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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Government Engineers Visit Lock Eight.

Major Rawlston, Captain Walker and Chief Clerk Goodman, who are in charge of the work of locking and damming the Cumberland river, were in Carthage last Monday en route to West Point where they went to make a preliminary survey and to determine where Lock No. 8 should be built. While in Carthage these gentlemen also inspected the Carthage wharf to ascertain just what would have to be done to put the wharf in shape for hauling fuel and other supplies to be used in the construction of Lock No. 8. It has not been

given out just where Lock No. 8 will be located, but it is known that it will be somewhere near West Point Landing.

That the Government is going to again take hold of the proposition of locking and damming the upper Cumberland will be good news to the people from Carthage to Burnside. For the past several years boats have been able to make trips from Nashville to West Point the year round, but the great bulk of the upper river traffic is above here and making the river navigable the year round all the way thru is going to prove a great boon to the upper river section, as these people are far away from railroad points. According to an Act passed by Congress some months ago sufficient money was appropriated to complete the upper river locks. But it is remembered, that Act carried a provision to the effect that before any locks would be built the Government would have to be protected against any damages overflows caused by the locks.

All the counties in the state through which the river passes, took care of this provision with resolutions passed by the County Courts, pledging to pay all such damages. In Kentucky, however, it was found that the constitution of that state would not permit counties to take such action and it was on this account the locking and damming project was halted for a time as the Act creating the money for the locks further provided that the river would have to be opened from its head to mouth before a single lock would be started.

Some weeks ago our efficient Congressman Cordell Hull, found a remedy for the awkward situation and had an Act passed by Congress which enabled Kentucky to open up its part of the river, and now the locks will be built. It is likely that construction work on Lock No. 8 at West Point will begin at an early date. —Carthage Courier.

TO THE VOTERS OF JACKSON COUNTY.

I have been solicited by a number of my friends to make the race for sheriff this time, but have declined to do so, for several reasons, and take this means of notifying all my friends, and thanking them for their good wishes and offers of support.

Mr. Spurlock has only had the office for one term, and it has always been customary in this county to give the sheriff the office the second time, and I do not want to ask the people to change this precedent. In addition to this, I could not afford to make the race at this time my mother being 80 years of age and no one to look after her, or her business affairs but me. This, with my own farming interests will consume all of my time.

Again thanking my friends for their offer of support, I am,
Very truly,
B. P. Hensley.

Scottish Rite Club Meet At Easter Banquet.

The Jackson County Scottish Rite Club, an organization composed of the Scottish Rite, or 32 degree Masons, living in Jackson County, met Sunday and held their Easter banquet at the Tardy House, in Gainesboro. Covers were laid for twenty-two persons, which were taken by members and their families, sweethearts and friends. An excellent dinner was served by the hotel people, which could be attested to by the length of time the members were in partaking thereof, as well as by their expressions.

Dr. C. E. Reeves acted as master of ceremonies and opened the banquet by calling on T. F. Gailbreath to offer thanks, after which the members and their guests were given time to do justice to the good things put before them. The first speaker called on by the master of ceremonies was B. C. Butler, who gave a talk on "masonry" and its connection with the civil, religious and political world, since its organization. Mr. Butler spoke on this subject for some twenty minutes, showing the part that masonry and masons both, individually and collectively, had played in the world's history, both religiously and politically. More especially of what they had done in the United States, pointing out the fact that George Washington and 20 of his 29 Major Generals were masons, and that of all his 60 odd Brigadier Generals, there was only one that was not a Mason, and the further fact, that those that were inefficient, or corrupt held no such allegiance; that 50 of the 55 signers of the declaration of independence were masons; that three-fourths of the men that were going forth and doing the big things in the world today, either religiously, politically or otherwise were affiliated with the masonic fraternity. He asserted that while masonry had no creed or religion, and so far as the fraternity was concerned, however, that it is synonymous with religion, in that, it took the Holy Bible for its rule and guide, for its faith and practice, but that it left a man's religion up to him and his God, without regard to creed or denomination; that it left his political beliefs to be worked out to his satisfaction, as between he and his country without being biased by political parties, or beliefs, and in doing this it had done more to forward the interest of christianity than all other fraternal organizations combined.

At the close of the dinner each member, as well as the visitors were called on for a short talk.

T. F. Gailbreath made a fine talk on what masonry meant to him and should mean to every one.

Dr. C. E. Reeves after having presided over the feast and performed his duties as master of ceremonies in his most pleasant manner, was called on by the brethren to deliver the closing speech, which he did, using as his subject "masonry and what it stands for." The Dr. spoke for some 20 minutes, handling his subject in a way that he usually handles a case with which he is familiar.

After a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Tardy for the excellent dinner which was served, the banquet came to a close.

JOHN KIRBY MAKES FULL CONFESSION OF MURDER OF PURLMUTTER--IMPLICATES ALFRED SMITH, JIM MADEWELL AND WILL ROBINSON--ACCUSED MEN DENY CHARGE--SMITH ARRESTED IN DETROIT AND BROUGHT TO COOKEVILLE.

John Kirby, one of the men arrested at Cookeville, Monday, March 29, charged with the killing of Corporal Rapheal Purlmutter, who disappeared March 16 while on recruiting duty at Cookeville with the Twenty-eighth Infantry band, broke down under continued pressure of examination last Thursday at Cookeville, where he was being tried, and made a full confession relative to the killing.

Kirby testified that Alfred Smith shot the soldier; that Will Robinson, negro, cut his throat, and Jim Madewell clubbed him over the head with a walking stick belonging to Kirby, admitting that he was present when the murder was committed, and that he helped to drag the body to place of concealment, where it was found Monday morning, March 29.

Kirby first made a confession to the officer early Thursday afternoon, April 1. He later repeated in the court the detailed story of the killing.

He stated that he and Alfred Smith met Purlmutter at the Citizens' Bank, opposite the depot about dark Tuesday night, March 16. Smith suggested a game of cards, Kirby stated, and they overtook Madewell further down the street. Then, the witness stated, they went to the home of the negro, Robinson, and asked the negro's wife if they could have the game there.

While Kirby, Madewell and Purlmutter were waiting for the negro and Smith to return from talking to Robinson's wife, Kirby said, Madewell took from Kirby a heavy walking stick made of hickory.

On the refusal of the negro woman to allow the game at her house, Kirby said that he started back to town, but was stopped by Smith, who said to him: "Give me a drink of whiskey."

The witness said that, after Smith had taken two drinks, he said to Kirby:

"Yes, damn you, you are going."

Kirby then went with the others, he said, to a place near Gregory's barn, in an isolated part of town near the Tennessee Central track. Without warning Kirby testified, Smith shot Purlmutter as they neared the barn, Robinson cut his throat, and Madewell beat him over the head with the walking stick he had taken from Kirby.

"O Lordy," was the only outcry the soldier made, according to Kirby's statement.

Smith searched through the dead man's pockets, Kirby said, while Robinson struck matches. Kirby was given none of the money, he stated, and Smith took the small silver watch.

Smith then compelled Kirby to help them carry the body to a thicket about a hundred yards away, Kirby testified, and told him:

"If you ever say I was down here, I'll kill you."

The time of the murder was fixed as about 8 o'clock, by Kirby's testimony, that on his way home immediately after the disposition of the body, the passenger train due in Cookeville at

8:45 passed him as he was walking down the track.

Kirby said that he took the walking stick home with him, washed it in a branch in front of his house, and hid it in a crack in the floor under a bed. Previous searches of the house had failed to reveal it, and he directed officers to the spot Thursday. The stick was produced in court in the afternoon and still had traces of blood on it.

Kirby's wife testified that she knew nothing of her husband's connection with the murder until she heard his confession in court.

Kirby ate his first meal since his arrest Thursday afternoon after he had made his confession to the officers before the court testimony.

Following the conclusion of the inquiry by the coroner's inquest and the report of its findings charging the murder to Smith, Madewell, Kirby and Robinson, the three who were in jail at Cookeville were arraigned before J. R. Douglas, city magistrate, waived examination and were bound over to the Putnam county Criminal Court, which will meet in May. Madewell and Robinson received the action of the court stoically. To the last they denied knowledge of the killing.

About one hundred witnesses in all were examined before the jury of inquest.

Witnesses testified to seeing Alfred Smith, James Madewell, John Kirby and "Greasy" Robinson in the vicinity of the depot late in the afternoon of the day of the killing.

Witnesses testified to attempted violence at the hands of Smith and to his gambling and drinking.

It was shown that Kirby, Madewell and Robinson had not worked very much for some time, and they were frequently gambling.

It was shown that recently while gambling Kirby had threatened to shoot a man with whom he had a dispute in a gambling game.

Kirby, Madewell and Robinson were taken to Nashville Friday, for safe keeping.

Smith was arrested in Detroit Thursday, by the police of that city on request of Gov. Roberts and Coroner J. R. Douglas of Cookeville. He went to Detroit from Cookeville on March 19, and had been working in a factory. A search of Smith's effects for papers belonging to Purlmutter was made, but none was found. He arrived at Cookeville Sunday in charge of an officer and placed in jail. He denies the charge made against him by Kirby. His trial was held Wednesday, proceedings of which will be found elsewhere in the Sentinel.

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W. C. MURPHY,
Hilham, Tenn.

April Term of County Court Held Monday.

The April term of Quarterly County Court was in session here Monday, with Chairman Dave Hall presiding.

The chairman's report was read and adopted. Trustee's settlement No. 10 confirmed.

R. S. Dudley, of Gainesboro, and H. P. Flatt, of the 12th district were elected members of the High School Board. Mr. Dudley was also elected Road Commissioner of the first district.

The following Notary Publics were elected: First district, P. J. Anderson and H. Grady Gore; 5th district, B. P. Shirley; 2nd district, A. McCawley.

The following Good Roads Commissioners were elected; H. L. McDearman, A. McCawley, A. H. Hargis, Joe Lee and T. M. Cason.

The report of County Supt. Dixon was read, ordered received and filed.

An appropriation of \$240 for bridge at Indian creek, and \$500 for bridge at Pine Lick was made.

W. M. Dycus, C. H. Mabry, Walter Meadows and J. P. Flatt were released from paying road and poll tax.

Chairman and Trustee ordered to take up \$500, or more of the Good Roads fund and pay for same out of sinking fund.

The petition for "Mother's Pension" presented by Minnie McNew was not acted upon.

We want to lift our hats to the members of the court, who voted for, and were responsible for the county buying an adding machine. The money has been wisely spent. No doubt but what the machine would have paid for itself several times had it been purchased years ago.

SHANROCK, OKLA.

Say folks, I'm all aflame, and crammed inside, with an assortment of words and phrases, that have got to have an exodus.

I must get this oral distension assuaged, or it may turn in on me, and then I'd go about feeling like a deekle-edge edition de luxe of the language of flowers.

So, without your permission I'm going to make a few specifications about the moral surface of nature as set forth by the landscape and the contiguous perspective.

Its an elegant evening outside, the coolness is quite gratifying. The stars are lined out first class, up where they belong, and the moon is attending to business in the section of sky where it belongs. The trees are making shadows on the ground, according to science and nature, and there is a kind of conspicuous hullabaloo going on in the bushes between the bull-bats and the orioles and the Jack-rabbits and other feathered insects of the forest.

I have just come from a prolonged chat with me auld Pal Pete. That man is the most talented commoner at stratagems I ever saw. Whenever he sees a dollar in another man's hand, he takes it as a personal grudge--If he can't take it any other way. He is well-educated too, besides he has acquired a big amount of knowledge out of books, and he can talk for hours on any subject connected with ideas and discourse. He has been in every

J. M. Cox, of Smith Co. For Secretary of State.

Our popular and efficient Circuit Court Clerk, James M. Cox, is being favorably mentioned for the office of Secretary of State to be filled by the next legislature. We are not advised as to whether or not Mr. Cox will seek the honor, but we endorse him without stint or reservation. He is well worthy of the highest honors within the gift of the people, being honest, capable, courteous and polite. He is an ideal public servant, his whole purpose and pleasure being to help and serve others. Duty, service and courtesy are favorite words in his vocabulary, and his life is a constant exemplification of those virtues in a marked degree. He is a high-class Christian gentleman and a splendid citizen. While he is quiet and disposed to do the pleasant thing, he is a man of superb moral courage, taking a bold and uncompromising stand for the right and always loyal and faithful to his friends even under trying conditions.

Mr. Cox is a democrat in faith and practice. Next to his religion, his loyalty to his political convictions is one of the most striking characteristics of his makeup, yet always tolerant and considerate of the views of others. He stands for the moral men and measures but prefers to make his fight within his own party. To know Mr. Cox is to love and appreciate him and wherever he is known, he will have strong support if he decides to make the race. Everybody in Smith County, including the women and children and old men will be for him, and if elected, he will fill the high office most acceptably with much honor and credit to the State.—Carthage Courier.

kind of graft, from lecturing on "The disadvantages of being a Greaser," with a lot of magic lantern pictures of the annual St. Patrick's day festivities, to flooding Oklahoma with bogus wood alcohol, distilled from nutmeg. But today he failed to drive the sadness from my heart, for Shamrock is lost. Lost your Excellency. Lost associations and societies. Lost reformers and lawmakers of every order. Born with heavenly compassion in your hearts, but with reverence of money in your souls. The captains are no longer captains. The preachers preach no more. The servants move to and fro with that quiet subdued tread which prevails in a house where death is an expected guest, and even the crash of broken china and shattered glass which announces their approach, seems to fall upon the ear with less violence than usual.

Lost, Lost, in the mad chase after the almighty dollar. They got mine. I'm flat. I'd marry the Emvress of China for the price of one bowl of chop suey. I'd commit murder for the price of a plate of beef stew, or I'd be a Mormon for a bowl of chowder. I'm desperate, wire advice at once. Collect to Max.

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