

## TOBACCO

**Excessive Supply and Trust Manipulations Create Problems.**

### SOME SUGGESTIONS OFFERED.

A writer in the Hopkinsville Kentuckian contributes some suggestions calculated to help the farmer overcome the difficulties that confront him in the unhealthy tobacco situation, brought on by overproduction and the manipulation of the market by the tobacco trusts. For the benefit of our readers who are interested in this subject we reprint this communication in full, as follows:

"The tobacco problem seems to be assuming definite shape in some localities, and if it becomes general with planters throughout the dark district, conditions will soon be reversed and the trust along with export buyers will soon be as anxious to sell. 'No one ever gets pay for forcing in articles on buyers.' Now to the point as adopted by planters in other localities:

- 1st. Call neighborhood meetings.
  - 2nd. Organize and call county meetings.
  - 3rd. Call district meetings.
  - 4th. Agree first not to sell at present low prices.
  - 5th. Let your tobacco hang in barns or strip and prize in good order, roll away in barns or deliver to warehouses, when you can get as much advanced on it as you would to sell it at present prices.
  - 6th. Don't prepare any plant land.
  - 7th. Don't plant any tobacco.
  - 8th. Hold present crop until you get three times present values, thereby giving yourself a rest from, and your land a chance to recover from its impoverished condition.
- Planters, grow instead of tobacco, corn, cabbage, potatoes, onions, beans, tomatoes, which you can always sell. Take a rest, live easy, and let the trust sweat. In your meetings petition Congress to remove tax on raw leaf, allowing planters to sell their tobacco to consumers and dealers in any quantity in natural state, either leaf or twist."

### KENTUCKY DIAMOND FIELDS.

**A Company to Begin Operations Early in the Spring.**

"Kentucky is to have a diamond mine in operation in a short while. Mr. M. E. Bryant, of Minneapolis, Minn., has recently returned from Elliott county," says the Corbin News, "where he has been in the interest of the Kentucky Diamond and Development Co., whose business office is in Minneapolis, and has a capital stock of \$5,000,000. The company is arranging to begin work in the spring, and has contracted for \$50,000 worth machinery. John S. Dillard, of the United States geological survey, says officially that the Elliott county, Ky., diamond fields are identical with that of Kimberley, South Africa. Crystals of various kinds are found in abundance; also silver, mercury and oil-bearing rock, but this company is after diamonds and does not expect to pay any attention to anything else. A railroad is being talked of to the field, and the year 1904 promises much in the way of development.

Fully ten million bushels of coal left Pittsburg before noon Monday for Southern markets.

## BACHELORS MUST MARRY

**Or Get Out of the City of Severance, Kas., Says Mayor Wyncoop.**

One of the most peculiar proclamations ever issued was recently proclaimed by W. J. Wyncoop, mayor of Severance, Kas., says a Topeka dispatch.

"During this year of 1904," declared Mayor Wyncoop, under the seal of his office, "every bachelor in Severance must accept any offer of marriage made him by any unmarried lady in the city, or give a good and sufficient reason for his refusal. Such reason will be considered invalid unless the bachelor is already engaged.

"Any bachelor violating the provisions of this proclamation will be considered an improper person to inhabit the city of Severance, and steps will be taken to deprive him of his citizenship."

Severance is a town of 1,500 inhabitants, and the proclamation has created consternation among the unmarried residents.

### Horrors of Journalism.

"What is the difference," demanded the exchange editor, "between a case of bronchitis—" "And a theater masher?" interrupted the information editor. "One is a bad cold and the other is a bold cad. What is the difference between the ace of spades and a—"

"Column fable? Space of Ade's. Why is a summer shower—"

"Like a tight boot? Makes the corn grow. What is the difference between a summer shower like—"

"Gen. Reyes? Can't make Hay—"

"Rot! Why is a summer shower like—"

"Who cares why it is? It cuts no ice, anyhow. What's the difference—"

"You can't answer it. Why is a summer shower like Alexander Selkirk's sojourn on the Island of Juan Fernandez? Because Alexander Selkirk was monarch of all he surveyed. To be a monarch is to be a king. What he surveyed was a tropical island. He was king of a tropical island. See?"

"See? There's nothing to see. What has his being the king of a tropical island got to do with a summer shower?"

"Warm reign." Biff!—Chicago Tribune.

### Definitions of "Home."

The blossom of which heaven is the fruit.

The place where one is treated best and grumbles most.

Home—a casket containing the most precious of all jewels—domestic happiness.

A little hollow scooped out of the windy hill of the world as shelter from its cares and vexations.

The only place on earth where the faults and failings of humanity are hidden beneath a mantle of charity.

The central telegraph office of human love, into which runs innumerable wires of affection, many of them extending thousands of miles, but never disconnected from the one great terminus.

### Dixon Went Dry.

In the local option election held at Dixon Saturday the town went dry by 36 majority. There are two saloons in Dixon and their license would have expired in a short time, but anticipating defeat in the election, they had their license renewed and will, consequently, be able to deal out the wet goods for another year.

## FIRE AT DAWSON.

**Part of the Business Section of that Little City Burned Monday Morning.**

### ORIGIN OF THE FIRE IS UNKNOWN.

A fire originating in Creekmur's butcher shop at Dawson Springs about 2 o'clock Monday morning resulted in the loss of property to the extent of several thousand dollars. The fire swept everything clean between the Hamby House and Ed Hayes' dry goods store. The principal sufferers are Roy Scott, restaurant and confectionery; Dawson Salt & Water Company; Price & Clark, druggists; Drew's saloon, and Mr. Creekmur, the owner of the meat shop.

The entire stock of drugs and the building occupied by Price & Clark was a total loss, as they had no insurance.

The stock of Roy Scott was insured for \$675, which was only about half its value. The building he occupied was owned by N. M. Holeman and was also insured to about half its value.

The building in which Drew's saloon was located was the property of Hooser & Cash and was insured for \$900. The stock was uninsured and was a total loss.

The buildings and fixtures of Creekmur's meat market were a total loss, being uninsured.

The machinery of the Dawson Salt & Waterworks was moved out of the fire and was damaged but little.

It looked for awhile as if Hamby's Hotel must go in spite of the heroic efforts put forth to save it. The furniture was all moved from the house and some of it was badly damaged in this manner. The fire was finally put under control and the only loss to Mr. Hamby will be the damage done in moving his furniture.

It was also very difficult to prevent the dry goods store of Ed Hayes from burning. Mr. Hayes carries a large stock and it was badly damaged by moving and by water. He carries good insurance, however, and will no doubt make his losses good.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

### Stock Barn Burned.

The stock barn and stables of Mr. Chas. P. Whittinghill, near Madisonville, caught fire in some mysterious manner last Friday night and was consumed. Ten head of horses and mules were burned to death. One thousand bushels of corn and a large amount of hay was also consumed. The barn was almost new and cost \$800. Mr. Whittinghill's loss was about \$3,000 and no insurance.

### In Jail at Madisonville.

Two of the Pembroke murderers, Chas. Finch and Ed Moseley were moved from Hopkinsville to Madisonville Saturday and placed in jail at the latter place. Finch is one of the men under sentence of death and Moseley has not yet been tried. The other seven, including the three who have been sentenced to hang, are in jail at Hopkinsville.

### Caught in Machinery.

Crofton, Ky., Jan. 22.—Wallace Bennett was caught in the pulley of the machinery at a stove factory where he was working, and carried around the shafting. His clothing was all torn from his body, he was badly cut and bruised, but he will recover from his injuries.

If a man is bent on committing suicide he can afford to be familiar with a mule.

## TO INCREASE MINERS STRIKE ASSESSMENTS.

**Mine Workers Resolve to Raise Color Line—Socialists in Evidence.**

Indianapolis, Ind., January 22.—At today's session of the United mine workers the credentials committee reported. The delegates number approximately 1000, of whom 408 are from Pennsylvania districts. A memorial presented by W. H. Foster, of Jellico, Ala., and addressed to the American federation of labor, requesting it to require legislation in all trades unions raising the "color line," was adopted.

Members of the executive committee say the committee will levy on the entire membership an increased per capita strike assessment for the support and prosecution of the strikes in Colorado, West Virginia and Meyersdale district in Pennsylvania. There is at present a per capita strike assessment of 10 cents a month. This, according to the increase is 25 cents a month per capita. On the present paying membership this assessment would raise \$75,000 a month, or \$900,000 a year.

The Socialists again made a determined effort today to inject socialism into the convention by a resolution for the appointment of times for the discussion of economic questions and setting forth Socialist doctrines.

## FLINCH CLUB.

**Evening Entertainment With Mrs. J. B. Atkinson.**

### GUESTS AND GENTLEMEN INVITED.

The ladies Sunshine Flinch Club entertained their husbands and friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Atkinson Saturday night. There were twelve tables in the game at this the second function of the kind given by the club this winter.

The tally cards were lobster cards for the gentlemen and Gibson girl cards for the ladies. The favors for the club members were large red lobsters artistically sketched on cards and used to designate the table numbers. These cards were prepared by Mrs. E. A. Chatten.

The refreshments consisted of orange sherbet, with cherries, and delightful cake made by the club.

The party played until a late hour, but got home before the week was out.

### Birthday Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rule gave a birthday party at their residence on Main street last Saturday night to which a few select friends of the family were invited. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hatch Whitfield, Mrs. John Rule, Dr. Johnson, and little Curtis Ruby Rule, who was the guest of honor. The party broke up about 9 o'clock, Curtis weighed six and one half pounds and is a crack-jack boy. He has already received a letter and several presents. Among the presents were a pair of shoes, a pipe and a walking cane. He was named after Dr. Curtis Johnson of this city and Mr. Clint Ruby of Madisonville.

### Miss Georgia Wyatt Entertains at Flinch.

Miss Georgia Wyatt entertained a number of friends at her residence Saturday night at flinch. After several games were played refreshments were served and enjoyed. Miss Virgie Rule carried off the honors and prize, winning the greatest number of games. The following were present: Misses Lillie Evans, Edith Rootz, Virginia Rule, Messrs. Coward, Wilson and Long.

## BANQUET

**Given in Honor of Their Ladies by the St. Bernard Commandery.**

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HAVE AN EVENING OF PLEASURE.

Last Thursday night the Sir Knights of St. Bernard Commandery, No. 29, Knights Templar, gave a banquet at their commodious quarters in Masonic Temple, in honor of their ladies. Preparation was made to entertain one hundred persons, but owing to the very stormy evening and illness some of the ladies were kept at home and a few Sir Knights were detained by illness or business, so that the party numbered about seventy-five.

The reception committee, composed of several Sir Knights and ladies, were there early. As the guests came they were taken through the ante room, where they disposed of their wraps, then into the asylum and decorated with beautiful carnations, then through the asylum into the council chamber, where they were served with a fruit punch. After this the ladies were given free run of the establishment, saving certain trap doors and dark closets whose location they were unable to discover.

Mrs. H. L. Browning, Mrs. W. S. McGary and Mrs. C. H. McGary presided at the flower stand. The Sir Knights wore white carnations, the ladies, pink.

Mrs. Paul M. Moore, Miss Annie Moore and Mrs. W. R. Coyle successively did the honors at the punch bowl.

Sir Chas. Cowell regaled the company with numerous choice musical selections that enlivened the evening and helped the flow of conversation and good feeling. Sir Geo. C. Atkinson and others did short stunts at cakewalking. The gathering was completely one of "rest and refreshment," and fully enjoyed by all who attended.

The banquet was served about 8:30 at two long and handsomely laid and decorated tables in the banquet and drill hall, where one hundred covers were laid. Eminent Commander Dan M. Evans occupied the head of one table and Sir Jas. R. Rash the other. Sir Rash was appointed toastmaster.

After the last course was served several responses were given to appropriate toasts. The Sir Knights from a distance, but members of St. Bernard Commandery, who spoke were Rev. J. W. Mitchell, of Hopkinsville, and Warner Campbell, of Colorado. Sir Ed L. Wise, past commander of Madisonville, was present and made a brief talk. Others who spoke were Eminent Commander Evans, Sir Knights Geo. C. Atkinson, Jas. R. Rash, Paul M. Moore, Chas. Cowell and W. K. Nisbet.

After the banquet a series of stereopticon views were shown in the asylum, by Sir H. C. Bourland, touching on the work and spirit of Masonry.

The party broke up in good spirits and went home happy, notwithstanding the storm and slush.

The banquet was prepared and served by caterer Parguy, of Henderson. Mr. Parguy made a special effort to please and was the recipient of numerous compliments upon the handsome furnishings of the tables and the menu served.

Eminent Commander Evans is now the most popular Sir Knight among the ladies—in the entire Commandery, and this affair given under his direction is pronounced an unqualified success.

## LEWIS RADFORD, COLORED.

**Lynched at Guthrie by a Mob of Own Color.**

Lewis Radford, a negro man charged with murdering a negro woman at Guthrie Saturday night, was lynched by a mob of his own race Sunday night. The mob shot Radford to pieces in jail, hanged his body to a tree and quietly dispersed. The body of the murdered woman was found on the roadside early Sunday morning.

## CONFEDERATE DAUGHTERS

**Will Meet in St. Louis Early in Next October.**

It is officially announced that the United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold their next annual convention at St. Louis October 4 to 8, 1904 and October 7 has been designated Confederate day at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

### Representative Ill.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 23.—J. T. Pride, Representative from Union county in the General Assembly, is seriously ill of pneumonia in this city. He was taken ill while visiting the Asylum and is in the hospital at that institution.

### Bishop Dudley is Dead.

Henderson, January 25.—The death of Bishop Dudley has cast a gloom over the congregation of St. Paul's church in this city. The late Bishop was personally acquainted with nearly every member. At the day morning's service the L. W. Rose offered the prayer of the church for those in affliction. Also he made the announcement that services would be held here at the same hour as the funeral services on Wednesday at Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville. The Rev. Rose, in his sermon yesterday, feelingly alluded to the death of Bishop Dudley in the following words: "I know the one thought that pervades this congregation this morning is that our Bishop has gone. Not long since he was with us, but now he stands in the presence of the Master."

### Exposes Interior of Man.

Another important use of William J. Morton's fluorescent water cure was made today. Robert C. Kent has discovered that an almost perfect diagnosis of the stomach may be made by the use of the fluorescent liquid and a light that will cause it to fluoresce. The intestines are first flooded with the liquid and then the patient swallows a small lamp adapted for this purpose. In an experiment made by Dr. Kent he discovered that when the fluorescence took place the interior of the abdomen was plainly visible. This aid to diagnosis is almost as valuable as the discovery that Dr. Morton's solutions of liquid sunshine will cure cancer.

The fluids given to the patient are very dilute solutions of various fluorescent substances and they have never been in any way subjected to the radium or X-ray influences before ministrations internally. In other words, the water thus administered is not radio-active, but is water capable of being rendered illuminable by the agencies of radium when used from the exterior.—New York telegram to the Chicago Chronicle.

A man doesn't need a pass in order to enable him to pass by an opportunity.