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## JAMES C. STAPLETON DEAD

### Third Victim of Bandits Succumbs to Wounds.

James C. Stapleton died Friday at 7:33 o'clock at the Lexington hospital from wounds received Sunday night, May 4th, when Sheriff Jos. Talbott and his deputy, John McDonald were killed. Mr. Stapleton never regained the power of speech; although he made an effort to communicate by signs, nothing was learned of the crime that was committed on that fateful night. It is believed that the long exposure following the assault contributed very materially to his death.

Mr. Stapleton was born in Virginia, and was 52 years of age. He was appointed night watchman in the summer of 1918, to succeed Mr. Johnson, who was called into the army. When Mr. Johnson returned he was reappointed and Mr. Stapleton was made calaboose keeper.

Mr. Stapleton is survived by his wife and four children, Misses Ethel, May, Myrtle, Bessie, and John Walton; his mother, Mrs. Amanda Stapleton, and five brothers and one sister, who are: Nathan, Henry and Joseph of Oregon; William, Oscar and Mrs. Nancy Kilgore of Lexington.

The body was taken to the Undertaking Parlors to be prepared for burial. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Presbyterian church. Rev. R. L. Cowan conducted the services.

### Death of Former Citizen.

Thomas Wedge, a former citizen of Lexington, died Thursday in Columbus, Ohio, where he moved about two years ago. The body was brought to Lexington Sunday evening, and taken to the home of his brother-in-law, John Perry, where the funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Wedge is survived by his widow and four children.

The Wentworth baseball team was defeated by the Kemper team at Boonville Monday in a thirteen inning game, 6 to 5.

Mrs. McAdow has sold to Dr. Q. Cope a Davis 6.

## FINANCIAL AID TO FAMILIES OF DEAD OFFICERS

### Mass. Meeting Called For Monday, May 19, at 2 o'clock.

A mass meeting has been called to meet at the court house Monday, May 19, at 2 o'clock to perfect an organization and submit a plan whereby a substantial sum may be raised and given to the families of the deceased officers, Joseph C. Talbott, J. C. Stapleton, and John McDonald.

The Democrats, after their convention Monday, met and appointed the following gentlemen from the different townships to co-ordinate with the Republican committee: George Zeysing, Dover; Jas. P. Chinn and H. T. Hartman, Higginsville; W. B. Waddell and Harry Blee, Sr., Lexington; Sam Rutan, Odessa; George Hackley, Wellington; W. L. Glassecock, Mayview; Mode Anson, Aullville; Geo. W. Hackley, Waverly.

The Republicans appointed the following committee: E. M. Taubman, J. L. Forsha, Thos. Rosewall and William Ford.

## COMPANY A BOYS RETURN

### Heroes All. Many a Glad Heart in Lexington Wednesday Morning.

Ike Gratz and Joe Legg went to Kansas City Tuesday night in cars and returned with a load of soldier boys of Company "A," 140th Infantry. Many of the heroes returned Wednesday morning on the Missouri Pacific.

They have been coming in bunches so no concerted action could be made for their greeting.

Welcome home, boys! You did a man's work well.

Mrs. T. R. Butler returned Wednesday morning from an extended visit with her daughters in New York City and Brooklyn. She attended the national convention of the D. A. R., in Washington, D. C., as a delegate from the Lafayette-Lexington Chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Bates announce the birth of a son—Edward Brill—Wednesday, May 14, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hughes Shelby of Wellington, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, May 10, 1919.

## IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETE

### Westerman & Barnett Drug Co., Install Soda Fountain And Modern Cases.

Westerman & Barnett Drug Co., have just completed the installation of a soda fountain with all accessories, and new cases throughout the store.

The fountain, which is placed at the left of the entrance, consists of all white Italian marble counter with base of Verde antique marble, and is provided with every convenience to facilitate the service.

The furniture is a delight to the eye.—English buffet wall cases, finished in silver gray with an inlaid trimming that harmonizes perfectly. The bases are of black York fossil marble. The faces being plate glass, affording perfect display of the entire stock.

The cigar case is a most modern receptacle in every way for keeping cigars at the proper degree of moisture, and the display is perfect. The case is all glass, air tight, and is provided with concealed Aztec clay moisteners.

The whole effect is most pleasing, and besides providing more floor space, makes it one of the most complete drug stores in the country.

Service at the fountain will commence Saturday.

Alfred Lawery, who was sentenced to the Boonville reformatory several weeks ago for assisting in the theft of some whiskey from the Sapphire restaurant, was taken to Boonville yesterday to serve a two year sentence. Two other parties in the transaction were sentenced to the penitentiary and paroled. Who's the goat?

### Miller-Bullis.

Mr. Glenn Miller and Miss Edrey Bullis, both of Topeka, Kansas, were married Saturday morning at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. L. B. Arvin officiating. Miss Bullis was visiting at Central College. Mr. Miller is a civil engineer connected with the Santa Fe railroad.

### Card of Thanks.

I wish to express my most sincere thanks to all those who so kindly assisted me during my late sad bereavement, the death and burial of my husband. I am especially indebted to the Fraternal organizations, and auto owners who so generously donated the use of their cars.

Mrs. Joseph C. Talbott.

### Notice of Special Election.

Whereas a vacancy occurred in the office of Sheriff of Lafayette County, Missouri, on the 4th day of May, 1919, by reason of the death of Joseph C. Talbott, the Sheriff of said Lafayette County, Missouri;

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election has been ordered to fill said vacancy, which said Election will be held on Thursday the 29th day of May, 1919, to elect a successor to said Joseph C. Talbott, to fill out the remainder of his unexpired term of office as Sheriff of Lafayette County, Missouri.

Done by order of the County Court, Lafayette County, Missouri, this 6th day of May, 1919.

D. J. Powell

Presiding Judge.

Attest: Geo. W. Bates, Clerk.

Mrs. Harry Volmer returned Tuesday morning from a few days' visit in Kansas City.

## MRS. TALBOTT NAMED FOR SHERIFF

### Count Wide Movement to Aid Financially Families of Dead Officers.

The Republican County Committee met Tuesday and organized with M. C. James as chairman and Geo. C. Williams as secretary.

Mrs. Minnie M. Talbott was nominated as the candidate for sheriff.

Thomas Rosewall and John Geary addressed the convention on behalf of the Miners Union and requested that the party take some steps toward aiding financially the families of Jos. C. Talbott, J. C. Stapleton and John McDonald.

A committee of five was appointed to call a mass meeting of citizens irrespective of party affiliations to take steps toward that end.

The United States will have another great pay day on May 15th, when 78 million dollars in Liberty Bond interest will be paid to the American people. If every bond-holder clips his interest coupons and exchanges them for May War Savings Stamps at any Post Office or Bank, this will grow to 93 million dollars on January 1, 1924. Get your share! Every \$4.16 in War Savings Stamps will grow to \$5.00. Keep your Dollars growing.

The following telegram was sent to President Wilson the latter part of February by the State Regent, Mrs. John Trigg Moss:

"Indignation filled the hearts of Missouri Women to overflow when they fully realized their Representatives in Congress and the Senate did not intend to stand back of the President of the United States in support of the League of Nations. The Missouri Society of D. A. R., four thousands, one hundred and seventy strong, pledge their loyalty and support of this movement for the future safety and permanent peace, and will demand of their Representatives that they do likewise."

The above was endorsed by the Lafayette-Lexington Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, at their April meeting.

### Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders meeting of the Waverly Bank will be held at its banking house in Waverly, Missouri, on the fifth day of June, 1919. Said meeting will be convened at 9 o'clock a. m., and continue during at least three hours, unless the object for which such meeting is called be accomplished sooner.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect five directors for the said bank, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

J. H. Wessel, President.

Attest: J. H. Crosswhite, Secy.

### B. M. Little to Traders Bank.

B. M. Little, for the past several years superintendent of schools, this city, has resigned that position to take effect at the close of this school year. He has been elected assistant cashier of the Traders Bank, which duties he will assume soon after the close of school.

## COL. CARL RISTINE HOME

### Hero of Argonne Battle Given Reception At Home of J. C. McGrew.

Col. Carl Ristine, who recruited Company "A" of the 6th Regiment M. N. G., and which was later combined with the old 3rd of Kansas City, and called the 140th Infantry, and who distinguished himself in the battle of the Argonne, arrived in Lexington Wednesday evening, coming by motor from Kansas City. He was accompanied by his wife and little daughter.

Many of Col. Ristine's friends greeted him at night at the home of J. C. McGrew, on South street.

### Announcement For Sheriff.

On May 12th, 1919, the Democratic convention honored me with nomination as its candidate for office of sheriff of Lafayette County, to be voted on at special election, Thursday, May 29th, 1919, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of the former sheriff, Mr. J. C. Talbott.

My party has seen fit to keep up its organization and has nominated me as its candidate for said office, therefore, I am expected to make as much of a campaign as possible in the short time left. It will be impossible for me to see all the voters, therefore, I take this means of letting it be known I have been nominated and to respectfully ask the support of the voters who consider me competent to fill this very important office at this time, especially, I have resided thirty-three years in the State of Missouri of which time the last years has been spent in Lafayette County, excepting the last year while away in the army.

If elected, I promised to give my entire attention to the office and faithfully discharge the duties thereof to the best of my ability.

R. E. ASHURST.

### A Generous Donation.

Local Union No. 171, United Mine Workers of America, has given Prosecuting Attorney C. A. Keith, a check for \$100 toward paying the expenses incurred in the search for the bodies of the murdered sheriff and his deputies.

Harvest your wheat with a FORDSON tractor. It is ideal power to use in hot weather.

John Morrison & Sons, Louis.

## R. E. ASHURST NAMED FOR SHERIFF

### Candidate Fought in Flanders. A Fearless, Competent Man.

The Democrats of Lafayette County in convention Monday at Lexington, chose R. E. Ashurst as their candidate to fill the unexpired term of Joseph C. Talbott, deceased. Two other nominations were made, but both withdrew in favor of Mr. Ashurst and his nomination was made unanimous.

Mr. Ashurst needs no introduction to the people of this community. Every one will agree that he possesses the qualifications peculiar to the requirements of this office—intelligence, fearlessness and mature judgment—which, really, are the things most desired in a candidate for sheriff, the most important office, in many respects, in the country.

Mr. Ashurst demonstrated his manhood when he would not be denied participation in the Great War. He was not permitted to enlist in the army of his own country, on account of age; but went to Canada and enlisted in the Canadian infantry. He soon qualified as a sharp-shooter, and went overseas with the 3rd Battalion, Canadian Infantry, which played a glorious part in breaking the Hindenburg Line. Mr. Ashurst was mustered out about two weeks ago, when he then returned home.

The Democrats of Lafayette County present as their candidate for sheriff, a man of proven calibre. At this time when crime is so prevalent over the country, and in view of our recent sad experience, sentiment is largely in favor of giving very particular attention to the type of man for this office. It is believed that Mr. Ashurst will meet all requirements.

### Marriage Licenses.

Marriages licenses have been issued to the following:  
Joseph G. Eng Alma  
Emma M. L. Bushmeyer  
Concordia

Glenn Miller Topeka, Kan.  
Edrey Bullis Topeka, Kan.

Major Ralph Campbell, 1st Battalion 139th Infantry, arrived from Camp Funston Monday morning on a two weeks' leave, after which he will return to Camp Funston to be mustered out. He was accompanied by his wife who joined him in St. Louis.



The Man Who Wants

—we all want:  
—Some one thing, some another.  
—we want your trade, you want some good Lumber so why can't we get together—do business—and both be satisfied?  
—we are ready, if you are.  
—one thing about our Lumber—you can always depend upon its being of absolutely high quality and uniform grade.  
—and when it comes to the question of price, you will find our prices just as low as ordinary Lumber costs you elsewhere.  
—no need to take chances if you buy at—

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JOHN J. PRICE, Manager.

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Through our membership in the Federal Reserve System we are in a strong position to help our patrons carry live stock which they are raising or fattening for future sales.

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