

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondents will please send their items so as to reach this office not later than Tuesday morning in order to insure insertion. Promptness in this matter will assist the management materially in getting out the Advocate on time. Please bear this in mind and give us your news as early in the week as possible.—Editor.

### Cannon.

We had quite a storm to visit us last week. It did considerable damage to the farmers by blowing down fencing and timber on their farms.

Owing to the wet weather farming seems delayed to some extent. Even oat sowing and potato planting are behind time considerably.

James Brooks is having considerable improvements made on his garden and other fencing.

Messrs. Nash and Stephens made a flying trip to Middlesboro a few days ago. Mr. Stephens says it is a fascinating place, and thinks he will visit that neck o' the woods again.

Scott Jackson, a tenant of Mrs. Kitty Brooks, is doing more farming than any man in this part. He has something near twenty acres of land plowed. Scott knows how to farm.

If you want to learn everything that is going on in your neighborhood just subscribe for the ADVOCATE, you will find out where your neighbor spent Sunday, what he did the next week, and still more. If your subscription runs out you will learn in a short time that you are not learning anything.

Ben Burnett, who lives near this place, has a smile on his face when you meet him about the size of a barn door, and when asked what makes him so pleasing, he will begin in a sad funeral-like tone and tell you he has two new babies at his house—a boy and a girl.

M. B. Turner and Noah Rogers, of near Jarvis' store, were lively guests of Mr. James Brooks Sunday.

Going hog hunting and to a baptizing on Sunday don't run well together, especially if the hog belongs to some one else and he is ready to claim it. Sey, we don't believe the hog was yours, we believe James Harris was honest.

Mr. Nash says "Blessed be the fountain," but when he tried to walk across the creek on the water and sank over his boots and came out with minnows in them, he talked quite different.

Mrs. Kitty Brooks and family were guests of Mr. James Brooks and family Sunday.

Owing to the high waters there was no prayer meeting Saturday night.

Next Sunday is our regular meeting time at Sinking Valley.

If we were a tar-heel and could produce evidence that we were by the State we occupy. As long as we could raise a disturbance with a yellow dog or find some man's corn-crib to break into or brimstone some man's chickens on their roost at night, we would never be guilty of calling any Kentuckian a "Wooden head." There is not a truer set of people under the sun than those in Kentuck. Because the Democrats are in power doesn't signify that we are all Democrats. GRIT.

### Holden, Ky.

John Henson came down from Pineville Monday to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Henson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones' baby has been very sick for several days.

Lawson G. Rasnick was in Barbourville Monday.

G. Ed Morris was in Pineville this week on business.

W. F. Fortney, was over from Cannon Monday on business.

John Tye, of this place, went to Pineville Tuesday to haul lumber for D. H. Green.

W. A. Goodin, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Miller, returned to his home at Straight creek, the last of the week.

Matthew Hawn was down from Genoa Sunday and returned Monday.

G. Lee Gray and D. H. Ridnor were in Barbourville Monday on business.

Miss Clara Henson looks very sad this week on account of her sweetheart being away.

Steve Jones from Cannon spent Sunday with his brother, Wm. Jones, at this place.

Rev. R. H. Horton, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Walton, for several weeks, returned to his home at Judson, Ind., the last of the week.

Mrs. Mary Morris is very sick this week.

Carrie King (colored); who has been holding a meeting at the M. E. church, preached her last sermon Sunday night and will leave here in a few days.

Lawson Grindstaff had a big, long smile on his face when he returned from Barbourville Sunday. Wonder what the attraction is down there?

Mrs. Thomas Goodin, who has been in Lancaster, Ky., for several days, returned home Friday. VERDANT.

### Knox Fork.

Rain and mud are all the go.

Miss Dora Ponder, of this place, was visiting friends and relatives in Laurel Saturday.

Will Campbell passed through here Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Jones was the guest of Mrs. Alie Burnett Sunday.

Fred Price, of this place, shot a hawk Thursday measuring 4 ft. 4 in. from tip of wings. He thinks he has a good gun.

Brad Price is in big business buying chickens and eggs.

Harvey Humfleet was in London a few days ago on business.

Oscar Jarvis paid Rose May Black a visit Sunday. Somebody had better look out.

Mrs. Bessie Humfleet was in our midst Sunday. We are always glad to have Bessie with us.

Mrs. Bettie Jarvis, of this place, was visiting friends and relatives in Laurel county Friday.

Joe Wells is still plowing in oats; he has sowed one bushel and says he will sow that much more if he has good luck.

Two of our prettiest girls, Misses Mary Helton and Fannie Price, have gone to Grays to make their home this spring.

Miss Margaret Helton, while coming from her aunt's, fell from her horse, hurting herself very badly, but is better at this writing.

Miss Alie Burnett will leave here to-day for Hopper. We will miss her very much.

Let all subscribe for the MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE and find out the news. R. E. D.

### Messer.

Mrs. Margaret Stewart came over to visit her children Friday and returned to her home in Clay county Saturday to remain with her second husband, Bat Stewart.

J. Carl Simpson about two weeks got his arm broken twice by a saw-log rolling over him. He is now getting better.

The County Judge has stopped E. G. Saulsberry's wagons and teams from hauling on the road for thirty days on Stinking creek. Hurrah, for Judge Miller.

Daw Wagner, of Stinking creek, got his child badly burned a few days ago.

Eugene Messer has gone to Clay county to make his home with his stepfather, Bat Stewart.

C. T. Messer and Daniel Lovett have gone to Corbin on business.

John W. Sampson, of Barbourville, has lost his best girl on Stink-

ing creek by courting too slow.

C. T. Messer, aged twenty-two, went to see his best girl last week, but he got badly disappointed. She is quite young—just sixty years of age.

The wild wind happened March 22, 1904, about 2 o'clock in the evening. On Stinking creek it made all of the wild sinners call upon their Lord for help.

Pleas Bailey, of this place, was hauling staves the day the storm came and caught him and his little boy about two miles from home. He said he thought his time had come to die and called upon the Lord to help him.

Mrs. Lettie Shoops, wife of James Shoops, put seven children under her dwelling house floor to save them from being destroyed by the great storm of last week.

John Taylor's kitchen was torn to pieces by the storm of last Tuesday week, and his wife and five children had to run to a rock house to escape.

Mrs. Susan Taylor's stables and cribs were blown into the creek by the storm.

John Wells was blown off his mule by the storm. He got up and looked for his saddle and saw it going down the road.

The old homestead of Ellen Messer was badly torn up by the storm; it blew up about six large apple trees, and also the chimney.

George Brown, of Middle Fork, had his house blown away by the storm.

A. E. Watson's saw mill was badly damaged by the storm. He is now repairing it.

Botner Messer, of Jackson county, came here a few days ago to work at A. E. Watson's steam mill.

I guess E. G. Saulsberry, of Flat Lick, is very sick about Judge Miller stopping his teams thirty days. I hope he will get better at once. CHERRY PIE.

### Scalf.

[Arrived too late last week for publication.]

Hubbard and Hammons are still working at their stove job. They have about six thousand blocks sawed ready for splitting.

David Johnson and Miss Lethia Braughton were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. Thos. G. Hammons last Thursday evening at James Braughton's. We wish them a happy life as they promised Mr. Hammons to nourish and cherish each other through thick and thin.

Perry Hubbard is sparking his best girl each Saturday night. Look out, Mr. Parker, he will want a death warrant soon. He said, "man, you bet I like to spark."

Mrs. Larkin Hubbard is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Nancy C. Hammons was the guest of Mrs. Margaret Hubbard last Sunday.

We all want our postmaster and merchant, Thomas Hubbard, for our next Sheriff. What say you, fellow-citizens, of this county? Can you give him a word of congratulation as to his entering the coming campaign?

John E. Bargo, of Wallend, is visiting relatives here this week.

T. G. Hammons has almost gotten his ground broken the first time. He said he was going to see what virtue there is in making corn.

### DRY GOURD.

### Woman to Practice Law.

Miss Florence McGuire, of Jackson, Ky., daughter of Attorney W. W. McGuire, has gone to West Liberty to take the examination for admission to the bar in Morgan county. Miss McGuire is twenty-three years old and has been reading law in her father's office for the past three years. She will practice in the courts in that vicinity.

### Incorporated.

Mr. John Woodward informs us that he has just received his papers incorporating the new Hyden Telephone Co., and that the stockholders will meet at once and proceed to organize and elect officers and proceed at once to business.

## OIL INDUSTRY

### Picking Up With The Opening of Spring.

The oil industry in this section is beginning to take on new life with the opening of spring, and preparations are being made for a great deal of new work during the season, and from now on a steady increase in the business is expected.

New wells are being put down in various sections of the oil belt and many of them are coming in making good producers.

As the condition of the roads improve machinery will be moved into new fields, and in all probability a great deal of wildcat work will be done.

The recent decline in prices in crude oil did not affect operations in this territory as much as might be expected, while the price has dropped from \$1.30 to \$1.16 per barrel.

A Philadelphia concern recently begun operations in Whitley county and will thoroughly develop some extensive holdings in that county. While there has been a considerable falling off in the number of wells going down in this county, it is probable that renewed activity will be displayed during the next 90 days. Some fair strikes have been made recently, a New York concern brining in a 50-barreler.

The production of the Kentucky-Tennessee field has showed a steady increase, although the number of drilling wells has declined. The production for February approximated 65,000 barrels against 60,000 in January.

### Proud He Is A Negro.

Booker T. Washington, speaking Sunday in New York on "Results of Negro Education" before the Society for Ethical Culture in Carnegie Hall, said: "I have the most profound belief that no race in ancient or modern history has ever equaled the American negro in development in all directions. Because of the negro's progress in politics and my faith in his future I was never prouder than I am today of being a negro. My observation convinces me that the negro, North and South, does not seek to obtrude himself socially on any other race. We are as proud of our own race as others are of theirs, and the more education we receive the more contentment we find in our own racial circles."

### CONSTRUES THE LAW.

Attorney General Hays Delivers an Opinion Affecting the Fines Collected by Commonwealth's Attorney.

In response to a request from Commonwealth's Attorney Franklin, Attorney General Hays has delivered an opinion in which he holds that 50 per cent. of the fines secured by the Commonwealth's Attorney in any year can only be used to pay the salary of the attorney, up to the \$4,000 limit fixed by the statutes, for that year, and if the attorney is paid his salary the surplus cannot be devoted to paying his salary for the succeeding year.

### Reform Has Laid Hold of the City of Covington.

Reform (with a big R) stalks abroad in the once open metropolis of Kenton, and all meeting his austere majesty must kowtow and hope for better things. Encouraged by the silencing of the merry whir of the slot machines, Mayor Beach and City Attorney Phillips have put their heads together and decided that, notwithstanding the enemy to society, who wrote otherwise, curfew shall ring, not only to-night, but many other nights. And the good citizens pat Mayor Beach on the back and whisper something that sounds suspiciously like "dry town."

# LOOK

## AT THIS SPECIAL GREAT INDUCEMENT



EVER in all your life have you had so liberal and exceedingly valuable offer made to you as is contained in this proposition. Read every line of it and start out at once to win a valuable prize.

We have purchased Three Lovely and Valuable PIECES of JEWELRY, at a cost of \$115.00 which we propose to Give Away to the three persons who prove by their efforts to be the most popular, between now and June 1st, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon, when this contest will close.

EVERYONE can act as an Agent for the MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, and solicit subscribers at \$1.00 per year in advance, and for every dollar turned in to us, we will send the ADVOCATE one year to the subscriber, and credit the person soliciting the order with 20 votes in the popular contest.

### Description of Prizes

**First Prize** Large and exceedingly beautiful DIAMOND RING in solid gold setting. This is no imitation, but a genuine Diamond. Valued at SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS and we will, if necessary furnish the written guarantee, as to its being a real genuine Diamond. The person securing the largest number of votes will receive this Handsome Ring Absolutely Free as Their Reward.

**Second Prize** Will be choice of either a large and exceedingly handsome solid Gold Brooch, set with 6 large Opals. The value of which is TWENTY DOLLARS. Or if they prefer, they may have a handsome Green Enamel and Gold, Ladies Watch, set with Pearls and Pin to match. The value of which is also Twenty Dollars. The person who secures the Second highest number of votes will be given choice of these two Prizes, either of which any Lady would be proud to wear.

**Third Prize** Will be given to the person receiving the Third Highest number of votes, and will be either the Brooch or the Watch, the winner of the Second Prize having first choice and the winner of the Third Prize taking the other.

Everyone has an Equal Chance to Win. Start now and get in the Push

The plan is simple and easy to understand. Every Cash Subscription of \$1.00 to the MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE will entitle the one securing it to 20 votes in this contest and the one who secures and sends in the Highest number of Cash Subscribers between now and June 1st, will receive the First Prize, and the one sending the Second Highest number will receive the Second Prize, while the one sending the Third Highest number will get the Third Prize.

NOW LADIES, see who can win. Get your friends to work for you. Any one can enter the Contest. See your friends and tell them that you want that Diamond Ring and get them to work for you and credit the subscriptions so secured to your list. Remember We Do NOT Take Subscriptions for Less Than One Full Year.

WE will publish the list of contending candidates for these Prizes, giving credit every week with the additional votes secured, so that each one can see how diligently the other is working. No votes will be permitted to be changed from one contestant to another after they have been recorded in this Office.

You are as popular as any one else. Get your Father, Brother or Sweetheart to start you with 20 votes and then push on into the thousands. It is easy and pleasant work, and think of the Valuable, Handsome, Diamond Ring, Beautiful Solid Gold Brooch, or the Little Beauty Watch and Pin you will receive as your reward.

All of these Prizes can be seen at the FIRST NATIONAL BANK at any time, and we will take pleasure in showing them to those who are earnestly striving to win one of them.

In Remitting, make all Checks or Money Order payable to

**D. W. CLARK.**

and Address all Communications to the

**Mountain Advocate,**  
Barbourville, Kentucky.

### Those Who Have Entered as Contestants for The PRIZES.

NAME	ADDRESS	NUMBER OF VOTES
Mr. T. Ed. Smith,	Barbourville, Ky.	560
Miss Minnie Coone,	Flat Lick, Ky.	100
Miss Suddie Smith,	Flat Lick, Ky.	140
Miss Nannie Westerfield,	Artemus, Ky.	160
Mrs. Lewis Lane,	Barbourville, Ky.	120
Mrs. T. B. Clark,	Georgetown, Ky.	200

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