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**THE TOBACCO SALE.**

The sale of the pooled tobacco by the Burley Tobacco Society to the American Tobacco Company will bring joy to many thousands of farmers and business men throughout the Blue Grass. It is the most important deal that has occurred in Kentucky for a long time. From \$12,000,000 to \$14,000,000 is the amount involved in the transaction. For several days expectation has been at a high point because of the reported negotiations for the deal.

It is a wonderful victory for the organized farmer. It shows his power where he works in co-operation with his fellow farmer. For many years, the workingmen in the cities have organized and compelled better wages from the great capitalist. But not until this movement have the farmers been even measurably successful in attempts at co-operation.

The farmers have suffered keenly because of this fight. The larger part of two crops of tobacco has been pooled and one entire crop has been cut out. But for the cordial support of the banks of this section, the Society would never have been able to carry the fight to such a conclusion.

After an understanding that it is to grow another crop in 1909, it has disposed of a pool of over 80,000,000 pounds of tobacco at prices far in excess of that prevailing at the time the Burley Society was organized. For the first time in the history of the tobacco growing industry in the white burley district, the grower has had a voice in fixing the price of his product. He has successfully asserted his independence and brought a powerful monopoly to terms.

The sale means much to Clark county and this section. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are tied up in Clark county. The sale means easier money here and better business conditions. The Burley district of Kentucky would never have known there was a financial panic on during the past year if it had not been for our tobacco troubles. The tobacco is the great ready money crop and when this was cut out it caused untold suffering to hundreds of thousands.

A bumper crop will probably be grown next year. Every acre of land that can be handled will be put into tobacco. That is the invariable rule when high prices prevail in any product.

What will be the effect on the Burley Society? Time alone can tell. The prestige of success crowns its banners now. As time passes and the matter is judged in cold blood, the farmer will begin to figure his returns from the pool. If he has made good money the Burley Society will go on.

There is another cause for gratification to all good citizens. The sale will have a tendency to put a stop to the night riding outrages. Peace will be again restored in the tobacco district. The leaders of the Burley Society have carried to a successful conclusion the biggest enterprise ever undertaken by farmers. The leaders are law abiding men. They know that the violence that has taken place in Kentucky has not advanced, but has really retarded the success of the society. In all their future plans they should figure to co-operate with law abiding men in

every walk of life to see that peace is maintained in the Blue Grass.

We congratulate the Society on its success so far. But the critical period is now at hand. If the money is handled expeditiously, if the farmer receives promptly what is coming to him, if he has realized a profit for his long sacrifice, the organization will be a permanent one.

**GREAT AUDIENCE AT THE FIRST BAPTIST**

Many Are Turned Away Thursday Night—Special Service on Sunday.

There were a hundred or more turned away at the revival services at the First Baptist church Thursday night. There was great interest in the sermon of Dr. J. W. Porter and two additions were made to the church. There will be services the rest of the week and on Sunday a special service for men and boys at 3 p. m.

Dr. Porter's text was, "Adam Where Art Thou?" Gen. 3:9. He said in part:

When Adam had sinned, his first thought was to hide from God, in the dense shadows of the trees. Sin spells shame, and shame loves darkness. It is a notable fact, that most of the sins of the world are committed in the night time. Many sinful pleasures and tragic crimes are perpetrated in the darkness.

**When God Asked Question.**

When God asked Adam this question, Adam immediately began to make excuses for himself. There was, at least, one commendable thing in the devil, and that is that he did not make any excuse for his part in the sinful transaction. He was both more devilish and more manly than Adam.

You will note that this was a personal question, "Where art thou?" We must stand or fall on our own merits, and every man shall be judged according to his own works. Observe also, that the question is, where art thou. Not where have you been, or where are you going, but your present situation. The past is a sealed book, the future is not yet written, therefore we are shut up to the present. So far as the forgiveness of sins is concerned, the past is immaterial to God.

**Strongest Recommendation.**

Your sins constitute your strongest recommendation to your Saviour. Christ paid for our sins with his own blood, and is therefore entitled to them. All that Christ left in this world was his blood. There are those who try to hide under the shadow of others. It is quite common to hear, "I would join the church, if there were not so many hypocrites in it." Who ever heard of a business man saying, "I am going to quit my business because there are so many hypocrites engaged in the same business." This would cost them some money, and therefore they refuse to act so foolishly. If all other people on earth were hypocrites, I have seen enough religion in my mother to cause me to forever believe in Christ.

**Shadow of Intellect.**

Many too, try to hide under the shadow of their intellects. "If I could only understand it." No mortal ever understood the plan of salvation. How the blood of Christ cleanses from all sin, I know not, but I have felt the fact in my own life. I bid you then, come from out the shadows of self and sin, and into the clear light of his everlasting love. In coming to him, the shadows shall be lifted from your soul, and the darkness will disappear. Move forward, "the light burns to shine."

**STOCK YARDS**

Mr. Will Pace shipped 1 carload of cattle from the Farmers and Shippers' Stock Yards to Cincinnati Thursday.

Messrs. Reese and Robb shipped from the Farmers and Shippers' Stock Yards to Cincinnati Wednesday, a car load of cattle.

**COLORED COLUMN.**

Grand Rally and re-opening of Clark's M. E. Church, Sunday, November 22.

We invite all the pastors and their congregations to be with us.

Order of Services.

Preaching at 11 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Rev. P. T. Garvin, of Paris, Ky., in the morning.

Rev. H. W. Simmons, of Lexington, in the evening at 2:30.

Rev. D. R. Hickman, of Lexington, that night at 7:30.

Epworth League at 6:30. Miss D. S. E. Tyler, president.

Sunday School at 9:30. J. H. Harris, Superintendent.

S. C. TURNER, P. C.

11-17-5t.

**SKETCH OF SOCIETY**

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oath bound society, which so angered the delegates and visitors present that the speaker was almost hissed from the platform and Mr. L. B. Cockrell, a prominent farmer of this county, offered a resolution red hot for law and order and condemning such speeches, which was unanimously adopted.

**Executive Committee.**

It was at this meeting that an Executive Committee with power to act while the District Board was not sitting was created composed of C. LeBus, Chairman; C. S. Williams, of Versailles; G. W. McMillan, of Falmouth; S. T. Prewitt, of Winchester; and J. R. Bascom, of Sharpsburg. This was the first meeting which Mr. LeBus attended.

Immediately after the meeting the Executive Committee raised funds for carrying on the campaign by signing their names to a note, thus making themselves individually liable for a considerable loss in case of failure. From then until the first of January the whole district was wild with excitement and enthusiasm. Secretary Swain had come back to work and with assistant Secretary Beckner and the office force which consisted of one stenographer in those days and such other helpers as would volunteer, chief amongst whom was Miss Alice Jett, stenographer for the Winchester Commercial Club, were kept busy issuing circular letters for the newspapers and arranging dates for speakers in every precinct in every county in the district.

**A Dramatic Moment.**

Next to the present moment of victory, the most dramatic moment in the society's history, is the night of the count on January 1st, 1907. As each county was called, its chairman stepped forward and gave his total acreage pledged, turned over his pledges, and made such other statements as he thought proper. Then the count was made. All of this took place in the parlor of the Brown Proctoria, but the result was announced in the Elks' Lodge Rooms about an hour afterwards and created a scene of hilarity and enthusiasm never to be forgotten. It was found that 54 per cent had been secured and the news flashed over the district.

**Subsequent History.**

The subsequent history has mostly to do with working out of business details for the conduct of this huge affair and no man not intimately connected with it all can conceive of the labor and the genius expended. At the January meeting, C. LeBus was elected president for the year 1907, and Lucien Beckner, secretary and Mr. R. B. Thomas, of Scott county, added to the Executive Committee. The pooling of the crop to be grown in 1907 was arranged for.

Pretty soon it became evident that a large office and warerooms for samples would be necessary, and in the then condition of the treasury it behoved the society to make such arrangements, if possible, that would require the least expenditure on their part. At this point it was decided to see if any of the larger cities in the State wanted headquarters badly enough to offer the needed facilities free of charge. In this race, Louisville, Cincinnati, Maysville, Lexington and Winchester entered.

**Commercial Club.**

Winchester seemed on the verge of losing her prominence when her excellent Commercial Club stepped forward and made arrangements to furnish the needed offices and ware-rooms, and the Board by a safe majority decided finally to locate here for all time.

**Mr. Brooks Secretary.**

In January 1908, Mr. G. A. Brooks of Mason county, was elected Secretary, in place of Mr. Beckner, who resigned. Mr. Brooks had for some time past had charge of the warehouse for samples, and he brought into the society a thorough business training that has been available. To him is due the credit of the creation of the system of book-keeping by which every hoghead of each crop and its contents is kept track of, and the various shares of its various owners determined at a glance.

office force now numbers about 30, and the furniture is the most modern; quite different from the letter file made of a soap box with which Secretary Beckner began the business.

**GENERAL CASTLEMAN SUSTAINS HEAVY LOSS.**

Four Large Barns on Stock Farm Destroyed By Fire, Causing \$25,000 Damage.

HARRODSBURG, Ky., Nov. 20.—Clifton Stock Farm, at Shakerstown, four miles from Harrodsburg, owned by General John B. Castleman, of Louisville, suffered a disastrous fire shortly after six o'clock last evening. Four large stock barns were entirely consumed, entailing a loss approximated at twenty-five thousand dollars.

One of the barns was a very large one and was built by the Shakers in 1815. It was said to have been one of the finest stock barns in the State. There were many fine horses in the barns, but they were all gotten out in safety.

Provender, harness, vehicles and all kinds of farming implements were burned. General Castleman, who is at Clifton Farm, says there was insurance of about \$4,000 on the barns, but none on the contents, which makes his loss a severe one. It is not known how the flames originated. General Castleman stated that he had not sold Clifton Farm to a Nicholasville man, as has been reported.

**OPERA HOUSE**

The success of "Tempest and Sunshine" last season was the talk of the theatrical profession and theatre-going public in general. The play is a dramatization of Mary J. Holmes' noted book. The stage mounting which W. F. Mann has given the play and the excellent company which he has engaged for this season, will no doubt eclipse the financial results of last season.

"Tempest and Sunshine" will be seen at the Winchester Opera House, matinee and night, on November 27.

**STANTON ITEMS.**

W. H. Fawcner has sold his stock of merchandise to A. J. Martin, and will move to Thompson Station, where he will engage in the same business.

W. M. Townsend has been magistrate in Powell county long enough to raise a family of seven children, and, as magistrate, he has performed the marriage ceremony of six of them and expects to do so for the seventh.

**Mt. Carmel Church.**

At Mt. Carmel church Sunday morning at 10:30, a meeting will be held in the interest of the Christian Women's Board of Missions. Some of the workers will be present to explain the work and organize an auxiliary, if desired. They earnestly request all members to be present.

**SPECIAL MEETING FOR MEN AND BOYS**

Dr. Porter Will Deliver His Sermon "The Great Supper of Death."

Dr. J. W. Porter, of Lexington, will deliver his famous sermon, Sunday at 3 p. m., at the First Baptist church on: "The Great Supper of Death," to men and boys.

This oration is said to be the most powerful discourse ever delivered to a body of men. All men and boys are invited to attend.

**AGAIN ON DUTY.**

Mr. W. A. Butsch, of this city, has again resumed his duties as express messenger of the Adams Express Company after a few months' vacation. His headquarters are now in Cincinnati.

**MANY ACCIDENTS**

Special to The News. CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Seven track laborers on a hand car were run down by a passenger train near LAGRANGE and instantly killed this morning.

**TWELVE WORKMEN KILLED.**

BROOKLYN, New York, Nov. 20.—Twelve workmen were killed by an explosion of a gas main in a forty foot excavation on Front street. High dirt walls toppled over on the men and the water mains also burst.

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**- Finest In the Blue Grass -**

THREE THOUSAND FEET. of moving pictures will be given at the Opera House Saturday night. First show begins promptly at 7:30; second, 8:15. Admission 10 cents. 11-19-2t.

New proprietors of the Brown-Proctoria Barber Shop. Give us a call. SMOOT & KING 11-17-4t.

The Terror of the Meter. With a family of half-grown children it is often difficult to keep the gas bills within reasonable limits. We hit upon the plan of sending each child to look at the meter while the gas was burning. The steady tick-tick-tick as the indicator moved around the dial impressed upon their minds the idea that burning gas is burning money, and a decided improvement has been shown.—Harper's Bazar.