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ANOTHER LETTER FROM CARRSVILLE

Which Contains The News From That Thriving Mining Port.

"The making of a zinc mine in Western Kentucky and how it was done," is being put up by a typewriter for publication. It will be profusely illustrated by photographs taken by one of Eastman's 3 A kodaks provided Houston Orme, the kodak dispenser at Marion, will furnish the kodak on long time and on small payments.

The Ohio river can be depended upon two or three times annually to perform more stunts than any traveling troupe of monkeys on the road. It is busy just now in all of its varied phases from stealing a lumber yard and floating it down stream to drowning live stock and moving corn crops without the owner's consent. The crest of this particular flood, will pass Carrsville sometime on Saturday or Sunday it is hoped, although one never can be sure what the river will do.

Many of the mining shafts here and across the river in southern Illinois are greatly bothered with surface water, and find it a difficult task to continue raising ore. The shipments are now very light.

Calvin Clark, formerly of Marion, is the assistant superintendent of the Rosiclare fluor spar mines and to him very largely is the credit due for the great tonnage of 76,000 tons shipped in 1912. Of course such an amount of fluor spar means the mining and cleaning of over 6,000 tons monthly and assuming the month has 26 days, it means over 230 tons every working day in the year, and that's sure some fluor spar.

The Grandby Mining & Smelting Co., who own and lease to mines large bodies of zinc and lead bearing lands in Joplin will commence to buy zinc ores on April 2nd, for their new smelter now being erected at St. Louis, Mo. They are quite optimistic over the yield of zinc ores in western Kentucky.

We have it upon the best of authority that the small but earnest committee, who waited upon the tariff tinkers in Washington made a profound impression upon the gentlemen having the fluor spar schedule in hand. One of the committee having that romantic tittian colored hair sometimes termed burnished copper, and at others just plain brick-red, made his argument so strong that the committee was very much inclined to increase the duty to six dollars instead of the present three dollars, per ton.

Mr. Jackson, an experienced mining engineer, having had long experience in various parts of South America, visited the Carrsville mines last week and was most complimentary over the prospects as well as delighted with the concrete lining of the shaft which seemed to be new to him. He seemed very confident that the zinc ore would carry a large percentage of silver and that the work in the break where the shaft is being made indicated radium.

Mrs. O. S. Denny and son reached here Tuesday via the steamer Ruth, and will be the guests of her mother, for several days.

Smallpox is prevailing to such

an extent at Rosiclare and Elizabetown, Ill., that the authorities are considering quarantining both towns.

The Rosiclare mine, which is fully half a mile of underground development in the shape of stopes and drifts is now filled with water. It is estimated it will require their entire pumping capacity to unwater this property by June 1st.

The Fairview Co., will have their largest producer, the "Blue Diggings," left for ore production, their No. 4 shaft being drowned out and their main shaft, the "Goodhope," in immediate danger of filling up.

The putting out of commission, as producers, these two mines for several months will cause the fluor spar market to at least hold present prices and probably an advance over current rates will be made by Kentucky mines.

Geo. Crider, of Marion, intimated through the Home telephone on Saturday morning that our flooded mines would not have taken water had they been insured in the "Coco-colo Club," of Marion. He says he is a member and has not taken any water for months. He looks it.

The Carrsville Enterprise through its publisher, Mr. J. E. Floyd, announced its own funeral on Friday last. The paper was started some nine months since and its weekly visits were really enjoyed by a good number of people. Editor Floyd, somehow, got the impression that he was too old to run a newspaper. He is actually the only man in the United States that ever admitted his incapacity to produce the brightest newspaper published. Just imagine, if one's imagination can go so far, Dr. Moore, Pickens, Oakley, Whitehouse, etc, etc, calmly admitting they could not run a newspaper.

Senator James' reply to Col. Roberts' request that the reefs and rocks at the Carrsville shore line be removed, is so characteristic of Ollie James' promptness that we copy his reply as follows: House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., Jan. 8, 1913.

Dear Colonel:— I am in receipt of your letter of recent date and I shall bring the matter to the attention of the War Department and see if some relief cannot be given to our part of the river.

Assuring you of my kindest regards, I am, very truly your friend, Ollie M. James.

The splendid solution of the ten questions given in the Record-Press a few weeks since, by a young lady of the Marion High School, certainly shows a wide range of instruction in that celebrated institution of learning. If it is not too bizarre a question, wont some one of the students find out and advise the Press of what service to the southern people are "chiggers" other than to cause the chiggeree to say things not of a religious nature and to keep his finger-nails moving.

DEATHS.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Franklin died Sunday and was buried Monday at Union, Rev. M. E. Miller conducted services at the house and Rev. T. C. Carter at the grave. The little one suffered with tuberculosis.

Walter Fowler and wife lost their baby this week, it having died of bronchial pneumonia. Its remains were buried at Freedom, Rev. W. T. Oakley officiating.

GROWERS SIGN 5 YEAR POOL

Reports Received Friday Night Indicate 50 per cent favor long contract. Sentiment Strong for Bank. Several Fail To Sign Waiting for Action of Bank.

If the action of several school house meetings of tobacco growers of Henderson county Friday night can be taken as a criterion of what was done over the entire five counties embraced in the Stemming District Tobacco Association, the five year pool was almost unanimously endorsed and nearly every person at the meetings signed their crops with the association for this number of years.

ALMOST SOLID

At Hebbardsville 50 out of 52 persons present pooled their crops for five years; at Smith Mills 28 out of 35 signed up, and at Geneva every grower at the meeting nineteen in all, pooled their crop for half a decade. Another meeting will be held at Geneva today when those present last night will try to get every grower in the section to pool for the longer term.

The seven growers at the Smith Mills meeting who failed to sign up are in favor of the five-year pool, it is said, but decided not to pool at present, preferring to see what action would be taken toward the establishment of a farmers' bank to finance the move. POOL STRONGLY INDORSED.

At the meetings held Wednesday afternoon in the magisterial districts of every county, the five-year pool was strongly endorsed in the resolutions and for this reason many meetings last night were not as largely attended, probably, as they would have been had not the sentiment been previously expressed. The meetings, last night, however, were held for the more direct purpose of securing the signatures to the five-year pool contract, thereby starting off the canvass for members with hundreds of names already enrolled.

HIGH WATER DRAWBACK

"I believe I am safe in predicting that 90 per cent of the growers present at the meetings last night, signed up for five years," said James N. Banks last night. Mr. Banks expects to receive reports from nearly all of the meetings today. He was afraid that the high water together with the magisterial meetings Wednesday at which the five-year pool was endorsed, might cut down the attendance Friday night.

The association already has men in the field canvassing for the five-year pool.

Rev. Andres Accepts

Call to Frankfort.

Rev. Ben Andres formerly of Henderson, but who has been pastor of the Pleasant Hill, Mo. Presbyterian church for several years, has accepted a call to Frankfort, Ky., and will move his family to Frankfort after March first.

His many friends in Henderson will be delighted to learn that he has been called back to his native state. The Frankfort Presbyterian church is one of the largest in the capital city. —Henderson Gleaner.

WELLS IS HELD WITHOUT BOND.

To Answer For Longnecker Murder. All Day and Half-night Session of Court at Smithland.—The Meisbergers Testify, Turn State's Evidence.

Smithland, Ky., Jan. 16.—James Wells, charged with the brutal murder of Frank Longnecker, a Cincinnati fur-buyer, on Christmas Eve night, on an island just above here, was held to the Livingston county grand jury without bond tonight at 10 o'clock, following preliminary trial which began at 9 o'clock this morning. Pearl Wells, alias Pearl Hughes, who was arrested with Wells, was held under a \$500 bond charged with being an accessory after the fact. Frank Meisberger and Bessie Ruetman, alias Meisberger, will be placed on trial tomorrow morning. They are charged jointly with being implicated in the murder also.

What tomorrow's development may bring forth is problematical. Today Meisberger and the Ruetman woman held to their original confession, and though many attempts were made to make them contradict previous statements by counsel for the defense under cross-examination, all were futile. That Wells will be convicted is the general opinion of those who heard the evidence. The stories told by Meisberger and Bessie Ruetman were corroborated by witnesses for the prosecution, whose evidence was circumstantial. There were about fifteen witnesses to testify for the prosecution, R. A. Ledbetter, W. O. Spier, Chas. Rose and John Haphron, of Elizabethtown, were introduced to tell of their having seen Longnecker, Wells, and Meisberger together in Elizabethtown, Ill., the day previous to the murder. A. O. Williams, Sam Clark, M. Brown and Jess Banaber, of Golconda, Ill., were also witnesses for the prosecution.

Coroner W. H. Johnson testified as to the marks of violence on Longnecker's body, while Cecil Thompson and Will Bost, who discovered the body on the island, also testified as to those circumstances. J. A. Curd, foreman of the coroner's jury, and Matt Trail and Ed Kersey, of Livingston county, were additional witnesses.

Ed Cunningham and another shanty-boater, who are wintering at Paducah, testified as to Wells being with Longnecker, and also of the Meisbergers' and Welles' arrival in Paducah Christmas Day.

Edward Rose, another man who spends his time on the river swore that the dog found in the possession of Wells was the dog which belonged to Longnecker. Sheriff R. Foster and Perry Melon, a newspaper man, were introduced and told what they found on the shantyboats Wells and Meisberger were living on in Paducah.

RUCTMAN WOMAN TELLS STORY

In her statements to the court, Bessie Ruetman, alias Bessie Meisberger, the woman whose confession first startled all Smithland and Western Kentucky, told what she said was everything she knew of the murder of Longnecker.

She said her home was in Amsterdam, O., where she met

Meisberger and together they came down the river in a gasoline launch to Louisville. According to her story, she and Meisberger stayed in Louisville a few days, after which they continued on their way down the Ohio until reaching Mt. Vernon, Ind. They bought a shanty-boat at Mt. Vernon, shortly after which they met James Wells and the woman with whom he was living on a shanty-boat. Frank Longnecker was with them.

The quartette spent the night together at Mt. Vernon. The next morning they continued their journey down the Ohio. The conditions under which they agreed to go down the river together were that Longnecker and Wells would furnish the gasoline for Meisberger, who agreed to tow the shanty boats.

Elizabethtown, Ill., was the next stop made by the Welles, Meisbergers and Longnecker. On the morning of December 23, the three men went up to a flouring mill at Elizabethtown. That afternoon Longnecker went up by himself and secured some meal.

Early Christmas Eve morning, with the gasoline and shanty-boats, the quintette again started down the river. They passed Golconda, Ill., just about sundown on Christmas Eve tied up on the Kentucky side of Rondeau Island. About 7 o'clock, Wells and Longnecker announced they were going to take a little trip by themselves. Wells secured a revolver and a butcher-knife, while Longnecker took a butcher-knife and shot-gun.

"I asked Wells where they were going and he told me they were going up the island a piece," said the Ruetman woman on the

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THE MUSICAL FAVORITES.

The Musical Favorites, another number on this forthcoming course, for veritally have few equals. They will play on the saxophone, xylophone, piano, violin, cello, three banjos and three mandolins, while Arthur Love still further varies the program with



his poems and readings. The company comprises four people—Arthur Love, Nina L. Love, George L. McNeury and Nina McNeury. Mr. Love for years gave an entire evening's entertainment himself in vocal and instrumental music and humorous selections, many of them being his own compositions.

The Musical Favorites are to appear on the Lyceum course of the Marion City Schools, Thursday, Jan. 30. This is not only a high class musical organization, but it is also a company of individual entertainers. There is such variety in their programs that there is never a dull moment. Regular Lyceum prices will prevail.

GIRLS' DECLAMATORY CONTEST

Annual Event to be Held at Auditorium Friday Night, January 24th.

The annual Declamatory contest of the Marion High School, will be held at the auditorium Friday evening, Jan. 24th, at 8 o'clock. Five girls will compete for the beautiful gold medal, given annually by Mr. E. J. Hayward. The following program will be carried out:

- PROGRAM.
- Processional "Beatrix." Orchestra.
 - I The Dumb Savior. —Mamie Haynes.
 - II Kate Maloney, —Willie Stevenson. Waltz "Ariadne." Orchestra.
 - III Mary's Night Ride. —Clara Hammack. Schottische "Gliding Feet" Orchestra.
 - IV Cherokee Roses. —Mary Dollar.
 - V Helen Thama. —Era Deboe. Polka "Wheel of Fortune." Orchestra.
 - Decision of Judges.

JESSE OLIVE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

Well Known Hardware Man Outdistanced All Opponents.

In the Democratic Primary Election held here in Senator Maxwell's office last Saturday to decide which one of the eight candidates would receive the endorsement of Senator-elect James and Congressman-elect Barkley there was great interest and a large vote polled, the total of which was 454. It was an ideal day and everything passed off pleasantly. The well known politician and hardware merchant Mr. Jesse Olive was chosen, receiving 123 votes a plurality of 54 over J. W. Wilson his nearest opponent who received 79 votes.

The votes of the others were as follows: J. G. Rochester 77; G. C. Gray 75; M. O. Eskew 36; W. E. Minner 30; P. C. Stephens 16. Mrs. G. E. Boston 8.

Marion Family in South Christian

Guthrie, Ky. Jan. 20, 1913.

Editor Press.

Dear Marshall:—

Enclosed find check for \$1.00 for another year's subscription to your valuable paper. You may change my address tag from Guthrie to Pembroke, Ky., R. R. 1, and tell all my friends in old Crittenden, should fate ever bring them to South Christian, midway between Hopkinsville, Ky., and Clarksville, Tenn. on the pike leading from Pembroke to Clarksville they should find a big white board painted with flashy black letters, "Reedland's Farm" to open the big red gate and come on to the house where they will find corn in the crib, hay in the mow and sow side enough in larder to stay the knowings of a hungry man's appetite until he can do better.

Lots of rain, streams unusually high, wheat and clover fields looking very fine. Respectfully, J. E. Stephens.