

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

President's Message Most Voluminous Ever Printed.

California Girls Refuse to Dance With Japanese Naval Officers.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The Pasadena, California girls refuse to dance with the Japanese naval officers; the ball is called off; the Japanese admiral in high dejection sails away, and all Japan resents the affront. The Pasadena girls were within their rights and they have the sympathy of California girls and the girls of the United States. But what about this International Exposition for which California and the Pacific coast is clamoring? The support of that Exposition, if held at San Francisco must come from the Orient. We all know the attitude of San Francisco to the Orient. It very recently brought us to the verge of war with Japan, and there are possibilities of serious trouble in an International Exposition held on the Pacific slope. The proper place for an exposition to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal will be the capital of the United States. New Orleans, San Francisco? "a plague on both your houses!"

The Secretary of War has just returned from the Philippines by way of Asia and Europe, bring the somewhat tribe information that our Malayan acquisition from Spain is not fit for self-government. Well what country ever was fit? The real difference is that the Philippines are less fit, or least fit. It is a positive benediction to some countries like India, Egypt and the Philippines to be governed by an Anglo-Saxon people. All children need guidance and control, and these people are not only "half devil and half child," but "devil, ostrich and orphan child in one."

The President's message is the most voluminous ever printed, and is generally considered to be an important and up-to-date document, few readers will peruse it from end to end and the optimism furnished by the press are excellent as time wears. The President earnestly favors the fortification of the Panama Canal, and surely if it is worth digging it is worth defending. Without fortification it could be destroyed by a few pounds of dynamite in a single night. To fortify the Canal is no challenge to the peace of the world. International interests demand its protection.

The Secretary of Agriculture has now completed his most optimistic of reports. The value of the Agricultural products of the country in 1910 is estimated at \$3,926,000,000, and Mr. Wilson says that at no time in the world's history has a country equalled this record. It is quite probable that those even who are now past middle age may see an agricultural output equalling in value one trillion of dollars.

The recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture to eliminate middle-men and for co-operative organizations of farmers and co-operative societies of consumers to get together, shortening the distance between the farm and the dinner-table is well worth of consideration and action.

There is expectation that the recently elected congress will be less under the hypnotism of the express companies and more mindful of the popular demand for a parcel post than past Congresses have been. The President in his message urges legislation authorizing the Post Office Department to transport packages in the mails at reasonable rates with reasonable limitations as to bulk and weight. The present mailing conditions are more unreasonable, having been dictated by the express companies to throw the cream of the carrying business in their direction. The backwardness of our country in this modern postal facility is shameful, for the parcel post is extensive even in such countries as China, Japan, Africa, Australia, Asia Minor,

Turkey and Korea, to say nothing of European Countries.

Senator LaFollette is by odds the "independentist" Senator in the United States. Most Senators, when invited to the White House for consultation accept the honor as a command. Not so Senator Follette. He wrote the President a little note saying in substance, "I will, if consistent with my sense of duty, approve your appointments to the Supreme Bench, but beware that your appointments have clean records or I'll oppose their confirmation by the Senate."

Serious Accident Near Sunnysdale.

John Daffron, wife and two children, who live near Sunnysdale were all wounded pretty badly Tuesday afternoon, when a dynamite cap, with wire attached, exploded in Mr. Daffron's hand, tearing one finger off of Mr. Daffron's hand and seriously mangle five other fingers and his thumbs. It seems that the wire had been around the house for several weeks, and it is thought to be some of the property which the railroad company had overlooked and failed to carry away with them. Daffron had no idea that the wire was dangerous, and was in the house with his family and filling on it, when it exploded. Particles of the file hit his wife in the face and made some very bad wounds. Other pieces hit the two small children, but they were not injured as badly as their mother.

West Kentucky Seminary Notes.

The pupils of the high school department are now very busy preparing for the examinations which will be held next week.

The ones who will take part in the play which is to be given Dec 23 are getting along nicely with their parts.

We think that it will be quite good. An invitation is extended to all to be present.

The pupils of Miss Keown and Mrs. Shultz will give a play Thursday evening Dec. 22nd.

Next Wednesday afternoon a recital will be given by the music pupils.

Rev. Wright conducted chapel exercises Monday Morning. He is always a welcome visitor and we hope he will come again soon.

HOGS JUMP 30 CENTS AND WILL GO HIGHER.

Chicago Packers Buy Frantically But Demand is Not Supplied; Receipts Very Low.

Chicago Dec. 15.—The price of hogs at the stock yards has jumped almost out of sight and it is declared that pork will go to a figure never before known in Chicago. The market opened up Saturday 30 cents higher than it closed Friday and the big packers bought frantically. It is said that the packers and buyers have just awakened to the fact that the country is not full of hogs, as has been confidently supposed but that there is nowhere near the supply that there should be.

Armour and Swift were the heavy buyers and they did not seem to care how much they had to pay for hogs just so as they got hold of enough of them to keep the killing departments busy. Most of them bought in the cars and rushed the animals to the killing pens as fast as possible. In the last week the total receipts of hogs at the five big hog centers, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha and St. Joseph, Mo., have totaled just 287,000. The normal supply should be in the neighborhood of half a million a week.

The packers say that if the farmers have hogs they are holding them back from the market and that the supply will not start to moving in a normal manner until after the holidays. In the meantime butchers are predicting that pork will be as expensive as steak unless something happens to lower the high prices.

Notice.

All persons having claims against the estate of J. C. Wilson deceased are notified to present them to me properly proven by January 16th, 1911, or they will be forever barred, any person owing said estate will please settle at once. This Dec. 10, 1910.

224 E. P. BARNARD, Admr.

AN APPEAL FOR OUR ADVERTISERS.

Friends of this paper are earnestly requested to take note of those who patronize us in the way of advertising and especially to the large number of liberal business men who are with us in this issue. Our readers are URGED TO PATRONIZE HOME MERCHANTS in the matter of their Christmas purchases. It is unwise to leave your home county when the very article which you desire may be had at your own door, while you are rendering assistance to one who helps you pay your taxes, keep up your churches, day schools and Sunday schools, besides keeping that amount of money in the family, as it were, for future use. Remember when you want a donation for a charitable purpose, or to help your church etc., you do not go to Louisville, or Owensboro to solicit.

Moral: Patronize those to whom you of necessity look for assistance. The following is a list of the merchants who in this mammoth issue of the Hartford Republican join us in a cordial invitation to visit their establishments:

- Fair & Co., Dry Goods and Clothing.
- E. J. Tilford, Restaurant and Confectionaries, Beaver Dam, Ky.
- Rosenblatt's Dry Goods and Clothing.
- Barnard & Co., Dry Goods and Clothing.
- Hartford Drug Co., Toilet Articles and Drugs.
- Ohio County Drug Co., Drugs and Sundries.
- New York Store, Dry Goods and Clothing.
- James H. Williams, Drugs and Sundries.
- E. P. Barnes Bros., Beaver Dam, Ky. Dry Goods and Clothing.
- Dr. H. J. Bell, Dentist.
- Tate and Thomas, Restaurant.
- J. B. Tappan, Jeweler and Phonographs.
- R. W. King, Jeweler and Optician.
- Ohio County Supply Co., Stoves and Hardware.
- Cooper & Co., Liverymen.
- Gillespie Bros., Blacksmiths.
- U. S. Carson, Groceries and Guns.
- J. C. Hill, Fancy Groceries.
- W. E. Ellis, Produce and Feed.
- W. C. Schlemmer, Baker.
- Carson & Co., Dry Goods and Clothing.
- Hartford College, Educational.

MEAT PRICES SURE TO RISE, RANCHMAN SAYS

Ranges Have Been Cut Up, He Argues, with Result That Cattle Output is Very Low.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.—"No more low-priced beef." This is the statement made by A. J. Blackstone of Cody Wyo., a member of the executive committee of the Wyoming Stock Growers' association, who is here for a few days. Continuing he said: During the last two years Wyoming and South Dakota, which constituted the range of the country, have been cut up, and the land settled upon by farmers. This has driven the cattlemen out of business. Besides, last summer our ranges were almost totally destroyed by drought. The result has been that the market has been flooded with range beef cattle, and consequently prices dropped to a low level. They reached the bottom, and now have turned.

"Before spring prices on beef will be highest ever known. They will go up, and this time they will stay there, simply because the cattle are not in the country. Prices have not been manipulated. Beef is like any other commodity, the price being regulated by the supply and demand. The country is short of beef, and high prices must result."

Christmas Bazaar Closes.

The sixth annual bazaar held by the ladies of the Methodist church closed Wednesday night with great success. Realizing from their sales and lunches and candy pulling \$160.00 The ladies deserve great credit for working together with so much zeal and willingness in the interest of the new Methodist church. Having raised over \$1200.00 since their organization. Each year they renew their efforts in the good work, and they have great hope that some plan be made to begin the new church in the spring and that every member of the church will do all they can for this cause.

Killed at Cromwell.

A deplorable accident occurred about two miles from Cromwell early Tuesday afternoon when by an accidental discharge of a gun he was carrying, Mr. Gus Gilstrap, son of Mr. Willis Gilstrap, was instantly killed. Young Gilstrap was hunting with Mr. Clarence James and they had found a rabbit under a pile of brush. Gilstrap used his gun to stir the rabbit and in this manner the gun was discharged, the shot taking effect right under the chin.

Mr. Gilstrap was about twenty years of age and a prominent Maccabee, and known to many of that order in Hartford. A brother in Oklahoma, a father and mother survive the young man. The funeral and burial took place at Cromwell Thursday.

SHOT WHILE GOING TO SEE PATIENT.

Dr. Duff Gets Bird Shot in His Lip Wednesday Afternoon Near Sunnysdale.

Another accident from a bird hunter came near resulting quite seriously Wednesday afternoon, when Dr. J. A. Duff, of Dundas, was shot while on his way to see a patient, who on the day before was nearly killed by a dynamite explosion.

Dr. Duff was near Marvins Chapel at Sunnysdale when the accident occurred. He saw the hunter and tried to attract his attention and tell him to be careful where he was shooting. The hunter, Estel Burton, had fired one shot already and before he saw the doctor he fired another, and the shot rained all around Dr. Duff, who was riding his horse. One shot took effect in the lower lip, and others would have painfully hurt him had not he worn a very heavy overcoat. Dr. Duff went to see his patient, and hurried to Sunnysdale and caught the passenger train to this city, where the shot was extracted by Dr. E. W. Ford and Dr. S. J. Wedding.

Big Hats and the Gospel.

"The Ministerial Association of Johnson City, Tenn., met on Wednesday and issued an address to the women of that city, appealing to them to remove their hats at Sunday evening church services. Every minister but one in the town signed the address which states that the clerical objection is not because the hats are not lovely, but because it is felt that removal of them will allow the Gospel to have full power."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Among the Lodges.

Hartford Lodge No. 675 F. & A. M., had some splendid work in the first degree at the last regular meeting and the work of the Master was highly complimented by a visitor who said that he had visited lodges all over Kentucky, but had never seen the work put on so well as on that occasion. This is a well deserved compliment for Bro. W. E. Ellis, Master of the lodge. Next Monday night the first degree lecture will be given and all young members especially should attend. The annual election of officers will take place Tuesday Dec. 27.

Acme Lodge No. 339 I. O. O. F., met last Friday evening and nominated officers for the ensuing term. The election will take place at the next meeting. An invitation was received and accepted from Centertown lodge to visit them and take part in the work and enjoy a banquet to be spread by the Rebekas this evening. About one dozen of the members

of this lodge will attend.

Hartford Eastern Star Chapter had a well attended meeting last Wednesday evening and elected the following officers for the coming year: Worthy Matron, Mrs. S. A. Anderson; Worthy Patron, Owen Hunter; Conductress, Mrs. W. S. Tinsley; Assistant, Miss Mattie Moseley; Secretary, Miss Lizzie Miller; Treasurer, Mrs. T. R. Barnard.

Ohio Trib. No. 188 gave a big check on supper last night, which was immensely enjoyed by about 40 of the members. Much credit is due the committee composed of Messrs. James Lyons, Otto C. Martin and Judge R. R. Wedding for the big supper, which was complete in every detail.

Hartford College Notes.

Rev. Bruner conducted devotional exercises last Monday a. m. His subject was "The Universal Law." Bro. Bruner's talks are always full of cheer and good will and helpful advice to teachers and pupils. We greatly appreciate his interest shown us.

Talmag and Chester Davil and Ethel Davis, of Beula, enrolled Monday.

Miss Likens' pupils will entertain next Wednesday morning December 21. The teachers' meeting held each Wednesday was conducted this week by Miss Stevens.

Irene Hohlsimer of Owensboro, entered the Primary Department Wednesday.

Miss Moseley's room grades 1. and 2. entertained Wednesday a. m. Dec. 7 with a splendid program consisting of recitations, songs, Japanese drill and other pleasing numbers. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, only a few patrons were present.

Miss Sarah Keown, of the Senior class, is quite ill, the now improving.

Mr. Doyert Moseley substituted in Prof. Smith's absence Friday afternoon.

On Friday evening Dec. 23, the Adelpian and Hyphathian Literary Society will have an open session in the College Hall, to which the public is cordially invited. The work presented will be along the line of work of the two societies have been engaged in during the school term.

FORDSVILLE.

Dec. 14.—Mrs. Ed Quisenberry and daughters, Mary, Emma and Adelia, of Hunter, Ark., are visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Mr. J. U. Wade and family are moving to Spring Grove Ky. His week we are sorry to see them go.

The skating season is on and the young people are having the jolliest time ever. The injured so far, are Miss Agnes Lynn and Edwin Orr duckling Mr. Russell Cooper had a fall that cut a gash across his temple that had to be dressed by physicians.

Mrs. Julia Wedding has been spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. Clarence Keown.

Mr. Morris Wilson has resigned as cashier of the Fordsville Banking company and will move to Louisville the first of the year, where he has accepted a position as bookkeeper of the Kentucky Jeans Co. Mr. A. J. Wilson Murray Ky., has been elected to his place here.

Miss Katherine Thompson, has been elected organist at the First Baptist Church, Owensboro and makes a trip each week leaving Friday afternoon, returning Monday morning.

The F. E. W. Society will entertain at College Hall Friday evening December 22.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist church met at Mrs. John Smiths Monday afternoon.

Cow Killed By Hunters.

One day last week a valuable cow was killed for Mrs. Americus Sandorfur, a widow who lives near Prentiss by quail hunters. Mrs. Sandorfur had just paid \$35 for the cow and being in moderate circumstances it is quite a heavy loss. After the cow was shot it lingered several days before it died. It is reported that Mrs. Sandorfur also lost some hogs in the same manner. The parties who did the shooting are unknown but if they have a spark of manhood in them they will replace this loss with damages. It is no wonder that the farmers are becoming more and more opposed to hunters visiting their lands during the quail season. The wonder is that any of them permit it at all.

STATE UNIVERSITY WANTS MR. RHOADS

Makes Offer of Chair to Owensboro Educator

Has Already Received Offer From State Department—May Leave Owensboro.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 13.—Superintendent McHarry Rhoads, of the Owensboro public schools, who recently was appointed to look after the high school work in Kentucky for the General Education board, has been offered a chair in the State University of Kentucky by the General Education board, and at the meeting of the trustees of the State university which convenes Tuesday it is almost certain that the directors will vote in favor of the establishment of the chair and that it will be offered to Superintendent Rhoads.

The offer of the General Education board, subject to the action of the directors of State university, was made some time ago, and it is understood that it has been heartily approved by President Emeritus James K. Patterson and by President-elect Henry S. Barker.

However, Prof. Rhoads has not indicated that he will accept the position, and it is certain that he will not do so until the directors of the university take definite action in the matter.

The name which will be attached to the new chair, if it is created has not been made known, but the position will be for the remainder of the life of the occupant and will carry with it much responsibility as well as a liberal remuneration.

Prof. Rhoads is one of the most capable educators in Kentucky and is widely known as such. In addition to his duties in the schools of the state he is a prominent member of the Knight of Pythias and is a director of the Pythian home in this city.

If he accepts an offer to take the chair which probably will be created at the State university, he will still be able to devote considerable of his time to his present work under the General Education Board.

Not Guilty Says Jury.

Eddyville, Ky., Dec. 13.—"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury in the prosecution against Alonzo Gray Jim Bozarth, Bert Creekmur and Bryan Hawkins on the charge of being accessories in the murder of Axiom Cooper.

The cases of Roy Merrick, Frank Murphy, Spunk Creekmur and Violaas Mitchell, charged with the murder of Axiom Cooper, are set for trial Wednesday. A jury will be summoned from McCracken county.

HERBERT.

Dec. 13.—Owing to the bad weather the protracted meeting at this place was postponed.

Miss Sallie Ford, of Owensboro has returned home. She was accompanied by Miss Dora Holm.

Mr. Chas. Gist is building preparatory to moving here.

Miss Mary Chambers is visiting at Blackford.

Mr. Henry Milligan and family spent Sunday at Robt. Millers.

Mrs. Vitula Kosure, has returned to Owensboro after a visit to Mrs. Emma Miller.

The young set had a pound party at Mr. Wm. T. Crows Saturday night.

Misses Sallie Ford and Mattie Barnett were the guest of Miss Myrtle Burdett, Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Floyd is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Douthett of Synthia, who fell and broke her hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie House and Mr. Bud Lyons of Lyonla spent Saturday night at John Swopes.

Mrs. Ann Haynes has the grip.

A fine school is being taught here by Miss May Rogers, over eighty pupils being enrolled.

Mr. C. W. Phillips was partially paralyzed several months ago is greatly improved.