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THE OLD SETTLERS

Full Report of the Ninth Annual Reunion at Ruggles Campground—Notes.

The Ninth annual reunion of the Old Settlers of Mason, Fleming and Lewis counties was held at Ruggles Campground July 3d.

The exercises were opened at 9:30 by the choir singing "Nearer My God to Thee," with Mrs. T. J. White at the organ, followed by prayer offered by J. F. Stone of Spencer, Va. "America" was then sung by all. Elder T. J. White of Tollesboro then gave an address that might truly be called the "Kentucky speech" of the day, in that he eulogized the old Commonwealth until the entire crowd seemed to swell with the importance of being Kentuckians. Mr. White is a true Kentuckian, having been born and raised in Mt. Sterling and educated in Lexington.

"Coronation" was then sung, after which U. P. Degman of Mason county recited the Declaration of Independence with a clear and distinct voice. Miss May Norwood Turner very prettily sang "Red, White and Blue," playing on the violin in connection. Mr. Ackman of Lewis county then gave a short talk. Miss Alma Arnold recited "The Glorious Fourth" in a clear, sweet voice. Prof. Taylor Luman gave an interesting patriotic address.

The exercises of the afternoon began with the singing of "Home" by the choir, Miss Bessie Dixon at the organ. Prayer by Rev. N. G. Grizzle of Mason county, after which President Lane introduced little Master Griffith of Indianapolis, who recited a little speech, which was followed by an appropriate recitation, entitled "The Flag That Betsy Made," by Miss Edna Clark of Foxport, Fleming county. Mr. C. Burgess Taylor of Mason county then gave an address that made the Mason countians feel proud of him. A. O. Stanley of Fleming made an address, mingling pathos and wit in a very attractive manner. Mr. Thompson of Mason then gave a short address, followed by Miss May May N. Turner, rendering "Old Kentucky Home," accompanied by the violin, and as her sweet, young voice floated out upon the breeze in those gentle strains so dear to every Kentuckian's heart the slightest whisper could have been heard so profound was the attention. T. B. Bagley of New South Wales then recited "The Fireman's Wedding" in a very attractive manner, and he left the platform amid prolonged applause. After a short talk by W. A. Plummer of Lewis county the formal program closed and the rest of the afternoon was devoted to social intercourse.

The following officers were chosen:

Presidents—A. D. Tolle, Lewis county; I. M. Lane, Mason county; Mant Wallingford, Fleming county.
Secretaries—A. D. Owens, Lewis county; C. C. Degman, Mason county; Rouga Kelly, Fleming county.
Treasurer—Baker Trussell, Lewis county.

NOTES.

Charles C. Degman was chosen General Secretary to fill the place of T. A. Cook, resigned.

The three counties were probably more equally represented at the reunion this year than ever before.

Elder T. J. White, the "Kentucky man" at the reunion, says he has a right to be more than usually proud of the old state, his mother having been born at Boone's Station and his father at Bryant's Station.

There were thirteen deaths reported among the Old Settlers the past year, not one of which was probably more widely lamented than that honored citizen claimed by both Mason and Lewis county, Henry C. Barkley.

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The meeting of Bluegrass wheat growers at Lexington was slimly attended.

George Cole and Laura B. Galloway, both of Lewis county, were granted marriage license at Portsmouth.

The marriage of Mr. Lee Haucke and Miss Cora Lowry will be solemnized this afternoon at 2:30 at the Church of the Nativity.

Mr. C. M. Putman of this county has a position in the saddle and harness shop of D. M. Sims of Flemingsburg and has moved his family to that place.

The financial statement of Fleming county shows liabilities of the county to be $13,566 18, with assets amounting to $3,737 27, leaving $9 828 91 to be raised by taxation.

Congressman Pugh has secured a pension of $30 per month for Wyatt Cooper. This makes an even 100 pensions he has obtained for the Ninth District during this session.

Capt. J. W. Brewer, who died in Robertson county a few days ago at the age of 83, was somewhat eccentric in his habits, and several years since had a Mt. Olivet undertaker to prepare his coffin. It was made of wild cherry, which grew in the family burial ground, near his home.

"Last summer one of our grand children was sick with a severe bowel trouble," says Mrs. E. G. Gregory, of Frederickstown, Mo. "Our doctor's remedy had failed, then we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which gave very speedy relief." For sale by J. Jas. Wood Druggist.

The Mormons will hold a conference at their new church, two miles north of Sulphur Well, in Metcalfe county, on Saturday and Sunday, the 7th and 8th of August. This is the first Mormon church ever built in Kentucky, and begins its career with seventy-two members. Thirty-five Mormon elders will participate in the service.

The sack of clothing found at the pumphouse at the Maysville Bridge in Paris by Officer Hill belonged to Clayton Bros. of Farmer, Ky. It was stolen from their store several months ago by two tramps, who were captured at Paris by Chief of Police Wilson of Mt. Sterling. The men are now serving a term in the Penitentiary for the crime.

Electric Park Theater.

Another fine audience was out to see the show last evening. The Murrays duplicated their success of the previous evening. They are certainly a clever pair of performers. Mr. Murray's Tramp is something new to the stage, and is a very clever creation. Miss Murray is a charming little actress, and her work is of the highest order. The performance as a whole is by far the best yet presented at the Park. Go out and while away a couple of hours most pleasantly.

BASEBALL TOMORROW.

The Maysville Y. M. C. A. Team and the Aberdeen Browns Will Play.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock lovers of baseball will have a chance to witness a contest between the local Y. M. C. A. team and the Aberdeen Browns.

The line-up we give tomorrow, but names enough weighty and capable are before us to warrant a good game of ball, and those who do not go out will miss exciting plays, sensational stops and a close finish.

Such old favorites as Hill, McDaniel and other names, equally shining lights upon the diamond, will be in the play, while for Maysville Wadsworth, Pollitt, Wells and some comets just visible, who have been seen by a telescope not quite powerful enough to tell just yet of their brilliancy, will fill places certainly sufficiently well to bring grace, quickness, snap and excitement, insuring two hours of fun, frolic and a feast of joy.

Admission 10 cents. Ladies free.

THE FISHERMEN.

They Have Returned Home From "Camp Isolation" on Brush Creek.

Mr. Leander Cox, Mr. William McG. Slitts and Mr. Charles Crane, the last of the camping party which went to Brush creek for an outing, came back home yesterday morning carrying a big basket full of fisherman's luck, with a few side ornaments, such as workticks, sunburns and experience.

The location of their camp was an ideal spot, and because of its separation from civilization and its being away from any sort of getatables the name of "Camp Isolation" fell to it.

Cox is a chef of prominence and ability, while Crane carries well as a fisherman of note, but Slitts is a gem when it comes to hunting proclivities, as his conferees readily agree.

The fish, eels, snakes, molusk, turtles and snipe, rabbits, squirrels and chicken have been shipped per towboat as announced yesterday.

Altogether it was a remarkable catch, and the boys are being congratulated by their numerous friends over the success they had.

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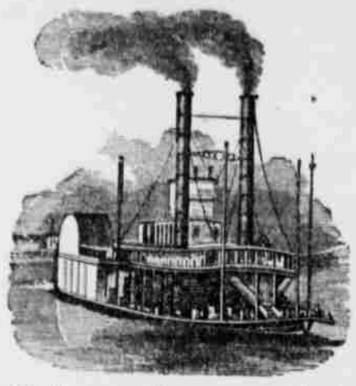
NEWSY NOTES FROM NATURE'S GREAT HIGHWAY.



The Bonanza will pass up tonight for Pomeroy.

The W. F. Nisbet passed up last night for Pomeroy.

The W. T. Cummins will pass up tonight for Wheeling.

The Henry M. Stanley will pass down tonight from Pomeroy.

The repairs to the steamer Sherley were not completed in time for her regular trip last night, but will be ready Friday.

The 125 feet of false work at Merrill Dam, ordered out by the United States Engineers, has been removed, and there is no longer any trouble at that point.

The chances are that the "musquito fleet" will not get a chance to agitate the waters of the Ohio this summer. They are hiding up the side-streams watching and waiting for a chance to throw sand and gravel in the Ohio, as they have been in the habit of doing every low-water summer. But they'll not be "in it" this summer—some other summer, perhaps.

Sunday's rains, it now appears, had very little effect upon the Upper Ohio, in which slight changes occurred. The Allegheny at Oil City is 1.3 and rising, and Kanawha at Charleston 5.8 and swelling. At Pittsburgh the stage is 6.1 and falling, with 3.2 at Davis Island Dam. There is 7.2 at Parkersburg, a rise of 1.7; 5.5 at Catlettsburg, 7.4 at Portsmouth, and 10.1 and stationary at Cincinnati. Cumberland at Nashville, 4.4, and Tennessee at Chattanooga 4.6 and rising.

Captain J. F. Ellison, Superintendent of the Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Packet Line, ordered the crew of the Keystone State to get their boat ready and leave for Pittsburgh tonight. The Pittsburgh boats have not been able to run for two weeks, and the coming swell in the river comes as good news to the many patrons of that popular line. If there is any chance of getting through safely the Queen City will follow the Keystone State to Pittsburgh Saturday. She passes up one day earlier than usual, going on Wednesday instead of Thursday.

The old Capitol ran from New Orleans to Memphis in '58 in three days and one hour. That same year the Landis ran from New Orleans to Cincinnati in seven days and six hours, and the David White ran from New Orleans to Louisville in five days and six hours. As a general thing the boats of the 50's made better time than has ever been made since. The Eclipse came to Louisville from New Orleans in four days and four hours, and many other Louisville and New Orleans packets of that time made the runs on business trips in five days and six days, and they were not in much of a hurry either. At a favorable stage of water the City of Louisville could no doubt come from New Orleans to Louisville inside of five days.

The fight for the position of Supervising Inspector of the Sixth District, which includes Louisville, has narrowed down to Captain Charles G. Perkins of Henderson, Ky., and Captain Dorsey of New Albany, Ind., with the odds greatly in favor of Captain Perkins. It is pretty well understood that Senator W. J. Deboe has withdrawn his support from Captain O. P. Shinkle of Covington, and is now lending his aid to Captain Perkins. Captain Perkins is widely known along the river and is especially favorably known in Cincinnati. He is a suitable person for the position, having built and operated steamboats. He built the beautiful steamer New South. Captain Dorsey, the other candidate, is connected with the Louisville and Jefferson Ferry Company, and is also well spoken of.

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Danville, August 3d—Four days.
Lebanon, August 10th—Three days.
Lawrenceburg, August 17th—Four days.
Elizabethtown, August 17th—Four days.
Shelbyville, August 24th—Four days.
Shepherdsville, August 24th—Four days.
Madisonville, August 25th—Four days.
Bardstown, August 31st—Five days.
Barbourville, September 1st—Three days.
Paducah, September 7th—Four days.
Horse Cave, September 7th—Four days.
Bowling Green, September 8th—Four days.
Eminence, September 8th—Four days.
Ewing, September 8th—Four days.
Winchester, September 13th—Three days.
Glasgow, September 15th—Four days.
Hartford, September 30th—Three days.
Morganfield, October 5th—Five days.

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For above occasion the C. and O. will sell tickets Maysville to Chattanooga and return at rate of $8 95. Dates of sale, July 13th, 14th and 15th; final limit July 21st, subject to extension until August 15th by depositing ticket with Agent of terminal line at Chattanooga prior to July 19th.

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Chicago, Ill., Unveiling of Logan Monument—Going July 21st; return limit July 26th.

Cincinnati, O., German Epworth League of M. E. Church—Going July 21st and 22d inclusive; return limit July 26th.

Chautauqua Assembly—Going August 2d to 23d inclusive; return limit August 31st.

Indianapolis, Ind., Annual Convention Young People's Christian Union—Going August 17th and 18th inclusive; return limit September 12th.

Buffalo, N. Y., G. A. R. Encampment—Going August 21st to 23d inclusive; return limit September 30th.

Columbus, O., Reunion of Army of West Virginia—Going September 7th and 8th inclusive; return limit September 22d.

National Encampment Sons of Veterans—Going September 8th and 9th inclusive; return limit September 15th.

Union Veteran Legion National Encampment—Going September 21st and 22d inclusive; return limit October 12th.

For further information as to special rates and limits for the above occasions and for occasions and points not mentioned herein, consult Ticket Agents B. and O. S.-W. Railway, or address J. M. Chesbrough, General Passenger Agent, Cincinnati, O.

Tennessee Centennial.

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Nashville, Tenn., and Return $8 via C. and O. Railway.

On account of the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, Nashville, Tenn., May 1st to October 31st, the C. and O. will sell round-trip tickets Maysville to Nashville at the following rates: 7-day tickets $8; 15-day tickets $11; season tickets $15. Tickets on sale April 29th and continuing during the Centennial.

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