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On another page in the issue, a call for a meeting of the citizens of Columbia and Adair county will be seen. The purpose is fully set forth in said call, and we trust that the courthouse will be crowded with determined men who will neither flicker nor falter until this movement is crowned with success. Already Columbia is the best inland town in the State, but with moderate facilities for shipping, her growth in population and business would soon out rival any town in South Central Kentucky. Within two or three years after securing railroad service, her population would double, her business quadruple and values materially increase in every part of the county. We are within twenty miles of a great railroad system with but little natural obstruction in the way, not even necessity for a deep cut or other expensive work before track laying, and yet, for years, this county has poured its resources into to the trade of another town, slept for a half century within the reach of reasonable effort to develop its own resources—losing tremendously every year and doing without many of the conveniences of life. Land values are held down to the lowest price. Old methods still prevail. With no enterprise or opportunity to create new business or to enlarge present operations thousands of citizens of vim and vigor have gone to other sections and made good. This condition would be changed by securing a railroad, and it is immaterial where we connect or what line of road that receives our business. The important point is connection. It is not so much competition we need, as facilities to get out and in, to and from the centers of trade and markets. As we see it the L. & N., is in as good position to give the service so badly needed, as any other road. It is within twenty miles of our town and could be built to this place for one-fourth what it would cost any other line of road, besides it would give just as profitable service, as good passage and as low rates as any other road. Let us all meet next Wednesday evening and get together on some plan, and if the bulk of our citizens will unite, some way can be worked out that will bring a road. It is up to this community to save itself from industrial decay, and the sooner we realize this the sooner we should get busy and cast it off.

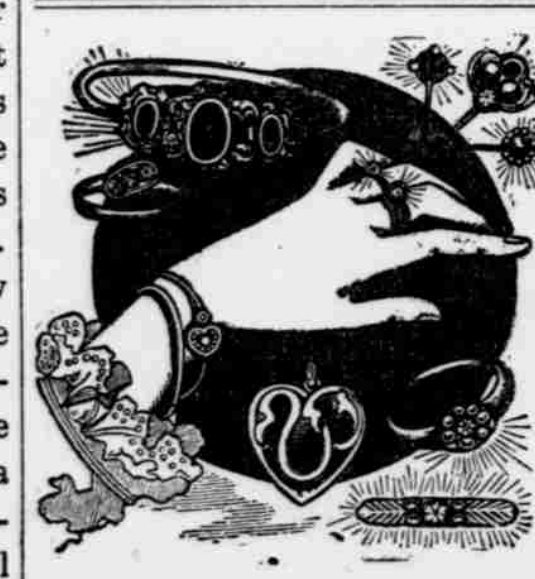
Col. John H. Whallen, the philanthropist and noted politician of Louisville, died last week. His purse was at all times open to the poor, and he will be missed by that class of citizens more than any other class, though thousands of people throughout the State regretted to hear of his death. His political enemies feared him, though in the social walks of life he was as gentle as a woman. He entered the Confederate army at 13 and died at the age of 63.

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The State Journal pays a nice compliment to Attorney General Garnett under the head—A good day for Kentucky. "The Commonwealth of Kentucky had a "field day" in the Supreme Court of the United States Monday, when it won two cases, involving questions of importance to the people—a rate case and a tax suit. Attorney General Garnett, who argued the Greenbriar freight rate case and the United States Fidelity and Guaranty case before the Supreme Court has a right to feel complaisant over his achievement in behalf of the State. While the Court again declined to pass upon the constitutionality of the McChord bill in the former, it by implication seems to have said that it has no jurisdiction and that the matter of making interstate rates belongs exclusively to the State, which is satisfactory as anything could be to the State Railroad Commission and the people of Kentucky. The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company is a foreign corporation, which makes reports on the commercial rating of business houses the country over. It resisted a tax in this State but the Supreme Court held that it would have to submit and thus laid down the doctrine that such foreign corporations doing business in Kentucky must contribute to the State's revenues. It was a good day's work for Kentucky, which was ably represented in the legal battles against the best talent the resources of a great railroad system and a big Eastern corporation could hire.

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From Missouri.
Bogard, Dec. 1, 1913.
Editor News:—

I have thought several times since I returned from my visit back home last summer, that I would write a letter to the News.

It had been nearly four years since we left Kentucky, therefore I was anxious to make a visit. So on August the 18th, in company with my old friend, Gwin Stone of Hale, Mo., we started for the Columbia Fair. When we arrived in Louisville I began to look for people that I knew. In Lebanon I met a few of the Adair and Green county boys. When we left for Campbellsville there were three children who took seats opposite me. They looked so pleasing I had to ask who they were, and they said they were Will Lyon's children, of Campbellseile—Pendence, James and William. They all have the Pleasant smiles of their father and mother both. They had a nice basket of fruit they had brought from their grandpa Yates, which they divided with us. In Campbellsville we met quite a few acquaintances, and when we reached Columbia, we were greeted by a number of friends and relatives, Charlie Browning being one of the number, who conveyed us to his home. There we were met by my brother-in-law, Mr. Ebb Salmon and family, and my old friend, R. W. Shirley, who went around with me a good part of the time. While the next two days were spent at the Fair. I want to say right here that I don't think I ever spent two days at the Columbia Fair any happier. Of course there was lots of nice stock, but this did not interest me like meeting the people.

Though when the colt show was pulled off I felt like I would like to be in the ring with a halter on a nice Peacock colt and show Mr. Rich Paull and Will Flowers and others how I could take the blue ribbon over them like I used to do, ha ha.

I spent two weeks at home. During that time I was in seventy different homes and lots others I wanted to go to, but my time was too short. I don't know how long it would have taken me to get around. Cousin Joe Lyon said he stayed four months and then didn't get near around.

I had a good visit in Green county with my wife's people also with Bro. Sandidge and family. In fact, I enjoyed my visits everywhere I went, Gradyville, Bliss, Milltown, Columbia and Montpelier.

It certainly affords me a great deal of pleasure to recall the pleasant conversations I had with friends while there. I was glad to have Nat Walker come home with me. It was certainly a treat for our children to be with one of their former neighbors and schoolmate.

Well, last Thursday was Thanksgiving and Frank Shirley and family, Jim Shirley, Sawney Browning, and the Wilmores took their baskets and went to the home of Mrs. Bettie Burbidge and sons and gave them a surprise. There are no better people than these.

We were sorry the Gradyville letter was missed last week. Hope we will see two good, newsy letters this week.

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I was glad to see a letter from my old friend, L. B. Ward, written to W. M. Wilmore, and published in the News. I saw him in Texas in September, 1886.

We had some cold weather in October, but November has been very warm and wet. Wheat has made a rapid growth, pastures are fine. Farmers are busy husking corn and doing fall plowing.

Most Respectfully,
Luther Wilmore.

From California.

Richmond, Dec. 1, 1913.

Editor News:—

With your permission for a small space in your paper will say that every edition of the News mentioning many names once familiar to me, makes me homesick for a sight of old Kentucky, though it has been many years since I left there. I cannot forget the glorious times I spent during my boyhood days rollicking over hills and valleys of old Adair county, though from my third to my eighth year, near Montpelier, Russell county. When twenty years old, I left old Kentucky for the West, and have lived in Iowa, Missouri, Colorado and lastly in California. Was in San Francisco a number of years prior to the big earthquake and fire of 1906, which burned five square miles of the business section of the city. It was an experience I never want to go through again. Then I came to this little city, which is just nine miles northeast of San Francisco, and across the bay of the latter name. Our town is just thirteen years old with a population of twenty thousand people. We have two trans continental railroads, and one local, also the terminal of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fee railroad with big shops and round houses located here. About one hundred and twenty-five trains per day enter our little city of factories, the largest of which is the Standard Oil Company, with a plant costing over ten million dollars and employing over two thousand men. The climate is mild here—only eight degrees colder in winter than summer, and rains only during late fall and winter. Vegetables and strawberries all the year. There are quite a number of Kentuckians living here, and there are people from every country in the world. I ran across a negro from Kentucky, and asked him did he like possum and sweet potatoes? He said; "Go way child and don't talk about them good things to eat. It makes me want to go back to old Kentucky right away." I see by the News that Z. T. Williams lives in or around Columbia. I once went to school to one Z. T. Williams at Montpelier, Russell county, probably the same.

Respectfully,
Sandy D. Gadberry.