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FAR BELOW AN AVERAGE.

New Crop of Wheat Will Be Between 60 and 70 Per Cent. of an Average.

The biggest portion of the wheat crop of this county has been threshed, affording a fair estimate of the yield. As estimated by threshing men and farmers in various sections the crop will be only between sixty and seventy per cent. of an average yield. Much of it is being marketed, many farmers preferring the present prices to holding it for higher prices on an uncertainty.

SUED FOR LIBEL IN SUM OF \$5,000

Breckenridge Democrat Defendant in Suit Filed in Ohio County Circuit Court.

(Hartford Republican.) Suit has been filed in the Ohio Circuit Court against the Breckenridge County Democrat, a paper published at Hardinsburg, by Assistant State Organizer, M. F. Sharp, of the A. S. of E. The suit was brought because of an article, or attack on Mr. Sharp, which was reproduced recently. The defendants are Henry DeHaven Moorman, W. R. Moorman, Sr., and Roy E. Moorman. The petition alleges that Henry DeHaven Moorman, who is also county judge, is editor, W. R. Moorman, Sr., owner, and Roy E. Moorman, business manager of the Breckenridge Democrat.

After reciting the facts connected with his recent visit to Hardinsburg and the County Union at that place the plaintiff quotes the article complained of and which we have heretofore published. The petition concludes as follows:

"He says said statements were and are false and libelous and were published by the defendants maliciously and

with the purpose and intent to injure, degrade and defame him and to destroy his influence with the American Society of Equity, and that by reason of said false and malicious publication, as aforesaid, his influence in Ohio and Breckenridge and other counties of this state with the Society has been greatly injured and decreased and his standing and influence as a man and a citizen have been greatly injured and that he has been humiliated thereby and suffered great humiliation, mental anguish and pain on account of said false and malicious publications and has been degraded in the estimation and opinion of his neighbors and the people of his county and State and all to his great damage in the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

Wherefore plaintiff prays judgment against the defendants for the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, his cost herein expended and all proper relief."

The article was written because Mr. Sharp made a speech at the Breckenridge county Union advocating a continuation of the present system of financing and marketing the pooled tobacco, to which Mr. Moorman is very much opposed.

The petition is signed by Glenn and Simmerman and Heavrin and Woodward, as attorneys.

HOT WEATHER AND POST CARD CRAZE GO HAND-IN-HAND.

The hot weather of the past few days has witnessed a falling off in the local postoffice receipts, as only the most important mail matters are being attended to—such as business letters, love letters, and letters to "the old folks at home" with the same old request. Postmaster Rowland says he has noticed no material decrease in the ordinary run of love letters, but that a two-cent stamp will carry letters of this variety that in other seasons require a "due 2-cents" stamp. However, he is of the opinion that hot weather does not affect sentiment, but that love letters this weather are short, but sweet.

The post card craze is the most popular at this time of year than at any other, doubtless due to the fact that letter writers make the card fast answer the purpose of letters during the mid-summer season.

NEW QUARTERS FOR POSTOFFICE.

New Building On Wall Street Will Be Ready For Occupancy About September 1.

The new two-story brick building which is being erected on Wall street, adjoining the Bank of Cloverport building, will be pushed to completion in all possible haste. The work of excavation and laying the foundation has been completed and in a few days it will be ready for the brick mason.

The front of the building will be built on exactly the same plans as the bank building. The ground floor will be used by Uncle Sam as a postoffice, while the second story will be used for offices. It will probably be ready for occupancy September 1.

The new building is being erected by Dr. A. A. Simons.

Towing Indiana Wheat.

The towboat "Wickliffe," the property of Mr. T. F. Sawyer, of this city, has been engaged in towing several thousand bushels of wheat from the Indiana bottoms around Derby, to Cannelton, Ind. Mr. Sawyer has secured the contract to deliver the wheat of that section and his boat will be engaged for several weeks fulfilling the contract.

COWARDLY ACT OF BRUTAL SOLDIER

May Cause Death of John Arnold, at Sample.

Saturday's Owensboro Messenger.

John Arnold, a bridge carpenter, employed by the L. H. and St. L. railroad company, lies at his home at Sample in a serious condition as a result of being struck on his head by a bayonet Thursday while standing on a trestle near Brandenburg, watching the train carrying the soldiers of the Third Kentucky regiment to their homes from the Jamestown exposition.

It is alleged that a soldier leaned out of the train window and with his bayonet delivered a hard blow on Arnold's head. Arnold was repairing the bridge and he moved aside to one of the safety platforms to let the train pass. There was another workman with him, and had it not been for him Arnold would have fallen from the trestle after he was hit.

Arnold was put on the train and removed to his home at Sample. A physician was summoned and it was found necessary to remove several pieces of shattered bone from his skull. Arnold's recovery is doubtful.

On the special train were companies from Owensboro, Henderson, Central City and Madisonville. None of the members of Company C, the local company, know anything about the injury to the man. There is much indignation over the affair, and it is understood that the matter will be fully investigated by the railroad company.

The Tie Business.

Thousands of railroad ties have been coming into Cloverport for the past week, and the business, which has always been immense, shows an increase. The present season is probably the busiest of the year. Seaton & Weatherholt are preparing to ship 20,000 ties to an Indianapolis firm in a few days.

HOT WEATHER AND "DRY" TOWN

Make Soft Drink Parlors Much Sought After in Cloverport.

Everybody extends the "glad hand" to the soft drink dispenser these sizzling days, and at present he is more popular than a "nigger" on election day. Loose coin, "chicken feed" and even the nest egg all go in the maelstrom of soft drinks with never a word of protest from sweltering humanity. Local dealers in soft drinks say this

season's sales of the cooling beverages thus far have nearly doubled the sales of former seasons for the same length of time. They do not attribute all of their good fortune to the excessive heat, however, but are inclined to give local opinion its full share of credit. They say that since the "lid" has been on seven days in the week in Cloverport the sales of soft drinks have increased wonderfully.

Leg Broken.

Mrs. William Riley, of near town, sustained a broken leg Saturday in a fall received while ascending a ladder at her home. The fractured member is healing nicely.

BETTER PAY FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

Per Capita of \$3.40 For This Year Will Help Fatten Lean Purses.

The per capita for the school year 1907-08 of the common schools of Kentucky will be \$3.40, an increase of ten cents over last year, and a record basis for paying the teachers of the State.

This per capita was declared by State Superintendent J. H. Fuqua on an estimate furnished him by State Auditor Hager that the school revenues for the coming year will approximate \$2,394,600.

EXCELLENT PROGRAM AND JUICY PREMIUMS

Offered For First Exhibition of Breckenridge Fair Association.

That the first annual exhibition of the Breckenridge Fair Association will be one of the best county fairs in the state is assured by a glance at the program and list of premiums in the catalogue just issued. The fair management has displayed excellent judgment in the arrangement of the program, the premiums offered and other inducements held forth to exhibitors and visitors. It is believed that the crowd that will attend the fair will be the largest ever brought together in this county, and the occasion will be made into a home-coming week by the Breckenridge county citizens who have wandered away. The fair opens September 3, for a three days meet.

TWICE SENTENCED TO BE HANGED

Former Cloverport Negro Is At Last Acquitted—Mother Slaves For Years To Save Son.

Her home mortgaged and slaving for years to earn sufficient money with which to free her son from the clutches of the law and save him from the hangman's noose, Susan Walker, a respectable colored woman, of this city, has at last been rewarded by the good news that her son, Bill Lightfoot, who has been twice sentenced to the gallows for murder in Memphis, Tenn., has finally been acquitted. Lightfoot was charged with the murder of a railroad man in Memphis several years ago, and was twice convicted on purely circumstantial evidence and sentenced to be hanged each time. The Supreme Court of Tennessee in both instances granted him new trials, with the result that he was acquitted a few days ago.

When her son was accused of the crime Susan Walker mortgaged her little home in Cloverport to raise money to defend him. Never a day during the four years that his life had been at stake has she ceased laboring to accumulate sufficient means in his behalf and it was through her efforts alone that his case was given a rehearing before the Supreme Court, thus saving his life.

Lightfoot will arrive here shortly to make his home with his mother.

WAITING FOR A DOLLAR PER.

Perry County Farmers Want a Hundred Cents For Their Wheat.

The farmers of Perry county, Ind., in the bottoms around Tobinsport, are strong in their faith that wheat will touch the dollar mark and a majority of them are accordingly holding their crops until the hundred cents per bushel is reached. Only two crops so far, it is understood, have been sold, and they are small. In the adjoining counties, however, it is stated that much of the wheat is being disposed of at the present figures, especially in the Derby section.

DULL TIMES FOR THE PILL MAN.

Health of Community Exceptionally Good For This Time of Year, Say Physicians.

The physicians of Cloverport have little else to do but fan the wind and fight flies these days. They say that the health of the community is unusually good for this time of year and that business is slow in their line. With the exception of considerable sickness among infants there is little illness in the county.

Pull For Louisville.

Mr. J. C. Nolte, secretary of the Cloverport Commercial Club, is in receipt of a communication from John D. Wakefield, secretary of the Citizens Committee, of Louisville, asking the aid of the Cloverport citizens in securing the Democratic National Convention for 1908 for that city. Louisville is working hard for the convention and has enlisted the aid of several members of the National Democratic Committee in the city's behalf.

That a national convention will not

only be a benefit to Louisville, but to all of Kentucky, is conceded and Louisville is asking the hearty cooperation of the whole state in her effort in that direction by requesting the citizens in every county to address letters to their Congressmen, Senators and Members of the National Committee urging Louisville's claims.

The metropolis of Kentucky has a convention hall that seats 16,000 persons in perfect comfort, ample hotel accommodations and is centrally located, which are strong points in her favor.

DEATH BECKONS COL. WILL S. HAYS

Veteran Ballad Writer and Poet Is Entering Into His Last Sleep.

Col. Will S. Hays, song writer, poet, editor and former steamboat Captain, is seriously ill at his home in Louisville as a result of a paralytic stroke received a few days ago, and his death is expected to occur at any moment.

Col. Hays has won international fame as a song writer and poet, "Mollie Darling" being one of his best known and most popular productions.

The following poem was written by Col. Hays many years ago and dedicated to the memory of the late Captain J. M. White, veteran river man, whose home was in Cloverport for many years and whose family now resides in this city. Mr. C. W. White is a son.

HIS LAST TRIP.

"I never passed a hall."

"Mate, get ready down on deck, I'm heading for the shore; I'll ring the bell, for I must land This boat for evermore."

"Say, pilot, can you see that light—I do—where angels stand? Well, hold her jackstaff hand on that, For there I'm going to land."

"That looks like Death that's halting me So ghastly, grim and pale; I'll toll the bell—I must go in; I never passed a hall."

"Stop her! Let her come in slow; There! That will do—no more. The lines are fast, and angels wait To welcome me ashore."

"Say, pilot, I am going with them Up yonder through that haze; I'll not come back—you ring the bell. And back her out—don't wait."

"For I have made the trip of life, And found my landing place; 'Til take my soul and anchor that Fast to the Throne of Grace."

Irvington Intelligence

IRVINGTON, Ky. Mrs. Lydia Clarkson and son, Ben, of Big Spring, spent several days of last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kemper.

Mrs. L. B. Moremen, accompanied by her sister, Miss Mattie Lee Moremen, left for Brandenburg last Saturday for an indefinite visit.

Miss Marion Harrison left Sunday for Bewleyville, after being the guest of Mrs. W. J. Piggott and Miss Willa Drury.

Miss Ida Proctor, of Louisville, arrived Saturday to be the guest of Mrs. Annie Herndon for some time.

Mrs. Tony McCoy, of Louisville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brady, for a few weeks.

Mrs. P. E. Dempster and baby returned Monday from Glendean, where she had been visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Dempster.

The rural free delivery route No. 2 was ordered established September 1, from here, serving 105 families, or 600 people.

Mrs. Fred Howard and baby, of Brandenburg, are visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Nevitt this week.

Quarterly conference was in session here last Saturday and Sunday, with preaching by the presiding elder, Bro. Sheley, of Elizabethtown. Bro. Sheley preached some fine sermons to large and attentive audiences.

Miss Ada Cunningham, of New York, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Will Gardner.

Mrs. T. E. Ditto and children, of Louisville, came Saturday for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cox.

Miss Nellie Smith returned Monday from Hardinsburg, where she had been attending a house party given by Miss Isabell Hendrick.

Mrs. T. R. Blythe and daughter, Ruth Miller, after a two weeks' visit to Cloverport and Hardinsburg, returned home Friday.

Mr. J. F. Claycomb, the popular insurance agent of the Continental, came home last week from New Haven, Ky., where he had been on a business trip. Mrs. Williams, of Mt. Vernon, Ill.,

will leave this week for Louisville, after being the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lydia Jolly.

Rev. B. F. Wilson left Monday for Cedar Grove, Ky., where he is assisting in a two weeks' meeting.

Dr. C. F. Marshall and family and sister, Miss Claude Bandy, and Mrs. Charlie Bandy left Monday for a two weeks' trip to Tar Springs.

Mrs. William Mullen and daughter, Mrs. Henry Yeager, of Cloverport, have returned to their home after a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. Edd McAfee.

Mr. Harvey Parker, of Texas, is expected this week to be the guest of Mrs. D. C. Heron.

Mrs. Zack Kennel, of Texas, arrived Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. McGill. This is Mrs. Kennel's first visit to Kentucky in twenty-four years, and she says things have changed very little.

Capt. H. W. Herndon, the well-known and popular Breckenridge county man, who has been running the Henderson Hotel for the past five years, has just closed a contract for the new hotel building at Princeton, Ky., on the Illinois Central railroad. The hotel, which is named Henrietta, is a beautiful three-story structure with all its conveniences and attractions and will be fully completed about the first of October. Capt. Herndon will take charge of the hotel on the 15th of November, at which time his lease on the Henderson Hotel will expire.

The Rev. H. C. Joyner, of Clinton, Mississippi, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday, both morning and evening.

Miss Hazel Richardson, of near Ekron, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Henry, for several days.

Mr. Hubert Piggott left Monday for Terre Haute, Ind., after spending two months here with his parents.

Mr. L. D. Bishoff is having his little cottage on church street painted white. It is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brady.

Miss Ella Kemper, of Gratz, Ky., came Monday to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Kemper.

Mr. Morrison, of Kansas City, is here on business.

Hardinsburg Happenings

HARDINSBURG, KY. W. C. Moorman, the well-known merchant, of Glendean, was in the city Monday.

Mrs. Mary C. Ford and Col. and Mrs. E. L. Robertson, of Glendean, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Compton, Sunday.

Coleman E. Haswell has been elected delegate to the Kentucky conference of the M. E. church, from the Hardinsburg charge. The conference will convene in Louisville next September.

Wade Pile, of Mook, was in town Monday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pile.

Arthur Beard was in Cloverport Saturday.

Dr. Milton Board and family, of Hopkinsville, are the guests of Judge and Mrs. Milton Board.

Judge Henry Moorman spent several days of last week in Owensboro.

Dr. Nimma, of Big Clifty, was in town Monday on a business trip. County Court last Monday.

W. J. Robertson, who is superintending the work at the Fair Grounds, spent Sunday at his home near Glendean.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beard, of Kewanee, Ill., are spending the summer with his father, Mr. Sam Beard.

Prof. and Mrs. Style Howard, of Camden, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Chambliss. Mr. Howard is a professor in the State College of South Carolina and is making a fine record in that institution. He is a Breckenridge county boy who has made good. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Howard, of Rockvale.

T. J. Hook has bought several thousand bushels of new wheat. He expects to have his concrete elevator completed in August.

E. C. Hatley, of Buffalo, N. Y., spent a few days here the first of the week enroute to Bisbee, Arizona.

W. F. Hook has completed plans for a fine dwelling which he expects to erect this fall.

W. S. Beard, of Louisville, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Beard, last week.

The camp meeting at Kingswood

closed last Thursday. Large congregations attended every service.

Mrs. Blanche Read went to Louisville Monday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cox and daughter, of Louisville, who have been visiting his mother, returned home Saturday.

Abel Gillingwater, of Bewleyville, was in the city Monday on a business trip. W. F. Hook went to Irvington Monday on business connected with his office.

Fifty-two tickets were sold for the excursion Saturday.

Mrs. S. D. McGill and Miss Maude Smith were the guests of relatives at Garfield last week.

Mrs. Woolfolk, of Brandenburg, is visiting Miss Clara Hook.

Estell Sutton has returned to Louisville after a visit to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Sutton.

George Evans has returned home from a visit to friends at Falls of Rough.

The Rev. Hays, D. D., and wife, of Henderson, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beard, returned home last week.

C. C. Martin and John Meador, of Big Spring, were in town Monday on business.

G. W. Beard was at Webster Friday.

Arthur Penick, of Custer, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Penick Sunday.

W. R. Moorman, of Glendean, was in the city Monday.

The will of the late Thomas Dooley, of Custer, was probated in the county court Monday.

Sells Product to Virginia Firm.

Mr. Lawrence A. Murray, of the Murray Roofing and Tile Co., of this city, left yesterday for Virginia, having secured a contract to put a roof on the plant of a large manufacturing firm located near Norfolk. Mr. Murray will be engaged about three weeks superintending the work. This is only one of the numerous contracts that this company has made with large manufacturing industries in other states, and the demand for its product is increasing.