

FIERCE FLAMES

Destroyed Several Business Houses
in Madisonville Monday
Night.

ORIGINATED IN HARVEY BUILDING.

An alarm of fire was sounded in Madisonville about 11 o'clock Monday night, when it was discovered that smoke was issuing from the second story of the building occupied by the Madisonville Feed and Produce Co. This building belonged to Mr. J. B. Harvey and he had an office upstairs.

The volunteer fire department responded promptly, but by the time they could get the hose connected and water to playing, flames were bursting out the windows of the Harvey building, and it was seen that the adjoining buildings were on fire.

Telegrams were sent to Evansville for assistance, and word was received that the department would load apparatus on a freight train that was getting ready to pull out and would reach Madisonville as soon as possible.

For over an hour the fire raged furiously, and it seemed inevitable that the entire block would be consumed and the danger of sweeping the entire business district was great. But fortunately the wall of Bourland & Moore's hardware store proved a barrier and enabled the fire boys to get a good chance to check the flames. All efforts were directed to this end and fortunately were successful, and after a heroic fight, the fire fiend's progress was stayed.

There were several narrow escapes by those engaged in the work of fighting the flames. Explosions of powder and dynamite made the work especially hazardous, but the fire boys stood to their posts through it all.

For awhile the jail was threatened, as the frame buildings near to it were burning, while the fire department were directing all their efforts toward stopping the fire at Bourland & Moore's, but as luck would have it and owing to good work with buckets, the jail was saved.

The property destroyed and the firms sustaining the losses are as follows as near as could be ascertained:

- Hardman's photograph gallery.
- Casper Harrig's shoe shop.
- Misses Fugate's millinery store.
- These buildings were owned by Mrs. M. W. Murphey.
- C. L. Ross, stock groceries and two story brick building owned by C. L. & P. B. Ross.
- Thompson & Slaton, furniture; two story building owned by C. L. and P. B. Ross.
- Ben A. Slaton, grocery; two story brick building owned by him.
- W. M. Bailey, sewing machine supplies, with Ben A. Slaton.
- C. H. Young, in store with Ben A. Slaton, stock of notions, etc.
- R. M. Dempsey, jeweler, in store with Ben A. Slaton.

Madisonville Feed and Produce Co., stock of hay, corn, etc.; building, two story brick, owned by J. B. Harvey.

Hoffman & White, dentists, over Ben A. Slaton's grocery.

Grand Leader, dry goods, clothing, etc.; building owned by A. L. Jago, two story brick.

There were probably several other people occupying the upstairs rooms over the burnt buildings, whose names we could not learn at the time of going to press.

At 12:30 Mayor Thomson telephoned the Evansville people

that the fire was under control and the train on which the fire department was coming was coming was stopped at Howell.

Mr. Anderson's little water works system came in well, and a good supply of water was kept up all the time, and no doubt enabled the fire department to save the rest of the block, and probably the city.

Bourland & Moore, Parish Bros., Mose Klyman and Dennis Haley were considerably damaged by moving parts of their stock, but it was the part of wisdom as matters appeared at the time.

The insurance held by the various persons and firms could not be ascertained, but it is estimated to be about half the losses.

C. L. Ross has rented the store room next door to Morton's Bank, formerly occupied by Mrs. Steuco, and is moving his groceries there. Thompson & Slaton are moving their furniture into the new building next door to Barnhill's livery stable.

Teeth Extracted Free For the Next 5 Days.

All kinds of up-to-date work
done cheap and guaranteed.
R. A. BALDWIN, Dentist,
EARLINGTON, KY.

PEANUT ROASTER

Explodes With Fatal Effect at Labor Day Picnic.

Evansville, Ind., Sept. 4.—The peanut roaster of Vincent Ameroso exploded this afternoon at the Labor day picnic at Garvin Park, at the edge of the city, killing one and fatally injuring another. Ameroso allowed the water in the boiler to get too low, and the roaster exploded into a hundred pieces.

A piece of tin piping struck Fred Diltman, the nine-year-old son of Patrolman Henry Diltman, on the neck, severing the jugular vein. The boy walked about twenty yards and dropped dead.

Ameroso was scalded from head to foot, and he cannot recover. A woman, whose name was not learned, in trying to carry a bucket of water to the injured man, stumbled over a rope and broke a leg and arm.

Reward Offered.

Notices of rewards for the capture of Lewis Wilbert, who killed Gus McIntosh at Mannington some time ago, have been posted in Hopkins and Christian counties. Wilbert escaped from the Hopkins county jail at Madisonville during the jail delivery at that place several months ago. The state offers \$300 for his arrest, and, in addition \$100 is on deposit in Morton's Bank at Madisonville. He is described as follows:

Age 20, height five feet, dark curly hair, large eyes and long nose, dark complexioned; inclined to stoop; brogue speech.

Methodist College.

Detailed plans for the college which will be established by the board of education of the Methodist church in Western Kentucky, will be decided upon by the board at its next meeting, September 28, at Lexington, and then the scramble by the cities and towns already mentioned as a possible site will begin.

The board will probably select a committee of its members to visit the towns and cities in the western part of the state and listen to inducements and advantages for the location of the site.

ST. BERNARD

Mining Company Will Build a Two Story Brick Addition to Their Store.

The St. Bernard Mining Company is tearing away the frame annex and will erect a two story brick building in the rear of their store in order to accommodate their rapidly increasing trade. This building will be used as a ware room and groceries, flour and feed will be stored there. The entire building will be fitted up with a new steam heating apparatus which will add greatly to the comfort and attractiveness of the building. When this work is completed the St. Bernard Mining company will have one of the largest and most modern business houses in this end of the state.

Foster-Peyton.

Miss Ruby Foster and Mr. Thos. Peyton, of this city, were united in marriage by Rev. G. W. Dame at the home of the bride's parents at 10:30 o'clock on last Tuesday morning. After the ceremony was performed the newly married couple departed on 52 for Campbell Hill, Ill., where they will visit the groom's sister, Mrs. James Austin, for several days. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judge Foster and is a popular young lady. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Radie Peyton and is one of Earlinton's well known young men and is an employe of the St. Bernard Mining Company. THE BEE joins other friends in extending congratulations.

A Wise Youngster.

Thomas Edison, Jr., is very fond of children. While on a visit to New York recently he was endeavoring to amuse the six year old son of the host, when the youngster asked him to draw an engine for him. Mr. Edison set to work, and, thinking it would please the child to have an elaborate design, he added a couple of extra smoke stacks and several imaginary parts.

When the plan was completed the boy took it and eyed it critically; then he turned to the inventor with disapproval in every feature.

"You don't know much about engines, do you?" he said, with infantile frankness. "Engines may have been that in your time, but they've changed a whole lot since then."

Fifty-Three Sundays in 1905.

There will be fifty-three Sundays in this year, an occurrence that will not happen again for 110 years. The extra Sunday can be utilized in attending church, calling on your best girl, reading the scriptures, playing with the children, breaking a two-year-old colt, or some other way. One hundred and ten years from this date you will be paying the penalty or enjoying the pleasures of the method in which you choose to spend the extra Sunday.—Ex.

Sebree Fair.

The Sebree fair will open Sept. 21st and run three days. The management this year have arranged to give their patrons one of the best fairs this year they have ever held. A rate of one fare has been made by the railroad and the Providence train will be held at Sebree until 5 o'clock coming south. The northbound Evansville train accommodation will leave Sebree about the same time. It is expected a large number of people will visit Sebree during this fair.

LOCOMOTIVE BLASTS

Mr. I. L. Edwards has accepted a position with the transportation department of the L. & N. on this division.

Harry Simons, who formerly worked on this division, now with the Illinois Central at Princeton, visited his family here several days this week.

Dick Lacy, a former employe of the company on this division, is now working for the Illinois Central at Princeton.

Engineer Willie Dock Stanfield and Conductor Courtner were in charge of the extra from Nortonville to Madisonville Sunday morning that was run to carry the military company of this place and the one from Madisonville to their homes.

On account of the heavy shipments being made by the coal companies operating mines on the Providence branch, the accommodation that lays over at Providence at night makes a trip almost every night with coal to this place in order to handle the traffic.

No. 51 arrived here two hours late Monday evening caused by a wreck which occurred about 1:03 o'clock that afternoon between Welburn and Upton, Ind., on the St. Louis division. According to an account of the accident given by a person who was on the train when the accident occurred, the train was running at the rate of 15 miles an hour and was on time. Suddenly the tender, the baggage car, three day coaches and a Pullman car of the train were derailed. The baggage car and the coaches turned over on their sides. On all of the cars there was a large number of passengers, and it was apprehended that many of them were seriously injured. The rear trucks of the engine, which was fortunately under control and was soon brought to a standstill, got off the track. The passengers on the coaches that were upset were pulled out through the doors and windows of the coaches by passengers from the Pullman car. It is marvelous that none of the passengers on the coaches were injured, but the women and children were only badly frightened. They were taken into the Pullman car and efforts were made to calm them. Several of the train crew were slightly injured. A train was made up at Evansville and dispatched to the scene of the accident, where it arrived about two hours after the accident occurred. This train the passengers from the wrecked train boarded. All the cars of the wrecked train were left where they were derailed. The accident was attributed to the breaking of an axle under the tender. No. 93 was delayed one hour Monday night in passing around the wreck on the St. Louis division near Upton, Ind.

Railway Franchise to be Sold at Hopkinsville.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Sept. 2.—The city council has ordered the sale of an electric railway franchise on September 15. Samuel C. Crawford, of Memphis, Tenn., requested the sale. The estimated cost of the system is \$300,000, work to begin in ninety days from sale and be completed in one year.

Delinquent Tax List.

City Marshal Jno. T. Barnett will publish in next week's BEE the names of all Earlinton people who have not paid their taxes. If you are one of these it would be well to see Mr. Barnett and make a settlement before THE BEE comes out next week.

WIFE MURDERER

Hold His Tongue and is Held to Grand Jury.

Elkton, Ky., Sept. 2.—Percy J. Luster, the wife-murderer from Guthrie, waived an examining trial before Judge P. O. Duffy this afternoon and was held without bail to the grand jury. The courtroom was crowded, many women being present.

At 1:15 o'clock the prisoner entered the courtroom supported by Jailer James Gill, who brought him to the Courthouse in a buggy. Luster was dressed in a neat gray suit of clothes and wore a soft felt hat, pulled down over his eyes.

Acting County Attorney F. B. Gill announced that the Commonwealth was ready, and S. W. Forgy, who was appointed as counsel for Luster, said that his client waived trial. The witnesses were recognized to appear before the Todd county grand jury the first Monday in December. Court then adjourned, the time consumed being less than ten minutes. Luster kept his counsel and all he would say in jail was:

"They can twist my arms or burn me at the stake, but they cannot make me tell a thing."

PROGRAM OF SECOND DISTRICT TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

To be Held at Grapevine Sept. 8th.

- 10:30. Opening exercises.
- 10:45. Welcome Address—Miss Wilkey.
- 11:00—Busy Work and How it can be Introduced in Graded Schools—Miss Mothershead.
- 11:15. The Teacher's Mission—Miss Flora Pierce and Mr. Sam Hewlett.
- 11:30. Why should school rooms be Decorated?—Miss Phoebe Poots.
- 11:45. Adjournment for dinner.
- 1:00 Singing.
- 1:10. Why do we Educate?—Miss Lizzie Dean.
- 1:25. What constitutes the successful Teacher—Miss Hattie Gamblin.
- 2:00. Reading.
- Why so necessary?—Mr. J. L. Wyatt.
- How to make good Readers—Miss Odie Samples.
- 2:30. Self Improvement of the Teacher.—Miss Lotto Whitfield.
- Discussed by Association.
- 3:00. Adjournment.

FRANCIS XOUNG KLINE.

Ice Cream Supper.

The ice cream supper given at the armory last Saturday night by the members of the Ben Hur Lodge was a most pleasant affair. The attendance was not so large but a nice little sum was realized above expenses. The cream was Mr. Long's best quality and the cake made by the ladies of the Lodge was delicious. Two colored boys made sweet music during the evening on the guitar and mandolin.

Labor Day Observed.

Labor day was observed throughout the country Monday, and in most of the larger cities the union men paraded in large numbers. Rainy weather interfered with the celebrations in New York and throughout New England. In Kentucky and the South the weather conditions were more favorable. In Indiana the day was more successfully celebrated than ever before.

CO. G RETURN.

Private Lamb, of Earlinton, Gets the Trip to Sea Girt Next Year.

BEST AVERAGE IN TARGET PRACTICE

The officers and men of Co. G returned home last Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock from several days encampment at Paducah held during last week with pleasant memories of the good times they enjoyed and with feelings of pride over the honors that were won by them at the annual camp of instruction.

On Friday morning the members of the company who had made the highest scores at the rifle range shooting at a distance of 200 and 300 yards at targets several days previously, went to the remaining range, 500 yards, for target practice and did some remarkably good work.

Private Wm. Lamb, who made a score of 22 out of a possible 25 at the 200 yards and 16 out of a possible 25 at the 300 yard ranges, made a score of 18 out of a possible 25 at the 500 yard range, making a total score of 56 out of a possible 75. He has the honor of being the best marksman in the regiment and also tied with three men belonging to the other two regiments of the Kentucky State Guard for the championship of the State, besides being the best shot in the local company. By making this score he is eligible to enter the annual shooting tournament to be held at Sea Girt, N. J., next year, where the best marksman from the United States army and those from the states having a national guard system, participate. If he goes his expenses will be defrayed by the State. Private C. L. Lathoon, Co. E, Madisonville, ranks as the second best shot in the regiment making a total score of 55 out of a possible 75.

Private Chas. Wyatt, of Co. G, ranks as the second best shot in the local company, he having made a total score of 51 out of a possible 75. Sergeants Lawson Miles and J. Y. Montague and Corp. L. E. Groves follow with a total score of 41 each out of a possible 75, shooting from the three ranges.

In the general average shooting Co. G leads all other companies in the regiment with a percentage of 38.8 and Co. E, of Madisonville, second, with 37.6 per cent. The companies could have made a possible 100 in this practice.

A prize of \$2 was offered by Col. Henry at the encampment to be given to the company having their kitchens in the best condition when inspected. On inspection it was ascertained that Co. G and Co. D, of Hopkinsville, surpassed the others, and, as the judges could not decide which was the best, \$2 apiece was given to the two companies making \$4 or twice the original amount offered.

Col. Jouett Henry, of the Third Regiment, complimented Capt. Paul P. Price very highly just before the encampment ended on the company that he is in command of, and said "that it was the best company present at the encampment and its influence was felt throughout the entire Third Regiment."

At the armory Monday night Capt. Paul P. Price announced that an effort would be made to secure ammunition and if this can be accomplished a rifle range will be established near the city where the members of the company can indulge in target practice. This will be done in order to help maintain the record made by the company at Paducah.