

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

This year the Fourth of July falls on Sunday.

James B. Stears, of Nicholasville, was elected president of the Kentucky Press Association in session at Olympian Springs.

R. L. McFarland, of Owensboro, is about to enter the contest with two other candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Delegates to the Republican State Convention will be elected in the various counties to-day. The State convention will meet in Lexington next Tuesday.

King Constantine, of Greece, is said to be slightly improved. Crown Prince Georgios, who is 25, is betrothed to Princess Elizabeth, of Rumania.

The Federal grand jury is after the Germans who swore in New York that the Lusitania had guns. One of them, Gustave Stahl, is in jail on a charge of perjury.

Four Kentucky boys were graduated this week from the Military Academy at Culver, Ind. One of them, P. M. Moore, of Earlington, received the medal for the highest scholarship record in a class of 85.

Henderson county has organized to help build the Bee Line Highway, and a large delegation will go to the Evansville meeting to work for the road. The steamer Jno. S. Hopkins has offered to carry up to 500 delegates from Henderson.

N. Wagner, of Rexford, Kan., and Mrs. Hettie Seal, a Nashville dressmaker, were married Thursday. The wedding was brought about by a matrimonial bureau and the couple had never seen each other until the groom came for his bride.

The equalized value of the property Kentucky listed for taxation is \$887,141,119, of which Christian has \$12,774,665. Campbell, Clark, Daviess, Fayette, Henderson, Jefferson, Kenton, Madison, McCracken, Shelby and Warren counties outrank Christian.

Reginald Warneford, the young Canadian who destroyed a mighty German Zeppelin hundreds of feet long, with a tiny Morane monoplane, dropping bombs upon it from above, only took up aviation in February. His exploit, the first of its kind, has made him a national hero. He ascended 6,000 feet to get above the Zeppelin and when the big bag exploded, the current of air turned his machine upside down, but he made a safe descent.

Germany in a note on the case of the William P. Frye, an American ship sunk by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, has informed the United States that it interprets the Prussian-American treaty of 1828 to mean that American vessels carrying contraband can be destroyed. Payment is promised for the destruction, but the right to destroy is asserted as a logical inference from the language of the treaty. It is certain the American government will not acquiesce in the new interpretation given the treaty by Germany.

Doctors To Be Dined.

The Medical Societies of Christian, Trigg and Todd counties will hold a joint meeting at the Jennie Stuart Memorial Hospital next Tuesday. All three of the bodies will be the guests of the hospital at luncheon.

Ten Dry Counties.

Eighty saloons in ten counties of Minnesota will be forced to discontinue operations as a result of Monday's county option elections. Only two of the twelve counties voting will retain saloons.

Misses Susan and Mary Bell Bible left yesterday for Yazoo City, Miss., to spend the summer with their father, Hon. Jno. F. Bible, on the plantation he recently purchased.

BUNCH OF BOOSTERS

Came From Neighboring Towns To Talk For Bee Line Highway.

ENTHUSIASTIC SPEECHES MADE.

H. B. M. A. Commits Itself to The Route via. Pembroke and Guthrie.

At the recent request of citizens from the towns to the South of Hopkinsville, on the L. & N. road, a meeting was held at the Hopkinsville Business Men's Association Wednesday night to take action in regard to the Dixie Bee Line Highway, from Exansville to Nashville. The meeting was largely attended, Pembroke, Trenton and Guthrie all sending enthusiastic delegations.

The meeting was called to order by President R. E. Cooper and the visitors were called upon to state the object of the meeting.

Messrs E. C. Stockwell, of Trenton; J. T. Evans, of Guthrie; Geo. Mimms, of Trenton, and several others said they wanted the proposed line to be a real bee line, paralleling the railroad and not turning by either Russellville or Clarksville. Several Hopkinsville people took part in the discussion and in the end a motion was adopted committing the H. B. M. A. to the Guthrie route and authorizing the President to appoint a delegation of 12 or more to go to Evansville when the proposed meeting is called and work for the Bee Line route. The motion was passed by a rising vote and the other delegations were much elated and pledged themselves to send large representations to Evansville at the proper time.

Those present from the other towns were:

Pembroke—Ross Wood, George Mimms, M. L. Levy, W. H. Whitlow, H. H. Chapman, J. A. Roam, S. A. Powell, L. W. Morrison, O. E. Layne, R. Y. Pendleton, W. W. Garrott and Eugene Kelly.

Trenton—Charlie Burg, E. C. Stockwell, J. F. Kirkman, W. J. Dickinson, Theo. Dickinson, W. T. Payne, F. D. Payne, Dr. E. T. Kily, G. W. Bacon, Rev. Ward Russell, W. G. Orr, P. G. Dickinson, J. C. Bronaugh and R. O. Glascock.

Guthrie—J. T. Evans, Dr. Harrel, Ed. Wileox, J. S. Downer, L. B. Downer, Dr. W. Merritt and W. B. Rosson.

On the local delegation were appointed Mayor Frank Yost, Chas. M. Meacham, C. R. Clark, L. E. Foster, Col. J. J. Henry, A. H. Eckles, George W. Crenshaw, Judge Walter, Knight, W. R. Wheeler, M. L. Elb, T. J. McReynolds, J. M. Neblett, H. A. Keach, R. E. Cooper, S. Y. Trimble, J. B. Allensworth and G. E. Gary. In addition any other citizen who can and will go is invited.

The spokesman for the visitors was Col. J. T. Evans, who began by saying that he was a native of Hopkinsville. He is a gifted orator and his speech aroused great enthusiasm. He was elected an honorary member of the H. B. M. A. by unanimous vote.

MR. MOORE

Purchases an Interest in The D. W. Kitchen Co. Store.

Mr. Durrett Moore has purchased an interest in the store of the D. W. Kitchen Company and will be actively identified with the business in the future. Mr. Moore enjoys a wide popularity, is a thorough business man and his influence will add much strength to the already handsome patronage enjoyed by the house.

Mrs. Bellamy Dead.

The mother of Messrs. H. P. and Lester Bellamy, of near Beverly, died last Sunday at her home, near Dover, Tenn.

LITTLE DOING IN COURT

Few Trials With Many Cases Going Over.

IMPORTANT TRIALS COMING

Big Damage Suit of Peterson vs. Peterson Set For June 24.

Of the 15 cases on the Commonwealth docket for Wednesday, 11 were continued and 4 disposed of. The case against Uless Smith, charged with assault, was tried and the defendant acquitted. That against Medley Cansler, shooting on public highway, was compromised for a fine of \$50. A case against Cansler for carrying a deadly weapon, was dismissed. One against W. R. Rice for uttering a forged check, was filed away. On Thursday's docket there were 19 cases. One case, that against Herman Boyd charged, with false swearing in a court was entered into and took all day and did not go to the jury until yesterday at noon.

About ten years ago Alenton Pitzer married Callie Johnson, daughter of Jas A. Johnson, and after living with her six weeks sent her to her father telling her he was tired of married life. At that time Pitzer was about 20 and his bride 16. Witnesses testified that she went unwillingly, but at a former trial Herman Boyd, who took the girl back to her father, testified she went voluntarily. At the court hearing, the wife was awarded \$10 a month alimony, but not divorced. The indictment of young Boyd for false swearing grew out of the former trial.

The jury was out but a short while and brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Robt. Morris, charged with assault, was tried and acquitted.

The case of Alger Adams, detaining a woman was begun at 3 o'clock. Thirteen cases were continued, one filed away and one breach of peace case settled with a \$10 fine. Sixteen cases were set for yesterday, but all witnesses were dismissed at 9 o'clock until 1 p. m. Not more than one was expected to be tried.

There are 21 cases on to-day's docket, none of much importance.

The common law docket will be taken up June 17.

The case of W. T. Cooper vs. City of Hopkinsville is set for June 17. The case of Mrs. Flora Wilkins vs. City of Hopkinsville is set for June 23. Plaintiff asks damages for an over-throw. Mrs. Bernis M. Peterson vs. Mrs. Louise Jones Peterson is set for June 24 and is expected to be tried.

RUSH IS STILL ON

And Loose Floors All Had Another Busy Week.

Although there was a falling off from the big receipts of last week, the tobacco business was still booming this week and the loosefloor sales ran close to two-thirds of a million pounds. Prices are still low, owing largely to the poor offering as the season nears its end.

Week ending June 11, 1915 Unsold stock Jan. 1, 1915, 1,453 hogsheds. Receipts for week..... 0 Hhds. Receipts for year..... 129 Hhds. Sales for week..... Hhds. Sales for year..... 548 Hhds.

LOOSE FLOORS.

Sales for week..... 627,075 lbs. Sales for season..... 12,364,145 lbs. Total sales same date,

1914..... 11,715,240

Average price for week..... 6.16 " " year..... 6.33

H. H. ABERNATHY, Inspector.

BRYAN'S REASONS

The Retiring Secretary of State Would Submit German Matter to Tribunal.

TO URGE VIEW OF QUESTION.

Statement Received With Undisguised Amazement in Official Quarters.

Washington, June 11.—William Jennings Bryan retired Wednesday as secretary of state. His first act as a private citizen was to issue a statement explaining his reasons for leaving the cabinet and announcing that he intended to lay his view of what the American policy toward Germany should be before the public for judgment.

The statement came as a sensational climax to a day of farewell speeches and good wishes from President Wilson and executive colleagues of the retiring secretary.

In his explanation Mr. Bryan revealed that the President had not felt justified in adopting two suggestions made by his secretary of state—that an offer should be made to Germany to submit the questions in dispute with the United States to an international commission for investigation during a year's time and that meanwhile Americans should by proclamation be warned not to take passage on any belligerent ships or on American vessels carrying ammunition. These propositions Mr. Bryan expects to urge upon the people "in the hope of securing such an impression of public sentiment as will support the President in employing these remedies if in the future he finds it consistent with his sense of duty to favor them."

Mr. Bryan's statement was received with undisguised amazement in official quarters. No comment was made at the White House, but some high officials indicated that they believed it most unfortunate that so pronounced expression of opinion should be made public while the discussion with Germany was in progress. It became known, too, that Mr. Bryan told his colleagues in a general way of the contents of his statement and some had advised against it.

The principle advocated by Mr. Bryan is embodied in treaties of peace negotiated by the United States with thirty nations, and was accepted by Germany, although no convention ever was drafted. The statement is a condensation of the argument which Secretary Bryan has been making repeatedly to President Wilson in the last few weeks, and upon which he hopes to build up a public sentiment in the United States that will make war with Germany impossible.

The issuance of the explanation had been timed to coincide exactly with the dispatch of the American note to Germany. Mr. Bryan had previously informed some officials of the character of the statement. All of them stood with the President.

LAWSON FAXON

Purchases The Averitt-Stowe Drug Store and Will Return Here.

The store of the Averitt-Stowe Co., corner Ninth and Main street, was sold this week to Lawson B. Faxon, of Jackson, Tenn., a former Hopkinsville boy. The store was owned by R. T. Stowe, Sr., and R. T. Stowe, Jr. Mr. Faxon was here Wednesday and returned to Jackson leaving G. E. Gaither in charge of the business until he returns about the first of July. Mr. Faxon is a son of the late W. H. Faxon and was born and reared here, and has many friends who will be glad to have him come back.

Allah, the name of the mohammedandandy, means "the one worthy to be adored."

WILSON NOTE FIRM REPLY

Rejoinder To The German Note Was Made Public Yesterday.

DOCUMENT IS CONSERVATIVE.

Germany Is Called Upon To Submit Evidence That Lusitania Was Armed.

Washington, June 11.—The text of the American rejoinder to the German Government's reply with reference to the sinking of the Lusitania was made public this morning. The note reiterates the stand of this Government against placing the lives of noncombatants in jeopardy by attacks on unarmed merchant ships, insisting that the laws of nations and the rights of humanity be complied with and declaring that the rights of visit and search be exercised. It is denied in the note that the Lusitania was armed, as charged by the Berlin note. The Imperial Government is invited to submit any evidence it may have to the contrary. A copy of the note was delivered to Ambassador von Bernstorff, who declined to make any comment. In diplomatic circles generally, it is stated the note created a favorable impression. In quarters favorable to Germany it was stated that the document confirmed the belief that the critical stage had been passed in negotiations with Berlin.

GOING TO OWENSBORO

John L. Shrode Buys Out George A. Bleich's Theatres.



JOHN L. SHRODE.

Mr. John L. Shrode, lately manager of the Rex theatre, will remove to Owensboro and take charge of the two theatres there. In connection with local capitalists, he has bought the Queen and Empress theatres owned by Geo. A. Bleich, the price being \$28,000. Mr. Bleich will in turn, go to Louisville and buy a bigger house. Mr. Shrode will leave next week with his family and will remain in Owensboro until Aug. 1, when the transfer takes place.

FLAG DAY

Celebration of Old Glory's 138th Birthday.

Next Monday evening at 8 o'clock the Elks will have annual Flag day exercises.

Ritualistic ceremonies will be carried out, with a musical and speaking program interspersed. Speeches will be made by Alvan Clark, John Stites and Chas. M. Meacham.

The Elks will assemble at the Lodge Room at 7:30 o'clock to march in a body to the Park.

Gracey Boy Breaks Leg.

Will Cox, a member of the State Hospital baseball team, broke his leg while running bases in a game a few days ago. He is a son of Marshal H. H. Cox, of Gracey.

RUSSIANS COME BACK

Czar's Troops Again Take Offensive in Desperate Battle in Galicia.

TWO BRITISH WARSHIPS SUNK

Torpedo Boats Sent to Bottom With Loss of Life of About Thirty.

London, June 11.—Russian reinforcements have arrived in the Baltic provinces and in Galicia, and it has become their turn to attack.

According to the German official report part of the German force on the Dubysa river, in the Baltic provinces, threatened by an encircling movement, were obliged to withdraw, although in the region of Shavli and on the Niemen they claim to be making progress, despite a stubborn Russian resistance.

More important in the belief of military observers here, however, is the apparent change that is taking place in the Galician battle. Here again, according to the German account, the Russians are advancing to the southeast of Lemberg, and also are attacking General Linsingen's force, which crossed the Dniester near Zurawna.

In eastern Galicia and Bukovina, however, the Russians are falling back between the Pruth and Dniester rivers, with the intention, it is believed here, of making the Dniester their line of defense from the Rumanian frontier to the southeast of Przemysl. They have very strong positions along this line and military experts say that if they can drive back the Germans who crossed the river near Zurawna, Lemberg will remain in their hands and they will be in a position to deliver a vigorous offensive at any rate as soon as the Austrians and Germans begin to withdraw troops for their western and southern campaigns.

Heavy fighting continues on the Italian front, particularly along the Isonzo river, where the Italians claim to have taken Monfalcone, an important town near the coast.

German submarines continue their activity. Yesterday they sank two British torpedo boats, while the loss of ten fishing vessels and one steamer, the Erna Boldt, is credited to the underwater boats. Forty-one members of the crews of the torpedoed boats were rescued. As these vessels always carry crews of thirty-five men, it is believed that the loss of life in their sinking will approximate thirty.

Hodge-Clyde.

At Pittsburg Thursday evening June 11, at Calvary Protestant Episcopal church, Miss Emma Lillian Clyde was married to Mr. Edwin Hodge, Jr., of Henderson, Ky. Mrs. Frank M. Hoover was matron of honor and Miss Mary S. Clark, of this city, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Misses Mildred and Lillian Clyde, of Chester, Pa., cousins of the bride.

The bride is a beautiful and highly accomplished young lady, who is quite well known in Hopkinsville society, having frequently visited her former schoolmate, Miss Mary Clark.

Double Wedding.

Miss Grace B. Dyer and Mr. D. C. Lee and Miss Edna E. Dyer and Mr. J. E. Lee, were married at Princeton Wednesday, under one ceremony. The girls are sisters and the grooms are brothers, who live in Covington, Ky.

Broke Her Wrist.

Miss Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Mr. L. H. Davis, became faint on Wednesday afternoon and fell, breaking her left wrist. The fracture is a serious one, but she is getting along as well as could be expected.

Misses Evelyn Smith, of this city, and Mary Hayes, of Pembroke, graduated from Randolph Macon this month and are expected home soon.