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According to Washington statistics, Kentuckians last year paid more than $1,500,000 in laundry bills to power plant laundries alone—not counting a whole bunch of us who have most of our washing done by the faithful old darkey "mammies." Who said Kentuckians were not a cleanly set of people?

No doubt President Wilson is having a very enjoyable honeymoon, notwithstanding the fact that he has been beset from the start by the operators of six motion picture machines and nineteen newspaper reporters. He has had much trouble in avoiding both the muzzle of the camera and the points of the reporters' pencils. All of which does not discourage rising young Americans from hoping to some day be President.

With this issue of The Herald volume 41 is closed and next week the paper starts into its 42d year. We have tried as best we could and with the best talent that we could employ, to give the public a clean, newsy and interesting paper in all its departments, worthy of the support of those who appreciate such things. The best indication that we have succeeded is the generous support in the way of readers which we have received throughout all these years. We wish all our readers as much happiness as a New Year can possibly hold for them.

A careful scanning of all the exchanges or newspapers which come to a country editor's desk is one of the tasks which comprise his work. It ought not to be turned lightly aside. Sometimes he picks up a paper in which he discerns nothing available until when it starts to leave his hands there flashes into view an article or item of editorial inspiration worthy of note which he almost missed. A newspaper is made up of various kinds of reading, appealing to many tastes in this line. An editor does not always print what he himself likes, but what he feels his readers will appreciate.

The day is coming and not far distant when the newspaper or its contents will form a part of the curriculum of every school or college. The necessity for such an innovation has been apparent for years. The student should be required to keep up with current events forming history, as well as his other studies. A valuable and intelligent rivalry could be maintained by deciding upon the most important event that had transpired within the last day or week. A student should be able to keep up with current as well as ancient history. The affairs of to-day are very valuable in shaping up his stock of general knowledge.

The annual "swear-off" season is now supposed to be at hand. So much derision has been indulged in regarding this matter that the event has perhaps lost much of its force for good, but nevertheless it is a good idea and no one—man or woman—need be ashamed of its practice. There are various things we could "swear off" from which would be all the better, no doubt, for our mode of living. It is better to try and fail than never to try at all. The effort at reform, even in small matters, is helpful. We all have our faults, some of which could be easily overcome. People lose nothing by trying to improve their lives.

Santa Claus has come and gone and the presents have been distributed. It is said that more of this sort of thing was done this year than ever before. Various gifts were given for various purposes, to keep up the Christmas spirit. But after it is all over, the ones that we all treasure the most, be they small or large, are they not the ones which we feel are entwined with the sentiments of love and affection—not given as a mere duty but because the heart of the giver was warm with the spirit of lasting and sincere regard? Truly so. And it is this which makes the occasion spread its blessed influence out to permeate the hearts of people throughout the year which will end with another Christmas.

HOPEWELL.

Dec. 27.—Bro. Rayburn filled his appointment here last Sunday, although he had to come around by Central City on the train and walk from Rockport.

Mr. Charley Cox's baby that was burned about a week ago, died last Thursday night and was buried at Cool Springs cemetery Friday.

At the annual Telephone meeting at Rockport last Friday to elect officers for the year, J. J. Russel was elected president of our switchboard.

Mr. Dewey Williams is on the sick list.

Miss Jessie Taylor, of East St. Louis, Ill., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor.

Mr. Henry Hunley returned home last week, accompanied by his niece, little Miss Evelyn Hunley.

Misses Katie and Irice Elliott, of Wysox, are visiting in this community.

Judge Birkhead Thanks Friends.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 24, 1915.

To My Friends:—On January 3 1916, my term of office as Circuit Judge will end. The Democracy of Ohio county has stood by me in every race I have made. They helped me in 1902-3-9 and 1915.

I have tried to repay you by an earnest effort to faithfully discharge the duties of the office. I thank every one for your kindness to me and for the help you have given me.

Respectfully,
T. F. BIRKHEAD.

BEAVER DAM.

Dec. 27.—While Christmas has brought joy and happiness to many of us, yet with some it has brought sad forebodings.

The remains of Mr. Adam Nave, who was unfortunately killed at McHenry Saturday evening, were interred in the Sunnyside cemetery Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

Mr. Will Woodward, of Youngstown, Ohio, came home to visit his mother during the holidays.

Miss Marie Austin, of Louisville, is visiting her brother, Mr. C. P. Austin, this week.

Mr. John H. Barnes and family are spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Louisville.

Mr. Fred Taylor, wife and two children, Rumsey Barnes and Mattie Grace, are spending the holidays in Beaver Dam and stopping with Mrs. Taylor's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chapman.

Messrs. Edwin Orr, of Fordsville, and Elliott Orr, of Louisville, are visiting the family of Rev. R. L. Creal.

The second base ball team of Beaver Dam high school played the Caneyville second team last Friday and scored 10 to 8 in favor of Beaver Dam.

Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Flener, of Russelville, spent Christmas with the Doctor's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Flener, and other friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Northrop and daughter Miss Geneva, of Fort Dodge, O., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Orval Taylor.

Miss Estula Hooper, of Nashville, Tenn., is visiting Rev. Frank this week.

Mr. and Mrs Edgar Vaughn, of Herrin, Ill., are visiting Mrs. Vaughn's mother, Mrs. Minerva Taylor.

HORTON.

Dec. 27.—Messrs. John D. and Martin Thompson visited relatives at Taylor Mines Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Cecil Potts, who has been in Illinois the past summer, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. Thos. Taylor, Beaver Dam, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mayfield, of Beda, are moving here and will work for Thompson Bros. this coming year.

Messrs. Frank and Henry Kinkade, of Taylor Mines, spent the week-end with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. May, of Linton, Ind., formerly of this place, spent Xmas with Mr. Van May and family.

Misses Sarah and Dora May went to Hartford to-day to have some dental work done.

Mr. Thos. Hopkins, of Rockport, visited Mr. A. J. Porter Saturday and Sunday.

James Ashby Dies.

Mr. James Ashby, age 40, a prominent farmer of the Livia neighborhood, died at his home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock of asthma. Mr. Ashby had been ill for some time. The deceased was the son of Mr. William Ashby, of Livia, and is survived by his wife and one son, Thornton, three sisters—Mrs. Ethel Colt, of Livia; Mrs. Wayne Riley of Owensboro, and Mrs Louis Atherton, of Utica—and one brother, Dr. H. W. Ashrby, of the Livia neighborhood. The funeral took place from the Greenbriar church Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, with interment in the church cemetery.

Thomason—Pride.

Miss Bertha Thomason and Mr. Weller G. Pride, of Morganfield, Ky., were married Thursday, Dec. 23, at the home of the bride. They took the train at once for Beaver Dam, where they spent several days with the bride's sister, Mrs. D. L. Miller.

Australia in 1913 consumed matches valued at $1,221,200.

MRS. WILSON'S DESCENT FROM INDIAN PRINCESS

Brief Genealogy Showing Her a Direct Descendant Of Famous Pocahontas.

The attested genealogy of President Wilson's bride, showing her descent from the Indian Princess, Pocahontas, follows:

In April, 1614, John Rolfe of Heachman Hall, Norfolk, England, married Pocahontas, who was born about 1595, died at Gravesend, England, in 1616.

Their only child was Thomas Rolfe, born 1615, and married Jane Poythress. Thomas Rolfe lived in England with his uncle, Henry Rolfe, until he was a man. Then he went to Virginia and settled on his estate at Varina, sixteen miles below Richmond. He had one child, Jane, born 1676, who married Col. Robert Bolling, the first of his name in Virginia.

Col. Robert Bolling and Jane Rolfe Bolling had one child, John Bolling of Cobbs, member of the Virginia House of Burgesses, who married Mary Kennon, daughter of Dr. Kennon of Conjuror's Neck, also a member of the House of Burgesses.

John Bolling of Cobbs had one child, John Bolling, Jr., also a member of the House of Burgesses, who married Elizabeth Blair, daughter of Archibald Blair, also a member of the House of Burgesses, and niece of James Blair, founder of William and Mary College of Williamsburg, Va.

John Bolling, fourth in descent, had a son, John of Chestnut Grove, who married Martha, sister of Thomas Jefferson, and had among other children Edward, Archibald and Robert. The three brothers married the three Payne sisters, and Archibald and Jane Payne Bolling are the grandparents of the President's bride—the parents of William H. Bolling, Mrs. Galt's father.

DUNDEE.

Dec. 27.—Christmas day was nearly as quiet here as a funeral Not any drinking that any one could notice and we are certainly glad of that.

Mr. Romney Renfrow and wife have been very sick of something like pneumonia, but are convalescent.

Mr. Tip Bean, who has been sick, is out again.

Reuben Powers, 8 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Powers, is very low of typhoid fever.

One accident here Christmas Eve but not serious. Lawrence Wilky, about 12 years old, was shot by his brother Charlie in the leg with a 22 toy pistol. The doctor failed to get the ball.

Diphtheria is prevalent here.

Miss Bessie Fitzhugh left yesterday for Bay City, Mich.

Misses Hattie and Ruth Weller are at home a few days from Bowling Green, where they are attending school. They will return about January 1st.

The Masonic Order met Monday afternoon, December 27th, and elected Ed Duke Master and J. N. Cole Tyler. Mr. Cole has been Tyler for several years.

Mr. Joe A. Westerfield has sold his big farm to his brother, A. E. Westerfield.

Mr. Claude Renfrow bought about 20 head of stock cattle last week of Joe A. Westerfield.

Stabbing At Horse Branch.

Alvey Arnold, aged fifty-two, was stabbed by Mose Wilson, at Horse Branch Friday afternoon late, and it is said he was dangerously injured. Wilson, the witnesses to the trouble stated, was drinking and was remonstrated with by Arnold, who is considered a peaceable, quiet citizen. Wilson is a young man. He resented Arnold's interference and stabbed him about the body several times. His knife blade, it is said, broke off in Arnold's body. No arrests have been made. No one seemed disposed to take action in the matter.

Somebody telephoned County Judge Wilson about the matter, but he replied he could do nothing until a writ was sworn out, which nobody seemed inclined to have anything to do with. It is alleged that there was considerable fighting at Horse Branch on Christmas Eve and night.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has 375,000 members. The society supports 465 missionaries and 2,000 Bible women, and has 1,400 schools, with 49,000 pupils.

Sick Man Suicides.

James Rice, a farmer, aged fifty-five years, committed suicide Monday morning at his home near Philpot by taking Paris green. Rice had been living on the Henry G. Bailey farm for several months and is married. He had a large family. For several months the unfortunate man had been suffering from a growth on his side and had been taking treatment, but without success. It is thought that by constantly brooding over his infirmity his mind became unbalanced and that he took his own life while in a fit of temporary insanity.

NATURE IN A BLAZE.

Gorgeous Spectacle of the Midnight Sun at Karungi.

I was glad I stopped at Karungi, Sweden, for I saw the midnight sun—the almost midnight sun, to be exact, for although it was noonday bright all night the sun did make a bluff at setting. It went down at twenty minutes to 12 and rose twenty minutes after 12.

The sun went down blood red, and the sky was crimsoned almost to the zenith. It seemed as if all the north were on fire. The river burned in the glow, and the sky took on tints that ranged from cardinal to pink. Just as the whole place seemed about to burst into flame, the sun dropped out of sight, and the glaring reds began to mellow into softer shades, the river lost its glow of fire, and the sky dulled and dimmed until it looked like a great inverted dome that had been white hot and was cooling slowly.

There were no other shades than the shades of fire—none of the usual maroons and cerises and garnets that come as the aftermath of mountain sunsets. Everything was carmine. The air quivered redly, and the trees and the grass were rubescent. All this softened gradually into a glowing one toned mass of color. Then, at twenty minutes past 12, at a point that seemed not more than half a mile along the horizon from the place where the sun disappeared, there came a golden glory that spread evenly over the reddened sky. The sun was rising and soon was above the horizon. It went down as red as fire. It came up bright, glittering, gleaming, as if during the forty minutes it had been below the horizon some titanic hand had polished it for another day's use.

I asked in Stockholm and Christiania:

"When do you sleep?"

"In the winter," they said. "Then the nights are so long there is nothing else to do."—Samuel G. Blythe in Saturday Evening Post.

DARING WORKMEN.

Awning Removers Take Greater Risks Than Do Steeplejacks.

Steeplejacks have long enjoyed a reputation for daring, but it is a question whether they come in the same class of riskers as the awning removers, who take down the "sunshades" from the fronts of houses all over the city. These removers do not need or use the rope and block and fall accessories of the steeple men. Yet they climb to places and do their work in what seems to be an impossible manner.

Starting at the street level, two or three awning removers will strip the entire front of a flat house and never go indoors. They are as agile as acrobats. They reach up to a window sill and then raise themselves to the window ledge. Finishing the window while standing on this ledge, they seize the top stone of the window, pull themselves up to it and from there reach again to the window ledge above so as to strip another window. Through the belt they wear runs a line, and with this they lower the awnings as they take them down.

How they can do their work with so little to hang on to is more remarkable than the tasks performed by the structural ironworkers. The ironworker, if he slips, has something at hand in the way of a beam around which he has a chance to lock his arms. The awning remover, when he slips, falls outward from the ledge and has nothing to clutch. Three awning removers on one occasion stripped a seven story flat of seventy-five windows in the Bronx in the remarkable time of three hours, all from the outside.—New York Sun.

Quebec's Fortifications.

The fortifications of Quebec are obsolete as fortifications, but remain as picturesque additions to the beauty and interest of "the Gibraltar of America." The fortifications standing consist of walls and a citadel built in 1823-32 at a cost of over £7,000,000. Between 1865 and 1871 three forts were built on the Levis side of the river, but were not armed or manned. The citadel occupies more than forty acres. No trace of the old French fortifications remains.

Finland One-seventh Water.

Finland has an area of 144,249 square miles, of which one-seventh is water on account of the innumerable lakes in the interior. At the last census its population amounted to 3,196,700, divided among eight lans, or governments. Of the population of the grand duchy less than one-sixth live in the cities, of which there are only fifteen having more than 5,000 inhabitants. Helsingfors, the largest city, has a population of 154,000.—New York Times.

Famous Promises.

I'll give this back to you on pay day.

We will give $100 to any one who can prove that a thorough trial of our remedy has brought no relief.

Yes, ma'am, if it doesn't fit we'll exchange it.

No, I won't whisper it to a soul.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The death rate from the grip now sweeping Pennsylvania has been so high that the State Health Commissioner has taken steps to stamp out the disease.