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ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS A YEAR IN ADVANCE

MOONSHINERS AT WORK IN KNOX COUNTY

Reputable citizens of Pount and Girdler state that whiskey drinking is so rampant around those towns that it is not safe to travel at night. The young bloods, with perhaps a sprinkling of older heads, ride up and down the roads yelling and shooting off their guns to the danger of anyone who may be travelling on the roads.

This should be stopped and the best way to stop it is to stop the manufacture of the moonshine whiskey. There is no blinking the fact that it is causing all kind of trouble in our County, including the crime of murder, whereby women are left with families to fight the battle of life alone. It is bottled or jugged deviltry and has no legal standing in the community. In fact it is an outlaw, subsisting on the sufferance of those failing to report existing stills. If there is no other way in which it can be suppressed then the officers of Uncle Sam should be brought into the fight and the illegal stills should be put out of business.

This devil's brew is causing parents to worry for their sons, not only spiritually but also mentally and physically.

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Judge R. S. Rose had made a start in the work of doing away with stills by making the drinking individual tell where he is getting the stuff. Every known still should be reported to the Internal Revenue Office at Louisville.

The condition is so bad that some of those who reported the matter to the Advocate state that they may be compelled to leave the districts in which they live unless conditions improve.

What is everybody's business is said to be nobody's business, but if the individual will make it his business to report the existence of stills there will soon be a clearing up of the illegal traffic.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

George W. Ricketts, son of S. A. Ricketts of near Trooper, accidentally shot himself in the thigh last week while playing with a pistol. The boy thought all the shots had been fired but on dropping the gun to his side, it went off and shot him through the thigh. He has a good chance to recover without the loss of his leg.

MASONIC LODGE MEETS

Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary of the Masonic Lodge of Kentucky, was here Saturday in the interest of the Million Dollar Fund which is being raised for the Masonic widows and orphans home. This was the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Brethren and also the meeting for the election of officers.

J. C. Moore has returned to Barbourville after a visit to his daughter in Tennessee.

PROMINENT CITIZENS INDICTED

On how small a thing may destiny swing! In the beginning of the race, the Apple of Adam's eye offered him an apple, and lo, chaos!

The spirit of taking a chance, which began in an environment of perfection, has spread down the ages and reached Barbourville. As a consequence, some of our most gifted sons, otherwise of a beautiful pulchritude of conduct, have found themselves in the strong meshes of the net, which, thrown out by the Grand Jury on the waters of life, has gathered in those who have strayed from their Ark of Safety.

When, as boys, they vied in the healthful pastime of jumping at a crack in the sidewalk, guessed heads or tails, even while they kept the cola, so precious in the days of scarcity, playing marbles for keeps and other such games of chance, little did they imagine that these customs might, when age had endowed them with all the strength and attraction of young manhood, examples of what young men should be, when, in fact, success spread out before them and the golden apple in the Garden of Opportunity were theirs, for the picking, little did they imagine, we repeat, that a penny cast at a crack or the E Pluribus Unum vs. Liberty, over a glass of sparkling coke, poured from a bottle and mixed with water, gaseous or plain, would be their downfall. Yet, so it seems, because said well beloved sons of our fair town, to a ripe and goodly number, in fact are now wondering what will happen when Circuit Court again meets and the penny cast at a crack and E Pluribus Unum vs. Liberty vs. coke, come up for judgment.

Thus does the influence of the past, not only our own, but that of our numberless ancestors, rise to put the kibosh on us. Meanwhile let us walk warily, treating Dutch fashion and hanging grimly on to the pennies, so that the dollars may take care of themselves. Else, "Et tu, Brute!"

FEDERAL AMENDMENT RATIFICATION

Expected by Kentucky Suffragists
First Week of Legislature

Governor E. P. Morrow will open the Kentucky Equal Rights Convention in Lexington, January 6th. Prominent men of both parties will speak for the Federal Amendment, which will, if passed, add to the great number of states which have signified their approval of Woman's Suffrage. Among the speakers will be Mrs. Emmaline Pankhurst the English suffragist and Mrs. Chas. L. Tiffany of New York.

We shall be glad to see Kentucky enrolled among those States which believe that the home makers and working women should have a voice in the legislation which affects them and their families.

Hon. Sawyer A. Smith is now a Colonel on the staff of Gov. E. P. Morrow having recently been honored with this appointment.

LENZIA BAKER SHOT IN ABDOMEN

Lenzia Baker, the 13 year old son of Tom K. Baker, of Flat Lick, was shot in the abdomen by Sol Smith, son of James Smith, also about 13 years of age. It is understood there was a scuffle for the possession of the pistol which was discharged, making a dangerous wound. The injured boy was taken to a hospital at Middlesboro.

DOUBLE WEDDING

A double wedding was held on Christmas Eve when Tip Bingham, of Cannon, married Miss Kermit Parrott and Charlie Willis, of Cannon, married Miss Lucy Parrott. The two brides are the daughters of Mrs. Hulda Parrott, of Baileys Switch. The wedding service was read by Rev. J. H. Blackburn. The friends of the young people will wish them every happiness in their married life.

SMITH-JONES

The marriage of Crit Jones, of Fount, and Miss Mandy Smith took place on Christmas Eve. Rev. John Jones performing the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Senior Smith.

WARFIELD-DETHERAGE

The wedding of G. B. Detherage, son of S. Detherage, and Miss Ethel Warfield, of Indian Creek, took place at Cumberland Gap December 23rd. These are estimable young people and we wish them every good luck.

FLAT LICK COAL FIELDS Being Heavily Developed

The Allied Coal Company, of Louisville, which recently took over the Flat Lick Company's properties, have also leased the John A. Black property adjoining, consisting of some 2,000 acres, and have put in an extensive plant for big operations.

Hon. Caleb Powers is opening up some 2,500 acres of coal land which is making a fine showing.

Enquiry is being made as to Canal coal which exists in this same section. This coal is used for the making of dyes opening up a profitable coal business in the Flat Lick section.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for the kind assistance rendered us during the illness and death of our beloved Mother and Grandmother, Mrs. Martha Davis, who passed into the Great Beyond December 25th, 1919, age 81 years, 6 months and 2 days.

The Family. CHRISTMAS DANCE

A Christmas dance was enjoyed by a number of our citizens last week at the Lyons home in Middlesboro. Those who attended the dance were:—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Heidrick, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Tye, Mr. and Mrs. Yancy Lyttle, of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Minton, Misses Jewel, Druella and Lilydale Tye, Mary Agnes Heidrick, Mary Mc Dermott and Roberta Cole. The young people spent the night at the Lyons home.

NOTICE

Effective January 1, 1920

It becomes necessary for me in the future to make a small charge for my professional services in the Scientific Examination of eyes.

When I came to Barbourville an examination was conducted free as an inducement for people to visit my office and have those suffering from eye trouble witness my method and discover for themselves whether I was a professional or a fakir. The number of patients I have had is sufficient proof that the people have rightly placed me in the professional class.

I also wish to announce that I came here solely to practice Optometry legitimately and now I am compelled to charge a reasonable fee for my services to sustain my practice and the good will of the people. Yours for better eyesight. J. Effron, O. D. Graduate Optometrist and Optician.

LETTER FROM J. M. ROBISON

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22, 1919.
Dear Mr. Editor:

Congress, Saturday night before adjournment, passed the bill increasing the compensation for disabled soldiers, sailors and Marines to be effective on April 6th, 1917. This increases the compensation for these boys nearly three times. I understand that the President will sign the bill today. Many of our disabled heroes will get more than a thousand dollars back compensation and nearly three times as much in the future as they have gotten heretofore. It is indeed a splendid Christmas gift for the soldiers.

I find that a great many soldier boys have not received their full quota of clothing and equipment. If any of your readers have not received their full quota of clothing and equipment I should be glad to send them blanks.

A great many soldier boys have not received their Liberty Bonds for which they have paid and are having trouble with their compensation and allotments. I shall be glad to help all who desire help on this matter. The Congressman can get quicker action on these matters than the parties themselves.

We are assured by the Republican leaders that the Fuller Bill, giving additional pay to the Union Veterans, will come up and be passed on January 5th, and that our Spanish-American and Philippine War Pension Bill will be taken up and passed by the house in January. I shall be glad to send the latest Farmer's Year Book and Farmers' Bulletins to those who may desire them.

I shall be glad to help your readers and your people down there in any way I can. I am sure that the foregoing will be good Christmas news to the soldiers of all the wars and I will thank you to publish the same.

We are making a hard effort to have the Congress consider and pass the increased pay bill, or bonus bill, for the World War soldiers.

Wishing you and your readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain, Your friend
J. M. Robison.

OIL NEWS

C. L. Bartlett, of Maysville is registered at the Jones Hotel and will remain to supervise development on Richland Creek.

It is reported that a St. Louis oil company, represented by Mr. Williams, have shipped a rig to Stinking Creek and will begin operations as soon as the rig arrives.

Great activity prevails in the leasing of land in the Stinking Creek section. On Sunday, Lee Jackson left for Lexington to close up a deal for leases with some parties of that city.

James J. Scanlon, principal geologist of the Geologist Oil Company with headquarters at Louisville, is expected here shortly to make a location for an important test in the Stinking Creek section. Mr. Scanlon has made a careful test of the structures in Stinking Creek and is of the firm conviction that his people will encounter a deep oil pool there.

The Associated Producers spudded in their No. 1 well on Stinking Creek Monday. They are starting with a ten inch hole and have made all provision in the way of casing, cordage and heavy tools to go to a depth of 3,500 feet provided paying sands are not reached before getting to that depth. This company is also preparing to start a well near Ogle postoffice in Clay County line. A favorable feature of the possibilities of a deep well in Knox County is the fact that in Knott County, north-east of Knox County, a well was completed last week where oil was found in paying quantities at a depth of over 2,600 feet. This oil was found in the Pennsylvania formation. It is a matter of great importance from the fact that this is the first well in Eastern Kentucky that has been found at that depth. The bringing in of this well will undoubtedly encourage the development in Perry, Leslie, Clay and Knox.

The whiskey dealers formerly knew what to say and do when they wanted anything. Now they are at a loss for words and action. Managers and custom certainly change.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HICKORY MILL

Following their custom of many years standing, T. W. Minton & Co. Hickory Mill, of Barbourville, presented each one of their 91 employees with a Christmas turkey.

A feature of the occasion was two very interesting turkey races, the first giving a game young turkey a 100 ft. handicap, and the second giving a 300 ft. handicap. The turkeys gave the boys the chase of their young lives, but they were finally captured by Jason Mayes and Geo. Barnes, who kept the turkeys as prizes. After the races names were drawn from a hat by the boys for the choice of turkeys, the names having been arranged into yearly classes, according to years of service with the company.

After the turkeys were all selected, the boys and turkeys climbed on top of the large hickory log pile in the mill yard and several pictures, were taken of the group.

This company has a fine spirit of good will and a splendid organization among their men, and they are justly proud of "The Hickory Mill Boys."

OUR STREETS

In wishing a Happy and Prosperous New Year to our new City Council, let us remember the good work of the old City Council. As we look over the paved streets and realize what they mean and will mean to Barbourville, let us put on record the names of the men who constituted the old Council. Thos. D. Tinsley, Mayor, City Council, R. W. Cole, Judge S. E. Dishman, Geo. W. Tye, Dr. J. E. Faulkner, Judge B. B. Golden and J. R. Jones.

When these men put down streets that are streets (and it took nerve to do it,) they put Barbourville on the map. The city will become more and more a city of homes and a center of education and, when the Dixie Highway is completed, (and it will be completed if Congressman Robison knows what he is talking about and we know he does,) then the tourist, who will bring thousands of dollars to Barbourville, will be able to pass from a pike road onto our paved streets, which, otherwise, would have been a weak link in the system.

There are still streets that should be paved and we have no doubt that the present City Council will show energy in getting them paved, especially as ocular demonstration of what paved streets mean should make it easier to get the work done. Here's to a Barbourville with every street paved by 1921!

MOUNTAIN EAGLES VS. CUMBERLAND QUINTETTE

The Mountain Eagles of Barbourville on the 23rd descended from their eyrie and picked the bones of the Cumberland Quintette at Harlan. The score was 47 to 6. The boys were treated royally and a social at the hotel was greatly enjoyed.

The Mountain Advocate, \$1.50 a yr.

ANNUAL RECEPTION OF THE TUESDAY CLUB

Mrs. J. W. Hughes entertained the Tuesday Club on December 23rd at the B. B. I. This was the holiday meeting at which it has always been the custom of the Club to entertain guests—a reception and not a regular meeting. After the members and their guests had exchanged greetings and were all seated in the spacious parlor of the Girls' Dormitory Mrs. W. S. Hudson gave two piano selections, Walse Brillante, Chopin, and Prairie Sketches, Cadman. Mrs. R. B. Minton read "When Malinda Sings," in a most pleasing manner. Lowell Hughes played "A Perfect Day" on his cornet of which he is quite a master for so small a fellow. The rest of program was so arranged that each one took part in story telling, games and contests in which quick thinking and skill were exhibited. Mrs. Leslie Logan and Mrs. S. T. Davidson carried off the prizes.

Delicious refreshments were served in the Institute dining hall where many seasonable toasts were made. The dining hall was elaborately decorated in Christmas red and green and little Santa Claus were used as place souvenirs. The spirit of pleasant intercourse prevailed throughout and Mrs. Hughes proved a perfect hostess.

The following ladies were present as guests of the Club:

Mesdames J. D. Black, Henry C. Black, of Johnson City, Tenn., R. W. Cole, G. J. Carter, J. G. Tye, Mrs. J. B. Campbell, J. A. Gray, R. C. Miller, of Ashville, N. C., S. T. Davidson, L. L. Richardson, Leslie Logan, G. H. Albright, Dan Herndon, Jack Hughes, Chas. Jones, M. L. Snavely, and Misses Ethel and Clara Campbell, Jewell Tye and Cora Sevier.

DEMISE

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. J. H. Davis who passed into eternity December 25th at 12 p. m. aged 81 years. The cause of death was dropsy. Funeral services were held at the home of her grandson, Clarence Davis, at 1 o'clock Friday. The remains were laid to rest in the City Cemetery.

Mrs. Davis leaves three sons and many grandchildren to mourn their loss.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Sunday January 4th, 1920
Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.
Morning Service at 11 A. M.
Evening Service at 7 P. M.
The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. E. B. Dishman on Friday at 7:30 P. M. and the ladies are asked to bring their husbands with them.

AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday January 4th, 1920.
Bible School at 9:45 A. M.
The usual services at 10:50 A. M. and 7 P. M.
Morning sermon: "The Soul and Its Future Self."
Evening sermon: "To Him That Hath Shall be Given."
A welcome to all.
Thos. J. Belcher, Minister.

Soldier Might Lose His Gun But He Held On To His Shovel

A soldier was relating some of his experiences in the Argonne Forest. He had played a rather important part in that historic fight.

During the course of his conversation, he let drop these few words:

"—but we always held on to our shovels."

After the fight the work of salvaging the war implements began. No shovels could be found, except that wherever there was a shovel the man who had used it lay beside it.

He knew he had to have it, to dig himself in again.

That was intuition with the soldier. He was saving for the future. Many can and should emulate his example.

Practice it with your money. Start a bank account today, and let it grow so that you can "dig in" when the time comes

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