

## GREAT HOPKINS COUNTY FAIR

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#### COAL WILL BE SAVED

Estimated That One-Fourth of Tonnage is Lost From Defective Timbering.

#### NINE TIMBERS ARE TO BE TREATED WITH PRESERVATION.

Washington, D. C., July 18.—(Special) The Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company is going to increase its economies in mining by treating with preservatives the timbers which are used in the mines. A plant will be erected for carrying on the work.

"To date, the actual consumption of coal has been over 7,500,000,000 tons; the waste and destruction, in the neighborhood of 9,000,000,000." This sentence from the address of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, at the Conference of Governors at the White House, points the moral of the conservation policy with tremendous force. A waste of more than half of all the coal raised, in the face of the fact that the end of the coal measures is in sight, is sufficient to give the most indifferent coal consumer a rather rude shock. Perfected mining would reduce this waste by at least one-half, and so double the time during which our present population could continue to use coal for fuel.

Some of the waste in coal and iron mining is caused by the collapse of galleries due to the breakage from decay of the props used to support the gallery roofs. By preservative treatment the life of the mine prop is greatly lengthened and a saving is effected in the outlay for timber, which is constantly increasing item with the mining companies, owing to the rise in timber prices.

The Forest Service will co-operate with the Tennessee company in erecting the timber preserving plant, which will be located at some convenient shipping point near Birmingham, Alabama. The plant will be of small and inexpensive design, and the mine timbers will be treated with creosote, solutions of zinc chloride, and common salt. They will then be set in typical locations in the mines and tracks, and record will be kept of their behavior.

This will be done by careful inspection from time to time, and thus the comparative economy of the different methods of treatment can be accurately ascertained. By such investigation work it is hoped to save a large amount of timber and money, and to promote the interest of wood preservation in the entire mining community.

Mr. E. H. Ford, of the office of wood preservation, in the Forest Service will be in active charge of the work, with headquarters at Birmingham.

#### Unique Feature At State Fair.

One of the most interesting features of the coming State Fair will be a sheep trail for the purpose of demonstrating the value of the work of collie dogs.

This will be in charge of an expert, who will show the methods of training the animals and the wonderful intelligence that may be developed in them.

Special prizes that are being offered to stimulate interest in this class of exhibits include two silver cups, a silver medal and bronze medals donated by the Collie Club of America, the St. Louis Collie Club, A. G. Langham, of Louisville; J. L. Vehling, of Milwaukee, and H. B. Hungerford, of Glencoe, Ill.

C. H. Thomas, secretary of the Louisville Collie Club, will serve as secretary of the dog show department. Mr. Thomas has been in communication with several prominent Eastern fanciers, and predicts that no less than 150 collies will be benched at the State Fair.

More than a hundred special premiums are offered exhibitors at the State Fair this year, aggregating in value \$5,000, in addition to the regular prize list, amounting in value to \$25,000. These general prizes include cash and trophy premiums in nearly all the classifications in the catalogue.

#### No Coal Famine For Pennsylvania.

Washington, July 20.—That the coal originally in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields aggregates 21,000,000,000 short tons and in the bituminous fields 112,574,000,000 short tons, leaving still in the ground 17,000,000,000 short tons of anthracite and about 110,000,000,000 of bituminous is the estimate of the situation reported by M. R. Campbell, of the United States Geological Survey. He figures that at the rate of production reached in 1907 the available coal supply in Pennsylvania would last about 490 years.

#### Republic Steel Company Signs Wage Agreement.

Youngstown, O., July 18.—The Republic Iron and Steel Company signed the wage agreement in Pittsburgh, Friday evening with the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers for the year ending June 30, 1909. The terms are practically the same as agreed upon in the conference with the Western Bar Iron Association last week. About 15,000 men are affected directly or indirectly.

#### Mason County Night Riders Do Queer Things.

Maysville, Ky., July 21.—Last night riders went to the home of Perry Dillon, in this county, and calling him out of his house, whipped him after telling him he had been accused of abusing his wife. Dillon strenuously denied the charge, and Mrs. Dillon backed him up so vigorously that the riders realized their mistake.

They then turned around and went to the home of a man named Humphreys, who they claimed had given them the information, and calling him out of his house, proceeded to whip him with blacksnakes, saying: "We will teach you to tell the truth," and warning him not to repeat things unless he knew them to be true.

## TRIED TO DESTROY BIG COAL FLEET.

Engineer John Godall, on Steamer "Harvester" Dangerously Shot Through Groin.

#### DYNAMITE AND GUNS USED AGAINST WEST KENTUCKY COAL COMPANY.

Fleet Near DeKoven Attacked by Supposed Union Band Monday Night.

PROMINENT UNION MEN WERE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD AT TIME

Property Damage Small—Important Clues Believed Secured.

A dastardly attempt was made Monday night by a party of men supposed to be union miners to destroy the coal fleet of the West Kentucky Coal Co., lying in the river two and a half miles from DeKoven. The attack was made about midnight. One barge was dynamited and sunk. The steamer "Harvester" was fired upon and Engineer John Godall shot through the groin. He is in a

dangerous condition but it is hoped that he may recover. Many bullets were shot into the steamer, which was dead and tied up to the twenty coal barges which constituted the fleet. One man on the steamer is reported to have returned the fire and for some reason the murderous band left the field precipitately. Guards at a river tipple engaged those of the retreating marauders who passed their way. Important clues are believed to have been left by the fleeing band. The property damage is slight. A representative of the West Kentucky Coal Co., says \$300 will cover cost of raising and repairing the sunken barge.

A reliable report from DeKoven says that certain men prominent in the mine workers union went to DeKoven the afternoon before the attempt was made on the fleet and left DeKoven the next morning after.

### Mining

The Mining News in and Around Earlington

The mine Engineering Corps of The St. Bernard Mining Co., will soon go back to the Shamrock coal fields to finish surveys in and out of the mine.

When whiskey and other intoxicants are no longer sold in Madisonville, the Miner's wife can ride to the fro without fear of being molested on the cars by some drunken rowdy.

The Merchants Coal Co., of West Virginia, have sold their coal interest to the United Coal Company for \$2,000,000. About 1,000 men are employed at these mines.

The Rose Creek Coal Co., has increased its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The amended articles are filled by James West, President; W. D. Coyle, Jonett Henry, Wm. McMurray, and B. B. Rice.

The many friends of Rex. McEwen of the St. Bernard clerical department, are sorry to hear of his late sickness, when he was compelled to go to the Hospital for treatment. He is now some better and will soon be himself again.

A general strike has been called in Alabama coal fields on account of disagreement on the wage scale. That is trouble with the Miners Union. You don't know when they will call the men out, and the companies

employing them have no assurance of being able to fill orders.

George Miller and crew, have been busily engaged of late, putting in foundations for a new generator and other machinery at Fox Run mine and before many days the work will be completed and the new electric motors put to work in that mine.

The St. Bernard Mining Co., is now buying up a large amount of mine timbers of all kinds, both for track repair and extension, and producing the coming winter, by keeping their mines in safe condition.

Inspector Thomas Long spent several days at Frankfort and Lexington the past week getting his commission and assignment for entering upon the duties of his office this week. He began work Monday, his first inspection at DeKoven.

Foreman Henry Wyatt, of No. 11 Mine, was among the first to show up last week with five days work to the credit of his mine; and with the new crusher now at work, the miners of all mines will most likely hereafter show up with more work.

Increasing orders for coke and coal caused a revival in business last week and the prediction is made that only a short time will elapse before normal conditions are again reached. Then the

three days now devoted to amusements each week by Hopkins county coal mines will be a thing of the past.

The coal operators, of Colorado, on account of the miners refusing to accept the scale of wages offered them, closed down their mines several weeks ago. Last week the miners accepted the proposition of the mine owners, and have gone to work again at the old wages.

In England, after boring for several years, two seams of coal one 9 feet thick, at a depth of 916 yards, and another 4 foot seam, thirty-seven yards lower have been struck. What would coal operators here think of going that depth for coal.

No matter in what region of the country, the miners union gets into trouble. The same spirit of rules or ruin seems to prevail. Last week a train load of men in search of work were fired upon by a mob from among the United Mine Workers. To gain a point they do not even hesitate to take life. This condition to affairs would not exist to such an extent if the politicians would always speak out for right, and condemn lawlessness of all kinds, instead of pandering to that element for the sake of their votes and thereby encouraging them to do unlawful acts.

#### Mrs. Annie L. Pontius and Mr. Wm. B. Calvert Married in California.

News have been received by Dr. W. T. McNary, of Madisonville, that his daughter, Mrs. Annie L. Pontius, who left on July 6th for California, was married on the 11th at Truckee, Cal., to Mr. Wm. B. Calvert, of Cupertino, Cal., though whispers of the approaching event had been heard.

The announcement was a surprise to his many friends. The bride is the eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. McNary, who for a number of years made their home in California, now residing in Madisonville. Mrs. Pontius taught last year in the Earlington Public school and was much loved by her pupils and all who knew her for her sweet, aimable disposition and many fine womanly traits and a teacher of rare talent and it is with much regret the school and friends give her up. Mr. Calvert is a prosperous merchant and had prepared a handsome home for his bride. They will reside in Cupertino.

#### No Liquor in the South.

Chicago, July 21.—General Passenger Agent Samuel G. Hatch announced today that the the Illinois Central Railway Co., has decided not to allow the sale of liquor on any of diners or buffet cars south of the Ohio river. "There are so many local option States along our road," he said, "that we have decided not to permit the sale of any intoxicating drinks on our trains south of the Ohio." Texas has had a law similar to that of Louisiana in force for some time and its effect, I understand, has been beneficial to all concerned.

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#### GEN. BUCKNER ENDORSES PARDON OF POWERS' AND HOWARD

Writes Gov. Willson a Letter Commending His Action.

Frankfort, Ky., July 18.—Gov. Willson has made public a letter received from Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, expressing his satisfaction with the pardon of Powers and Howard. It reads:

Munfordsville, Ky., July 15.—His Excellency Augustus E. Willson, Governor of Kentucky, Frankfort, Ky.—Dear Sir: I have just learned of your action in granting a pardon to Caleb Powers and James Howard.

I cannot refrain from extending to you my congratulations for this act of justice,—both to these men and to the public. In the legitimate discharge of your executive duty you have restored liberty to two innocent men, and you have removed from the political arena a question which was exciting the unreasoning passions of vindictive partisans and sowing broadcast the seeds of discord throughout the Commonwealth.

As an humble citizen, desiring peace and concord among our people, I return you my acknowledgements for this act of justice. Respectfully,  
S. B. Buckner.

#### Saloonkeepers Make Contest.

Madisonville, Ky., July 21.—The saloonkeepers of this city, through their attorneys, Fost & Laffoon, have filed notice of contest of the prohibition election which was held in Madisonville on Wednesday, July 8. The anti-saloon people were victorious in this election after a bitter campaign, the majority being thirty-seven votes. The grounds based for the contest are the failure to properly appoint election officers, an improper canvass of the returns and illegal voting.

The case will come up before the county Judge, and if an adverse decision is rendered it will be taken to the Circuit Court and from there to the Court of Appeals. The saloon people declare that they have splendid grounds for a contest. On the other hand, the temperance people claim there are no grounds for a contest and feel confident that the case will be decided in their favor.

#### Madisonville Soldiers to See Service in Tobacco Regions.

Madisonville, Ky., July 21.—Twenty members of Company E, State Guard, of this city, under command of Capt. Gardner Shanks and Lieut. Utley, left this morning at 4:30 o'clock for Hopkinsville, where they will report to Major Bassett. The destination of the company is unknown, but it is thought that it will be sent to some place to relieve them, probably Murray.

#### Too Free Speech.

The allegations made during a trial for "blasphemy" raises the whole question of courtesy and kindness in public discussion. Rude and sarcasm are permissible, and effective weapons in debate, but mere vulgarity and abuse or irreverence in dealing with subjects that are sacred to others, are not to be confounded with free speech and cannot be tolerated.—Lloyd's (Eng.) News.