

## LAI TO REST IN LOCAL CEMETERY

Funeral Services Over Remains of  
Mrs. Virginia Ecton Fri-  
day Afternoon.

Mrs. Virginia Ecton was buried Friday afternoon in the Winchester cemetery. The funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian church and were conducted by Rev. J. H. Mac Neill of this city and Rev. C. J. Armstrong, of Troy, New York, a former pastor of Mrs. Ecton.

The Confederate Veterans under command of Mr. B. F. Curtis, attended in a body, twenty in number.

The pallbearers were:

**Active Pallbearers.**  
W. P. Azbill, M. T. McEldowney, Dr. Isaac Browne, W. S. Massie, B. E. Jonett, Dr. C. H. Rees.

**Honorary Pallbearers.**  
J. M. Benton, Wm. Harding, B. F. Curtis, N. P. Van Meter, S. D. Goff, W. P. Winn.

The church was crowded long before the large funeral procession left the residence.

The contributions of flowers in elegant designs were so large that it was necessary to haul them to the church in advance of the services. When distributed, the south end of the church was a bank of flowers.

**A Personal Tribute.**

As we write this, the funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Mary Virginia Ecton (Miss Jennie as she was lovingly called) is in progress at the Presbyterian church. The ministers are Rev. J. H. Mac Neill, pastor of the Christian church to which Mrs. Ecton belonged and her former pastor, Rev. C. J. Armstrong, now Troy, New York.

Her son, Dewees did not arrive from his home in Minneapolis in time to see his mother alive.

We are writing in sorrow and humiliation—sorrow because the life of this good woman is no more. Humiliation because we did not appreciate here while she lived as we should have done. We were sometimes annoyed by her persistency; but now that she is dead, and in going over in our mind the many things in which she wanted our sympathy and support, she never asked anything for herself.

If it be possible for anyone to be entirely devoid of selfishness, Mrs. Ecton was that one. In her broad humanity all classes were the same, she had no prejudices. She loved the black race as she did her own race. It is impossible for us to give to her the tribute that her character justly deserves.

## CINDERS CAUSE FIRE ON JACKSON STREET

Overhead Bridge Catches Fire From  
Passing Train—Little  
Damage.

Cinders from a passing train yesterday afternoon set fire to the overhead bridge on Jackson street. For a few minutes after it was discovered by children going from school it looked as though the entire wood-work of the bridge would burn. The fire department was called out but by the time they reached the bridge the fire had been about put out by buckets of water carried by the children and neighbors living near the scene. Only two or three planks were on fire and upon a close examination it did not seem as though the bridge was seriously damaged.

Last summer during the severe drouth this bridge caught fire from cinders of a train passing under it and was burned so badly that travel had to be discontinued for several days, and Mayor Hughes had the street department at work repairing it.

## GETS FOUR YEARS IN OHIO PENITENTIARY

Fred Lied, Former Member of Public  
Service Board Is  
Convicted.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 18.—Fred Lied, former member of the public service board was convicted of bribery and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. The motion for new trial was over-ruled.

## PART OF HARGIS JURY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

Trial of Patricide To Begin This Af-  
ternoon or Saturday  
Morning.

IRVINE, Ky., Dec. 18.—With the defense having exhausted seven of its fifteen peremptory challenges and the prosecution three of its five the selection of the jury to sit in final judgment on Beach Hargis, on trial for the murder of his father, proceeded without incident during the sessions of court yesterday, and at adjournment five duly qualified jurors had been finally accepted by both sides and the task probably will be completed tomorrow.

The work of securing the jury began immediately upon the convening of court this morning and by 11 o'clock the regular panel of twenty-four men had been exhausted and of this number ten were excused because they had formed and expressed an opinion regarding the guilt or innocence of the accused.

Of the remainder three were excused by the prosecution on peremptory challenges and eleven had qualified and been accepted by the Commonwealth. At this juncture A. F. Byrd, for the prosecution, made a motion that the names of the men to complete the jury be drawn from the jury wheel and as no objection was made to this procedure by the defense, Judge Adams drew fifty names from the wheel and instructed the Sheriff to have the men in court this morning.

Upon examination by the Sheriff of the names drawn it was found that several of them were already in town and on order to facilitate matters, Judge Adams convened court during the afternoon and permitted the attorneys to examine the talesmen.

**Prosecution Accepts Jury.**

Only five prospective jurors out of the fifty were found in town, however, and it only required a short time to examine them. Of the first three two were excused for cause and the other qualified and the jury box was again filled. The prosecution refused to exercise another of its peremptory challenges and accepted the twelve men.

The defense, however, was not as generous and, after spending half an hour in private conversation with the defendant, Judge Redwine and associate counsel, returned to the court room, and excused seven of the twelve on peremptory challenges. This left only five jurors in the box accepted by both sides, and the remaining two men whose names were drawn from the wheel were examined.

Both of these men qualified but are yet subject to challenge by both sides, and their fate will be known after the box is again filled this morning. If the remaining jurors are secured with the same speed as the five accepted today it is likely that the taking of testimony will begin at the afternoon session today.

At any rate, it seems that the first witness will be called not later than Saturday morning and every effort will be made to finish the trial before Christmas day.

This is scarcely hoped for, however, by those engaged in the trial and it is the belief of many of them that the case will drag along during the Christmas holidays, and that it will be some time close to New Year's day before a verdict is reached. The five jurors so far finally accepted by both sides are:

Gentry Richardson, William Witt, Simpson Curry, W. T. Blackwell and Travis Daniels. The two qualified jurors yet subject to peremptory challenge by both sides are T. J. Witt and H. B. Garrett.

## CAPITOL CONSPIRATORS GET FIVE YEARS EACH

Men Who Looted Pennsylvania Build-  
ing Sent to Peniten-  
tiary.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—In capitol conspiracy cases J. H. Sanderson, W. P. Snyder, W. L. Mathews and J. M. Shoemaker were fined five hundred dollars each and sentenced to two years imprisonment.

**DECLINED THE CALL.**

Rev. Richard French declined the call to the pastoral charge extended by Mt. Olive Baptist church.

## ROSY REPORTS FROM LOCAL MERCHANTS

Business Is Better This Christmas  
Than It Was a Year  
Ago.

A News' reporter called at the stores in Winchester Friday in an endeavor to learn how the trade this year compared with last year; but only a few could be seen owing to the rush of business.

Mr. Winn, of the Winn Furniture Company, said that this year was far ahead of last year; but owing to the warm weather he felt that it was not as good as it would be after the weather changed.

Mr. Jeff Stewart, of the Rupard, Stewart Company, stated that their trade this year far surpassed that of last and that his firm had been doing a rushing business.

Mr. V. Bloomfield: "I have had an unusual good trade all during the fall season, but my Christmas trade has far surpassed anything I have had in five years. I attribute this in a degree to money matters being easier and also to the better advertising facilities."

Mr. Frank Murphy, of the firm of Allan & Murphy: "We are having an unusually good trade this Christmas. The weather has been warm but if a change comes we expect a great rush. Money matters are in a better way this year and I do not see why every merchant will not do a good business."

Mr. Lee Baldwin of the firm of Baldwin Brothers: "Our business is good. The weather has been a little warm but this morning the wind is in the West. It is going to get cold and we are going to do still better. Already we have no reason to complain."

Mr. H. H. Hall, when seen, stated that he had been doing a better business all this fall than he had ever done and that he was having a great rush for the holidays; in fact, he said he had never experienced anything just like this rush in all his business experience. He said that he felt that his advertising had a good deal to do with it.

Mr. C. H. Bowen did not get down to business until very late and when seen said he was tired because he had been working until after twelve and one o'clock each night and that the outlook for business in his line was far better than it had been for several years.

## SPECIAL TRAIN ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Winchester Broom Ball Team Will  
Play Off Ties With Lex-  
ington.

On next Tuesday night the Winchester broom ball team will go to Lexington to make another effort to scalp the fast Lexington team. There will be a special train run from here on that night to carry the team and a bunch of rooters who are expected to accompany them.

The special train will be run over the L. & E. leaving here at 6:45 arriving at Lexington at 7:30 and departing at 11 o'clock. The excursion will be personally conducted by Mr. D. B. Scobee, manager of the Auditorium, and every thing possible will be done for the pleasure and comfort of those who go along.

The round trip including admission and skates at the rink will be one dollar. The tickets are now on sale at the Auditorium.

This will be the third attempt that these two teams have made to take each into camp, the first two having resulted in failures for both, neither sides being able to score.

**LAD SERIOUSLY SHOT.**

Richard Flynn, of Athens, Badly  
Wounded By Accidental Dis-  
charge of Rifle.

Richard Flynn, the thirteen-year-old son of Mrs. Melinda Vise, living near the Clark and Fayette line, was seriously wounded Sunday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a rifle.

Young Flynn had started out on a rabbit hunt, and in crossing a fence the gun was discharged, the ball striking a rock and rebounding struck Flynn in the shoulder, causing a serious wound.

He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital at Lexington, where the wound was dressed, and at last report was doing nicely.

## FULL STORY OF HILL LYCHING

Confesses Crime and Mob Sings  
Hymn Before Hanging  
Murderer.

DANVILLE, Ky., Dec. 18.—Elmer Hill, confessed child-murderer, paid the death penalty for his crimes Wednesday night. As the hangmen were looping the rope around his neck, he broke down and confessed his guilt, declaring that death was his just punishment and requested that the mob which had his min charge sing one of the old familiar songs that he had often heard in the little meeting house at Russell Springs and then offer prayer for his soul.

The mob leader stopped proceedings and the determined men, at the request of the prisoner, sang, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," while one of the members followed with prayer. Hill then told his executioners that he was ready to die and his body was jerked into the air. The rope being securely fastened the mob quietly dispersed.

**Mob Members Give Details.**

Persons residing in the vicinity where Hill was hanged heard the singing and praying, and the exact facts afterwards leaked out from members of the mob, which is backed by the whole citizenship of Adair and Russell counties.

When the mob appeared at the jail in Monticello, Hill prayed to his Savior, begged for mercy and vigorously declared his innocence of the awful crime, but deaf ears were turned to his entreaties. He continued to plead innocence until the rope had been looped around his neck.

The crime for which Hill was hanged was one of the most heinous ever committed in Central Kentucky, and stirred Russell and surrounding counties to fever heat.

**Victim His Own Cousin.**

On Tuesday evening of last week he intercepted his cousin, twelve-year-old Mamie Womack, on the county road at a lonely spot in the vicinity of Russell Springs as she was returning to her home from school at Mt. Olivet.

After assaulting his little relative, he choked her, then beat her brains out with a club and carried her body two hundred yards into a dense thicket, where her dead form was covered up with leaves. The body was found at 10 o'clock at night by a searching party, whose members feared that the little girl had met an evil fate. Blood hounds were hurried to the scene of the crime from Hustonville. They reached there the following day at 9 o'clock.

**Murderer at Victim's Home.**

In the meantime Hill had visited the Womack home, had seen the remains of his victim and appeared to be visibly affected. A bystander remarked that the murdered would be burned at the stake as soon as trailed down by the bloodhounds, and that the dogs were coming. Hill, who had not been suspected, hastened from the house and fled into the woods of Russell county.

The bloodhounds arrived and were taken to the scene of the tragedy and given the scent from the club with which the little girl had been beaten. From that point they went into the thicket where the body was found and thence followed the trail to the residence of Hill's grandfather, where he had spent the night. The trail was followed to the Womack home, and then the long hunt of five days through the woods began.

**Murderer Found in Adair.**

The murderer was frequently heard of in advance of the hounds, but each time succeeded in eluding the officers who were sent ahead. Finally after covering a distance of ninety miles over mountains and through dense thickets, the fugitive criminal was found in an old barn near Sano, Adair county, where he had fallen asleep from exhaustion. He was captured last Sunday morning about 9 o'clock.

The officers hurried Hill to Jamestown, the county seat of Russell county, where he was placed in jail. Notwithstanding the fact that it was Sunday, Judge H. H. Dunbar called a special term of court and entered upon the examining trial of the prisoner, but so many determined men began gathering in the little town that the trial was stopped and the prisoner returned to jail and a guard placed around him.

**Officers Warned of Mob.**

Before 9 o'clock Sunday night the officers began receiving messages to the effect that a mob was forming

and would attempt to take Hill from the jail at Jamestown. He was quickly taken into the woods several miles east and held until the following morning. In the meantime the jail at Jamestown was visited by a mob, an hundred strong, the doors were broken down and finding that Hill had been removed, the mob began a search of the residences of the town.

Fearing the mob, the Russell county officers, instead of returning with the prisoner, took him overland fifty miles away to Monticello. On Monday night it was learned that a mob was on its way to Monticello and Jailer Ramsey and Sheriff Wright removed the prisoner from the jail and started for Lexington with him. They were intercepted, however, and informed that the mob had gotten as far as the Cumberland river and being unable to cross, returned home.

**Thought He Would Be Safe.**

It was then felt that Hill would be safe at Monticello and he was returned to that point. Parties were stationed at the most favorable river crossing to notify the officers at Monticello, but the mob evidently knowing of the action of the officers, took an entirely different route, reaching Monticello at 11 o'clock Wednesday night at an unexpected time.

Practically all of the people were asleep and knew nothing of the presence of the mob until this morning. The jail was visited by twenty-six armed men who called Jailer Ramsey to the door on the pretense that they had a prisoner. The officer was covered with Winchester and forced to unlock the door and point out the cell of Elmer Hill. Crouched in a one corner Hill begged the mob to show him mercy and to spare his life.

**Confessed at Last Moment.**

He was placed behind a member of the mob on horseback and carried to Greasy Creek, where the rope was looped around his neck and thrown high over a limb. Not until this was done did he confess his guilt. He was twenty-seven years of age and came of good parentage.

Some years ago he was arrested on the charge of assaulting a school girl, but broke jail and eluded arrest for two years. When he returned the matter had died out and he was not tried.

His body was cut down at 10 o'clock yesterday morning by the Coroner of Russell county. The mob which hanged Hill rode fifty miles over mountains and through thickets for the purpose of accomplishing its object.

## STANLEY BOLES IS ELECTED CAPTAIN

Kentucky Wesleyan Football Team  
Selects Head For  
1909.

At a meeting of the Wesleyan football team Thursday morning, Stanley A. Boles was elected as captain of the team for next fall. Boles has for the past two years been the regular left tackle on the team and would unquestionably have won this position on the all Kentucky team had Wesleyan been able to play the other colleges. He is strong, fast, game, and uses his head in every play, weighing about 175 pounds, he stands 5 feet and 8 inches in height and couples marvelous speed in starting on the aggressive with a stone wall steadiness of defense.

The selection of Boles is pleasing to the students generally among whom "Daddy" is exceedingly popular. He will finish his course at Wesleyan next year.

## THIEVES BREAK INTO MT. STERLING STORE.

They Also Steal Horse, But Abandon  
it After Riding it For a Short  
Distance.

MT. STERLING, Ky., Dec. 18.—Thieves broke into Highland's store at Judy, this county, Wednesday night, and secured \$7 in cash, shoes, clothing, underwear, etc. They also stole a horse from Bridges brothers, but abandoned it after riding it. The animal was found this morning after being hard ridden. There is no clue.

The members of Elkin Lodge, F. & A. M., whose lodge building was burned some time ago, contemplate the erection of a new building in the spring and to help raise funds, will have an oyster supper at the house of John R. Hisle, near Elkin, on December 26.

## GOOD PRICES ARE REALIZED AT SALE

Auctioneer J. R. Bush Sells For Mrs.  
Goff and Mrs. Bettie  
Shouse.

Auctioneer J. R. Bush conducted the sales of Mrs. Ida M. Goff, near Indian Fields, and Mrs. Bettie Shouse, near Wades' Mill this week, reports the following sales on some of the goods offered at Mrs. Shouse's:

The farm of 292 acres was rented to Mr. Maguire for one year for \$2,500. One pair of mules sold for \$280; one combined horse \$100; four milk cows, \$35 to \$65; one two-year old heifer \$33.50; three steer calves, \$18 each; twenty-five young steers, \$27.50 each; one yearling bull \$33.50; lot of small hogs, \$8 per one hundred; lot of small shoats \$2 each; 276 barrels of corn in the field at \$2.76 per barrel; 112 ewes \$6.05 each; forty barrels of corn in the crib \$3 per barrel; lot of loose hay in the barn at \$8.50 per ton; lot of fodder at 16 cents per shock.

The following is a list of some of the good prices obtained at Mrs. Goff's:

Three milk cows at from \$28 to \$36; one calf \$13; one pair of mules \$215; one mule \$111; one aged horse \$41; lot of chickens 47 cents each; three geese were offered for sale and brought \$1.40 apiece, which is an unusually good price for geese.

The sales were attended by large crowds and the bidding was brisk and satisfactory prices were obtained on nearly every thing that was sold.

## BASKET BALL GAME ON MONDAY NIGHT

Crescents to Line Up Against the  
Shamrocks at College  
Gymnasium.

The second of the public games in the basket ball tournament going on at the college will be held next Monday night at 7:30 p. m. The fight has been a hot one and the flag has not yet been won by any of the teams. The standing of the different fives is as follows:

	Won	Lost	Per Cent
Crescents	9	4	.692
Shamrocks	8	6	.571
Lemons	5	8	.385
Cardinals	5	9	.357

On Monday night the Crescents will line up against the Shamrocks in a struggle for first place and the Cardinals and Lemons will clash in the second game. All four teams are confident of victory. Come and wear the colors of your favorite team—Blue for the Crescents, Red for the Cardinals, Green for the Shamrocks and Yellow for the Lemons.

An admission fee of fifteen cents will be charged and the games will begin in the college gymnasium promptly at 7:30 p. m., Monday, December 21.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS TO HAVE ENTERTAINMENT

Military Drill at the Auditorium Sat-  
urday Night For Athletic  
Association.

The students at Kentucky Wesleyan College have arranged for an entertainment at the Auditorium Saturday night for the benefit of the Athletic Department of the college. The following is the program:

A military drill by companies "A" and "B" of the Wesleyan Cadets, consisting of the following:  
1. Company drill by "A" company, commanded by Captain G. G. Fokett.  
2. Company drill by "B" company commanded by Captain C. H. D. Osborne.  
3. Butt's manual and setting up exercises.  
4. Manuel of arms and drill down as a battalion.

About 75 men will be in the drill. There will be a free street parade headed by the Winchester Military Band, starting from the Auditorium at 7 p. m., marching to the C. & O. R. R. on N. Main street, and back to the Auditorium.

**ROYAL ARCANUM.**

Aspecial meeting of the Royal Arcanum will be held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Business of importance will be transacted and all members are requested to attend.