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CHRISTMAS KILLING.

News Kept Quiet For Nearly Ten Days.

Will Quisenberry Slain by Malcolm Carothers in a Friendly Spree.

A negro boy named Will Quisenberry was shot and killed by his friend Malcolm Carothers on Christmas day, while they were on a spree together. Both were about 18 years old and they were at the farm of D. C. Williams near Pembroke and had tacked up on egg-nog until they were maudlin drunk. They had a pistol over which they engaged in a scuffle, both wanting to shoot it off to celebrate Christmas.

Quisenberry first fired it off and then handed it to Carothers. It was reloaded and as Carothers flourished it around and pulled the trigger, Quisenberry caught the ball in his stomach. He died a few hours later.

The affair was kept very quiet, but a day or two ago Carothers surrendered. He has been very sick from the spree, but is now in jail and has retained Landes and Allensworth to get him out of the trouble. He will probably waive examination.

It seems to be a case of accidental homicide.

MARKHAM-CLARK.

Logan County Gentleman and Crofton Lady Married.

Miss Lela Clark, daughter of the late Volney Clark, of Crofton, and a niece of Esq. H. B. Clark, of Gracey, was married Wednesday afternoon to Mr. Robert E. Markham, of Logan county.

Both the bride and groom had been attending the school of Osteopathy at Franklin, Ky., and the wedding occurred at that place.

The bride is a very pretty and popular young lady and has numerous relatives in this city, whom she has often visited. She spent Christmas at Crofton and returned to Franklin Tuesday morning.

The groom is a prominent young farmer, whose home is near Russellville.

Mr. and Mrs. Markham will complete the course at the Franklin school before locating permanently.

ASYLUM EXPENSES

Show An Increase of \$16,000 in Twelve Months.

State Papers Join In Demand For a Searching Investigation.

The commissioners' report of the Lakeland Asylum has been given to the press in advance of the meeting of the Legislature, but the same publicity has not been given the report of the commissioners of the Western Asylum.

The commissioners will not make the report public until it becomes evident that an effort will be made to suppress it.

The report covers a period of two years and while its contents are not yet a subject of discussion in the papers, enough is known to bear out the statement that the expenses have been far above the normal, in spite of the efforts of the commissioners to keep down expenses to something like the usual figures.

From an officer of the Board it is learned that Dr. T. W. Gardiner, the Republican Superintendent, in the early part of 1900 returned \$23,000 into the State Treasury, saved up from the regular per capita on a population no larger than now. The total expenditures, it is said, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1899, were \$93,000.

The increase in expenses since that time has been steady, with many articles of consumption lower now than immediately following the war with Spain.

The figures for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1900, had increased to \$105,000. Nearly all of this increase is chargeable to the Republican administration, as the Democratic officials did not go in until June 1, 1900. This increase of \$12,000 in one year was bad enough, but it has been exceeded by many thousand for the last year.

For the year ending Sept. 30, 1901, the report will show the enormous total of \$121,000, the largest in the history of the institution.

It is estimated that when the December bills are paid next Tuesday the asylum will have only about \$2,000 on hand, and nothing to turn into the treasury.

There have been disputes over many bills before the Board and some of them have been turned down. Where the fault lies for this increase in the expenses of the asylum we will not undertake to say. An increase of \$16,000 in one prosperous year is to say the least not a creditable showing. There have, it is said, been some unusual expenses in repairing machinery, as a result of inexperienced employes in some of the departments.

One item that is being talked about on the streets is the bill for whisky to the amount of nearly \$1,000, during the last fiscal year. The expenditure for this commodity two years ago was about \$308 for the year. Whether the price of whisky has gone up, or a larger quantity of it has gone down, the Legislative committee may be able to ascertain.

The demand from all parts of the state for a full and free investigation of all matters of morals and business pertaining to the asylum cannot be ignored. The investigation should of course be a rigid inquiry that will bring out the real facts in regard to gambling, lewd conduct and immorality and also determine whether there has been reckless extravagance in the asylum affairs. There are but few people in Hopkinsville, where the facts are known, who are in favor of a further delay in purifying the morals of the institution. It is incredible that any Senator can be induced to vote to endorse all that has been exposed and all that has been suppressed, until the real facts are laid before the Senate by a committee of its own members.

MATRIMONY ON THE WANE.

Number Licenses Seven Per Cent. Less Than in 1900.

There were 352 marriage licenses issued from the county clerk's office during the year 1901, against 378 for the year before. They are divided as follows: Whites, 170; colored, 182. Of the total number thirty were issued during Christmas week, about twenty-five of them to colored couples.

MRS. COBURN DEAD.

Succumbed to an Attack of Pneumonia—Buried Wednesday.

The wife of William Coburn, the well known stone mason, died at her home, five miles south-west of the city, Tuesday, of pneumonia. She was about 70 years old and had been ill only a few days. She was a native of Scotland.

The remains were interred in the family burying ground Wednesday.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS.

Brain Paralyzed and Death Resulted in Few Hours.

The wife of Rev. Spencer Moore, col., of near Leiston, died suddenly of paralysis of the brain. She was in the smoke-house getting meat for dinner when she suffered for a second and when found,

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