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ANNOUNCEMENT

We have bought the entire \$12,000 Stock of Arnold-Kidd Dry Goods CO.

We will Open a Big Sale on Saturday March 7th. This is the greatest opportunity you will have this season to buy goods cheap. Cost will not be considered in closing out this big stock. Watch for large circulars. CARNAHAN & NUNN, Managers.

Neimann Allowed A Light Bond

Case of Alleged Fratricide Takes on Startlingly Different Phase

To the surprise of the public, the remarkably strong array of circumstantial evidence pointing to Henry Neimann as the slayer of his brother Matt Neimann was greatly weakened in the preliminary hearing on last Wednesday, with the result that a man charged with murder in the first degree, a murder that by whomsoever done was brutal, cold blooded and horrible, was granted the privilege of making the small bond of \$2000. Neimann has not so far made or attempted to make this bond, as he is advised that his own life would be put in jeopardy should he, at this time, be left without the legal protection afforded by prison walls. The theory of the defense brought out clearly and as the results show effectively, in the trial by his counsel, Messrs White and Griswell, is that the murder was committed by others, who skillfully arranged and called attention to the incriminating circumstances, that seemed to so unerringly point to Henry Neimann as the slayer of his brother. The attorneys for the defense argued as suspicions that every feature of the testimony against Henry was discovered or suggested by two parties in the neighborhood, who admitted that they were near the scene of the crime.

But more than any other factor in producing the light sentence, which Henry's friends feel almost amounts to an acquittal, was his very earnest and apparently honest demeanor on the stand, which showed him to be either innocent or a magnificent actor. The case has assumed that phase of thrilling interest that attaches to one of Sherlock Holmes famous adventures, or such as the mystery stories of a Poe sets forth, and every move will have the eager attention of the public.

Repels Attack of Death

"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live." This startling statement was made by Stillman Green, Malachite, Col. "They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to try the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for today I am working and believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim." Its folly to suffer with coughs, colds or other throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest, Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Crowder Bros. & Beckham. (Adv.)

Glorious News

comes from Dr J T Curties, Dwight, Kan. He writes: "I not only have cured bad cases of eczema in my patients with Electric Bitters, but also cured myself by them of the same disease. I feel sure they will benefit any case of eczema." This shows what thousands have proved, that Electric Bitters is a most effective blood purifier. Its an excellent remedy for eczema, tetter, rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons helps digestion, builds up the strength. Price 50 cts. Satisfaction guaranteed by Crowder Bros. & Beckham. (Adv.)

New Road Bill As a Law

Governor's Signature is Attached Thereto, but too Late for The Election Call for March 23.

Upon information that was reliable we stated last week that the Road Bond Bill passed both houses but failed to become a law before the recess, for want of the Governor's signature. This it now develops was only partly true. The Governor has signed the law, but the legislature adjourned before it was returned to the Senate and the fact that he had signed it, was entered on the journal, as the constitution provides. So while it is really a law the records that show this are not yet complete and cannot be made so until after the legislature again assembles.

It is not of any consequence however, there is not now time enough before the proposed election for the election commissioners to issue the requisite call for the supplemental registration and election, unless they should pursue the same course they did in the "fifth ward" matter, and make the law to suit their own ideas of what it ought to have been intended to have been.

From a Methodist

Our church is in great need of a revival. We are not in need of a sham, but a real revival, in which men and women will be born again—"born again" in the Bible sense of being made "a new creature." "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature." Gal. 9:15.

The Methodist Church is peculiarly an evangelical church. The need of a national revival, at the time when people could break loose from forms and ceremonies and get hold of God, was the cause of the Methodist movement. Whenever a Methodist Church ceases to stand as a protest against ungodliness and formality, which is to Christianity a more deadly foe than that is ungodliness, it certainly needs to "repent and do the first works."

To Mothers---And Others

You can use Bucklen's Arnica Salve to cure children of eczema, rashes, tetter, chafings, scaly and crusted humors, as well as their accidental injuries,—cuts, burns, bruises, etc., with perfect safety. Nothing else heals so quickly. For boils, ulcers, old, running or fever sores it has no equal. 25c at Crowder Bros. & Beckham (Adv.)

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Special Bargains on Indian Runners, 25 cents off for return of Crates and satisfaction guaranteed. MRS J F CARROLL, Member American Poultry Association and Black and White Minorca Clubs. Hohenwald, Tennessee.

"Outsider" Quotes the Record In The Scott Survey Case

Editor Democrat:—In reply to S. A. Carrell's recent long-winded article criticising "Outsider's" view of his lawsuit with the city about the Scott Survey, I will just quote from the Chancellor's decision to show that my contention that the Scott Survey still stands as the legal survey, is right. "The Court further decrees that defendant, the City of Lawrenceburg, has a right to establish the survey made by E. A. Scott, on said streets and to appropriate the property of said complainants, by paying said complainants the value of the property so appropriated, and the damages incident thereto after deducting any benefit that may accrue to such property by reason of the location of said streets, according to the statutory rules for ascertaining and estimating same, so as to conform to said Scott's survey."

Everybody knows the big fight, both political and legal, by Carrell & Co. to annihilate the Scott Survey. They absolutely failed, and the Court says so, and it is a matter of record in the Clerk & Master's office. Go read it yourselves—it is public property—and you will know as much as Carrell does, and more too.

Crestview

Born to Mr and Mrs Frank Arthur a fine girl. Roy Martin made a business trip to Michigan a few days past. The Union Sunday School at the Baptist Church has adopted new resolutions out of which we have a right to expect much interest and upbuilding of the school. We are sorry to note the loss of Prof. Dogga and family, who have returned to their former home in Ohio. Prof Dogga conducted one of the most if not the most successful schools our town ever had.

The Rebecca Lodge met last Friday in the Usher Building, and conferred their degree on several new candidates. Walter Dugan and family spent last Sunday with Mrs Dugan's mother near Buffalo.

M Dooley visited his brother, George one day recently and reports him slowly improving after several days illness. Mrs Kate Hazlewood and son, Bernard, of Mount Pleasant, have been the guests of Mr and Mrs Gray. Jackson Walker, Jr., is best man and no doubt about it. See him every Sunday.

Mark Lawthrop and a bunch of friends went to Nashville Saturday on business and incidentally to take in the pleasures of the city.

Pet is a big boy at John Washburn's and all are exceedingly proud of it. We are sorry of the death of Mat Niemann. He was one of our best and most useful citizens, entirely upright and honorable.

Dr Usher spent last week in Nashville, looking after the erection of his house.

Sardine making seems to be the order of the day. Mr Garish, now located with us, but formerly of Dakota, is very enthusiastic over our country, and speaks for it a good chance (as compared with other places) to get a good home.

Nineteen Miles a Second

without a jar, shock or disturbance, is the awful speed of our earth through space. We wonder at such ease of nature's movement, and so do those who take Dr. King's New Life Pills. No gripping, no distress, just thorough work that brings good health and fine feelings. 25 cents at Crowder Bros. & Beckham. (Adv.)

Rival Forces In Battle Array

Two Tickets Being Prepared for Municipal Honors Mar. 13

Indications are that March 13, will see the fiercest battle waged with less at stake, of any municipal contest ever pulled off in our history. To the man up a tree there is no issue discernible other than a desire to win out, between two factions, known as the "Old Board" and the "New Board" adherents. Two full tickets will be put in the field, and at the time this is written it looks like the "Old Board" ticket will be composed of Mayor J W Garrett, Councilmen, W C Parkes, R M Crowder, J T Dunn, E G Parkes, J F Comer, and probably G I Freeman, Dunn Lawrence Marion Richardson, Henry Felthouse, and V H Lockwood the five last not being members of the present board.

The "New Board" ticket is not yet so well developed. For Mayor, the choice seems to lie between Prof. Joe Sims and M S McDougal. Prof Sims is urged by his friends because of his well-known friendship to the public school system, and the belief that his election will go a great way towards bringing about a sufficient appropriation from the town to assure a nine month's free school. It is now a fact that as a corporation not one cent is being paid for the support of public schools. Messrs Stockard, McClanahan and Schade of the present council are expected to be candidates for reelection, but the rest of their ticket we have not learned.

Both sides are up in the air on the Fifth Ward councilmen matter, and a number of the friends of both tickets are expressing regret that they were named in the call. We are informed that there is a strong sentiment, in fact, to have the call changed even now. On sober second thought both sides are rather afraid of the hereafter, if this election call should turn out to be illegal and the city put to expense and worry.

Since the above article was written, a meeting of citizens was held on Monday evening and the "New Ticket" named as follows: for Mayor, M S McDougal, Councilmen Joe Kraus J D Vaughan, J F Comer W J Stockard, W P McClanahan, O I Schade H V Brewer, V H Lokwood E C Coffman.

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Originators of The Kuklux

John Booker Kennedy, Late of Lawrenceburg, Last of the Original Organizers.

Confederate Veteran's Statement. Capt. T. H. Meredith, himself, a devoted follower of the stars and bars, a man of true southern gentility, submits the following data concerning the weird brotherhood, that at first startled, then aided and won the love and respect of the south, devastated and desolated by civil war—the Ku Klux Klan of which the lamented Jno. B. Kennedy was the last original member; Original Ku Klux Klan J Cal Jones, R R Reed, F O McCord, J C Lester, James R Crowe, John Booker Kennedy.

J Cal Jones died in Pulaski many years ago, R R Reed died in Giles County, F O McCord died in Fayetteville ten years ago, J C Lester died in Sheffield a few years ago, James R Crowe died in Sheffield last year, John B Kennedy died in Lawrenceburg February 13, 1913. Thus the last of that memorable Klan has passed into the great beyond. I knew every man of them and loved them for their courage, their high sense of honor, their sterling qualities as soldiers and as citizens. All were Confederates, and types of the true southern gentlemen, and no praise could be greater. Often have I heard from their own lips the story of the birth of the Klan, its rise to power, its great work of protection and reconstruction, and finally its disbanding at the call of its Grand Wizard, the great Southern Nathan Bedford Forrest.

No bigger or better idea to meet and solve a peoples perplexities was ever conceived, or more ably executed, than this. Its unselfish service and effectiveness is without a parallel in history. Let us, the living, not cease to honor the memory of these old heroes, the last of which was our own loved fellow citizen Jno Booker Kennedy.

As has been correctly said, the death of John Booker Kennedy at Lawrenceburg recently removed the last of the six original organizers of the once dreaded Kuklux Klan, which did so much to preserve order and protect life and property in the days of reconstruction following the civil war. Many former members of the Kuklux Klan are yet living, and interest in that ghostly secret order will continue so long as they and Southern history exist.

It was on the night of December 25, 1865, that John B. Kennedy, J. R. Crowe, Richard R. Reed, Frank O. McCord, John C. Lester and Calvin Jones organized the Ku-Klux Klan in the law office of the latter's father, Judge Thomas M. Jones. Its organization was an accident; its purpose a joke, but when it was discovered that its moral effect, coupled with its mystery, was wholesome and beneficial, it assumed a definite purpose, and did great good. If the Ku-Klux ever resorted to extreme measures it was only when extreme measures were deemed necessary. Theirs was a mission of protection and peace.

The six young men before mentioned had been soldiers in the Confederate army. Each was a business or professional man, and after business hours would meet with first one and another of the sextette to recount war stories and discuss current news and events. Each was a musician and this accomplishment added to their possibilities for enjoyment.

Mission Was Peaceful. As the Ku-Klux were maligned at the time, and were charged with

The Fifth Ward Matter

Did the writer of the article in a recent issue of the Lawrence Democrat concerning the election call for the city, mean to do an injustice to the two members of the commission, who made the call, by insinuation and innuendo? Would he have the people of Lawrenceburg believe that we acted without advice from lawyers competent to give such advice; or, are we to assume that our lawyers are not "students of the law"? The dissenting member of the Election Commission got his advice from a single lawyer, and of him we do not say that he is not a good lawyer and student of his profession, but is this lawyer so profound that he is entitled to be mentioned in the plural.

We consulted two lawyers; Mr. Wisdom was present part of the time during the consultation; therefore, I cannot believe that the writer of the recent articles of criticism got his information from Wisdom, as in that case, he surely would have done us the justice to at least say that we had taken legal advice. Does this writer take the position that he knows the history of every election commission in the state of Tennessee? And would he have the people believe that no other election commission in this state would act as we did under identical conditions.

The compliment paid us in the shape of a very nice bouquet, so generously thrown at our feet with a string attached to be dexterously withdrawn in the next few lines immediately following, converting that "probity and honor" into something very different indeed when it is insinuated that we would so prostitute and degrade ourselves officially as to permit an over-zealous faction determine and sway our official acts by cajolery promises, etc. ad nauseum.

To the people who know me, I do not regard this defense necessary; I can state positively and emphatically that not a single individual had ever mentioned the subject to me by way of "cajolery, promises" or otherwise, and if such had been attempted, could not have influenced me one atom. And Mr. Buchanan says the same; this matter was discussed only so far as I know, between the members of the election commission.

I believe Buchanan and myself have done the right and obvious thing, considering the situation and the law of which McNeley & Carrell will have something to say, I understand. The old charter of this city allows it to have but four wards also, but the charter as amended allows it five wards; there is no dispute on the legality of the fifth ward, and the old charter says that each ward shall be titled to two councilmen, so should only eight be voted for and elected, some one of these five wards will not have representation and since the charter says the ward is to have two councilmen the new fifth is as much entitled as the first or any other; now we think our assumed "Legislative powers" could just as easily deprive the first ward of councilmen as the fifth.

We want the people of this town to know that we had no intention of "usurping the powers of legislative bodies" and that we did not act hastily or arbitrarily and without legal advice. It is our duty to call this election, as

violence they never committed, the following paragraph from a letter Mr. Kennedy wrote on March 2, 1909, to Dr. W. R. McWilliams of Athens, Ala. will be of interest. Said Mr. Kennedy: "I never knew a genuine Ku-Klux to be guilty of an act or deed which would bring the blush of shame to the cheek of any brave, honorable man."

Continuing, he said: "The mission of the Kuklux Klan was doing good, protecting the weak and distressed. No member of the order ever had cause to regret being a member or of performing the duties which devolved upon him as a member of the Klan."

"The congressional committee appointed in 1871 to investigate conditions in the South, with special reference to the acts of violence, found that none investigated was committed by

Rare Old Relic Ancient Cornstalk

Maury County Cornstalk Over Hundred Years Old Among Treasured Relics of Late Simp Irwin.

Among the relics of early times in Tennessee, none possesses greater interest perhaps than a stalk of Maury county corn grown over a hundred years ago, owned and highly treasured by the late Simp Irwin, of Mt Pleasant and left by him to his daughter, Mrs S A Carrell, of Lawrenceburg.

The age of the cornstalk is well authenticated, it having been given to Mr Irwin by his first nurse, "Aunt Bettie" King, of the Mount Joy neighborhood, who if living would now be 118 years old. When "Aunt Bettie" was a buxom lass of sixteen the cornstalk, a strong, straight, splendid specimen of the growth of Maury's virgin soil, was brought in and fastened with hickory bark strings to the "jists" of the pioneer's home, to be used as a "sausage-pole." For many years delicious links of country sausage depended therefrom and now and then a drop of fragrant and appetizing grease would drop unerringly on the rapidly growing bald-spot of "Aunt Bettie's" beaux.

But changes come with years; the ruthless hand of progress wrought a wonderful new world out of the ruins of the old; the pioneer's log cabin with its sausage-links, its "jists," its cornstalk poles, its hickory bark fastenings, its dripping grease, passed and were numbered with the memories. With that peculiar affection for "ye olden time" with which the minds very old are naturally obsessed, "Aunt Bettie" saved this cornstalk sausage-pole from destruction and gave it to "her boy." Mr Irwin kept it as a treasured relic, and now with its added history as her sainted father's treasure, Mrs. Carrell holds it, and it will be handed down and down to all the generations, a unique and interesting reminder of the sausages, the dried pumpkin, the brilliant strings of red pepper and all the horde of primitive necessities of the early times in Tennessee.

otherwise the present city officials would hold over two years longer, and our city charter has contemplated a change of its officials every two years should the people desire it.

The writer merely wishes to inform the people of our position and to justify ourselves against the apparent injustice of the Lawrence Democrat's article about our election call.

We do not intend to be drawn into a controversy concerning this matter further. Respectfully, Wm. J. GILBRETH.

The Act of 1901 provides in substance that each of the four wards shall have two aldermen making in all eight, and also provides that a majority of the council including the mayor shall constitute a quorum.

The Act of 1911 adds another ward. The original and the amended acts must be construed together as one act. Hence, it follows, that the 5th or added ward is entitled to two aldermen and a majority of the councilmen or aldermen including the mayor shall constitute a majority.

S. A. CARRELL.

We were handed on Monday morning, after our forms were practically filled, the above article from Capt. W J Gilbreth, in which he with some degree of warmth, defends himself and Mr Buchanan from any imputation of improper motives in the matter of calling the election for ten councilmen. All of this we readily concede, indeed have never called in question. We have not aspersed or impugned the good intention of these gentlemen at any time; we have only pointed out the fact that in acting outside and without the authority of law, they have made a grave mistake, and one that they are certain to regret sooner or later. In order to give Capt. Gilbreth's article in this issue, we omitted an article of our own on the same subject. We hope to print it in the next issue.