

Editorial Comment

Despite a warning not to enter a saloon, A. H. Gray, of Pawney, La., stepped upon the steel door sill and was electrocuted. Death was instantaneous. A heavily charged electric wire had fallen upon the building in which the saloon was located, charging the metal coping and steel front which connected with the door plate.

Dr. Jno. T. Anderson and Joseph Goldberger, of the hygienic laboratory at Washington have announced the discovery that the body louse is the sole carrier of typhus fever, one of the oldest of the diseases which have decimated the human family throughout the ages, but the latest to be understood.

Congress probably will be called in extra session by President-elect Wilson shortly after his inauguration, perhaps on March 15, and the particular legislation before it will be tariff revision.

Premier Raymond Poincaré has presented to be a candidate for President of France in the election by the national assembly January 17.

A girl tramp giving her name as Maud Johnson, aged 22, of Memphis, Tenn., was taken from the blind of a train at St. Paul, stiff with cold.

Dr. Mary Walker says onions will stop smallpox. They will certainly keep people from coming close enough to catch the disease.

Aviator Pagre was instantly killed Tuesday when his monoplane crashed to earth, during a flight from Brooklyn to Edinburg.

L. J. Mulken, a guard in the Frankfort penitentiary, shot a knife out of the hand of a convict who attacked him.

The new York telephone girls answered 3,000,000 calls Christmas day, one million more than the usual daily number.

Garros, a French aviator, flew from Tunis, Africa, to Rome a few days ago, 160 miles over the Mediterranean sea.

Miss Isabel Hagner, of Washington, has been selected by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson to be her social secretary.

Two hundred people were sent to hospitals in Atlanta as a result of Christmas celebrations.

The Navy Department will try to circle the globe with a wireless message next Tuesday.

A New York woman had her husband arrested for calling her "dear" on the street.

President-elect Wilson doesn't smoke, so it is no use to send him cigars.

Admiral Dewey celebrated his 75th birthday anniversary Thursday.

Express rates are expected to drop to meet the parcels post rates.

The parcels post law takes effect next Wednesday.

Gov. Wilson is in bed with the grip.

New Stunt Pulled Off.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—There being no snow for the reindeer sleigh here, Santa Claus floated down in an aeroplane from a brilliantly blue sky in the venture of Golden Gate park today, with candy, nuts and toys for 10,000 children. Mayor Rolph and the city fathers presided over the presentation.

Two Baptized.

After prayer meeting Wednesday night at the First Baptist church, Rev. C. M. Thompson baptized two new members, Mr. Will Kimmons and Mrs. A. E. Mullins. The revival meeting at that church will begin Sunday, January 5th, with Rev. J. W. Porter, of Lexington, doing the preaching.

SHOT DOWN ON STREET

R. B. Morgan, Colored, Gets a Bullet Through His Body.

WOUND MAY PROVE FATAL.

Has Served a Term in Penitentiary For Killing a White Man.

Shortly after noon Thursday R. B. Morgan, colored, was shot on Sixth street, in front of W. H. Cobb & Co.'s saloon. He was walking along the street when a man met him and so Morgan says, presented a pistol to his breast and fired. Morgan made a quick movement and the bullet missed his heart and crashed through his body a little to the left of the left nipple and was cut out under the left shoulder blade.

Morgan is a son of Peter Morgan and was recently released from the penitentiary, having served a short term for killing James Morris, a white man, several years ago, over a card game. A petition was being circulated last week asking Gov. McCreary to restore him to citizenship.

Morgan, when taken to a physician after being shot, said he recognized the man who shot him, but refused to say who it was.

TAKING STOCK.

Many Merchants are Busy Ascertaining What Stock is On Hand.

The Planters Hardware Co., the Forbes Mfg. Co. and many others are now busy invoicing and will ascertain by the beginning of the new year what their stock carried over will amount to. It always takes a week's hard work for the Forbes Manufacturing Co. to get through with this annual job, but making extensions and totaling is quite a contract of itself and is not often completed for several days after the new year's business opens up.

2-YEAR-OLD BOY

Badly Burned While Playing With Fireworks.

Wednesday a little boy, of only two years of age, was badly burned while playing with fireworks with several other children, at the home of Mr. John Charlton, on Wallace Avenue. The little boy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Flaherty. The older children were in an upper room having a good time and the burned boy undertook to light a sparker when his clothing caught fire. Mrs. Flaherty was the first to get to her child after the other two children had given the alarm and found the little fellow in flames. With the assistance of an uncle of the boy the burning clothing was torn from his body but nearly every part of his body was burned.

NEW DIXIE FLYER

To Be Put On January 5th, Will Make Few Stops.

Information, said to be official, says that the L. & N. will put on a new Dixie Flyer on the 5th day of January. Stops, will only be made, it is said, at county seats.

Travel has been very heavy over the L. & N. for the past few weeks. Many trains are run in two sections and often it is necessary to use two engines.

Miss Florence Tibbs is in San Antonio, Miss., visiting a friend who is giving a house party.

NO SUICIDE SAYS TURKEY

Demands of the Balkan Allies Are Held Too Drastic.

OTHER PROPOSALS ARE MADE

Turkey is Still Asking That Reported Atrocities Be Investigated.

Constantinople, Dec. 27.—The porte has telegraphed to Recond Pasha at London counter proposals, as decided upon by the council of ministers. The exact nature of the proposals have not been divulged, but the official view of the situation still is hopeful.

The Turkish press is unanimous in declaring that the allies' conditions are not acceptable, and that the Turkish delegates were not sent to London to commit suicide.

The porte has repeated to the powers the demand made a month ago for a consular inquiry respecting the atrocities alleged to have been committed by the allies in the occupied territory.

RETURNS TO SOUTH.

Dr. Jenkins Will Become Pastor of Church at Spartanburg, S. C.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 27.—The Rev. Millard A. Jenkins has resigned as supply pastor of the Twenty-second and Walnut streets Baptist church. In a few weeks he will go to Spartanburg, S. C., to become pastor of Southside Baptist church there.

The Rev. Mr. Jenkins agreed to fill the pulpit of the Twenty-second and Walnut streets church after the resignation of the Rev. M. P. Hunt for six months to give the congregation time to secure a pastor to fill the pulpit permanently. He is making the change to South Carolina because he has been advised that the climate there will agree with him.

DANCE AT THE LATHAM.

New Dining Room Will be Opened to The Public Sunday.

Electricians and others were quite busy Thursday putting the finishing touches to the new dining room of Hotel Latham. Metcalfe, the florist, was also busy with the floral decorations, and after a strenuous day with all every detail was completed for the opening dance Thursday night, given by the young men of the city.

The room was beautifully lighted, the floor was in fine condition and the scores of young people who participated "tripped the light fantastic" until the wee sma' hours of morning. Lebkuecher's splendid orchestra of eight pieces furnished the music. There were many older persons present to see the new room by night and watch the younger ones as they gracefully glided over the floor in the maze of the dance.

The Messrs. Noe say that they will throw open the doors of their new dining room to the public tomorrow. They have been at heavy expense in putting the room on the first floor and are justly proud of the change made. The entrance is from the lobby through large folding doors. The old room will be converted into guest chambers.

John Brown's Body.

John Brown, second son of John Brown, of Harper's Ferry, died at Akron, O., Thursday at the age of 90 years.

BACK DOWN ON INCREASE

Railroads of State to Pay on the Same Amount as Last Year.

ON TANGIBLE PROPERTY.

Chairman Lawrence Finn Overruled by Commissioners Klair and Garrett.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 27.—The Railroad Commission decided to assess the tangible property of all the Kentucky railroads at the same figures they were assessed last year, and the assessment will be certified at once to the Auditor, and through him to the county and city officials.

W. F. Klair, of Lexington, and Green Garrett, of Winchester, voted to make the assessments the same as last year, but Lawrence Finn, of Franklin, chairman of the commission, refused to concur with Klair and Garrett in their vote, contending for a substantial increase in the assessment of the tangible property.

It was agreed that the commissioners would meet here January 8 to complete the details of the assessment.

Chairman Finn will be present and filed a protest against a majority opinion of the commission.

STATED SUPPLY.

Rev. Charles L. Nourse Called to First Presbyterian Church.

The session of the First Presbyterian church met last Wednesday night, after prayer meeting, and extended a call to Rev. Charles L. Nourse to become the stated supply of that church. Mr. Nourse accepted the call and will continue to preach until the meeting of Princeton Presbytery in April. This is as far as the board of Elders can go without action of Presbytery.

Mr. Nourse has been serving the church most acceptably since Rev. E. B. Landis resigned his pastorate.

QUARTERLY MEETING

At Longview To-day And Tomorrow---Dinner Served.

The 1st quarterly meeting for Hopkinsville circuit for the conference year will be held at Longview Methodist church to-day and to-morrow, Dec. 28 and 29. Rev. R. F. Hayes, Presiding Elder, will preach Saturday at 11 a. m. and at the same hour Sunday.

There will be dinner at the church Saturday, and Sunday the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered.

Perry Centennial.

Final plans for the celebration next year of the Perry Centennial will be completed at a meeting at Sandusky, O., January 14 and 15.

MORE DELAY

In The Execution of Tom Slaughter.

Having taken his case to the court of appeals Tom Slaughter, a negro, twice convicted in Christian county of first degree murder and sentenced to die in the electric chair at the Eddyville penitentiary January 3, 1912, gets a stay of execution. The negro occupies a cell in the death house at the penitentiary, but is confident that he will be granted a new trial.

CHARGE OF BRIBERY

Is Probed By Investigating Committee of the Council.

WILL MEET AGAIN TO-NIGHT

To Formulate a Report to be Submitted to the Council

The investigating committee named by the council to inquire into charges of bribery held a meeting Thursday night, the following councilmen present: W. S. Harned, chairman; J. J. Metcalfe, W. H. Draper, F. W. Dabney and H. L. Haydon.

Testimony was heard in regard to the ballot taken to nominate policemen, Frank King acting as official reporter. Councilmen Metcalfe, Draper, Bradley and Harned each testified that they voted for both Means and Keach.

Mr. Harned said Mr. Draper's ballot was on a printed form and Hadden's name was erased and Means' written with a pencil to one side in small letters that were not very plain. Mr. Draper described his ballot in the same way. All said they saw the ballots after they were picked up from the floor, after the council adjourned and Mr. Metcalfe said he then burned them up, thinking the affair was over.

Mayor Mescham testified that he read the names from the ballots one by one and was unable to say how many votes any one got. He omitted or changed no names that he saw, but read them as they appeared to him and passed the ballots over to the clerk.

Clerk Tibbs testified that he added up the ballots as called and announced the results correctly, Means and Keach each having 3 votes.

On a subsequent ballot Keach got 4 and was declared nominated, after which the 10 men nominated were elected by viva voce vote.

The Bribery Charge.

On the bribery charge Alfred Means said he gave \$10 to Dr. Bradley to be used as part of a fund he was told would elect him and K. H. Keach to places on the Police force. He described in detail how he afterwards got a \$10 bill back from Dr. Bradley. A. M. Coleman stated that he saw the money returned to Means by Dr. Bradley.

Dr. Bradley said Mr. Means handed him \$10 to give to Mr. Jno. W. Richards and that he did so within 20 minutes and the day after the election Mr. Richards gave him \$10 to return to Mr. Means, which he returned. He knew of no bribery and did not ask what use was to be made of the money.

Jno. W. Richards said Dr. Bradley brought him the \$10 as stated, that he had told Mr. Means that it might be needed for legitimate expenses in his race and that after the election he gave the bill to Dr. Bradley to return to Mr. Means. He said he made no effort to use it.

Alvin H. Clark said he was applied to by Mr. Means to see about getting his money back and that he sent a man to see Dr. Bradley and the money was promptly returned.

This closed the testimony and the committee adjourned until to-night to formulate its report.

Same Old Story.

A bail of fire from a Roman candle started a fire in the Wickliffe building, at Wickliffe, early Thursday morning that resulted in a total loss of approximately \$20,000, covered by about \$10,000 insurance.

The Magazine

In the Strand Magazine for January Rider Haggard continues his story of Egyptian exploration and romance under the title of "Smith and the Pharaohs." It is as weird and wonderful as anything this writer has yet given us. Excellent short fiction is supplied by E. M. Jameson, "Ole Luk-Oie," C. C. Andrews, Pleydell North, E. Nesbit and other writers. The articles are numerous and interesting. David Devant, the famous conjurer, relates his "Experiences" and incidentally mentions that his first engagement brought him in five dollars while ten years later he received the offer of \$90,000 for a year's contract. Lina Cavalieri, Sarah Bernhardt, and others reveal the secrets of perpetual youth.

The January Woman's Home Companion contains a really notable report of the militant campaign for women suffrage that is going on in England. It gives the reader a clear and interesting idea of the violence of the struggle—quite a different picture from that afforded in our country where ten out of forty-eight states have granted woman suffrage peacefully.

Another splendid contribution to the January Companion is entitled "Behind The Scenes At The Bargain Sale," in which the author gives a detailed and highly entertaining account of the many interesting phenomena that enter into the fixing of prices of goods that, particularly, buy at sales.

The January American Magazine contains the first chapter of "Forty Years Of It," by Brand Whitlock, Mayor of Toledo, Ohio. The first chapter is entitled "A Boy and His Grandfather," and includes as beautiful a new true Lincoln story as has been published in many a day. It is a story of something that Abraham Lincoln said and did to Brand Whitlock's grandfather.

Another interesting contribution to the January American Magazine is the first chapter of "The Diary of a Cop," in which a policeman tells how he took the first steps in his development into a grafter.

A number of startling articles appear in this month's Wide World Magazine one of the most striking, perhaps, being by a resident of Queensland who describes how he and his companions indulged in "turtle-riding" which he assures us is a most novel and hilarious sport. The remarkable photographs which accompany the article clearly substantiate his statements. "Adrift on the Ice Floes" relates how two Lake Huron fishermen were driven out to sea on an ice-floe, and for fifty hours battled for life while brave men fought desperately to reach and rescue them.

George Wharton James tells the story of Jack London in the December National as it was never told before—one of the strongest papers that has ever been written concerning this popular writer, so Jack London says himself. It is liberally illustrated with photographs of the California author taken at various times during his short and eventful career. There are many anecdotes of London that have never appeared in print, and quotations from the author on his life, his habits and his work.

Shooting In Clarksville.

Duke Bowler, a motorman for the street railway company, was shot in Clarksville Thursday afternoon by Elwood Maveety's livery stable on Strawberry alley, a scalp wound being inflicted. A 38-calibre revolver was used and had it not been for the ball striking the heavy metal badge on Mr. Bowler's cap he would have probably been killed instantly. Maveety was arrested.

Quiet Christmas.

The ordinance against shooting fireworks on the streets was very generally observed and the police had but little trouble keeping things quiet. It was a striking contrast to the noisy time of yore.