

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The idiots showed up with a strong following in the Senate, as showed by the vote against the Trigg bill.

A request has been made that Villa be sent to Jaurez to be executed at the race track. He seems to have no other last race.

Gen. Carranza has formerly proclaimed Francisco Villa, Rafael Lopez, and Rafael Castro outlaws because of the massacre of the Americans at Santa Ysabel. Any citizen of Mexico is authorized to execute them.

The anti-pass bill introduced in the Senate is said to contain a provision prohibiting railroads from making advertising contracts with newspapers payable in passes or transportation. Such a bill can only be construed as an attack on the business interests of the press of the State. It would be a step outside of constitutional requirements or Democratic platform demands. If one kind of an advertising contract can be regulated by law, what is to hinder all newspaper contracts from being prohibited? What is to prevent newspapers from being prohibited by law, for instance, from charging candidates for office for political advertising? Are we drifting to that sort of legislation?

Conform to the Constitution.

"The legislators may take a crack at the newspaper men in the anti-pass bill, but the newspapers can also take a crack at the legislators now, and hereafter."—Elizabethtown News.

There is no use for the legislators to incur the displeasure of the editors of the state on the anti-pass bill by making it apply to them, so as to prevent them from making contracts with transportation companies in any way that suits the contracting parties. If an "anti-pass" bill is to be passed, let it be only to such persons as are named in the constitution and not step aside and make it apply to individuals unknown to the constitution.

Since this is a platform and an administration measure, we can't believe the governor would want it to apply to individuals unknown to the requirements of the democratic party platform and the constitution, simply to interfere with the private business affairs of the newspapers throughout the state.

Newspapers are too valuable to the state, to the business and to the democratic party, for a democratic legislature to oppress them in their business affairs by saying in a law what they shall or what they shall not do and we can't believe the governor and a legislature will stand for such a law.

To include the newspapers of the state in the anti-pass bill will damage the democratic party more in Kentucky than most any act this legislature could pass.

What business is it of the members of the legislature the kind of advertising contracts the newspapers make with the railroads? If the legislature can dictate in this, it can dictate in all other business contracts made by newspapers, and as a matter of fact, only a few years will pass until a newspaper can do nothing without the consent of the legislature.

Looking at it from a broad view we cannot see why our public officials and politicians do not appreciate the great work of the newspapers throughout the country more than they do. It is a hard struggle for newspaper owners to make even a scant living, when they take advantage of every legal contract possible to do this; yet there seems to be a sentiment among those who have been benefited by the power and good influence of broad-minded newspaper men to oppress them whenever the slightest occasion presents itself.

We can't believe that Gov. Stanley will stand for this gross discrimination against his newspaper friends throughout the state, in order to pacify a few disappointed politicians.—Mayfield Messenger.

VILLA IS CAPTURED

Maximo Marquez Credited With Having Taken Bandit Leader.

CONFIRMATION IS LACKING

Said to Have Been Hemmed in in Mountains—Several Bandits Are Prisoners.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 21.—Francisco Villa has been captured at Hacienda San Geronimo by Carranza forces under General Cavazos, according to a private telegram from Chihuahua City received here. The telegram came from the source that first reported the massacre of Americans at Santa Ysabel. Cavazos was last reported as bringing prisoners from Guerrero to Chihuahua City.

"Mexican Consul Andreas Garcia confirmed the capture of General Villa. His advices stated that the capture was affected by Maximo Marquez, who recently also captured Gen. Jose Rodriguez, one of Villa's generals.

A message announcing Villa's capture also has been received at the office of the American Smelting & Refining company.

Messages from Chihuahua City confirming reports of the capture of Villa, stated that a number of bandits who participated in the Santa Ysabel massacre were also captured and are being brought to Chihuahua City for execution.

Reports received here indicated that Villa had been hemmed in a triangle formed in the mountains. Col. Maximo Marquez was closing in from the southwest, while General Cavazos advanced from the southeast.

DURHAM EXPERT

Addressed The Beef Cattle Association Thursday Afternoon.

W. R. Moreman, Jr., of Glendean, Ky., breeder of Polled Durham cattle, was here Thursday to talk to the Polled Durham cattle breeders and met them at 1:30 p. m. at the H. B. M. A. rooms.

Mr. Moreman outlined the history of the breed developed in 1870. Mr. Moreman is connected with the agricultural department and is a fine judge of beef cattle. He had charge of the beef cattle exhibits at the State fair for several years. He has also judged the cattle at Memphis and other large Southern fairs. Mr. Moreman advanced the idea that the Polled Durham and Shorthorn breeds, being the same breed, ought to be in one standard and that a movement was on foot to have them known as Hornless Shorthorns. His address was heard with much interest by a good crowd and the beef cattle enthusiasts in the county shows no abatement.

Otis Kircher, state agent in charge of the Pig Club work, was with Mr. Moreman.

No More Room.

Judge Garrett S. Wall, member of the State Board of Control of Charitable Institutions says that on account of the overcrowded condition of the State hospitals, especially with colored patients, the board will be compelled to refuse to receive patients at all of the hospitals and white patients at Lexington and Lakeland, thus throwing them on to the care of the counties whence they come. They now have over 500 more than the normal capacity.

Anxious to Die.

Emery Llewellyn, of Lexington, Ky., tried to commit suicide at Evansville by jumping into a fire made with railroad cross-ties. He was pulled out with severe burns and later had to be held to keep him from jumping under a moving train.

ANSWER LEA'S CHARGES

Deny They Have Violated Law in Issuance of Free Transportation.

SOME HOT SHOT FOR LUKE

Charge That His Own Friends Have Used Many Free Passes.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 19.—Denying that it has issued free passes for the purpose of corruption or bribery, or that it has violated either laws of the United States or of the State of Tennessee in the issuance of such free transportation, and charging that the petition of Senator Luke Lea was "not filed with a view of subverting the public good, but from malicious and improper motives," the answer of the N. O. & St. L. Railway has just been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington by the attorneys of the road. At the same time the answer of the L. & N. railroad was filed with the commission.

The petition filed with the commission some time ago by Senator Lea attacked the legality of the issuance of passes in Tennessee by the L. & N. and the N. C. & St. L. Railway, and charged that such issuance of passes was for the purpose of corruption and bribery, and also that it was directed against the L. & N. and N. C. & St. L. roads operating in Tennessee which are and have been issuing intrastate passes, and that if Senator Lea is sincere in his petition he should not have mentioned only two roads and omitted the others.

The answer of the roads also refers to the recent Senatorial primary and the attempt of the petitioner to make a railroad issue in that campaign; of his utter failure to make such an issue, and of his repudiation by the polls. In referring to repeated attacks made through the columns of the Senator's paper directed against the L. & N. and N. C. roads, the answer characterizes them as "false statements intended to arouse the prejudice of the people against respondent and in favor of petitioner."

The answer also reproduces letters showing that from December 1910 to January 1, 1914, the paper owned and published by Senator Lea "requested" free transportation and such transportation was furnished to the Tennessee and American just as it was to other newspapers over the state, daily and weekly. One letter which is a request for a book of fifty trip passes bears date of Dec. 9, 1913, thirty days after Senator Lea's resolution was passed in the U. S. Senate. These letters are given, the answer says, to show that in the issuance of free passes all papers were treated alike notwithstanding their editorial attitude, and that certainly no effort was made to "corrupt" the paper of petitioner or to influence it in any way.

The answer admits the issuance of free passes to farmers and educators, to preachers and to representatives of various charitable institutions. It maintains that through the co-operation with the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, etc., that much good has been accomplished to the state by enabling the farmers to gather in institute meetings and by making possible the gathering of the public school teachers in educational meetings. The answer also says it has given passes to newspapers, particularly the country press, "to encourage such newspaper enterprise. It has believed that prosperous newspapers of this character are of great advantage to the development of such communities, and it has been willing to aid those engaged in such enterprises by a moderate amount of free transportation."

The answer also refers to the fact that for twenty years the railroads have given free transportation to the governors and other public officials of the state, who request it and that it remained for Senator Lea to charge

RECEIPTS ARE STILL LIGHT

Though Prices Are Still Firm on The The Loose Floor Market.

SEASON IS DISAPPOINTING

Total Sales Less By 500,000 Pounds Than This Time Last Year.

Sales on the loose floor tobacco market this week were again disappointing as to the amount of receipts. But little more than 300,000 pounds were sold and the sales are still far behind the corresponding period last year. The bright side is that the weekly average in prices still shows an upward tendency and is 70 cents higher than the average for the season.

It is true the weather had not been favorable until the last few days and the dirt roads are in bad condition. The policy of dragging the dirt roads seems to have been abandoned by the farmers in many localities and as a result roads that were good last year are now very bad.

The following is the report for the week:

Week ending Jan. 20, 1916. Unsold stock Jan. 1, 1916, 237 hogsheds.	
Receipts for week.....	0 Hhds.
Receipts for year.....	12 Hhds.
Sales for week.....	10 Hhds.
Sales for year.....	55 Hhds.

LOOSE FLOORS.

Sales week.....	307,405 lbs.
Sales for season.....	1,474,040 lbs.
Sales for same date	
1915.....	1,924,930 lbs.
Average for this week.....	\$5.62
Average for this season.....	\$4.12

H. H. ABERNATHY,
Secretary.

Clarksville High School.

The Clarksville city council recently sold \$30,000 of school improvement bonds are now being made for this sum to be spent on the high school site. A manual training department is to be added, together with an up-to-date gymnasium and swimming pool, and when completed will be one of the finest schools in the south.

For removing dust from furniture a paint brush is much more satisfactory than a dust rag.

that they were corrupted by such free transportation.

The answer denies that free passes have been issued to prominent interstate shippers in order to influence their shipments, and also denies that the issuance of intra-state transportation has become a burden upon interstate commerce as charged by Senator Lea in his petition.

The answer also says that respondent is advised that the issuance of intra-state passes is something over which the Interstate Commerce has no control; that it is a matter wholly without its jurisdiction, and that the state railroad commission knows and has known the practices of the various railroads in the state, and furthermore that the section referred to by Senator Lea as covering the issuance of passes in Tennessee, is not interpreted by either the interstate Commerce Commission or the state railroad commission the same as petitioner Lea interprets it—and that section of the law is quoted in the answer, showing that where the petitioner seeks relief, that part of the law is not used as in the Act to Regulate Commerce; in other words, that where the Hepburn Act speaks about property, persons, etc., the Tennessee law omits "persons."

The answer also says that the giving of passes by public service corporations is different from giving of patronage by politicians, for in the former case the road gives something that belongs to it, while in the case of the politician he may, on occasion, give something which belongs to the people of the state or the United States.

NICHOLAS COMES BACK

Russians Violently Attacking Austrians Along Bessarabian Front.

LOSSES SUFFERED BY TURKS

Fighting Is Resumed Between Austrians and Montenegrins. King With Troops.

London, Feb. 21.—The Russians, with strongly reinforced armies, are violently attacking the Austro-Hungarians, along the Bessarabian frontier. The Austrian official report says that between Toporutz and Boyan the Russians at several places entered the Teutonic trench and engaged the defenders in hand-to-hand encounters.

To the northeast of Czernowitz, the Russians claim to have captured an Austrian sector and to have repulsed five desperate counter attacks.

The Russians official communication tells of a raid on the black sea by Russian torpedo boats, 163 sailing vessels being destroyed along the Anatolian coast.

In the Caucasus, the Turks, Petrograd claims, were thrown from their positions in the center of the long front, suffering heavy losses.

Announcement is made in the British house of commons that the British column, coming up the Tigris valley to the relief of Kut-el-Amara, is in close touch with the Turks seven miles from Kut-el-Amara. A big battle between the relief column and the British hemmed in at Kut-el-Amara, and the Ottoman forces, is expected soon.

BUTTERFAT AT 40 CENTS

Fox Brothers Increase The Price of Cream For Their Plant.

An important announcement is made in the Kentuckian's advertising column by Fox Brothers Co. On and after Jan. 24th they will increase the price paid for butterfat to 40 cents per pound delivered at their creamery plant. They are doing this to induce every farmer who possibly can do so to bring in his cream. They want to arrive at the maximum number of cows that can be secured for this plant. The offer they are now making is to guide them in certain contemplated changes. Instead of semi-monthly payments, they will also inaugurate weekly payments and in other ways give advantages to their patrons.

Father of Thirty.

A jury in the Knox circuit court decided that J. Fuson, father of thirty children, was not entitled to damages as a result of alleged injuries received in a wreck on the Cumberland railroad. In the evidence it was brought out that Fuson, 59 years old, is the father of 30 children, and 22 of whom are living. He has been married three times. Fuson is a farmer of near Warren, Knox county.

Displayed Their Bodies.

After being placed on exhibition in Jaurez, the bodies of Rodriguez and Baca-Valles, executed Villa leaders, are to be shown in public again as examples of what will happen to anyone adopting the career of an outlaw in Mexico.

What appears to be the only portion of last week's meteorite so far found is that just discovered by former Constable Quince Stockell in his back yard near Georgetown. It is two by four by seven inches in size and weighs two pounds. It is cupped in two places and appears much like iron ore. This bit of meteorite was almost buried in the ground when found.

PAUPER IDIOT BILL DEFEATED

Drastic Anti-Pass Measure May Suffer Like Fate in Senate.

STANLEY NOT BACKED UP

Senators Say Some of Drastic Features of Bill Must Be Eliminated.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 21.—The crushing defeat in the senate Thursday of the Trigg pauper idiot bill, and the unmistakable evidences that the anti-pass bill may suffer a like fate, unless some of its more drastic features are eliminated, were the absorbing topics of gossip.

It seems assured that the administration will not be able to pass the anti-pass bill, unless it consents to an amendment for the exemption of newspapers from the operation of the measure. Opponents of the bill in its present form regard their victory as already won.

Friends of Gov. Stanley have been bringing pressure to bear upon him to persuade him to surrender to the clamor of the rural newspapers, the editors of which are very much excited, it appears. The whole commotion has placed the governor apparently in a very embarrassing position. If he surrenders his political enemies will declare that he did so through the fear of the power of the country press on his political future. If he stands to his guns, the outlook is that he will suffer a defeat when the measure is acted upon.

NEWSPAPER PEOPLE PROTEST.

James B. Stears, editor of the Nicholasville News, and president of the Kentucky Press Association, and G. B. Senff, editor of the Mt. Sterling Advocate, and chairman of the association legislative committee, are in Frankfort to protest against the passage of the Stricklett-Pickett anti-pass bill, which they say is bitterly opposed by the newspaper publishers of the state as an unwarranted interference with railroad rights. President Stears said he was receiving protests from editors by wire and mail from every section of the state against the passage of the bill.

The Trigg bill, which was defeated in the senate by a vote of 22 to 8, provided that counties must pay half of the annual per capita allowance for pauper idiots. The state now pays the whole allowance—\$75 per capita—and the bill would reduce the appropriation one-half. This measure was generally regarded as one of the administration's economy bills.

Senator Frost's bill for the submission of a constitutional amendment, "forever prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants," will be reported in the senate, with recommendation that it ought to pass.

Dry adherents in the legislature are determined to push the state-wide amendment—at least such is the determination of the leaders. There are a great many "dry" legislators who say they would prefer not to press the bill at this session, but they will support it if it is brought up for consideration. This means that prohibition will be the dominant issue during the session.

Several wet senators declared that they are glad that the state-wide bill is to be reported. "We'll just kill it and forget when it comes up next Tuesday," they confidently aver.

Nobody Loved Him.

Dr. W. Z. Moore, 45 years old, a prominent patent medicine manufacturer of Paducah, was found dead in his room in a boarding house at Atlanta from gas poisoning. Dr. Moore, the night before, said to Geo. Pursley, a friend who lodged in the house: "Nobody loves me, George, nobody cares for me."

Lost Little Daughter.

Pearl, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. John Richerson, of this city, died Wednesday night of cerebral hemorrhage.