

PURE WATER AGAIN IN A FEW DAYS

For Earlington, Will Come From Slaughtersville Lake—Good Like Our Own.

RIVER WATER WILL ONLY BE HANDLED FOR A FEW DAYS.

Lake Dam Will Be Raised—Many Thousands and Fish Rescued From Pools.

Earlington will be supplied in her city water system with pure water such as we have been accustomed to get from Loch Mary within a few days.

The drouth has been so long sustained and severe that our own water supply in Loch Mary has been depleted to the danger point and beyond, while the owners of the lake have held out the helping hand to the Louisville and Nashville system and have watered the locomotives of this big road, hoping that any day might bring an end to the drouth with welcome rains. But this hope is yet different and we are yet dry. So that for some days past the L. & N. has been handling water for its own use from Guthrie first and them from Henderson. And now Earlington has to get relief in the same way and the L. & N. water wagon brings the town and mines their water supply on wheels. And it comes from the low Ohio river temporarily. The L. & N. are now not taking water for any passenger trains at Earlington except the inter-urban.

Willard Cavaness has been at work for several days putting into operation a plan he devised for pumping water from the tank cars direct into the city mains. The pump and boiler are stationed on Railroad street near the postoffice and from there the city will be supplied. The coke oven supply, for washing slack, is still being used over and over, as for some weeks past.

Sept. Logsdon, of the L. & N. has perfected plans whereby water will be hauled from Slaughtersville to Earlington within the next few days. This is pure water from the big L. & N. reservoir there, which now contains more than 50,000,000 gallons. The supply there was not much depleted by the drouth and there have been fine rains recently in the Slaughtersville country.

Mr. Jno. B. Atkinson, president of the St. Bernard Mining Co., said yesterday that he expected before long to raise the dam at Loch Mary so that the total capacity of the lake would be greatly increased.

There is still enough water in Loch Mary to swim the fish but they are thick as fleas.

Tuesday morning Brick Southworth, Henry Jones, Harry Brame and others seined the small pools in the lake bed and put the fish all in the main body of water. The number and variety of fish they rescued was remarkable. In one pool they seemed to find the whole pike family, large and small. And in all they took many thousands of fish of various sizes and put them where they will be safe except from their cannibal neighbors in what no doubt now seems to them to be very close quarters.

We still hope for rain but every time that hope is expressed the barometer rises.

How One Man Made Christmas Happier.

The suburbanites, riding back and forth on a certain car line

that ran from a south end suburb to the center of our city, always met a cheery smile and hearty word from the motorman and conductors of the line. Particularly would the "regulars" wonder at the welcome given to a dignified business man who entered the car daily at a stop made near his home. The secret of the unusual deference paid him baffled him.

Coming up one Christmas day, just at one o'clock, when most of the suburbanites were seated at tables that groaned with good things, I saw this gentleman hail the car at his stop, hand the motorman a big waiter, and with a hearty "Merry Christmas" turn back up the walk at his home.

The conductor moved forward, relieving the motorman, who sat down on the step and pushed aside a snowy napkin. Beneath this I saw, as I peered through the window, a large plate heaped with every imaginable Christmas goodie—turkey and cranberries, vegetables and salad. Beside the plate stood a steaming cup of coffee and a smoking piece of plum pudding. It was all so appetizing that I grew hungry myself, and sympathized when the conductor, standing at the crank, whistled and said:

"Hurry, up, Bill. I get mine next trip. And Steeks and Jim said we were to get this car back an the-dot. They want their dinners, too."

Here was the answer. Every day, through cold and rain, as well as fair weather, these men served the banker. On Christmas Day it was his turn. And they never forgot—all through the long year.—Circle Magazine.

NO SPECIAL SESSION UNLESS EMERGENCY ARISES.

Governor Puts at Rest Rumors Concerning the Calling of an Extra Session.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 12.—Gov. Willson tonight put at rest all rumors concerning the calling of an extra session of the Legislature, coming out in a positive statement that he would not convene that body except in the event of pressing emergency. He said:

"I will not call the General Assembly together to consider the county unit bill, nor any subject of legislation generally considered at regular sessions, but only for emergency matters. If any emergency, provided the power to call special sessions is given, should arise making a special session necessary, I will then decide what subjects, if any shall be considered besides the emergency subjects."

It is believed that the Governor's declaration was prompted by the publication of an article which indicated that petitions were being drafted calling upon the executive to call the Legislature for the purpose of passing the county unit bill, and that it is his desire to spare prospective petitioners this trouble. The Governor said further tonight that he did not consider the county unit bill an emergency matter, but one of the character that is usually and properly considered by the regular session.

Weight of Hat Caused a Woman to Faint.

Munich, Dec. 12.—A fashionable woman wearing a "Merry Widow" hat three feet in diameter, fainted in the street and was carried into a shop, where she recovered when the hat was removed. The doctor, who had been summoned, said the swoon was entirely attributable to the enormous weight of the hat.

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SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS

Permanent Organization Effected—Talk of Building Permanent Home.

John B. Atkinson Elected Vice President for State of Kentucky.

The Washington Post, reporting the proceedings of the Southern Commercial Congress, which was held at Washington last week has this to say about the permanent organization of that body and certain important subjects covered by resolutions:

"A constitution and bylaws were adopted, and officers elected, John M. Parker, of New Orleans, being chosen president.

The constitution provides for an active and an honorary membership, the President of the United States, the Vice-President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the State vice-presidents of the organizations being in the latter class.

Among the resolutions adopted, one of the most important was that in regard to needed railroad extension in the South.

Need of Railroads.

The resolution was as follows: "Railroad construction has been extensive, but the rapid commercial growth of the South requires an enormous increase in its railroad facilities to transport to market its many and varied products.

The construction of such adequate facilities can be accomplished only by assuring the holders of capital that such enterprise will be safeguarded by conservative and constructive legislation, and we urge upon our Southern legislators the wisdom of such policy and condemn any legislation leading to the contrary.

"We favor a spirit of co-operation between the people and railroads and other corporate interests, to the end that the required confidence of investors may be established in the securities of the corporation if the South."

Declares for Waterways.

Another resolution adopted urged upon Congress "immediate action for the practical development and improvement of our inland waterways and harbors upon a broad and comprehensive plan."

The establishment of the proposed Appalachian and White Mountain national forest reserve was declared in another resolution to be "of paramount importance to the nation." Vice-President Ruge was instructed to head a delegation to call upon Congress today to urge the immediate passage of such legislation.

Other resolutions favored good roads, a larger merchant marine, and comprehensive revision of the "obsolete regulations and laws governing our merchant marine," conservation of our national resources, "adequate development of Southern waterways and harbors" further extension of industrial training in the public schools, the establishment generally of industrial and agricultural schools and the systematic study of public affairs by commercial bodies as well as by individual citizens.

The Officers Elected.

The other officers chosen were as follows: First Vice-President, John G. Ruge, Apalachicola, Fla.; managing director, G. Grosvenor

Dawe, Montgomery, Ala.; secretary, Edwin L. Quarles, Petersburg, Va.; treasurer, John A. Bejeman, Albany, Ga.; and State vice presidents as follows: T. P. Glass, Alabama; C. R. Breckenridge, Arkansas; John G. Christopher, Florida; T. S. Rawth, Georgia; J. B. Atkinson, Kentucky; Philip Werlein, Louisiana; Charles Scott, Mississippi; A. E. Tate, North Carolina; John W. Foxon, Tennessee; M. Locker, Texas; William Anderson, Virginia; A. K. Thom, West Virginia, and Geo. W. Simmons, Missouri.

There is on foot a movement to establish for the Southern Industrial Congress permanent headquarters at Washington and to erect a building for use as its home at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars.

Books That Every Child Should Have.

Almost every moral child sooner or later takes strange fancies to books that would seem far too old for him, and such fancies deserve to be encouraged, for what is missed in the meaning of the noble promise or poetry will be made up later, while these first impressions and enthusiasms of childhood are never quite effaced, says Frederick Taber Cooper in "The Reading Circle" of the December Circle Magazine.

Accordingly in selecting any list of books for children I shall begin with the oldest and best tested of all children's stories, the fables and fairy tales that have come down from time immemorial, and passed on from one race and nation to another.

The list of books which Dr. Cooper recommends for children under twelve is as follows:

The Arabian Nights.
Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking-Glass."
Rudyard Kipling's "Just So Stories" and the "Jungle Books" I. and II.

The Wonder Book, by Hawthorne.

Water babies by Charles Kingsley.

Robinson Crusoe.

Swiss Family Robinson.

Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea,"

"The Mysterious Island," "A Journey to the Center of the Earth."

Leila, or the Island.

Little Lord Fauntleroy, by Francis Hodgson Burnett.

Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates, by Mary Mapes Dodge.

Louise M. Alcott's "Little Women," "Little Men," "Eight Cousins" and its sequel, "Rose in Bloom."

Lamb's "Tales from Shakespeare."

Dickens' "Christmas Tales."

Irving's "Rip Van Winkle."

Wild Animals I Have Known, by Ernest Seton Thompson.

"NIGHT RIDERS" CASE OPENS.

Eight Alleged Leader in Tennessee Crime on Trial—State Prepared to Suppress Trouble.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Eight men, alleged leaders of the "night rider" band of Reelfoot Lake, were placed on trial today charged with the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin, a prominent attorney of Trenton. Judge Joseph E. Jones presides at the trial. From Reelfoot Lake and other places men are pouring into Union City. The State has organized its forces determined to put down any outbreak.

An ad in the Bee is a business bringer.

FARMERS IN OPEN REVOLT

Against the Tobacco Planters' Association.

THE MEETING AGAINST RESOLUTION.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 15.—In open revolt against the Planters' Protective Association, a large number of Christian County farmers, mainly from the northern portion, met at the court-house here yesterday afternoon and organized the Farmers' Mutual Tobacco Association with a view to operating here under the loose sale system. The court-house was crowded with people, many standing in the aisles, when the meeting was called to order. Squire B. F. Fuller was Chairman and Ben Wood, Secretary.

Former Sheriff Davis introduced the resolutions. Ex-Congressman John D. Clardy opposed the adoption of the resolutions. Some of the clauses were good, he said, but the farmers should lay their grievances before the officials of the Association and seek an adjustment of differences. The hope of the farmers lay in the maintenance of one organization, presenting one seller to the one buyer. He praised the association for having secured reasonable prices for tobacco and deprecated the effort to form a new society. Hon. John Feland advocated loose sales, and advised the farmers to sell their tobacco without regard to association and asserted that the Creelius bill was unconstitutional. He pictured the want and beggary of farmers under the association's regime. Benton Brown, postmaster at Crofton, and Seth Myers spoke in favor of the resolutions, which were adopted as follows without a dissenting vote:

"We, the farmers of Christian County, Ky., in mass-meeting assembled, hereby bind ourselves together into an association for our mutual welfare. We have found it necessary to form this organization because the welfare of the individual farmer was not considered of any consequence by the Dark Tobacco Protective Association, and the appeals which have been sent to the highly-paid officers of that organization, which rested upon the sufferings of our families and our children, were unheeded by Mr. Ewing and the Executive Committee of the association.

"In the first instance, we believe that the farmer has a right to discuss his welfare and his interest without Night Riders prowling around to threaten and intimidate, because the farmer simply wishes to control or at least have a voice in the management of his own tobacco crop; and it is hereby resolved,

"That the Chairman of this meeting is instructed to appoint a committee of three farmers to have prepared the necessary pledges, to be signed by all who wish to join our organization, which is to be operated and conducted under the loose sale system, and said committee is authorized and empowered to make such arrangements as are necessary for the opening up of a loose sale in the City of Hopkinsville, Ky., and at such other places in Christian County as they might wish, and if the people of Hopkinsville are afraid to engage in legitimate business and to stand by the farmers in their need and refuse to open up a loose sale in their city, why

then, said committee is instructed to make necessary arrangements for the sale of said tobacco at Paducah, or Louisville, or such other places as may be accessible.

"Be it further resolved, That we are men, and we propose to attend to our own business and in our meetings in Christian County we do not propose or intend to submit to any further interference from these high-salaried people who are speaking for their salaries and their graft and not on account of any love they entertain for the farmers who recognize the fact that they are picking your pocket while they are smiling in your face.

"Resolved, further, That we call upon the Planter's Protective Association for the distribution of the \$57,000 in cash they now have on hand a part of which belongs to us.

"Resolved, further, That we petition Mr. Ewing to explain fully the relationship of the farmers' organization and of the incorporation, and also the amount of money each has on hand.

Resolved, further, That while this organization is for our mutual welfare and protection, yet we recognize the fact that other people besides the farmers have rights of citizenship, and before man we here state that we wish merely to receive what is right and proper for our crops, and before we will burn and murder and assassinate we think it proper to quit the raising of tobacco.

Resolved, further, That the name of this association shall be the Farmers' Mutual Tobacco Association, and its officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President and a Secretary and Treasurer, which last named office shall be occupied by some banker under bond, and none of whom shall receive any salary for their services.

"Resolved, further, That other counties of this tobacco district shall be invited to co-operate with us, but it shall be understood that each county shall constitute a unit and the farmers of one county cannot control the operations of another county, except the primary object shall be the mutual betterment of the conditions of farm life."

LOOKING FOR OIL AND MINERALS.

Chicago Prospectors Drilling in Southern Kentucky Near State Line.

Glasgow, Ky., Dec. 18.—Chicago capitalists are leasing land along the Kentucky and Tennessee borders with a view of drilling for oil and making a test for other minerals. At present they are leasing in the section near Red Boiling Springs and will probably carry the work over into Monroe County Ky. They have ample evidence of the existence of oil and minerals to justify operation, and as soon as a sufficient number of leases can be secured and machinery gotten on the ground they will begin work.

AUDITOR SETTLES BOOE'S SHORTAGE.

Mr. James Pays State Amount Lost During His Term of Office.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 12.—State Auditor James today settled in full the shortage incurred by Judge Booe since the first of last January, when James went into office. The amount was \$2,017 and Mr. James expects to reimburse him self out of the property of Judge Booe that has been levied on.