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An Object Lesson for Powell.

Our County Agent has been of much benefit to the farmers of the county, and it is no fault of his that he has not been of more value to them. He has endeavored to get the farmers to co-operate in selling but so far has failed.

The Department of Agriculture sent Mr. Harison into our county and is paying him. At the same time Agents were sent into a few other counties of the nation, one of them being Carroll county, Miss. The County Agent there offered to organize the farmers into an effective co-operative working body, and they accepted and organized the Carroll County Prosperity Club one day last June at the Court House where the County Agent called them together.

The Club has no dues, no constitution or by-laws. It is a simple medium through which undertakings for the good of the entire county are carried on, and it has proved beneficial in many ways. In addition to the business gains, which have been mutual, it has resulted in developing a feeling of friendship and confidence on both sides.

During the first six months of last year, Carroll County shipped co-operatively \$27,186.33 worth of produce divided as follows: Hogs, \$15,542; cattle, \$1,567.59; poultry and eggs, \$4,464.74, and potatoes, \$5,612. As Carroll County makes no claim to a large live-stock industry, these amounts are the more creditable. For example, the hogs shipped were all "pick-up" hogs—the county had made no effort heretofore to grow hogs except for home use. Encouraged by the co-operative shipping plan and realizing the need for more pork, Carroll County is now making a great effort to increase its production of these animals.

What this county way down in Mississippi has done can be done in Powell county, Ky., and should serve us as an object lesson.

Engineers' Meet at Newport.

The County Road Engineers' Convention will be held at Newport, Kentucky, February, 13, 14, and 15, 1918.

A very attractive program is being prepared and arrangements are being made to have men from other States address the Convention.

It is hoped that every County Road Engineer, County Judge and the members of all Fiscal Courts in the State will attend the meeting. Quite a number of the Courts will be entirely new and we believe they will receive great benefits by hearing road matters discussed in detail.

It is highly probable the railroads will give special rates to the Convention.

Large Motor Vehicle Tax.

A Frankfort dispatch says the State of Kentucky collected last year on motor vehicles, the sum of \$100,000 in license fees. There were 47,413 automobiles, 1,450 motorcycles and 3,000 chauffeur licenses issued during the year.

The shortage of teachers is showing up in Powell. Gray's Branch district is without a teacher.

Price on Milk Products Limited.

The United States Food Administration has seen fit to issue the following ruling, to which we have been asked by Fred M. Sackett, Federal Food Administrator for Kentucky to kindly give the widest publicity in our paper:

"Milk distributors take notice that there must be no increase made in the retail price of milk or cream after January 8 without written consent of the District Food Administrator."

While the Times man is a dairy farmer, of course in a small way, we shall heartily comply with the above order. Not that we are making too much money selling butter fat at 55 cents per pound, but there should be a limit to every thing. Now let the administration call the other fellows to halt who are charging us two prices for things that we have to buy, and we can live very well.

Farmers' Week.

The interesting and worthwhile Farmers' Week is scheduled for January 29, to February 1, 1918. The gymnasium of the University will be gay with pumpkins, vegetables and noisy with chickens and farm animals.

The programs of the various associations, arranged for the week present attractive addresses on all phases of agricultural interest. Those that are to meet during the week are the Kentucky Beef Cattle Association; State Beekeepers' Association; Kentucky Swine Breeders' Association; Kentucky Poultry Association; State Alfalfa Growers; Kentucky Corn Growers' Association; Kentucky Horse, Jack and Mule Breeders' Association; Kentucky State Horticultural Society; Sheep Breeders' Association; Kentucky Dairy Cattle Club; The Marketing Conference.

The Department of Domestic Science maintains an interesting booth, and a Woman's Day program.

Farmers, city dwellers and the young and the old are invited to come. The University is the host of the occasion.

Oil Leases Change Hands.

B. A. Bonnville, of the firm Bonnville, Phillips & Jack, the firm which took so many oil leases on Hardwick's creek two years ago and has since held them, has sold out his interest to a Mr. Collier, of Newport, Ky. Mr. Collier has paid up all rentals on these leases far in advance and has let it be known that this firm will put three rigs in here in the early spring to fully develop this territory which has all along been held as favorable oil producing appearances. The times with all other residents is hoping for ultimate success in their findings.

Weekly Birth Report.

Dr. Martin reports the following births for last week;

To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Aines, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toney Blake, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Todd, a son.

Two Sunday Trains Off.

Beginning Sunday morning the train service over the L. & N. in this section will be curtailed. Both through passenger trains now running from Lexington to McRoberts daily by the way of Irvine, will be discontinued on Sundays and be run daily except Sunday. The Sunday train which now goes over the L. & E. from Winchester to Maloney will also be discontinued, and run daily except Sunday. The train running from Jackson to Lexington and return will be continued daily as heretofore. So we can make trips down the road and return on Sundays but none up the road.

The Times accedes to all of this without a word of complaint. Really, this country would be better off if we had less traveling Sundays on railroads and more traveling on church roads with grave sincerity and devotion.

Treasurer's Report Next Week.

Next week the Times will publish the County Treasurer's report showing all monies collected and received by him and disbursements therefor from May 12, 1917 to Dec. 27, 1917. This will be very interesting reading for all the taxpayers of the county who are always anxious to know where their money goes. The last report covered the time up to April 26, 1916. So from this date to May 12, 1917 there will have been no published report from the Treasurer, but we suppose this period will be published later as the taxpayers are always eager to read such reports.

Powell Leads The Field.

During the month of December 142 oil wells were completed in Kentucky, with an added production of 1,550 barrels. 45 dry holes were encountered. Powell county lead with 35 new producers, Estill came next with 28 and Lee is credited with 14, Allen 12, and in thirty other counties from one to four wells are reported for each. The summary shows a decrease over November which is attributed to the freezing weather the latter part of the month. A corresponding decrease in completion and production is noted throughout all the fields of the country.—The Oil World.

Management of Farm Labor.

The farmer must use his labor to the very best advantage, now that help in this line of work is so scarce and high. It is necessary that we get more done in a day than when labor was cheap and plentiful. That can be done only by a farmer studying his business more closely and applying farm management principles as well as working fifteen hours a day as many of them in Powell county are forced to do in order to half way keep their work up.

Bank Stockholders Elect.

The stockholders of the Clay City National Bank at their annual meeting in the bank building Tuesday re-elected Jams B. Hall, President; A. T. Whitt, Vice President and Cashier. Frank B. Russell, George Hon, G. D. Hieronymus, James B. Hall and A. T. Whitt were elected directors.

STANTON.

(By P. O. Derthick.)

Richard Crowe is attending Wesleyan College at Winchester.

James Chaney made a business trip to Campton last Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Harmon visited friends at Irvine this past week.

Marion Atkinson was in Clay City on business one day this past week.

Daddy Clark, of Spencer county, paid us a flying visit this past week, coming on business.

Miss Julia Robbins was home from Zachariah over Sunday, where she is teaching school.

Robert Morris and Herman Hall returned to their work in the oil fields near Pilot this week.

Miss Abbott is attending the Mountain Conference at Louisa, in Lawrence county, this week.

Dr. J. E. Lemming was called to Nada Tuesday to see some patients whose names we did not learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Treadway, and children, are visiting at Airdale, in Lee county, this week.

Robert Strong, of Lost Creek, in Breathitt county, visited his sister, Mrs. Tom Chaney, this past week.

Larkin Stamper has added another side room to his store to meet the growing demands of his business.

Mrs. Sarah Morris, accompanied by her son, Russell, made a business trip to Campton Junction one day last week.

Sherman Robbins, of Torrent, was home one day this past week. Mr. Robbins is now running a store at Torrent and one at Slade.

James Chaney, who joined the Navy, is now on the battleship Dixie, with Admiral Simms in charge. He is somewhere near France.

Luther Stephens left Wednesday for Mt. Sterling to transact business and also to visit his son, George, who lives 3 miles from the city.

Lewis Stephens, Richard Crowe, Charley Rice and June Rogers partook of the love feast given by the Masonic Lodge, at Bowen, last Saturday.

We are very sorry to learn that Mr. A. J. Barry, one of our Kentucky oil producers, is very ill at this writing and in the hospital at Lexington.

Grant Frazier has recovered from the small pox, and now the rest of the family are down with it. There are quite a number of cases in various parts of the county.

Mrs. John T. Hindman, of Jackson, was in Stanton this past week on insurance business. She is carrying on the work of her husband since his death a few months ago.

James Wireman, who was a former student of Stanton College, and is now in the Navy, at Newport, N. I. was home this past week on a five days visit with his parents at Campton Junction.

Stanton sympathizes with Beatyville in the disastrous fire of Tuesday when the Beach Hotel, the

Now Up to The Legislature.

Our mails are often clogged with liquor circulars and our express cars crowded with shipments of the same going into dry territory against the will and wishes of the people. The Government has taken over the railroads in order to speed up transportation of articles it needs. It is also considering stopping the shipment of 400 articles classed as non-essentials. If any thing can be classed as non-essentials, it certainly is liquor and beer. No greater mark of patriotism can then be displayed than to put a personal embargo on the spirits. The users of it though seem to be unwilling to this.

But it is within the province of the Kentucky Legislature, now in session at Frankfort, to stop the circulation of liquor advertising and shipping into dry territory of the State by enacting a law in conformity with the Jones-Randall anti liquor advertising law which follows:

"That no letter, post card, circular, newspaper, pamphlet, or publication of any kind containing any advertisement of spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquors of any kind, or containing a solicitation of an orders for said liquors, or any of them, shall be deposited in or carried by the mails of the United States, or be delivered by any postmaster or letter carrier, when addressed or directed to any person, firm, corporation, or association, or other addressee, at any place or point in any State or Territory of the United States at which it is by the law in force in the State or Territory at that time unlawful to advertise or solicit orders for such liquors, or any of them, respectively."

If the Legislature fails to come to the aid of the Government in this crisis, when it alone can remedy this wrong, by relieving this congestion of both freight and the mails, it will be as much of a slacker as any individual that evades the draft law.

Jewelry shop, Hargis Jones Photograph Gallery and the Robert Jackson building, with the Post Office, in it burned down.

Jim Chaney visited in Ashland a few days ago. Jim had a big smile on his face. When the writer asked who was the attraction that took him so far, he acknowledged that her name was—— Don't blame him a bit for going.

Aunt Nancy Smith, the mother of Mrs. Sherman Robbins, had the misfortune to fall at the Robbins home and was severely hurt and is confined to her bed. She is 84 years of age. She has been knitting socks for the soldier boys this winter.

We see our old friend Henry Barnett, of Pikeville, is back on the job at the Jackson Times office in Jackson. When it comes to all round work in a newspaper office Henry is right there and can't be beat. Mr. Barnett will be remembered by many in Stanton, having lived here once.

Guy Frazier has arrived, from Hamilton, Ohio, and is on the job at the College. The furnace is being repaired and will probably be ready for use before this week in

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