

TO CONSTRUCT RIVER CRAFT

KANAWHA AND OHIO RIVER TRANSPORTATION CO. TO ENGAGE IN RIVER TRANSPORTATION.

With a capital stock of \$1,200,000 the Kanawha and Ohio River Transportation company was chartered Saturday at the office of the Secretary of State Stuart F. Reed to engage in the construction and operation of water craft for transportation purposes on the Mississippi, Ohio and Great Kanawha rivers. The incorporators are Howard C. Dickson, Thornton J. Theall, C. J. S. DeVere and C. L. Norton, of New York and B. A. Wordemann, of Hoboken, New Jersey.

THAW

IN HIS CELL AT MATTEWAN—NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGES.

Mattewan, August 18—Harry K. Thaw ate supper tonight at the Mattewan state hospital for the criminal insane.

Beginning tomorrow he will resume his monotonous routine. Superintendent Lamb of the hospital issued the following statement tonight:

"There will be no changes at all regarding Thaw's incarceration here. He is subjected to the same rulings as before he left to go to White Plains. He will have a special room not because he is Harry K. Thaw, but for the reason that this hospital is built to accommodate five hundred patients and we now have nearly 800. We are very crowded and some of the patients have small rooms, which were built for attendants. Thaw has one.

"I did not take it from Justice Mills' decision that Thaw was to have any special privileges. We will follow the Court's orders, however, and if Thaw is not satisfied he can appeal to the courts. At present we adhere to the old routine."

OHIO RIVER WATER.

It has been suggested that inasmuch as the river water is killing the fish it is dangerous to drink it. Ohio river water is a pretty tough proposition at any stage of the game, but there is something radically wrong somewhere when it is possible for acid to work such destruction even by accident.—Wheeling News.

Our brother on the Ohio has a right to kick possibly, but what about those who live on the once beautiful Kanawha. Don't you fellows who are now out of your teens remember when you could sit on the roof of your favorite packet and see the rocks and the fishes at a depth of ten feet beneath the beautiful blue? We'll never again experience those sights, although the legislature appointed a splendid committee to look after the Kanawha's pollution, at the last session. Surely there is something wrong.—Winfield Democrat.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

Senator Scott has gained a reputation for discretion in a way as unique as it is ingenious. He was proceeding with great standpat unction the other day to read a long protection speech when Senator Gore asked a question. The West Virginia Senator quickly replied: "I am not very strong in running debate, Mr. President, and I would prefer not to be interrupted. Scott had not forgotten that when he attempted to keep pace with Bailey in running debate and had stated his view on a certain question, the Texas Senator confounded him into speechlessness by the declaration: "The Senator thinks he thinks that, but when he thinks, he will think he doesn't think anything of the kind."

A NICE PLUM FOR A. G. STAGG

DEPUTY INSPECTOR OF WORKSHOPS AND FACTORIES.

Another plum has been landed by a Democrat, and this time the lucky recipient is a Meigs county Democrat.

A. G. Stagg, Central Committeeman for the Second ward received notice Saturday of his appointment as Deputy Inspector of Workshops and Factories under Chief Inspector Kearns, and went up to Columbus Monday to qualify for the position and receive instructions in the duties of the position.

The position is a nice one, paying \$1200 a year and expenses, and is therefore the best appointment that ever came to a Meigs county Democrat, since Governor Hoadley appointed Judge F. C. Russell to fill out a common pleas judgeship 25 years ago.

Mr. Stagg, who is a splendid mechanic, and has worked in shops all over the country, is well equipped for the position, and his acquaintances are all confident that he will make a splendid official. He is a gentleman of education, refinement, sterling honesty and has a pleasing personality which will make it a delight to have him call upon you in official capacity.

His appointment gives splendid satisfaction to Meigs county Democrats, for the party never had a member, or one more deserving of political recognition. Republicans are also pleased with the selection, for Mr. Stagg is popular in both parties.

He succeeds Deputy Moore of Ironton, and his district will embrace a bunch of river counties.—Pomeroy Democrat.

Mr. Stagg for many years was a resident of this town, and everyone here is glad of his good fortune. He was then, as now, a Democrat and an earnest worker for the success of his party. Shake, Al.

HEROISM OF THE DEAD ENGINEER.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 13.—Passengers who were on the southern train, wrecked near Bristol, Va., last evening, arrived here tonight, bringing details of the bravery of Engineer Samuel Bush, of Knoxville, Tenn., who died today as the result of his injuries.

Bush was slowly and painfully working his way out of the wreck of his engine, scalded and frightfully lured, when a few passengers who retained their senses, dug into the mass of twisted and burning iron to meet him.

As the passengers began a hunt for whiskey to stimulate him, and were breaking open suit cases in their search, Bush asked for a last look at his old engine as hopeless a wreck as its engineer. When they came to him with liquor he begged them to look after the comfort of the passengers.

He was told no passengers had been injured and he said:

"That's good. But before I take this whiskey I want you men to smell my breath and testify, if need be, that I had not been drinking when this happened."

Although suffering terribly the brave engineer would not touch the stimulant until four of the men had smelled his breath and promised to bear witness to his sobriety.

"All an engineer has is his record," he said, feebly, "and he cannot afford to have anything against that."

And Engineer Bush went out upon his last run with his record spotless.

Word has been received by the police here to be on the lookout for Joseph Jordan, age 16, of Scranton, Pa., who mysteriously disappeared from his home about a week ago. The parents offer \$500 reward for the knowledge of his whereabouts.

LICOLN CENT WORTH NICKEL

CAN BE USED IN SLOT MACHINES AND ALSO IN TELEPHONE PAY STATIONS.

Lincoln pennies, being about the size and constituency of the ordinary nickel, it is said, are being used for the five cent piece on slot machines, and in telephone booths, to the annoyance of the owners of the machines and the phone lines. While the coins are not exactly alike in any especial material feature, the difference in weight is so little that the Lincoln penny will work the ordinary game that calls for five times the amount. The sizes, while also not the same, are sufficiently similar to permit of using the penny in five cent machines. It is said that at several places where there are toll stations on the phone lines the pennies have turned up and that when the new penny comes into general circulation it will be necessary to rearrange the mechanism.

UP AGAINST IT

EXPECTED TO STOP THE POLLUTION OF SEVERAL STREAMS

The commission appointed by Gov. Glascock to investigate the causes of the pollution of the Gauley and New Rivers, composed of ex-Gov. W. A. McCorkle, Senator Adam B. Littlepage and W. W. Wood is having trouble.

They are expected to devise ways and means for stopping the pollution. They have investigated only the Gauley river thus far, going as far as Richwood, where they found a thriving city of 1400 inhabitants whose sole existence depends on the plant of the Cherry River Boom and Lumber Company and the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Mill. Those plants make deposits of deleterious matter into the river and if they are compelled to suspend operations the town of Richwood will be wiped out of existence. The commission is in a quandary.

STREET PAVING.

VIAND STREET ORDERED PAVED FROM 7TH TO 11TH STREETS.

At a meeting of the city council last night ordinances were passed ordering the paving of Viand street, from 7th to 11th street. The first class Spilman blocks were contracted for at \$11.50 per M., delivered here, commencing on the 7th or 8th of September.

WILL PURIFY THE OHIO.

Governor Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, has written to Governor Harmon, of Ohio, his desire to cooperate in the plan for improved sanitary regulations for the Ohio river.

Joint commissions of which Judge E. E. Corn, of Ironton, is a member have been provided by Pennsylvania, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. Indiana has taken no action, probably because the previous governor refuses to call the project to the attention of the Hoosier legislature.

The commission of which Dr. C. O. Probst, secretary of the Ohio Board of Health, is secretary, has held one meeting to outline the work. Each state is working this summer on a sanitary survey of the stream. Many of them have been emptying sewerage into it. The waters to be made as palatable as possible for domestic use. At the next meeting of the joint commission the Indiana governor will have representatives paid from his contingent fund, a thing Ohio has never allowed her executives for emergency use.

OLD MOUND AT MOUNDSVILLE

TO BE BEAUTIFIED AT LAST—ACTUAL WORK HAS BEGUN.

In charge of Prison Guard Miller, the florist of the penitentiary, a large gang of convicts were yesterday morning placed to work in tearing out all famous old pre-historic Indian mound which was recently purchased from the McFadden heirs by the state. Several old redwood trees which have stood on the old mound for over a hundred years, were removed.

Warden J. E. Mathews will have charge in having the old mound beautified. It is his idea to have all the dead timber removed and the grass planted on the banks. A pre-historic log cabin will be erected on the top of the style that was built in the Ohio valley when the first white settlers came to this section.

The ground at the foot of the mound will be laid out in a beautiful park, adorned with beds of flowers and a fountain will probably be placed in the center which will be filled with gold fish. Drive ways will be built to the mound and a path will be built to the rustic cabin on the top. A tunnel will be dug from one end of the mound to the other and it is expected that during the excavation many old relics will be found.

NOT GOING TO GO YET.

The Intelligencer says that Dawson is "going to go to China." We want to know! Is he going to New York to go, or is he going to San Francisco to go to China? Or is he just simply going to go on to think about going to go to China or going to go to stay at home where he has a better chance of going to go for a senatorial toga? Anyhow Dawson always had the reputation of going some.—St. Marys Oracle.

GIGANTIC REPORT

OF AMERICAN FARMER SHOWN IN CROP REPORT.

Washington, August 19.—It used to be "Lo the poor farmer!" Now it's "Oh the plucocratic agriculturist!" "Billions upon billions the farmer has again piled up his wealth," says Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, in his annual report, made public today. In the crop year of 1908 the total valuation of farm products was \$7,778,000,000, the biggest in the world's history, as the secretary suggests.

While these figures contain some duplication, Wilson explains, on the other hand, they do not contain some important items of wealth production, and the fact remains that the unthinkable amount of seven and three-fourths billions of dollars of wealth have been produced by farmers this year for national sustenance and for export to the craving millions of foreign nation.

"It is a real tangible wealth, as it exists at the time it leaves the hands of the producer. It is about four times the value of the products of the mines, including minerals, oils and precious metals.

"From these agricultural products the manufacturing and mechanical industries that use agricultural products as materials draw 86 per cent of their total materials, and these industries use 42 per cent on all materials used in the entire business of manufacturing. These figures indicate the extent to which the manufacturing industries are attributed to agriculture, although no recognition is given to this fact.

"The farm value of farm products this year is \$290,000,000 above the value for 1907 and \$8,061,000,000 above the census amount for 1899. During the last ten years the wealth production of the farms of this country has exceeded the fabulous amount of \$60,600,000,000.

"Greatest of all crops is Indian corn, the priceless gift of the nation."

FOR REUNION OF BLUE AND GRAY

INTERESTING PROGRAM IS TO BE GIVEN AT RAVENSWOOD, W. VA., COMMENCING TODAY.

Ravenswood is making big preparations to entertain the reunion of the Blue and Gray, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 25, 26 and 27. There will be big crowds there each day. Governor Glascock will be there to speak Thursday, the second day. There will be a base ball game each afternoon, as follows: Wednesday afternoon, 2:30 Lauckport A. C. vs. Ravenswood; Thursday afternoon, Reedy vs. Ravenswood; Friday morning, 10:30, Spenser A. C. vs. Ravenswood; Friday afternoon, 2:00 Spencer vs. Ravenswood. The Reedy and Ravenswood bands will play each day of the reunion.

JOKE ON THE FARMER.

Fashion robs the farmer of a great deal more than he knows. According to a bird expert, he loses \$38,000,000 a year just because women wear feathers, plums and stuffed birds in their hats. Thus the farmer, who usually goes very little on style has to pay for fashionable raiment just the same, and the worst of it is somebody else is wearing it.

Birds destroy noxious insects and prevent the growth of weeds by eating the seeds, but there are still a great many bad insects and many miles of weeds. The inference is that if the birds killed by milliners were left to help those who escape there would not be nearly so many of either.

So the joke is on the farmer both ways.

CHAMPION CONTRARY WOMAN.

Charleston—Charleston lays claim to having the champion contrary woman. Some days ago Mrs. Mock Overstreet was fined for harboring a vicious dog. The fine was not paid at the time, and she was placed in jail. When a daughter, a few hours later, paid the fine and went to the jail to get her mother, the latter promptly and indignantly refused to leave the jail, declaring that she could be just as contrary as those who put her in jail. A day's incarceration did not even lessen her idea of revenge and officers had to forcibly eject her from the cell and building.

ANDY SPEAR DEAD.

Andy Spear, a former well known resident of this city, died at the home of his sister in Cleveland last week. In his younger days Andy attained celebrity as a black face artist with the small minstrel shows of his day. Later on he and his wife toured the smaller towns with a troupe of trained dogs. After his wife died he drifted around and apparently had a hard time to get along. He was a whole-souled generous man and true to his friends. The last time we saw him, he passed through here enroute to the Jamestown exposition and left us an album as a memento. Peace be to his ashes.—Gallipolis Bulletin.

AS LISTED BY THE INTELLIGENCER.

Up to date the list of prospective candidates for the Republican nomination for governor includes Wm. F. Hite, of Cabell; Sherman Robinson, of Ritchie; Charles W. Dillon, of Fayette; Stuart F. Reed, of Harrison; John Sherman Darst, of Jackson; Robt. Hazlett, of Ohio; Fred O. Blue, of Barbour; P. W. Morris, of Wood; and C. W. Swisher, of Marion, Kanawha and Tyler.—Wheeling Intelligencer.

There will be lots of fun at the Mason County Fair.

THE GREATEST PERFORMANCE

DURING THE FAIR WAS BY THE GREAT HORSES, HAPPY J. AND HAPPY F.

The great horse, Happy J., which trotted the first heat in the match race on Thursday over Shattuck Park track in 2:12 1/2, and the second in 2:10 1/2, with his six-year old daughter, Happy F., at his saddle the entire way are the greatest sire and daughter ever shown in the United States, which was also the greatest performance of the kind on record.

These two horses are the champion trotters of the state and are assured a warm welcome from Parkersburg race goers if they should return here.

They are owned by Mr. I. W. Supplee, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., and have been trained and raced by R. P. Litter, of Point Pleasant, W. Va., who has shown remarkable skill in developing two such grand performers.—Parkersburg Sentinel.

DAM LOCATED

TWO DAMS PLANNED BETWEEN HUNTINGTON AND NUMBER 26.

Recent development indicate that the government authorities have materially changed their plans with reference to the location of locks and dams in this part of the Ohio river, and that this change will probably work to the betterment of the local situation.

Early this week a corps of government engineers landed at Swan Creek, and, going ashore began making surveys which they declared would be termed in the government records Dam 27 A. This dam is ten miles below Dam 26.

From the same authority it is learned that another part of this plan includes Dam 27 B, which is to be located about half way between Proctorville and Dog Ham Bar. The surveys for both these dams will be completed while the engineers are in this part of the river, and the plans forwarded to the authorities at Washington.

Dam 28, which is to be located a comparatively short distance below Huntington, will afford a navigable stage between all the cities of this region including Gallipolis, Point Pleasant and Pomeroy.

The section of the river between Portsmouth and Gallipolis has been fairly alive with government engineers for three weeks.

A LAZY BOY'S INVENTION.

The long-handled shovel has made over three hundred thousand dollars for its inventor, and the inventor was a lazy, shiftless boy of seventeen named Reuben Davis, whose father lived in Vermont at the time. He set Reuben to digging dirt and loading it on a wagon, and the short-handled shovel made the boy's back ache. One afternoon when his father was away, he took out the short handle and substituted a long one, and found the work much easier. When Mr. Davis reached home Reuben got a whipping; but after the old gentleman had used the shovel himself, he saw that it was a good thing, and had it patented. They are now manufactured almost by the million.

WANTED A REST.

What the people of this state need is a good long rest from legislation of all kinds and be allowed to become at least partially acquainted with the many laws that have been enacted at the regular, special, ordinary and extra-ordinary sessions of the state legislature in the past six years.—Grantsville News

Every man is a soloist when it comes to singing his own praises.