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106 YEARS OLD

One of the World's Oldest Men Dies Near Louisa.

"Uncle Jimmy" Belcher died near Hall's, this county, few days ago, was over one hundred years old. His youngest son, now about 50 years old, says his father was born in 1790, making his age more than 100 years. He was undoubtedly the oldest man in Kentucky and possibly the United States.

For several months he had been practically helpless, but previous to that time was remarkably active.

He was born in Virginia. His oldest daughter died three years ago at the age of 78. Five children are now living. Mr. Belcher was a quiet, good citizen.

The remarkable span covered by his life has been the greatest development ever witnessed in any other period of the world's history. When we remember that he was born the year after the death of George Washington we realize that he was nearly as old as the United States government. He was born before the steamboat was invented and before railroads were in use. Candles were used where electric lights would dazzle the eye. It would be interesting to follow these reflections along the various lines of progress if we had space.

His Sandy somehow manages to break records right along in all these.

FATAL ACCIDENT

Benny Adkins Fell Under Wheels of Morning Train.

On last Sunday morning Dennis Adkins, a C. and O. brakeman, fell from a work train on the Marrowbone branch of the C. and O. railway, a few miles above Pikeville, and received injuries which caused his death a few hours thereafter. The train was in motion and Adkins, who had been at work for the Company only a short time, was sitting on the side of a gondola. By some means he fell, falling under the car, and the train passed over him. As soon as possible the unfortunate man was taken to Pikeville where the Company's surgeon, Dr. A. Thompson, rendered all possible aid. A special train was hastily made up and Adkins, attended by the surgeon and another physician, was placed on board. The train then started for the C. and O. Hospital at Huntington, but the injured man died a short distance above Richmond. On the arrival of the body at Louisa it was turned over to undertaker Snyder and prepared for burial.

When the accident occurred the relatives of Adkins in the vicinity of Fallsburg were notified by telephone. Some of them came to Louisa Monday morning and took charge of the body, carrying it to Morison's creek for interment.

Benny Adkins was a son of William Adkins, single, and about 26 or 28 years of age.

Row on Train

Last Sunday morning a row occurred on the passenger train from Pikeville to Ashland which caused a good deal of excitement and one knock-down. John Daniels, a passenger, grew very noisy, and when remonstrated with became so violent that Conductor Carr knocked him down. When the train reached Louisa he and Detective Payne took Daniels off and turned him over to Judge Thompson. The prisoner was held in \$100 bail until Monday, when he was arraigned for trial. After a statement from both sides the Judge imposed a fine of \$12.50.

Notice to Subscribers.

We have secured an extension of time on the big combination offer and a reduction to \$1.50, and also the addition of a religious weekly for six months. This makes 12 papers and the Big Sandy News for \$1.50. All who have paid \$1.50 will receive credit on the NEWS for the ten cents and the religious weekly will be sent also.

Rev. H. B. Hulet is suffering with inflammatory rheumatism.

Professor Kennison.

The reputation of Prof. Kennison for profound scholarship and great excellency as a teacher had preceded him to Louisa. When the Kentucky Normal College was located in Prestonsburg he was one of its able corps of instructors, and when this city became the permanent home of the school Mr. Kennison adhered to the fortunes of the College. He is in all respects and from every point of view an ideal instructor. Every branch in the curriculum of schools is his. By this it is meant that he is entirely familiar with everything taught in schools and colleges. He seems, and is, at home in all departments. From the chart and primer to calculus and Greek he is the competent teacher and exponent. Combined with his scholarly acquirement Prof. Kennison has the great and essential ability to impart instruction to those who seek it. As has probably been said before in this paper there are those who know but cannot teach, and there are those, unfortunately, who are by inclination and desire teachers, but who, equally unfortunately, have not scholarship sufficient for modern demands. Prof. Kennison does not belong to either of these classes. He is fully equipped along the lines of ability to teach and mental and intellectual acquirements. Combined with these important and essential qualities Prof. Kennison possesses a personality at once inviting and agreeable. The writer recently had the pleasure of seeing and hearing for himself how this able K. N. C. man sought to instruct the many young men and women who, some of them, from early in the morning until late in the day, thronged his recitation room. It was a profitable hour to the visitor, even, and it surely must have been a very profitable season to the crowd of students. Here, said the visitor to himself, are pupils seeking knowledge, and here is a teacher who knows their needs and can supply them.

Prof. Kennison also has the very happy faculty, the "knack," if you please, of getting the pupil to tell what he knows. This cannot fail to inspire the pupil with confidence in himself; to give him self-possession and self-control. Every embryo teacher, in fact every student, no matter what may be his intended vocation, will thoroughly appreciate the important qualities of self-control, self-possession and confidence without conceit. This paper, the friend and advocate of the teachers and of all worthy, industrious and aspiring young men and women, tells you in all candor and with no selfish motive or intent, that if you want to equip yourself for your life work build upon the foundation of a good education; and right here, almost at your doors, is a school, where this foundation can be laid, and that, too, at a cost which, compared with its lasting value, is almost insignificant.

ULYSSES.

James Morrison about three weeks ago stuck a nail in his hand, which rapidly developed into a serious case of blood poisoning. He is much improved at this time as to be able to sit up and walk about the room. Born on Feb. 13, to Elias George and wife, a girl. Also to Monroe Borders and wife a girl.

There has been a great many cases of lagripp here recently, but all are better.

Ed Boyd has just finished hauling raw logs.

Mrs. Alice Boyd visited her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Beasley, Sunday.

Bailard Castle, of Georges creek, and Mrs. Mary E. Hannah, of this place, were united in marriage Mar. 7th, by Rev. Albert Miller. The groom is 34 and the bride 35. This is the second marriage for both, she being the widow of the late H. K. Hannah, who died about five years ago. Their many friends extend congratulations.

Henry Bowen and Bud Lyons have a fine lot of saw logs at the mouth of Lost creek.

Lewis Chandler, of River, bought a thousand ties at the mouth of Lost creek recently. "Xanthous."

Allen Brumfield, who formerly lived here, had his heel badly injured while clearing a freight wreck on the N. and W., eight miles east of here. He is a section foreman.

VICTORY

For Big Sandy People In Jack Hendricks Land Grabbing Game.

Prestonsburg, March 13.—The specter of eviction, the 'goblin of ejectment, and the devil of disorder have been effectively banished from the good county of Floyd. For many months, being threatened and menaced by the avowed declarations of a corporation which had for its object the complete demolition of its homes and landed possessions of thousands of the good people of Floyd, Pike, Letcher, and some other counties in Eastern Kentucky, the people of these have lived in fear of losing the acres which they rightfully claimed. A recent sort of the soil is for the biggest sort of pay, engineering the legal—and illegal—machinery in this stupendous steal. He and what he yesterday denominated and fondly claimed his "great and good friend," this grasping, unscrupulous corporation, have gone down into the dust—"mud" would better describe it—of defeat. He and his tuckers met their Waterloo in this good old town yesterday. Their petition asking for the listing of "their" lands for taxing was demurred out of court, all their motions were denied and the motions of the people, represented by such giants as John Hager, John Stewart, W. H. Wadsworth, Taylor Vinson and Walter Harkins, were victorious, and Jack Hendricks is left to chew the rag and treat all he may get to listen to him to a dish of "chestnuts" of the vintage of 1000 B. C.

There is no appeal from this just decision of Judge Gardner, and as there is not the shadow of a doubt as to a similar ruling of the other Judges who may be called to pass on this great and, to the mountain people, vital question, the great victory for the people scored yesterday is far-reaching in its effects. These people and their valiant representatives are greatly to be congratulated. Their success is the beginning of the end.

Following is the judgment of the Court in the matter referred to above:

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Floyd Circuit Court. In the matter of the application of Eastern Kentucky Coal Lands Corporation, incorporated, to list for assessment of taxation, and to have assessed the taxes which ought to have been assessed for the years 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905, on the tracts of land herein below described. On appeal from Judgment of the Floyd County Court.

This proceeding coming on in regular call and the parties having announced ready, the same was submitted to the court upon the demurrer to and the motion to dismiss the petition and application, and arguments of counsel were heard upon same.

And the Court as now advised upon consideration of the petition and application is of the opinion that Article III of an Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act Relating to Revenue and Taxation," approved March 15, 1906, and being Chapter 23 of the Acts of the Legislature of the Session of 1906, is a lawful exercise of the legislative power of this State; but the Court sustains the demurrer to the petition and application for the reasons that in the opinion of the Court the said petition and application is insufficient in that it does not comply with the mandatory provisions of said Article, and for other good and sufficient reason apparent upon the face of the petition and application.

It is further ordered and adjudged that the motion to dismiss the petition and application be and the same is now sustained, and that the petition and application be and the same is now dismissed.

It is further adjudged that the Commonwealth recover of the petitioner the Eastern Kentucky Coal Lands Corporation, the costs in this and in the lower Court expended.

The infant daughter of Mont Holt and wife died Wednesday of convulsions. It was seven days old. The funeral took place from the residence at one o'clock Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Elsie Interment in Pine Hill Cemetery.

J. B. Clayton Appointed Sheriff.

James B. Clayton was on last Monday appointed Sheriff of Lawrence County and executed bond and entered upon his duties at once. He appointed T. J. Chapman and Walter Clayton as deputies.

Mr. Clayton is a sober, industrious, competent man, and will make a good officer. He is already at work executing papers and expects to have everything in his line ready by the time Circuit Court opens the fourth Monday in April.

WEBBVILLE.

BU Perkins and four boys went to Willard to load a car of timber for their handle mill.

Crist is loading out a car load of staves to-day. Webbville Exchange is leading upokes.

Bennie Webb sold his farm on Dry Fork to John Perkins.

T. and S. Eblevins, Dave Polly, wife and nine children, Henry Polly, wife and four children, North Keller, Dave Webb and two boys all left for Oklahoma.

Big Taylor passed here with 286 head of fine hogs.

Ward and Mr. Potter are here on their way to Ashland.

Jasper Roberts, of near Louisa, is here on his way to Grayson.

Train two hours behind time.

Cur Thompson and wife went to Charleston today.

Two car loads of hogs shipped to Central Ohio.

A. J. Pennington returned from Oklahoma and reports a good time and his health improved.

Mr. Belle Gambill returned from Pennsylvania today.

F. R. Moore went to Blaine yesterday. God save the roads in this county for the County Courts will not.

Taylor Woods went through here with a fine drove of cattle.

Tom Perkins, family and Late Webb are moving to Mahan.

Mr. Maport of Williamson and Co., is here.

Mrs. John Gambill and Miss Sweetnam are here going to Cincinnati.

Wm. McKee, the old conductor, who is now in the office, made the run for Conductor Kilgore, whose wife is ill.

Peters and Allen, of Floyd county, passed today with 80 head of young cattle.

Mr. Stewart, of Blaine, is here on his way to East Fork on business.

W Hicks and two sisters, Miss Crist and others, arrived on evening train.

Young Ward and Walters passed through here from Ashland to their home in Johnson county.

Jim Ward came in from Ashland today.

Little Shins Gambill and John McDole are here going to Ohio.

Clabe Speers, of Catlettsburg, is here to buy ties.

Tackett and Mitchell, of Floyd, went by with 150 head of cattle, 1200 have passed here in three days.

Leander Sweetnam's daughter is here on her way to Blaine.

Ben McNeal, of Cherokee, is here on his way to old Virginia to see a sick brother.

Estep and Calhoun, of Johnson drove 22 head of cattle by.

Albert Holbrook is here from Ellett on his way to Charleston.

Mrs. Ella McKee came up from Greenup to see her mother.

Rev. Daniels, of Cats fork, went to Huntington to-day.

Train got off track and was late reaching here last night.

Dacon Wade is here for his firm.

Young Pennington, of Little Park, is here on his way to Greenup to work.

The Literary had a fine time at their debate. Prof. Daniels is a fine educator and our school is a splendid one.

Mr. Jackson, of Greenup, is here.

Miss Riffe, of Bell's Trace, is here.

Gambill, of Calnes creek, went to Ashland today.

Mr. Anna Hart came to Elias Webb's today.

Fon Whitley and B. Roberts returned from court at Grayson.

Mr. Bell, lumber dealer, who shipped a lot of lumber to England, is here looking after his timber interests.

John Webb's son, who is a cadet at Lexington is visiting here.

Judge Redwine came up from Carter Court and spent Sunday.

Success to the NEWS. Pitt.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

Dr. G. V. Daniel and family have moved to Paintsville from Sip and are occupying their pretty residence on Upper Second street.

Mr. Andy Hatcher, a prominent and aged citizen of Pikeville, died Wednesday morning. He was the father of James Hatcher.

The Court of Appeals has reversed a judgment of the Pike Circuit Court in an election contest case of A. F. Childress against W. B. Pinson involving the office of School Superintendent of Pike County, and awarded the office to Childress, the Republican candidate. The opinion of the court was announced by Judge Lasing, who writes: "Waiving aside all technicalities and formal objections, appellant, on the face of the returns, was fairly elected and entitled to the office."

The decision of the court was announced in the consolidated cases of Childress vs. Pinson, Pinson vs. Bartley, and Pinson vs. Keen, on appeal from the Pike Circuit Court. The judgment of the court below is reversed as to the first-named case and affirmed as to the other cases. At the November, 1905, election Childress and Pinson were candidates for the office of County Superintendent of Schools. On the face of the returns Childress was elected by a majority of sixty votes, but the vote of one precinct was not reported to the County Election Commission, and that body certified that Pinson had sixteen majority on the canvass of returns, but the commissioners did not issue a certificate to him.

Pinson entered suit against Bartley and Keen, officers of precincts in the county, asking a mandamus to compel them to bring in signed statements about disputed ballots. The lower court heard the contest and dismissed the petitions of Pinson against Bartley and Keen, and declared Pinson to have received a majority of the votes. The court declared him the winner by twelve majority. Childress appealed to the court, and gets the office. The case was tried in the lower court before Judge Ben G. Williams, who was Special Judge of the Pike Circuit Court for the hearing of the case.

VESSIE.

C. S. Arthur and family are visiting Wm. Riffe.

Miss Bessie Neal left last week for a visit to her brother in Springfield, O.

J. P. Riffe and little daughter, Mearl, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Louisa.

E. G. R. Potete has returned from Washington, and is going into the poultry business at this place.

Harry Queer has returned from Portsmouth, where he spent a few days with his brother.

The saw mill on Slab Camp is doing a flourishing business.

Lev. Thornberry spent one night last week with Jim Lemons.

C. T. Miller has moved from this place to Bolts Fork, where he is in the goods business.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James Lemons, a 19 pound girl.

Ben and Tom Buckley, of Estep, who have been very low with pneumonia for some time, are better.

Frank Stewart and James Lemons are our champion fox hunters.

Mrs. Hall is improving from an attack of pneumonia.

J. T. Riffe and Wm. Albright are contemplating a visit to Ashland soon.

Noll Savage, of Estep, purchased a fine horse last week, and is going into the crossie business.

Sam Maynard will move from this place to Cat in the near future.

Owing to much rain our roads are in a bad condition.

Uncle Johnny Armstrong has the grip.

C. S. Arthur has sold his fine saddle horse. SI Plunk.

Dr. M. G. Watson has been confined to his room for several days as the result of an injury received on a trail while returning from the West recently. A heavy lurch of the train threw him against a chair with such force that an abrasion has resulted from the bruise. He has been suffering severely.

Going to New York.

Drs. L. H. York and A. P. Banfield will leave on the 20th for New York City to take post-graduate courses in their profession. This is Dr. Banfield's 14th course. Dr. York will give his attention entirely to general surgery while there. He will return to Louisa by the time the new Riverview Hospital is ready to open. Dr. York has been very successful in the practice of surgery as well as medicine, and this special preparation will give him the advantage of the most advanced methods.

Entertained the Clubs.

Mrs. J. D. Biggs entertained the Finch Club on Thursday afternoon of last week. The members of the Gossip Club and Mrs. Della Ferguson were also guests of the occasion. All played finch during the entire afternoon, the only interruption being for the service of refreshments. And while some of the finch players often declare that they "would rather play finch than to eat," the evident relish with which the delicate and delightful refreshments were received by each and every one present tended to raise some question as to the sincerity of the aforesaid declaration. It is safe to say that the afternoon passed most pleasantly for all guests.

BIG DEAL

The Gunnell Block in Louisa Sold For \$16,000.

Probably the largest real estate deal ever made in Louisa was closed last Saturday afternoon by R. A. Bickel. It included what is known as the Gunnell business block, consisting of one-half acre in the heart of the business district. The buildings on it are those occupied by D. C. Spence, C. A. Kirk, Louisa Drug Company, W. D. Pierce, J. B. Crutcher, Drs. Busby and Jones, Rowe's barber shop and the Arlington Hotel. The price is \$16,000.00. In this deal Mr. Gunnell closes out the remainder of his Louisa property, having sold his residence recently to W. M. Justice. Mr. Bickel is a successful insurance and real estate man and he is being congratulated upon his latest achievement. The property is very desirable and the large pressed brick store building on the corner is the finest in the Big Sandy Valley.

MT. ZION.

J. W. Bellomy, of Durbin spent Sunday with home folks at Adeline.

C. K. Horman made a business trip to Ashland Tuesday.

Miss Levis Workman was called to Portsmouth to the bedside of her sister, who has typhoid fever.

Allen Kliner was a Bolts fork visitor Sunday.

John Ross, of Durbin, visited home folks Sunday.

Leory Bolt returned from Mud river Wednesday.

John Queen, of Huletts, was a visitor here Monday.

W. D. Bolt was on our creek Friday.

Ike Fannin and Willis Armstrong, of Culbertson, was a business visitor at Buchanan Monday.

Misses Clara Burton and Elsie Vanhorn, of Rove creek, were guests of Bear creek friends last week.

Mrs. Annie Kinner visited her parents on Garner last week.

Mrs. Lewis Fannin, of East Fork, was called to Portsmouth by the illness of her granddaughter, Miss Mary McGlothlin, who has typhoid fever.

D-amp Kinner was a business visitor at Buchanan Friday.

Miss Fanny Bacook was the guest of her sister at Culbertson last week.

Ben O'Daniels was on our creek Monday.

Mrs. Millard French was the guest of home folks last week.

Roll Queen, of Culbertson, was here last week. Two Chuzas.

The sale of the Eloise Improvement Company's personal property last Friday attracted quite a crowd and the property brought good prices. The store in Louisa was bought by C. T. Rule.

Yesterday the Whitehouse Company's personal property was sold, but up to the time of going to press we have received no report of the result.