

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

HAMLETT STILL CLAIMS IT.

Hon. Barksdale Hamlett was here Thursday looking after the hearing of the case involving the correction of the official certificate from this county, by which Jas. P. Lewis gained 100 votes in the Longview precinct. Judge Hanbery, after an exhaustive legal presentation of the case, in which Mr. Hamlett himself spoke, ordered the mistake to be corrected, which was promptly done by the election Commissioners. This increased Lewis' lead to 316 votes. An appeal was taken. The same day the Court of Appeals affirmed Judge Fryer's decision at Paducah, the effect of which was to reduce Hamlett's majority from 380 in McCracken to about the same that Lewis has in other counties. The race turns on the admission of votes recertified to in Lewis' favor, 101 in McCreary, 91 in Hart and 10 in Shelby. If these votes are counted Lewis wins. Mr. Hamlett says the original returns give him a small majority and that he will contest all changes, upon the ground that only in a formal contest can the returns be altered and then only by the courts.

Heavy snows are retarding military operations in the Balkans.

Justice Hughes has declined to be a Republican candidate for president.

The term of Chas. C. McChord, Kentucky members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, expires Dec. 31 and his reappointment is believed to be assured.

Throwing out the 180 padded votes in McCreary county gives Stanley a little more than 500 majority, a pretty comfortable lead as majorities go this year.

A London dispatch says a German lieutenant who broke his parole at Newport News Oct. 17, has been caught. Lieut. Koch and Dr. Kronneck were the two who escaped.

Joe Hilstrom, the murderer who was granted a respite at the request of President Wilson, was executed at Salt Lake City yesterday. Gov. Spry declining to interfere further.

Miss Nancy Johnson, daughter of Congressman Ben Johnson, and Lieut. Pascal C. Crawford were married at Bardstow Wednesday. They will sail for Panama Nov. 27, where the groom is stationed.

Theodor Leschetitzky, the famous teacher of the piano, is dead at the age of 85. He lived for many years at Vienna, but more recently at a village near Dresden. He was the principal master of Paderewski.

Robbed of \$30.

Wm. Gray on Tuesday swore out a warrant for the arrest of a negro named Dawson, charging that Dawson, on Monday night, robbed him of \$30, while showing him the way to a boarding house. The alleged hold-up occurred at a point on the L. & N. Railroad.

Bids Too High.

Because of the apparent failure of private bidders to keep their proposals within the \$7,800,000 limit of cost set by Congress for the hulls and machinery of battleships 43 and 44, construction of both vessels may be undertaken at Government navy yards.

Lost Their Baby.

Mary Johnson Wyatt, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wyatt, died of pneumonia yesterday morning, aged one year. The baby will be taken to Elkton today for burial.

Carnegie Pensions.

Pensions amounting to \$874,000 were distributed to professors or widows of professors by the Carnegie Foundation during the past year.

AUSTRIA ON ANCONA AFFAIR

Official Statement Concerning Sinking of Vessel Cabled State Department.

SHIP FLED WHEN WARNED

Denies Steamer Was Shelled After She Came to a Standstill.

Washington, Nov. 17.—American Ambassador Penfield today cabled the state department an official statement concerning the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, which had been handed him by the Austrian foreign office, apparently before he received the department's instructions, to seek the Vienna version of the tragedy.

The text of the communication virtually is identical to that given out in Vienna by the Austrian admiralty and sent to this country by wireless from Berlin. It says that the Ancona fled at full speed when a warning shot was fired across her bow and it denies the allegations of the Italian government that the steamer was shelled after she had come to a standstill and that other shots were fired at lifeboats and at persons swimming in the sea.

After the receipt of the report it became known that Secretary Lansing considered that the state department now had in its possession sufficient official information to form the basis of an inquiry of Austria-Hungary regarding its attitude toward the conduct of submarine warfare. The secretary indicated, however, that no communication would go forward until a reply had been made to questions submitted to the Austrian foreign office by Ambassador Penfield.

M. H. SMITH UNDER KNIFE

Operation, Though More Serious Than Was Expected, Proves Successful.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 19.—Milton H. Smith, of Louisville, president of the L. & N. road, underwent a serious operation at the Brady Urological Institute of the Johns Hopkins yesterday morning. He was on the table for more than two hours and the physicians found the case a little more serious than they had anticipated. A form of disease of the kidneys is Mr. Smith's trouble.

During the ordeal, Sidney Smith, the Louisville lawyer, and son of the patient, was in the adjoining room. The physicians announced that the operation was successful, but Mr. Smith will be forced to remain at the institution a little longer than was at first anticipated.

DELAYED RECEPTION

At Bethel College Will Be Given Monday Evening

The students reception at Bethel College postponed from last month will be held Monday evening and those receiving formal invitations are expected to attend without further invitations, as the date was merely changed. The evening exercises will be as originally planned and the affair is expected to be most enjoyable. School was taught Saturday and there will be no sessions Monday.

CHARGED WITH BOOTLEGGING.

Tush and Bud Welch, both colored, of Pembroke, were before Commissioner Clark this week, charged with selling liquor without a license. The negroes, who are brothers, were held over to Federal court and were taken to jail at Paducah to await the action of the Federal grand jury.

THE FAIR MUST LIVE

Committee Will Enlarge The Capital Stock and Meet Deficit.

HOPKINSVILLE NOT A QUITTER

Meeting at The Avalon Thursday Showed The Right Spirit.

The "Hopkinsville idea" pervaded the meeting at the Avalon, called to discuss the fair's financial difficulties. A small amount was due on the constructing cost of the buildings and the rainy week this year caused a deficit of more than \$1,000. It is proposed to sell a few thousand dollars more stock of the authorized capital and clean up the companies debt and get things in shape for a bigger and better fair next year, to run a whole week so that one or two bad days would not ruin the fair.

The attendance of business men and farmers was gratifying and the determination to give the fair the needed support was universal.

Some stock was subscribed for by those present and a committee was named to have charge of the selling of enough stock to meet the requirements. It is believed that the people generally will take a proper interest in the matter to guarantee its success.

BURNED BY EXPLOSION

B. F. McClaid, Well Known Business Man, Sustains Serious Injuries.

Mr. B. F. McClaid was badly burned about the arms, hands and face Wednesday night by a lamp that exploded while he was blowing it out in the monument establishment of McClaid & Armstrong. He had taken the lamp into the shop to look after some matter in the stock room and after getting through was in the act of blowing the lamp out and putting it on a table when it blew up in his hand.

Burning oil was thrown upon him, making severe burns on the exposed parts of his person, flaring up into his face and burning off his eyebrows and eye lashes. J. M. Waltrip, who was with him, quickly extinguished the flames and kept them from setting the house on fire. He received prompt surgical attention, but has suffered intensely and his condition was not satisfactory yesterday. The worst burn is on his right hand, which was so badly burned that the nails dropped off. The burns on his face are not serious.

LADIES' CLUB

History and Literary Club is Given New Life.

The History and Literature club, for more than 20 years one of the leading literary clubs in the city, for ladies, was reorganized this week after a period of inactivity, with a number of new members. Mrs. H. H. Abernathy was elected President and a study of French history and literature was decided upon. A program committee was named consisting of Mrs. Chas. M. Meacham, Mrs. J. B. Jackson and Miss Mollie Lindsay. Another meeting will be held Tuesday.

UNDERWENT OPERATION.

Hugh Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, of this city, was operated upon at Fort Collins, Colo., Thursday for appendicitis. The operation was successful and his condition is satisfactory.

Dr. Nansen has renounced the Icelandic discovery of America.

DEMOCRATS GO FREE

Whitley County Court Dismisses Cases Brought Against Them.

Whitley City, Ky., Nov. 17.—On the calling of the cases, the confederating charges against the six Democrats here were dismissed by County Judge Williams to-day at eleven o'clock.

On the charge of confederating and banding together to destroy private property, four Democrats were arrested November 7 at Whitley City, and later two others. The trouble arose from the fact that the office of the County Clerk, where the McCreary county ballots were kept, was broken into the Friday night after the election. It was discovered that the election certificates had been tampered with and that the number of votes originally cast for Morrow had been raised from 1,299 to 1,479.

Prior to this several Democrats, among whom were the men arrested had gone to the courthouse with the intention of guarding the ballot boxes. They were ordered away. Their dismissal lends weight to the charge by Democratic headquarters that the outrage was not committed by the Democrats because it was the Republicans who were benefited by the tampering with the returns.

The McCreary County Board of Election Commissioners met this afternoon and recertified the vote in the Governor's race, making Morrow's majority 180 less than had been certified previously. The excess vote, it was claimed by the Democrats, had been added after the election was held, and was the basis of a suit to compel recertification. The Democratic member of the Board refused to sign the certification as first made.

FATAL STROKE OF APOPLEXY

Mr. McNamara Stricken While at Work and Death Quickly Follows.

M. F. McNamara, whose wife was formerly Miss Katherine Roche, of this city, died suddenly of apoplexy in Paducah Tuesday. He was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company and was entering a tool house in the company's yards when stricken. Mr. McNamara was 44 years old and a member of the Catholic church. He is survived by his wife and four children. The remains were brought here Thursday afternoon. His funeral services were held at the Catholic church by Father Welsh yesterday morning and the interment took place in Riverside Cemetery.

Culpepper-Robinson Meeting.

The meeting commenced as per announcement on Wednesday p. m., and Prof. Robinson, the choir director, was on hand, but Rev. Burke Culpepper has not arrived. He will reach the city to-night, and will preach his first sermon Sunday at 10:45 a. m., and preach again at 7 p. m.

During the week there has been no day service, but Dr. Powell has preached every night and Prof. Robinson led the singing. Beginning on Monday, there will be services daily at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m., and everybody is invited to come.

Sunday School will meet as usual at 9:30 a. m. and the Epworth League at 6 p. m.

THROUGHOUT TO-DAY.

The demonstration of Majestic ranges, at the hardware department of the Forbes Mfg. Co., will continue to-day and to-night. Many people have called to hear an expert explain all about Majestic ranges and others are invited. Refreshments will be served.

PLANNING FOR BIG BANQUET

To Inaugurate Y. M. C. A. Campaign During Next Month.

AT HOTEL LATHAM DEC. 14

C. A. Tevebaugh, City Work Secretary, Here This Week In The Matter.

C. A. Tevebaugh, City Work Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Kentucky was here this week to arouse an interest in Y. M. C. A. work in Hopkinsville, which has been allowed to die out. Mr. Tevebaugh will return here next month to start an active campaign a feature of which will be a banquet at Hotel Latham on the evening of Dec. 14, with several officials of the State Y. M. C. A. as hosts. At this banquet the leading citizens of Hopkinsville, they will outline a plan that is expected to meet the hearty approval of all friends of this great work.

The local committee named to prepare for this campaign is made up of Mayor F. K. Yost, Col. E. B. Bissett, Jas. O. Cook, W. P. Winfree, L. H. Davis, J. E. McPherson, Chas. M. Meacham, A. W. Wood, Jas. West and R. A. Rogers.

DR. FOSHER TO LEAVE

Will Return to Old Home in Illinois About Dec 1.

Rev. J. B. Foshier, State Superintendent of Universalist churches, who has been residing in this city during the past four years, has decided to return to Mt. Vernon, Ill., to reside. He will leave here about Dec. 1. Dr. Foshier has made many friends in this county during his stay here, who will regret to learn of his decision to return to his old home.

His successor as pastor of the Universalist church in this city and other churches in this section of the State has not yet been secured.

"JOHNSON COURT"

Great Improvement Made on North Main Residence Block.

The residence block on the east side of North Main street, between Second and Third streets, has been greatly improved recently and converted into a square to be called "Johnson Court."

The two lots fronting on Main street are owned by J. T. Johnson and Low Johnson. The former has made notable improvements in his property, including the erection of a handsome brick cottage on the east end of the lot, fronting on Third street. Low Johnson has completely remodeled the large two-story brick inherited from his late father, W. N. Johnson. A frame addition in the rear has been detached, moved further back and added to and is now a handsome cottage fronting on Second street. The main building has been enlarged with a brick addition containing eight or ten rooms, a heating plant put in and the whole house converted into a beautiful and up-to-date apartment house of fourteen rooms. This house is occupied by Mr. W. A. Cornette's family and the cottages by the families of Mr. M. L. Stockley and Mr. R. W. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornette have a number of most desirable apartments to let.

Through the center of the square a driveway is being constructed from Second to Third street. The improvements were made under the personal direction of the owners, at an outlay running well up into the thousands.

ALLIES MAP OUT WHOLE COURSE

Weighty Decisions Reached By War Council in Paris.

SERBIANS STILL FALLING BACK

May Announce Policy in Gallipoli and Greece At Once.

London, Nov. 19.—The arrival of Lord Kitchener in the Near East has aroused the British troops on the Gallipoli peninsula to renewed activity, and Scottish troops, aided by two British monitors and a cruiser, have captured Turkish trenches and consolidated them, suffering in the attainment of their victory less than fifty men killed or wounded. The Turks lost at least 100 men.

The British War Council, which has been visiting France, has returned to London after having effected a closer working contact between the Entente Allies.

Unofficial dispatches credit the British with the defeat of the Bulgarians on the sector between the Vardovo and Rabrovo. The Bulgarians, however, having taken the Babuna Pass from the Serbians, are now said to be sweeping forward beyond Prilep toward Monastir, which is declared to have been virtually evacuated by the populace.

On the Russian front the situation generally is unchanged, but offensive movements by the Germans have broken down under the fire of the Russian guns.

The attitude of the Entente Allies toward Greece, from which country they are endeavoring to get a definite guarantee for the safety of the French, British and Serbian troops, and the whole military policy in the Near East, including the Dardanelles, will, it is expected, be made clear before the end of the present week.

WARSHIPS LEAVE BALTIC

Two Reports Tell of Passage of Powerful Squadron Toward the North Sea.

Copenhagen, Nov. 19.—Two squadrons, consisting of nineteen German warships, passed from the Baltic Sea into the Cattegat Wednesday morning.

The Cattegat is the strip of water separating Denmark from Sweden. It is on the way from the Baltic to the North Sea.

Another report says a flotilla of twenty-five German torpedo boats and a big cruiser passed Helsingborg, on the southwest coast of Sweden, at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, proceeding at high speed northward.

Helsingborg is at the northern entrance to the sound which separates Sweden and Denmark.

SUBMARINES CAPTURED

Six Have Been Taken by Allied Cruisers in Aegean Sea.

Naples, Nov. 19.—According to passengers arriving by steamer from Saloniki, allied cruisers already have captured six hostile submarines in the Aegean Sea.

SPECIAL WORK NEXT WEEK.

Judge Hanbery has finished his court at Murray and will be at home until next week. On Monday he goes to Barren court to try a case and on Thursday will act as special judge at Elizabethtown, to try a woman who killed her husband.

The trackless trolley system is used for general freight traffic in...