

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The age limit, it is now said will be a compromise, 21 to 30.

Winter still lingers in the lap of Spring.

The battle around Craonne was the bloodiest of the war. The slaughter of Germans was greater than on any one spot during the battles in France.

E. Jacob Crull, of Roundup, Mont., who was defeated for the Republican nomination for Congress in his district by Jeannette Rankin at the 1916 primary, died Saturday.

Miss Margaret Wilson is to be a guest at a wedding in Nashville tomorrow. There is still no definite announcement about a wedding in which it is rumored she will take a leading part.

One of the visiting Frenchmen kissed Congresswoman Rankin's hand in a reception the other day. Perhaps if Jeannette would wear a glove, kisses coming her way might be better located.

A compilation from British, French and German official communications shows that 717 airplanes were shot down on the western front during April. The Germans lost 369, the French and Belgians 201 and the British 147. This is a great increase over air casualties for any similar period. The highest previous total was 322 in last September.

When the visiting Frenchmen visited the House they shook hands with all of the members and as Representative Jeannette Rankin passed down the line M. Viviani bending low kissed her hand. Several little girls, some of them daughters of members, were kissed upon the cheeks by Marshal Joffre.

Count von Tarnowski, unreceived Austrian ambassador to the U. S., before sailing for home issued farewell greetings to his countrymen here, advising them to "honor the land whose hospitality they enjoy and in which they earn a livelihood." Two hundred diplomatic, consular representatives sailed with him.

Transfer to this country of German war prisoners in England and France so those countries may be relieved of their feeding was proposed in a resolution introduced by Senator Hale, of Maine, and referred to the foreign relations committee without debate. It proposed an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the purpose.

Leave it to Hoptown to send a bunch of live wire delegates to a T. P. A. convention. This time they are wearing a white hat and white linen duster, and have a zobo band with them. The boys from Hopkinsville are all wool and a yard wide.

That Hopkinsville bunch is made up of some boosters. They are going to deliver the goods before the convention is over. They are the big noise and what the delegates can't do is the impossible.—Bowling Green News.

LIBERTY LOAN.

Whitfield Brothers Will Receive Subscriptions, At Secretary's Request.

Whitfield Brothers announce that they will aid in securing subscriptions to the Government's Liberty Loan, at the request of the secretary of the treasury.

The chief features of the Liberty Loan are that the bonds will be free from federal, state or local taxes of every character, except inheritance taxes and the issue will be convertible into bonds bearing a higher rate before the termination of the war.

Harrison County Eggs.

J. L. Hart shipped 17,000 dozen eggs in one carload from Cynthiana to New York, Tuesday. It was the seventh carload he has shipped this spring.

10TH ANNUAL ORATORICAL

Miss Smith, of Paducah, and Harry Long, of Princeton, Win.

MISS RAWLS WINS SECOND

The Madisonville Entry Was Close Second in Boys' Contest.

When the orators from seven West Kentucky High Schools mounted the rostrum of the Kentucky Theatre at Paducah last Friday night, it marked the tenth annual oratorical meet since the organization of the W. K. O. A. Ten years ago the association was founded with three members—Hopkinsville, Madisonville and Paducah. Since that time four more schools have been admitted: Owensboro, Henderson, Princeton and Dawson Springs. Friday night marked the first recognition of girls in a separate contest for the championship of West Kentucky High Schools. The ten years of growth enjoyed by the association have been prosperous years and each contest has bettered previous ones. It is with pride that people of Hopkinsville remember the W. K. O. A. was originally the idea of a Hopkinsville man.

The contests this year were won by Princeton and Paducah, Princeton taking the medal in the boys' contest and Paducah winning in the girls' meet. John Hanbery, Hopkinsville's representative in the boys' contest, made a splendid impression and upheld his school's honor most ably. Miss Flora Rawls, our entry in the girls' contest, delivered a splendid address, pleading for America to put aside gain, greed and ambition and to catch a vision of higher things. She won second place. The speakers and their subjects were:

BOYS' ORATORICAL CONTEST.
Madisonville—Mr. David Parrish—"America and Americans."
Hopkinsville—Mr. John Hanbery—"The Call of America."
Owensboro—Mr. Wm. Chambers—"Ambition, Wise and Otherwise."
Princeton—Mr. Harry Long—"Back to The People."
Henderson—Mr. Jas. H. Gabhart—"The Value of Little Things."
Paducah—Mr. Hazard Gardner—"The Evolution of a Nation."
Dawson—Mr. Earl Nichols—"An Uncrowned Hero."

GIRLS' DECLAMATORY.
Madisonville—Miss Mary Gray Waddill—"Watchman, What of The Night?"
Hopkinsville—Miss Flora Rawls—"Peace."
Owensboro—Miss Abalene Ellis—"Nothing Lost."
Princeton—Henderson—Miss Katherine Griffin—"Follow The Glean."
Paducah—Miss Anna Belle Smith—"Woman, The True Patriot."
Dawson—

P. E. WARFIELD PASSES AWAY

Prominent Casky Farmer Died Yesterday at Noon --Buried Here.

Presley E. Warfield, a leading farmer of Casky, died yesterday at 12:45 o'clock, after a week's illness of a complication of diseases. He was 45 years of age and a widower. He is survived by one child, a daughter, and by his venerable father, Esq. W. E. Warfield, aged 92, his mother and several brothers and sisters. The funeral will be at the Episcopal church at two o'clock this afternoon. Interment in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Coleman Gill, of Elkton, is at Battle Creek, Mich., in a serious condition.

TO PREACH ON EXCUSES

Evangelist Fife's Program for the Next Next Two Days.

A GREAT DAY SUNDAY

Meeting on Sunday Afternoon Was Specially For the Colored People.

The Sunday Tabernacle crowds showed that the interest in the Clyde Lee Fife evangelistic campaign was not waning, but rather increasing, for the total attendance for that day was the largest yet. The evening attendance taxed the capacity of the tabernacle, and in the afternoon about 600 colored people attended the service, which was especially for them. Besides the colored people, the galleries were packed, as were several of the down-stairs sections, with white people. The colored choir of about 100 voices furnished some wonderful music.

Evangelist Fife turned over the preliminary meeting to Rev. Copeland, of the colored Methodist church, who conducted the singing, praying and a short testimony meeting. Even this collection was taken by having the congregation pass around and deposit their offerings on a table in front of the pulpit. The white folks, however, contributed in the usual way, by putting theirs in the "dough" pans. The collections Sunday amounted to enough to finish paying all the local expenses, and it was announced that no more collections would be taken until next Sunday, when an offering will be taken for Evangelist Fife as an appreciation for his services here. Sunday night, in mentioning this, Rev. F. F. Walters said that he hoped the people would make this offering a fair and generous one.

PROGRAM.
Tuesday, 10 a. m. Sermon by Evangelist Fife at Tabernacle, "Broken Things."
3:15 p. m., Girls' meeting at Tabernacle with Mrs. Earl H. Fife;
7:30 p. m. Sermon, "Excuses."
Wednesday, 10 a. m. Sermon, "Unconscious Loss," at Tabernacle. Booze.
7:30 p. m. Sermon, "Profit and Loss."

TEAR GAS DISCOVERED

John Hopkins Doctor Believed It Could Be Used to Overwhelm Armies.

Baltimore, Md., May 7.—It became known here that the Lachrymose or tear gas used by the allies is the invention of Dr. Robert W. Wood, professor of experimental physics at Johns Hopkins University. Professor Wood sent the formula for it to a friend, Prof. Cotton, in Paris and it was turned over to the French war department. Dr. Wood is a member of the naval consulting board's submarine sub-committee.

It is a gas that has a powerful influence upon the eyes. The minutest particle in the air closes the eye and starts the tears. Prof. Wood's plan was to have it used in one big drive and overwhelm the enemy and its use as designed by him might have meant a shortening of the war. He planned not only to overwhelm the first line trenches, but all the supporting lines and artillery as well.

Caponizing Demonstration.

Prof. D. D. Slade was in the city yesterday and last night gave a demonstration in caponizing cockerels at The Avalon. County Agent McKenzie and his poultry assistant, Prof. P. B. Brooks, made talks and a good meeting was held.

W. P. WINFREE COMMANDER

Succeeds C. F. Jarrett as Head of Ned Meriwether Bivouac.

DELEGATES ARE CHOSEN

To The Coming Confederate Reunion at Washington June 4.



W. P. WINFREE.

Ned Meriwether Bivouac of U. C. V., held their annual meeting in this city Saturday. Mr. C. F. Jarrett, who had been Camp Commander for a number of years, declined to accept another term and Judge W. P. Winfree was chosen in his stead. Other officers were re-elected. Delegates to the reunion in Washington, D. C., were appointed, as follows: W. P. Winfree, E. D. Jones and Jno. B. Harned. Alternates—P. C. Richardson, T. E. Booker and J. R. Wiles.

The delegation from here selected as the official route the L. & N. and C. & O. roads. The rate will be \$16.80 for the round trip.

TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED

J. T. Thomas and Dr. T. W. Perkins For the White Schools.

The annual elections of two trustees for each of the city schools, were held separately Saturday. The retiring trustees of the white schools were H. A. Keach and T. L. Metcalfe, who were not candidates. The only announced candidates were Dr. T. W. Perkins and J. T. Thomas.

A. W. Wood was brought out and the race became triangular and became animated towards the close. The result was:
J. T. Thomas 232
T. W. Perkins 150
A. W. Wood 145
The Board as now made up stands:
W. A. Long, H. H. Abernathy, L. E. Fowler, T. W. Morris, J. H. Cate, J. T. Thomas, T. W. Perkins.

POSTELL AND ROBINSON.

In the colored election Peter Postell and J. T. Whitney were candidates to succeed themselves. Walter Robinson came out against Whitney and after a hot fight won by 25 votes. The total vote was:
Peter Postell 397
J. T. Whitney 287
Walter Robinson 212

Job For Lee Gibson

Washington, May 7.—Lee Gibson, of Madisonville, was appointed an appraiser of the Louisville Farm Loan Bank. His salary will be \$200 a month and expenses. He was appointed to the position by the Federal Farm Loan Board on recommendation of the officers of the Louisville bank.

Graduating Recital.

Miss Susan Marie Crutchfield will give her graduation recital at Bethel College Tuesday evening, May 8, at 8 o'clock. She will be assisted by Miss Pauline Petrie, reader.

18 DIVISIONS IN FIRST ARMY

Draft Force Will Have Strength of 15,538 Officers and 258,659 Enlisted Men.

DEPARTMENT PLANS

List of Districts Indicates Indiana and Kentucky Troops Will Form Ninth Division.

Washington, May 7.—The full strength of the first army organized under the selective draft will be 18,538 officers and 528,659 enlisted men, making up eighteen war strength divisions, complete in every arm and supplemented by sixteen regiments of field artillery, equipped with large caliber howitzers.

Virtually every detail of plans for raising, training, equipping, and organizing this force has been carefully worked out by the war department and the selection of the men will begin as soon as the draft measure becomes a law.

Conferees of the senate and house hope to agree upon disputed features tomorrow, so as to send the bill to the president for his signature early next week.

A revised list of officers' training camp districts issued today by the department indicates that the first half million new fighting forces will be formed as follows:

First division—Troops from all New England states.
Second—New York congressional districts 1 to 26 (including Long Island, New York City and a strip north of the city).

Third—Remainder of New York state and Pennsylvania. Congressional districts 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 21, 25 and 26.

Fourth—Remainder of Pennsylvania state, including Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

Fifth—New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia.

Sixth—North and South Carolina and Tennessee.

Seventh—Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

Eighth—Ohio and West Virginia.

Ninth—Indiana and Kentucky.

Tenth—Illinois.

Eleventh—Michigan and Wisconsin.

Twelfth—Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Thirteenth—Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota and Nebraska.

Fourteenth—Missouri, Kansas and Colorado.

Fifteenth—Oklahoma and Texas.

Sixteenth—Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico.

SEPARATE CAVALRY DIVISION.

In addition there will be separate cavalry divisions, which probably will be situated in the southwest, near the Mexican border. Officers for the cavalry divisions will be trained at all of the sixteen officers' training camps which open within a few days with forty thousand prospective officers, under training.

Each infantry division will consist of nine full regiments of infantry; three regiments of field artillery, one regiment of cavalry, one regiment of engineers, one division hospital and four camp infirmaries. The total strength of the sixteen will be 15,022 officers and 439,792 men. The two cavalry divisions combined will have 1,124 officers and 32,062 fighting men, including mounted engineers and horse artillery units and each will have also its divisional hospital and camp infirmaries.

The proportion of coast artillery troops to be provided out of the first 500,000 will be 666 officers and 20,000 men with requisite medical troops. Supplementing these tactical units will be sixteen regiments of heavy field artillery, strength 766 officers

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PRISONERS NUMBER 6,100

French Hold All Ground Taken In Brilliant Battle Northeast of Soissons.

ENGLISH STOP ATTACKS

Determined Efforts of Germans to Regain Ground Are Frustrated.

The Germans have hurled counter-attack after counter-attack against the French forces in their newly acquired positions northeast of Soissons, taken in their advance toward Laon, eastward along the Chemin-Des-Dames, but their efforts were useless. General Nivelle's men clung tenaciously to them throughout Saturday night and Sunday and inflicted heavy casualties on the Germans. The greater portion of the eighteen mile front has been consolidated and as a result of the two days' fighting, 6,100 Germans have been taken prisoner.

Not content with Saturday's gains northeast of Soissons, the French Sunday enlarged their holdings by capturing in isolated operations, important German positions of support north of the Moulin de Laffaux and north of Braye-en-Laonnois.

The Berlin official communication, referring to Saturday's battle, declares that the French attempt to break through the German line was unavailing and that the gigantic thrust was entirely repulsed.

It admits, however, that the intense fire of the French guns destroyed completely the German position on the Winterburg and that this eminence and several adjacent sectors were occupied by the French. It is asserted by the Berlin war office that the French "after their sanguinary defeat" of Saturday did not repeat their attacks Sunday.

ATTACK AT BULLECOURT.

To the east of Bullecourt, which lies midway between Arras and Cambrai, where the British and Germans last week engaged in sanguinary encounters, with the advantage lying with Field Marshal Haig's forces, the Germans Saturday night by a counter-attack endeavored to regain their lost ground. They were unsuccessful, however, and a similar attempt Sunday, likewise was put down by the British artillery, although the Germans threw large effectives into the fray.

Petrograd is again warned of an impending German attack upon it by way of Libau, in an army order which directs the disposition of forces to resist such an attack. The warning was given by General Korniloff, commanding the troops in Petrograd.

The controversy between the Russian council of workmen and soldiers' delegates and the provisional government that for the last twenty-four hours had threatened such serious consequences, in which in fact the fate of the nation and possibly of the war were involved, has been settled.

DEATHS AT W. S. HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Minnie Vickers of Smith's Mill, Henderson county, died at the Western State Hospital Saturday of valvular heart disease, aged 45 years. She had been under treatment for about three months. The interment took place in Henderson county Sunday.

R. Y. Rodman, of Daviess county, died Saturday of diabetes, aged 71. He was received at the institution about a year ago.

Richard Hogan, of McCracken county, died May 3, aged 71 years. He was received here about a year and a half ago and had been afflicted with epilepsy for some time.

Mrs. Elsie Wright, of this county, died May 3. Death was due to stricture of the esophagus. She was received at the hospital seven years ago. The deceased was a widow and was 23 years old.