald of May 8th said: "It's strange what strides the stage has made during the past five years, not to speak of a century. Business men have now taken a hand in the pie, and find it a very profitable investment. Lawrence Barrett, during his grand struggle through numberless difficulties, was backed by some of the solid business men of Boston. Viola Allen, who has electrified this country and at the present time is the talk of the entire east, in 'The Christian,' was furnished the necessary funds by a large printing establishment in New York. And now a leading business man of Chicago has taken hold of the comedy farce, 'A Wise Woman,' and having engaged an extraordinary good company will appear in all the principal cities in a trip across the continent. Prior to their run in San Francisco they will take in some of the minor towns and thus make the journey to the coast with more ease. Theatrical managers, look sharp. The business men will crowd you out."

Died in Kansas City.

The remains of Mrs. Louisa Bruns, who died in Kansas City Wednesday, were shipped to Lexington Wednesday night and taken to the home of her son, Charles Bruns, who resides in Old Town. Mrs. Bruns was a native of Germany and was 75 years of age. She was the mother of two sons residing here, Charles and Henry Bruns.

The funeral took place at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, the services having been conducted by the Rev. Mr. Buchmuller.

Circuit Court.

Although the Lafayette county circuit court has been in session all week not a single case of importance has been tried. Of course there have been the usual number of motions, etc., but they are of no earthly interest to the public at large.

Confederate Home Officers Elected.

Capt. W. H. Cavanaugh, of Versailles, Morgan county, has been elected superintendent of the Soldiers Home near Higginsville, and has entered upon the duties of the position. Ex-Warden Pace, at one time in charge of the Missouri penitentiary, was elected assistant superintendent, and Dr. R. E. Hewlett, of Otterville, was named as resident physician.

Give Our Side a Chance.

In an article of today, taken from the New York Herald, headed "Business Men in Theatricals," we notice that "A Wise Woman" is going to make a few stops before starting a run in San Francisco. Now why can't we have this company stay one night with us? They surely must have a first-class company to contemplate an extended run in the western metropolises. Give us a chance.

Married at High Noon.

Married, on Thanksgiving day, at 12 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's father, three miles south of Mayview, Mr. T. C. Null and Miss Katie Kennet. Rev. C. W. Powell performed the ceremony.

The Kansas City lodge of Elks, assisted by others, will come to Lexington on the 20th inst. and at night institute a lodge of that order here. There are a number of charter members, embracing Lexington's best citizens. The lodge will be installed in the K. of P. hall on Main street. The Elks are great entertainers and this promises to be a lively holiday event.

Officers for the Central Western Teachers' association were elected on Saturday at Warrensburg as follows: W. H. Johnson, president; C. E. Phillips, vice-president; Miss Jean White, secretary. The next meeting will be held at Marshall, Mo.

THE MEETING CLOSED.

Good Work Done—From Lexington to Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Wharton's meetings at the tabernacle closed Wednesday night. Through his work much good was accomplished and the membership of nearly all the churches was added to. The meetings held by Dr. Wharton, assisted by the local ministers, were non-sectarian and cards were given to converts upon which to write down the names of the church preferred. These cards were then distributed to the ministers to which they belonged. The work was thoroughly systemized, and thus splendid results were accomplished.

The committee of Lexingtonians who originated these meetings and pushed their ideas through to so happy a consummation are to be congratulated. It was through their efforts that the public became interested, resulting in the construction of the spacious tabernacle on Main street.

Dr. Wharton goes from Lexington to Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Wharton's Work.

The ministers, other church officers and members of the congregations uniting in the series of special evangelistic services which for three weeks past have been conducted by the Rev. H. M. Wharton, D. D., desire in a public and formal manner to express their high appreciation of the value of Dr. Wharton's labors; of the earnest and impressive manner in which he has presented the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and their regret that his other engagements prevent him from continuing his services with us beyond tonight, the time it was originally agreed that the meetings here should cease.

While first of all we return thanks to our Savior and Lord for the gracious manifestations of His presence and power amongst us, we desire also to be very grateful to Him for the gift of his servant, whom we affectionately commend to our brethren in other places, with the assurance that his future labors will be accompanied with our best wishes and earnest prayers for his continued and enlarged success.

Adopted at the tabernacle, Lexington, Mo., December 4th, 1901.

ATTEST—

DAN'L BUCHMULLER,
Ch'm'n Ministers' Alliance.
EDGAR J. FENSTERMACHER,
Sec. Ministers' Alliance.

Physical Culture Class.

There is a commendable tendency among the ladies of Lexington in the direction of physical culture, as is evidenced by the zeal of the class being taught by Miss Frances Bowen Smith, of Central college. Miss Smith closed the first half of the present term last Wednesday and her class is said to have made splendid progress. The ladies have a regularly equipped gymnasium and other apparatus used in developing the physical being, and take very kindly to the exercises required. Mental training is not at its best when coupled with physical weakness, but ally the two and we have the ideal that comes nearest perfection in human attainment.

The INTELLIGENCER congratulates Miss Smith on the work engaged in and also the members of her class who are manifesting such interest in their work.

Escaped and Recaptured.

A dispatch from Jefferson City under date December 4 says:

James Thompson, a convict from Lafayette county, escaped from the penitentiary power house this morning just before daylight, but was recaptured at 10 o'clock several miles east of the city by an officer of the penitentiary. Thompson was serving a five year sentence and would have been discharged from the institution under three-fourths law in three months, but now he will have to serve his full sentence, which means eighteen months from today.

Mrs. Lydia M. Frazier died early Thursday morning at Wellington. On account thereof her mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary A. Frazier, and Messrs. T. J. and Joseph Frazier left for that point Friday morning.

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolutions Adopted Condemning State Primary Election.

VACANCY IN COMMITTEE FILLED.

Provision for New Committee to Meet on the Tenth of March.

A meeting of the democratic central committee of Lafayette county was held Friday, November 30th, at Higginsville. Those present were F. W. Mann, P. W. Osborn, W. C. Webb, C. A. Keith, W. H. Bell, R. P. Harwood, G. V. Vandiver, J. M. Handley, S. N. Wilson, S. B. Thornton, (secretary, proxy for W. E. Gavin), L. E. Johnson, John L. Berry, H. T. Whitsett and C. T. Doty.

The proxy of William E. Gavin, of Lexington township, presented by S. B. Thornton, was admitted.

The resignation of L. F. Benning, as committeeman from Clay township, was received, accepted and on motion of P. W. Osborn, Dr. W. C. Goodwin was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

A letter from O. T. Hamblin, of Springfield, chairman of the democratic congressional committee, suggesting a vacancy from Lafayette county, was read, after which the following resolutions were read and adopted:

"Whereas, the Lafayette county democratic central committee has been requested by the chairman of the congressional committee of the 7th congressional district of Missouri, and also by the present member of congress from that district, to recommend a suitable democrat to be elected by said congressional committee as the Lafayette county member thereof; and whereas, Lafayette county has recently been added to said district, and has no representative yet on said committee, we believe such action is necessary in order that said county may be represented until the next congressional convention;

"Therefore, be it resolved: that this committee comply with said request, and that we do now proceed to select some good, working democrat, to be recommended to said congressional committee as a suitable person to be elected by that committee, as the Lafayette county member thereof."

On motion of Dr. F. W. Mann, Charles R. Creasy was selected and recommended as such member.

S. N. Wilson, chairman, surrendered the chair to C. A. Keith and offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

"Be it resolved by the members of the democratic central committee, of Lafayette county, that we are strongly opposed to the proposed movement to have the state democratic committee, of Missouri, call a state primary election for the purpose of selecting the caucus nominee of the democratic party for United States senator.

"We believe that under the present laws, which should govern until amended, that the democratic voters of Lafayette county, alone, should determine for whom their representative in the legislature should vote; such representative to be instructed by a county primary, or otherwise, as the democratic voters of this county may, at the proper time, decide.

"We deny the right of a democratic minority in a republican county, or city, to dictate to the majority in a democratic county, who shall be the latter's choice for the important office of United States senator.

"Let them first change their own county, or district, to the democratic column, before attempting to make a republican county out of a former democratic one, which will be one of the natural results of such a state primary election."

On motion of C. A. Keith the chairman and secretary of the committee were directed to issue the usual call, at the proper time, for a meeting of the democrats of the county at the various precincts of the county for the purpose of selecting members of the county committee for the two years next ensuing, said precinct meetings to be held on Saturday, March 8, 1902; said members to meet at the courthouse in the city of Higginsville on Monday, March 10, 1902, for the purpose of organizing and of transacting such business as may come before the committee.

Miss Charlotte Aiken and little sister, Louise, of Kansas City, spent Sunday with Mrs. Bert Taubman.