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## MARSHAL PETTIT MURDERED

By Band of Drunken Negroes Last Night. Two Arrests Made so Far.

This city was startled this morning to learn that Marshal A. T. Pettit had been murdered the night past by a bunch of drunken negroes across the river. It seems that some of the men had been to one of our sister saloon licensed, rum-soaked cities, tanked up, and brought home a lot of liquor. They fired several shots in this city on their way home. Dick Smothers and three of his boys are charged with the murder. The authorities, having a knowledge of their disorderly conduct, dispatched Marshal Pettit, aided by Jesse Eaton and Otis Mackey to go over the river and make the arrest. Upon their coming upon the crowd a pitched battle ensued, resulting in Pettit being killed and Dick Smothers being wounded in the shoulder. Eaton and Mackey returned to the city for re-enforcements, went back and arrested Dick Smothers and one of the boys and placed them in jail. The other negroes made their escape. Pettit was found with his head mashed to an unrecognizable degree and three shots fired into his head. The remains were brought to this city and prepared for burial. Blood hounds have been brought from Lexington to trail up the fugitives and it is likely that all that had a hand in the murder will be behind the bars by nightfall.

It is said Pettit did not do any of the shooting, but endeavored to make a peaceful arrest. The men, however, were on the war path and made quick work of their murderous intentions. The community was never so wrought

up as at present, and it is probable that justice will be meted out before the law will get an opportunity to do so. Great precautions are being taken by the officers, however, to protect the prisoners.

### To Establish Game Preserve.

A big game preserve in the Kentucky Mountains will be established this year. The Game and Fish Commission has bought twenty white tail deer, the breed native to Kentucky hills, and will set them free in Jackson, Leslie and Wayne counties as soon as the roads are in condition to permit travel by wagon back from the railroads.

Executive Agent J. Q. Ward said it is probable that the deer will be branded, as there is no law now to protect deer in Kentucky, excepting one preventing the killing of "marked deer." He thought the rand will protect the new herd until legislation can be secured. It will be necessary to prohibit deer hunting until the mountains are well stocked. There are fifteen does and five bucks in the herd, which are to be shipped from the Lake Superior preserves.

### Buys Interest in Winchester Business.

Mr. Nelson Walters, of Irvine, Ky., has purchased a half interest in the Charles Hagan Machine and repair Shop, of this city, and the firm will be in the future be known as Hagan and Walters.

Mr. Walters will take over his interest at once, the invoicing having been done Monday.

Mr. Walters has been connected with the Swan-Day Lumber Company for 17 years and is a capable machinist. He has a wife and family of three children, and will move here in a few days. —Winchester Sun.

### Death Rate Decreasing.

According to figures supplied by the Department of Commerce and Labor, Kentucky is growing more healthful. It will also be glad to see that the birth rate more than doubles the death rate in this State. These statistics follow:

The birth returns for 1911 numbered 60,732 and for 1912, 61,199. These will be increased by some delayed reports. The deaths for 1911 numbered 30,583 and for 1912, 29,649. The deaths from consumption (tuberculosis) for 1911 were 5181, and for 1912, 4728, a substantial decrease. Typhoid fever, likewise, showed a reduction in prevalence and fatality, being 1095 in 1911 and 758 in 1912.

The following shows the number of deaths from other preventable diseases:

	1911	1912
Scarlet Fever	72	54
Whooping Cough	374	330
Measles	394	52
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia	2530	2447
Summer Complaint of children	1124	932
Meningitis (all forms)	630	607
Lagrippe	447	425
Child-bed Fever	161	132
Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	553	

Cancer shows an increase; 909 in 1911 and 923 in 1912. A bulletin containing an article on this disease, which is free from technical language, may be obtained by request to the State Board of Health, Bowling Green.

Violence showed in 1911, 1526 deaths, and in 1912, 1719.

A remarkable fact of all these deaths is that in 1911, 41 of every one hundred deaths were caused by diseases practically preventable. 1912 showed 39 per hundred dead of diseases that can and ought to be prevented.

The Federal Government accepts these certificates from Kentucky as complete, though the doctors in many cases can improve their quality by giving exact and scientific causes of death.

### Buy the Winchester Only.

R. D. Ramsey and son, Charles, proprietors of the Winchester over all factory are in the city taking orders for their famous product, "The Winchester Over all". May they sell stacks of them here and elsewhere is the wish of their friend—The Times.

Mr. Ramsey a few years ago owned a farm near Spout Spring. At that time there was no bridge across the river at Walters' Ferry. Mr. Ramsey gave \$100 to help build the bridge there. The Times will for this reason always have a warm spot in its heart for Mr. Ramsey and hope some day to see no other overalls sold or worn in Powell county but "the Winchester". We owe it to him. When you want overalls call for the Winchester, and take no other.

Mrs. Julia Mansfield, of Boyle county, is visiting her father, Wesley Garrett, and other relatives this week.

### Wanted!

Your butter, eggs and chickens. Mrs. J. W. Williams.

### Good Roads Per Cent. Increasing.

How far this country has to go in the matter of good roads building is strongly shown in the latest government report, which shows that the percentage of roads in the United States which are now improved is between 9 and 10 per cent. This percentage must be exactly double before a high degree of efficiency in highway transportation will have been reached.

Improved roads have shown a commendable growth in this country. At the close of 1909 only 8.66 per cent of the roads in the United States were improved. This represented in turn a gain of 1.52 per cent in the five year period from 1904 to 1909. Since the latter date the percentage has crept up to almost 10 per cent.

If all the roads in this country were improved it is figured that millions of dollars would be saved annually in the transportation of crops, the wear and tear on horses and vehicles, and in the minimizing of the waste in truck farming. Where roads are bad, the farmers frequently find it impossible to get their products to the shipping points, and thus perishable products and washed, perceptibly increasing the cost of living.

In the five years preceding March 1912, the office of public roads of the Department of Agriculture has built 215 object lesson roads; in all, about 300 miles of roads 15 feet wide, and by expert advice aided in the formulation of more than 650 model country systems, resulting in most instances in beneficial reforms. It has also assisted 26

States in effecting equitable State aid plans. The secretary looks forward to the coming year as promising better results than at any time in the history of the movement for improved highways.—Lexington Leader.

### Another Fine Statement.

The Clay City National Bank has one of their splendid statements in this issue. Read it and be convinced of its safety as a depository for your surplus cash. Remember these statements are published at the instance of the Government and are always called for unexpectedly to the bank. Thus they must be ready at all times. There is no show for the officers of a National bank to prepare for their reports because they do not know when they are going to be called upon for one. The Clay City National is managed so it is always ready to make a most satisfactory report to the government.

### Moves Back to Powell.

Jas. H. Howell and family, have moved from Hillsdale, Ind., back to this county to reside. We extend the glad hand of welcome to Mr. Howell and hope that he, like many other Powell folk, will learn that by trying here as hard as they do out west, they can make as good a living.

President John H. Patterson of the National Cash Register Co., of Dayton, Ohio, was fined \$5,000.00 and sentenced to one year in jail for violating the Sherman anti-trust law. Twenty-eight other officials and employes of the company received jail sentences for the same offense.

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