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A Source of Gratification.

There are but few things more pleasing to relate than that the selection of Clay City's postmaster, in the person of Mr. J. H. O'Rear, has been made without the least bit of strife or personal bitterness. The defeated applicants have nothing but kind words to speak of Mr. O'Rear and the way he won his appointment. There was not a charge filed against Mr. O'Rear or any of the other applicants. There was no fight at all. Each applicant presented his own merits to the department, and pressed their individual claims with the best of feeling for all the other applicants in the field.

The campaign for the selection of postmaster in Clay City is exemplary, it is a model. It could not have been more amicably or satisfactorily adjusted. We wish all towns could do as well.

After all, there is good traits about Clay City people that is rare in the citizens of most towns. We have demonstrated on occasions before this that we can conscientiously consider our opponents' rights in a peaceful mode. We must then conclude that we have a lovely town in which to live. If we have not great wealth, we have harmony which is far more precious than wealth. We may not have many learned men, but what we do have know how to mind their own business. Congratulate us, sister towns, we can civily select a Democratic postmaster with no strife at all. Can you, or have you done likewise?

Is Not Uneasy Now.

County School Superintendent J. E. Lanter, of Clark county, has been appointed the member of the State Textbook Commission from this district. It will be remembered that Mr. Lanter opposed the passage of such a bill upon the grounds that many of the mountain Superintendents would sell out to the book trusts. The law as passed does not provide for the adoption by a vote of the different county Superintendents as formerly, but instead provides for a Commission, one member of which is to be selected from each Appellate district. Mr. Lanter is possibly now resting easier since he has been appointed to the Commission which makes him the representative of the counties which he was so afraid would sell out. He probably now favors the law.

Dies in New Mexico.

A telegram was received this morning from Albuquerque, N. M., with the news of the death of Mr. James M. Pettit, of that city, and for many years a resident of Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. Pettit moved to Albuquerque some years ago, and it is understood that the burial will be in Albuquerque. Besides his wife, Mr. Pettit is survived by three children, Mrs. Charles Reynolds, Mrs. G. A. Sudduth, of this city, and Mr. A. C. Pettit, of Midway.—Lexington Leader.

Mr. Pettit is a native of this county, and resided in this city before moving to Lexington.

Papers Late Last Week.

Last week we were three hundred papers short. We had enough to reach all our subscribers in the county, and many in adjacent counties. We had an order out for paper which should have reached us in ample time to print on Thursday, but it was delayed, thus we were delayed until Saturday in getting three hundred of our papers. If you got your paper late you may therefore know the reason.

The First Biennial Report of the Fish and Game Commission has been received at this office and read with much pleasure. We regret to see, however, that there is such little regard for the game laws enacted in 1912, and further sorry to see that the guilty violators are not punished at all.

C. B. Pence is in the city selling the celebrated Hanna's Green Seal paint. Eaton & McGuire are the local dealers. Green Seal is a splendid paint, and it is time most of us were spending a little to help beautify our premises and preserve our buildings.

War Upon Us.

The United States is in the midst of war with our sister republic, Mexico, or rather with Huerta and his followers. Our marines have landed at Vera Cruz and taken the city where the American flag now floats. Twelve lives of our boys have been sacrificed in the capture, and 50 are wounded. The Mexican loss was 150 in the first of the two skirmishes and the loss of the Mexicans in the fight Wednesday has not been ascertained. The first battle was fought Tuesday.

Wilson has acted wisely in most things, but in this he has not our commendation. Intervention is possibly justifiable, but not so unless it is the intention of this Government to establish a safe and stable government in Mexico. But going to war because Huerta, the pretender, will not fire a salute to the flag, appears to us as nonsense. The offense complained of by our Government is not worth the cost of one life. This Government may have in mind to quell the pending revolution, and has taken this opportunity to begin hostilities. If this proves to be true, all right, and we hope that is the ultimate intention of the President.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Estes, of Hardwick's creek, visited their daughter, Mrs. Carl Garrett, near the city the first of the week.

Mrs. Wm. Moore, of Sardis, Miss., is here at the bedside of her father, Pete Phillips, who is very low of tuberculosis.

Maggie Dunaway died near this city Tuesday afternoon of tuberculosis. Burial at the local cemetery yesterday.

Miss Nellie Mann, of College Corners, O., is visiting the family of her brother, the Rev. Chas. G. Mann.

One good sign of Spring is the circus bills scattered abroad in the central part of this State.

Mrs. E. K. W. Cox is suffering from a slight paralytic stroke and nervous breakdown.

Pat Henry, who has been working at Heidelberg, is in the city for a few days.

Misses Adalene and Josephine Hazelrigg are visiting relatives at West Liberty.

A. P. Johnson left Tuesday for Florida on a prospecting tour.

F. G. Conlee, of Hazard, is visiting relatives in the city.

G. A. Crabtree, of Genet, was in the city yesterday.

We are selling the new Royal Sewing Machine, prices from \$20.00 up. 10 year guaranty. Mrs. J. W. Williams.

A Valuable Grass.

The Japanese clover is steadily coming on these cool days and has been ever since the first of April. Until the last few years, this valuable grazing grass never showed up until the first of May and never became much account for grazing until the middle of June, but it comes on now at least thirty days earlier, giving good grazing by the middle of May, which lasts until the middle of October, giving about five months as good grazing as bluegrass. The Jap is a most valuable plant, growing on our thinnest soils in the driest weather, and now that the early and late frosts and light freezes do not kill it, we can depend upon it for a great deal more profit in our grazing all kinds of live stock which love it and thrive upon it. Give us more sheep, pigs, and calves to graze on the Jap in the summer, and more industry to provide feed for them in the winter, and the prosperity of Powell county will loom up more brightly in the future.

Gray's Branch.

Squire Green Spurlock was visiting his brother, Jas. Spurlock, here Saturday.

Born, Apr. 30th, to the wife of Millard Townsend, a daughter—his third child, all girls.

Mrs. John Sons, living near here, has been very ill for some time and does not seem to get much better.

A prayer meeting has been organized and is held on Tuesday and Thursday nights, the Rev. John Sons in charge.

Levi Hale, an old citizen from Gladys, and Joe Bruner, a boy he is raising, left one day last week on an extended visit to friends and relatives in Virginia.

Alonzo Perry, a famous old bee hunter working in here with David Land, saw a bee tree that had been hunted for more than three years. He got some forty-five pounds of honey, and the bees were saved and taken to Wolfe county.

Meantime, the cost of living on steady pinion holds her own, high in the circumference; with just a trace of downward curving when green track commenced coming. But we are putting in ninety per cent. more of field and garden this year than last, hoping for some cheaper eating. May even be able to fill up Sewing Machine Hatton once more, in good old style.

Last week we all just about finished moving and getting settled down for the balance of the year. Jas. Spurlock from Duncan Branch and Taylor Ingram from Indian creek, moved to this side of the river; while Millard Townsend went to the Menefee side. So the shuttle weaves the web of local life, while team and tramcar busily place the logs where time and tide will soon or late take them far from their native hills. And when they are gone, we go; logs being the first and last of our local life.

STANTON NEWS.

M. A. Phillips made a business trip to Clay City last week.

Mrs. Harlow Norton was in Winchester last week on business.

Major Blackburn is some better at this writing and able to sit up.

Miss Minnie Conlee spent two days in Lexington this week on business.

Misses Lillie and Maude Boone were in Winchester last week on a shopping tour.

Harry Melroy left Monday for Wise, Virginia where he will look after his business.

Mr. John Hatton is going to move to Rosslyn this week on Mr. Jack Welch's place.

Mrs. James Martin visited her sister in Clay City last week. She is the wife of Dr. Martin.

The social gathering held at the college last Friday was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Mrs. Porter, of Winchester, was here last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Ben Willoughby, of Hatcher's Creek.

Mrs. Bettie Hardwick has returned home after several week's visit to her son, J. H. Harlwick, of Winchester.

Rev. C. G. Mann and wife, of Clay City, and Miss Mann, a sister of Bro. Mann, were visiting friends in Stanton this week.

Mr. C. L. Stewart, of Jackson, and Mrs. Abbie Shannon, of Winchester, visited their brother, A. T. Stewart over Sunday.

Mrs. Callie Davis and little daughter, Pauline, have returned to their home in Hamilton, O. after a visit to her parents.

Mrs. Robert Blackburn went to Louisville last week to visit her son, Colson, who is in a Military Institute. Colson is doing splendid work.

Mr. John Stephens bought of Warren Martin the remaining 85 acres of the place where he lived and sold to Ben Willoughby. The price was \$400.

Several from Stanton attended the funeral of Mr. Jack Lowe, of Rosslyn, who died on the 15th. He was 98 years old and had been sick for several years.

Clifton Chaney returned from a week's stay in Jackson last week. He and his brother, Will, went to Mt. Sterling to buy some more stock for their new farm.

Misses Anna Clark, Maxie and Daisy Johnson went to Dundee for over Sunday to visit at the home of Miss Stella Congleton. They had a big time and came back happy.

Among those who attended Mt. Sterling court Monday were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams, Dr. J. E. Lemming, Prof. Buck, Walter Thacker, Ross Hall and son, Stroder.

A Postoffice Inspector was here last week looking over the office before turning it over to Miss Mayme Derickson. As soon as the commission arrives the office will be in the building next to the I. O. O. F.'s, building. We believe that Miss Derickson will make us a splendid Postmistress and congratulate her on receiving the appointment.

Miss Bettie Boone, who has been teaching school at Irvine, has returned home, her school being out. Miss Bettie is a splendid teacher and the college would do well to engage her service, since three of their teachers will not be here next year. Miss Mabel Ewen is another splendid teacher whose services are needed in her own county. Why not use a little of our home talent?

Mr. D. W. Stone, who had been

announced twice to be here, but on account of the sickness and death of his little two years old son could not come, came last Saturday and held the Sunday School Institute. He gave two splendid addresses and held a conference on a front rank school in the afternoon. He was accompanied by his wife.

It gives the writer great pleasure to announce the wedding of Miss Helen Welch and Mr. Lee Jackson, at Cincinnati, on the 16th of this month. The bride is one of Stanton's most beautiful girls and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Welch. The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Lucy Jackson and a splendid young man. They will probably make their home in Louisville where Mr. Jackson's parents live.

A very beautiful and unique invitation has been received from the graduating class for this year. We notice that all the graduates are girls, Misses Beatrice Blunt, Stella Congleton, May Bowen and Mila Knox. Where are the boys that they have let the girls get all the honors for this year? Girls do not smoke cigarettes and this probably accounts for it. We have some splendid boys in Stanton who are ruining their future prospects in life by smoking these deadly cigarettes. The Kentucky Legislature at the last session passed very stringent laws against the use and selling of cigarettes, and we trust that our officers of the county will cooperate in every way in seeing that this law is enforced. For the sake of the boys and for what it means to them, we trust that the merchants will not handle these cigarettes against the law. Our country and our county needs splendid boys and men and we cannot afford to place before them that which we know to be deadly injury to them. We cannot understand why a merchant will sell it anyway when it is so injurious to the boys of our land. A merchant cannot afford to make a few dollars at the expense of the manhood of the country. The whole country is awakening to the horror and terrible curse of the cigarettes, and states all over the land are passing stringent laws against the use of them. Surely there must be danger in the cigarette when the whole country is stirred over the sale and use. The writer knows that he is considered a crank on whiskey and cigarettes, but he is glad to say he is not the only one concerned over it. Millions of men and women, fathers and mothers concerned for their boy are pleading in behalf of the boys of the land that the merchant refuse to sell cigarettes, that the law against its sale be enforced. We do not want the ill will of the boys but it is because we are so vitally interested in them that we are pleading on their behalf. Will you not, Mr. Merchant, refuse to sell to our splendid boys of Stanton cigarettes, and will you not, fathers and mothers, of Stanton, become as vitally interested in your boys as to see that this new law is enforced, and will you not, citizens, one and all, cooperate in this great movement to prohibit the sale and use of cigarettes to the boys of our land? This is the day when the world needs strong men who will fight for the boys of our country. Will you not line up in this noble fight?

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