

WHITE PLAINS

Will do Things on June 24.—Farmers and Merchants Give Big Barbecue.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS TO BE ON HAND.

Saturday, June 25th, will witness one of the largest barbecues and picnics that Hopkins county has ever seen.

The citizens and merchants of White Plains are going to give the farmers of Hopkins and adjoining counties a feast of their lives. On that date it is arranged that all farmers gather at this splendid little village and spend a day of pleasure and recreation.

Barbecued mutton and shox with the extra trimmings will be prepared by those who know how to cook these delicacies and everything will be absolutely free.

The purpose of this feast is to get together the tobacco growers of this county, and to discuss plans for future work. Several prominent speakers will be present, among them Private John Allen and Joel T. Fort, of Tennessee, two of the best tobacco growers of that state. Congressman A. O. Stanley and Mr. Ewing will be invited to make addresses.

No tobacco grower can afford to miss this meeting. If you are not a planter you are welcome just the same.

Ladies, known candidates and newspaper men are invited.

PRICE E. GATLIN.

The Well Known Baptist Minister Leaves Madisonville.

Rev. Price E. Gatlin, the Baptist minister of Madisonville, sprang a surprise on his deacons Wednesday afternoon when he handed in his resignation to take effect on Sunday morning. The cause of Mr. Gatlin's resignation is to give him an opportunity to attend the Louisville Theological Seminary and finish his course in the ministry.

He has been pastor of the Madisonville Baptist church for a number of years and during that time the church has grown in all its branches. Mr. Gatlin is a native of Hopkins county and is popular with all who know him in this section of the country.

Tuck-Quillian.

Miss Mary Quillian, of Nashville, and Mr. P. W. Tuck, of the same place, were united in matrimony Tuesday in the parlor of Father Elliott. Miss Stella Spaulding was bridesmaid and Mr. C. B. Warren acted as best man. The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony for Cincinnati, where they will spend their honeymoon. Miss Quillian is one of Nashville's most charming young ladies and has a host of friends. Mr. Tuck is a fireman on the L. & N. R. R. and has the confidence and esteem of all who know him. His Earlington friends join others in wishing this happy couple bon voyage through life.

Green River Association to Meet at Central City July 4th.

The annual reunion of the Green River Association of ex-Federal Veterans will be held in Central City, July 4th. A cordial welcome is extended to both ex-Federal and ex-Confederate soldiers, and a programme will be arranged that will be enjoyable to all.

J. K. FREEMAN, Chairman Committee on Arrangements.

WILL MEET IN THE CRESCENT CITY.

Confederate Veterans Make this Selection After Miss Blanchford Sang "Dixie."

The city of New Orleans was chosen as the next meeting place of the Confederate Veterans and Stephen D. Lee was re-elected as commander in chief. Nashville made a gallant fight for the next reunion but failed to land the prize. Gen. Lee's re-election was unanimous as well as all staff officers and department commanders. The date of the next reunion will be fixed later by Gen. Lee.

Speaking Dates Arranged for Tobacco Growers.

Several dates have been arranged by the Hopkins County Dark Tobacco Protective Association for speakings and barbecues. The first will be given by the merchants of White Plains June 24th. A big barbecue and basket dinner will be given. The second will be at Bethlehem on Monday, June 26. The other two at Manito Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and Richland Tuesday night.

Dangers of Traveling.

One of the best stories told about Artemus Ward concerns a journey which the humorist took on a little "one-horse" railroad line in the Middle West. After the train had crept from station to station at a snail's pace for half a day Ward beckoned to the conductor as he passed through the car.

"Say, conductor," he drawled, "do you mind if I give you a little advice?"

"Well, what is it?" asked the conductor, gruffly.

"Seems to me," continued Ward, "it would be safer to take the cowcatcher off the engine and hitch it to the end of the rear car."

"What for?" demanded the conductor.

"Well, I've been thinking it over," said Ward, "and I don't see what's to prevent one of them cows out there from coming into the car and biting the passengers."

Remarkable Cow.

A recent issue of the Owensboro Inquirer gave an interesting account of a cow named Rose, the property of Frank Eades, of Owensboro, it says in part:

"Rose was born in May, 1883. In May, 1885, twenty years ago, she had her first calf. Since that time she had been dry six weeks. It is calculated that in that time she gave 17,250 gallons of milk and made 6,240 pounds of butter. Counting the milk as skimmed milk and buttermilk, it was worth \$1,725 and at the price that butter has averaged for many years it was worth \$1,560, a total of \$3,285. Her last calf was born in 1900, and she has been giving milk constantly since that time. She was milked Friday evening and seemed to be in perfect health, as she was in fine condition. Her death was certainly the result of old age."

Wreck at Red River Bridge.

A freight train in charge of Conductor Palmer and Engineer McGlynn jumped the track at the south end of Red river bridge Monday and two cars loaded with pipe went down. The track was badly obstructed and passenger train 92, due at this place at 6:27, came round by way of Bowling Green, causing it to be a few hours late. No one was hurt and the cause of the accident is unknown.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Thinks Hundreds on Government Pay Rolls May be Dispensed With.

COMMISSION APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE.

A special from Washington, D. C., says:

The commission appointed by the President to make an investigation of all the departments for the purpose of ascertaining whether the methods in use are the best, and whether there are enough or too many employed to do the work required, is giving Government employes "heart disease," as one official expressed it today. It is not alone the subordinate who feels there is danger of his losing his place as a result of the investigation, nor the clerk who may be guilty of sharp practices in connection with his work. The heads of the departments, the men who hold the portfolios, are inclined to resent the appointment of a commission of young subordinates to investigate the workings of the departments, with authority to criticize and make recommendations aimed toward improvement.

Open Resentment.

One of the best men in the Cabinet has privately expressed his opinion of the matter, and openly resented the appointment of commission. The heads of the departments are supposed to know what is going on their respective departments. Each has said, by his acts, or in so many words, that he has not too men nor too few; that everybody is doing his full duty, and that there is no crookedness. When the President comes along and orders that five young fellows from the various departments make an investigation whether those under the members of the Cabinet are doing their duty, the resentment of the head officials is strong, and more or less natural.

But there is nobody who will care less about such resentment and criticism than Mr. Roosevelt. He is used to that sort of thing, and rather enjoys it than otherwise, if all reports be true. He has smelled a rat. There is much told about him how hard the average Government employe works, of course, but there are some square, level headed persons who think otherwise, and these have let the President hear from them. They have told him that too many men are being paid to do the work required, and that if the same hours and methods in vogue in the offices of business were used in the Government departments the Government would receive a great deal better service.

The Leisure Class.

The clerks in the Government departments formed what may be termed a leisure class. They begin work at 9 o'clock a. m. There is a half-hour for lunch. The day ends at half-past four o'clock. A puddler in a rolling mill works the same number of hours. There is never an air of haste and hurry about a department. There is undoubtedly a great deal of work to do, but there are a great many people to do it. Yet it is a well-known fact that there has been a great deal of demoralization in all the departments since the order was issued, about a year ago, adding a half-hour to the clerks' work-

ing day. Formerly they stopped work at 4 o'clock. The wail that went up when the President issued the order adding the half-hour is echoing yet.

The commission is not appointed, primarily, to look for crookedness. But it would not surprise some if such was discovered. Several of the departments need overhauling, it is believed. The President is determined to see that this is done.

In the Pension Department.

An old employe of the Pension Office said today:

"The Pension Office employes seventeen hundred men. I honestly believe five hundred could be dismissed and the work would not suffer."

The same is believed to be true of other departments. The Treasury Department is said to be much overloaded with employes. The number of sleek and well-fed darkies about this department is noticed by everybody who goes thither. They are in the way.

The commission appointed to make the investigation consists of Charles H. Keep, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and chairman of the investigators; James R. Garfield, head of the Bureau of Corporations, Department of Commerce and Labor; Frank H. Hitchcock, First Assistant Postmaster General; Gifford Pinchot, head of the Bureau of Forestry, Department of Agriculture, and Lawrence O. Murray, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

TO MAKE UNION MEN PAY.

Company Garnishes Machinists' Wages to Collect Boycott Judgment.

Rutland, Vt., June 18.—The case of the F. R. Patch Manufacturing Company against Pain Lodge, International Order of Machinists, of this city, tried at the March, 1903, term of the Rutland County Court, is again being brought to the front. The attorneys for the company have trustee the wages of twenty-three members of the lodge and attached their goods, chattels and estates to the amount of \$5,000 to satisfy a judgment of \$2,500 awarded to the company by the County Court, together with the costs and interest amounting to about \$3,000.

The company sued to recover damages for injuries done to its business by boycotting and picketing in the strike of 1902. The Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the lower court. Execution was issued against the union on May 21 last and was returned unsatisfied on June 12. This method of collecting damages from strikers is unprecedented in Vermont.

Foot Mashed.

Frank Dennis, who was employed on the wrecker and was assisting in picking up a wreck at Red river bridge, had the misfortune to mash his foot Tuesday. He was brought to Earlington on train 52 and Dr. A. O. Sisk, the company's physician, dressed the wound. He is slightly injured.

Struck by Lightning.

Mrs. Crenshaw, wife of the manager of the Porter Installation Company of this city, was severely shocked by lightning during the heavy thunder storm Monday afternoon. She was rendered unconscious for a short time but was soon revived and is getting along nicely.

Married in Nashville.

Miss Tillie Adams, of this place, and Mr. Oville Reddick, of Nashville, were married in Nashville Thursday.

GROVER TODD

Injures Dick Gamblin and Jake Groves at a Moonlight Picnic

AT SOUTHWARDS SCHOOL HOUSE SATURDAY NIGHT.

A beer bottle and a razor played an important part in a fight that took place at a moonlight picnic at Southards school house Saturday night. Grover Todd, Dick Gamblin and Jake Groves, who are said to have been under the influence of that erratic fluid commonly known as bug juice, engaged in a free for all fight in which Grover and Gamblin came out second best.

The men began quarreling over some trivial matter and were ordered off the grounds by the managers, they left still quarreling and soon renewed the fight. Todd had a razor in his possession and cut Gamblin on the head and face several times before the latter could defend himself. Groves, who was standing by rushed up to assist Gamblin, Todd, who had in the scuffle lost his razor grabbed a beer bottle and struck Groves with it nearly killing him before he could be pulled away by bystanders. Friends separated them and took Todd from the grounds.

Medical aid was summoned and it was necessary to take fourteen stitches in Gamblin's face and head. He had a dangerously long cut on his right cheek and several others about the head. Groves' head and face were badly bruised up by being beaten with the beer bottle. Both men are getting along as well as could be expected at present. Monday morning a warrant was sworn out for Todd.

It is reported that Gamblin's brother met Grover Todd the following Sunday and beat him up considerably with brass knucks. No arrests have yet been made.

FORM PARTNERSHIP.

Jesse Phillips, the Successful Banker of This City, and G. W. Sybert, of Madisonville, Will Practice Law Together.

Jesse Phillips, the well known banker of this place, and G. W. Sybert, formerly law agent for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, Henderson and St. Louis division, have formed a partnership and will engage in the general practice of law. Mr. Sybert will look after the Madisonville end of the business while Mr. Phillips will continue to hold his position as cashier of the Earlington bank and will have his law office there. These gentlemen are both widely and favorably known. Mr. Phillips started his career with the St. Bernard Mining Company here several years ago and has by his own untiring energy and pluck worked his way up to the present favorable standing. Mr. Sybert began his business life in Clarksville, Tenn., and on account of qualifications was appointed law agent for the L. & N. R. R., several years ago. This firm will doubtless be heard from in the future. Mr. R. S. Stout, of Bowling Green, Ky., has been appointed to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Sybert.

State Encampment.

The State encampment of Kentucky troops will be held in Paducah, Ky., Aug. 1st, lasting ten days. The Third Regiment, which includes Company G, of Earlington, will go first.

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR TOBACCO

According to Expert Views as to Kentucky.

Washington, June 19.—According to the experts of the Department of Agriculture, the tobacco crop of Kentucky is especially promising this year. This is especially true of the crop in the Burley district, where is said to be an increase in acreage approximating 25 percent.

Reports to the department concerning the condition of the plants, the character of the season, transplanting, etc., vary greatly, but, on the whole, it may be said that plants are good and plentiful, the season early—in some localities a month earlier than usual—and transplanting well advanced. In a few sections plants along streams have been partly or wholly destroyed by rising waters and excessive rains, and unless the rains soon cease the lowlands cannot be used tobacco. Complaint of cut-worms is general, and in some sections they appear to have done much damage.

It is stated at the department that one of the reasons advanced for the increase of acreage is that the farmers are plowing up grass land and planting it in tobacco, owing to the depreciation in the prices of thoroughbred horses of late years. The good prices of last year and the fact that packing houses have been erected in many counties of the Burley district appear also to have increased the acreage.

In the "Dark" Districts.

Conditions in the dark districts of Tennessee and Kentucky are also said to be favorable. The Paducah district reports a small increase, with late season, due to rains. Plants are plentiful, but are overgrown in many cases, owing to wet weather making it impossible to prepare the land for cultivation. Insects are troublesome in spots. Good prices are stimulating farmers to put on a good sized crop.

Some correspondents think the low prices are likely to cause a reduction in the acreage in the stemming district, but the general impression is that the crop in this section will be slightly larger than it was last year. The Upper Green river and the Upper Cumberland district seem to have had an uncommonly favorable season, except in Warren county, Kentucky, where the weather has been too dry. A small increase in acreage is noted.

The Clarksville and Hopkinsville district indicates an increase in acreage of about 20 percent. Most of this is in Kentucky counties, the Tennessee counties of the district showing but little, if any, gain. Out-worms and scarcity of labor are most complained of.

On the whole, the outlook for a big crop of the weed in Kentucky this year, barring droughts and pestiferous insects, to say nothing of hail and frost, is good.

Counterfeiters at Paducah.

A special from Paducah, Ky., says:

The police are working on a gang of counterfeiters and may soon unearth one of the smoothest gangs in America, who have operated in many places outwitting the best detectives. The gang is said to have a complete outfit, tools being used as sinkers for a trot line in Paducah harbor. The gang is aboard a shanty boat, passing as fishermen. After coining a fresh supply of money back to the trot line goes the bogus mint.