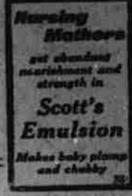




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## Double Votes Until Thursday, Feb. 20th

The Great Opportunity Offer of the Contest is Now in Force and You Get Just Double the Usual Number of Votes on Both Old and New Subscriptions Turned in Before 8 P. M. Thursday, Feb. 20th. On That Day and Hour the Vote Schedule Will Take a Big Drop. So Gather in All Subscriptions Possible and Take Advantage of This Mammoth Vote Inducement.

### 10 MORE PRIZES ADDED

Making 19 Prizes in All That Will Be Given Away Absolutely Free in the Big Prize Popularity Contest. With Such a Large List, There is Now No Need For Any One to Hesitate About Entering the Race. Now More Prizes Than There Are Active Workers. Start Your Campaign Today.

He or she who hesitates is lost. Just six days remain to take advantage of the big Opportunity Offer of the contest. You cannot afford to remain inactive when there is so much at stake. This is a mammoth vote inducement which in justice to yourself, you cannot refuse to take advantage of, for upon the amount of effort and hustle you put forth the next few days may depend your success or defeat at the end.

You naturally are working for both the honor and the final prizes and you cannot get one without having the other thrust upon you. The honor is great and will always attach itself to you in after years and the prizes are valuable and certainly worth your very best efforts.

Double Votes Until Feb. 20th. The big Opportunity Offer will come to a close at 8 p. m. Thursday, Feb. 20th. Don't forget the day and hour. Just double the usual number of votes will be given on all subscriptions turned in before that time.

Ten More Prizes Added. The contest manager is pleased to announce that 10 more prizes have been added to the large list, making 19 prizes in all that will be given away absolutely free in the prize campaign.

These prizes, consisting of solid gold bracelets, sterling silver brush and comb sets, solid gold necklaces, etc., are told about in the big announcement made on another page. They are all fine prizes and any person may feel proud to own any one of them.

Hundreds of Votes Lost. Votes that are torn or mutilated in any way or on which the date has run out, will be thrown out and not counted. Several candidates lost hundreds of votes this week on that account.

Start Your Campaign. AP necessary printed matter and full instructions for starting your campaign may be had by addressing the Contest Manager, Big Sandy News, Louisa, Ky.

Notice. Each contestant is allowed to use only three of the special ballots and for 15,000 extra votes each, which should have been returned to the contest manager to be counter-signed before Feb. 13th. In order that the new contestants may have

Big Chance in District No. 2. Especially is this true in the second district. In this district, we

## IMMENSE DEAL.

### Eastern Kentucky Coal Lands Change Hands.

#### Great Developments Expected to Follow the Transfer of This Property.

The following news item is appearing in the daily newspapers: Baltimore, Md., Feb. 7.—One of the largest purchases of coal land in the history of the country was consummated today. The deal embraces 300,000 acres of land in the Elkhorn field of Kentucky.

The new company, which will have a capitalization of \$30,000,000, is under the name of the Elkhorn Fuel Company. It will be largely controlled by residents of this city and West Virginia.

J. A. Clark, of Fairmont, W. Va., one of the best known coal operators in the country and a member of the Consolidation Coal Company, is president of the company; C. T. Williams, of Baltimore, vice president and secretary, and James C. Fenhagen, a member of the banking house of Robert Garrett and Sons, treasurer. They are also members of the board of directors. Other directors are W. A. Oley, of Charleston, W. Va., president of the Oley Coal Company, and A. M. McKinney, of Fairmont, president of the Fairmont and Buchanan Coal Corporation.

Ultimately the board of directors will be increased to fifteen members, and it is expected that United States Senator Clarence W. Watson, chairman of the board of directors of the Consolidation Coal Company; J. C. Mayo, of Paintsville, Ky., and J. N. Camden, of Kentucky, will be three of the new directors.

The land owned by the new company will be tapped by the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, which will extend its tracks from Beaver creek, Ky., a distance of about twenty miles. The Elkhorn Fuel Company will lease its land on a royalty basis, and it is not unlikely that the Consolidation Coal Company will compete with other companies for the lease. A large acreage on Kentucky river is included in the deal also.

The new enterprise will be financed by interests in this city and New York. The Fidelity Trust Company of Baltimore is active in the formation of the new company and will play an important part in financing it. Of the capitalization of the Elkhorn Fuel Company \$20,000,000 will be common stock, \$8,000,000 preferred stock and \$4,000,000 short-term notes. Development work will begin immediately and it is expected that active mining operations will begin before the end of the present year. While interests identified with the Consolidation Coal Company will be interested in the Elkhorn Fuel Company, the new enterprise will be operated independently of the Consolidation.

### HAD BILL RATCLIFF KILLED.

Wm Ratcliff, formerly of Three Mile, this county, was one of the mine guards who was shot and killed by strikers in the Paint Creek W. Va., mine disturbance last Monday. He is commonly known in this section as "Bad Bill" Ratcliff. He had served two terms in the Kentucky penitentiary, once for "shooting up" Jim Parker's house with evident intent of hurting same one. The other term was for striking and badly burning his step son-in-law with a hot poker. His wife has been living in this place for some time.

### SUBMITTED TO AN OPERATION.

The Rev. L. M. Copley, who for several months has suffered from a disease of his right eye, Friday morning submitted to an operation for the radical cure of the trouble. Slight in the member had been gone for a long time, but pain was intense and nearly always present, and to relieve this and save the other eye it was deemed best to remove the affected organ. This was successfully done at the hospital by Dr. F. F. Reynolds, of Mt. Sterling, Dr. H. York and several other local physicians assisting. Mr. Copley rallied nicely from the anesthetic and is doing well.

### TO BID ON BRIDGE.

Henry Preston, of the contracting firm of Preston & Crutcher, went to Richmond, Va., to bid on the construction of the proposed new railroad bridge across the Big Sandy at Walbridge. The result of the letting has not been made public.

### LOUISA CHAPTER R. A. M.

Friday night, Feb. 15, is the time for the regular monthly meeting of Louisa Chapter R. A. M. A full attendance of the members is requested.

### CHARGED WITH PADDING.

Charged with padding his payroll, R. D. Allen, section foreman in the employ of the N. & W., at Wobbs, W. Va., was placed under arrest Wednesday night by a detective in the employ of the railway company. It is charged that Allen for several months had been padding his payroll and that the amount he secured last month through a system he had put in vogue was \$56.63.

### REV. J. D. GARRETT DEAD.

Rev. J. D. Garrett, 65, one of the best known ministers of Wayne county, died Wednesday morning at his home, four miles north of the town of Wayne. He had been a victim of paralysis for more than three years, and a week ago suffered the final stroke which caused his death. Mr. Garrett was a member of one of the oldest and best known families of southern West Virginia. Early in life he became identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, and had been for many years preceding his death a minister in the M. E. Church South. He was a man of considerable ability and great earnestness. He was noted for his warmth of heart and genial nature, and was a highly popular and much respected man.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

Mr. Garrett was a brother of Mrs. Martha McClure, of this city, where he was well known and highly respected.

### REV. G. D. WILLIAMSON

#### Died After a Brief Illness With Typhoid Fever.

After an illness of only two weeks, the Rev. Gleason Williamson died at his home at Saltpeper, four miles from Louisa, about half past eight o'clock on Monday night, February 10th, aged 67 years. His disease was typhoid fever, complicated with serious organic trouble. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends, followed by interment near the home. The religious service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Fairchild, of Louisa.

Mr. Williamson is survived by a widow, two sons, Floyd and Lacy, two daughters, Mrs. Eugene Wallace, of Rockcastle, and Mrs. Jerome Hardin, of Gallup, two brothers, Magee and James, and one sister, Mrs. Grant.

By the death of Mr. Williamson Lawrence county has sustained a distinct loss. He was a good man, in all the word implies—a good husband and father, a good friend and citizen, a good neighbor, a good Christian. He was an ordained minister of the United Baptist Church, and in this capacity "he went about doing good." He had much native ability and shrewd common sense and was not lacking in a sense of humor, which made him liked by all who met him.

During Mr. Williamson's illness there was much concern manifested by everyone who knew "Uncle Gled." Many were the inquiries which were sent to his home regarding his condition, and much solicitude was manifested as to the probable result of his sickness, and when on Tuesday morning it was told about the straits that he was dead expressions of sorrow were general and sincere.

### GAMBILL-SPARKS.

On Saturday evening, February 1, at the residence of the officiating minister, this city, Miss Mollie Gambill, a K. N. C. student, and Mr. Herbert Sparks, a teacher in the Louisa public school, were married by the Rev. M. A. Hay.

The bride is the daughter of O. M. Gambill, and the groom is a son of L. T. Sparks, both of Collier creek, this county. The bell crowd did not hear of the marriage until last Saturday night, when they collected in force and went to Mr. Hay's residence to hold the usual function. Not finding the victims some of the party acted in a very disorderly manner, hooting and yelling and breaking some windows. Hickory tea and strap oil are good things to use in such cases.

### THE STORR'S VISIT.

Congressman W. J. Fields was at his home in Olive Hill this week, attending to one of the events which add to the duties of the census taker. It's a girl, the first, and its name is Elizabeth Alice.

### OPERATION FOR TUMOR.

James E. Rice, of New Cumberland, was here Saturday. He had just returned from Baltimore, where he had taken Mrs. Rice for treatment. The removal of a large tumor was necessary, and she is now in excellent health.

## SPLENDID RALLY.

### Congressman Stanley the Chief Speaker at K. N. C. Affair.

That was a splendid rally of the students and friends of the Kentucky Normal College at the court house this city on Saturday night last. It had been announced many days before that Congressmen John W. Langley, of the Tenth district, and A. O. Stanley, of the Fifth, would be in Louisa on that date and address the public in the behalf of the K. N. C. This was sufficient to create a deep and wide spread interest on part of both citizens and the student body. Mr. Langley's devotion to the K. N. C. had been manifested on more than one occasion, and this, coupled with Mr. Stanley's reputation as an orator, was sufficient to compel a very large attendance on the meeting. So, long before the appointed hour of seven-thirty the spacious court room began to fill. Early in the evening the students of both sexes assembled at the college building and were organized into divisions representing the various counties from which they had come. These divisions, with designating banners, marched to the place of meeting which was already comfortably filled with scores of our citizens. By six o'clock standing room was at a premium, and long before the formal opening of the meeting the big auditorium, the space outside the court room door and the stairway were packed.

Waiting the appearance of the distinguished guests, the audience was entertained with short addresses by various citizens and with singing by the students of the college and the pupils of the public school. It was no easy matter to keep the crowd quiet, made up as it was of so many different elements, but everybody was in fine good humor. The collegian with his megaphone was present, the college yell was in evidence, but there was not the slightest show of anything but a desire to keep up the enthusiasm and the interest of the occasion.

About half-past seven Mr. Stanley and some personal friends made their appearance and were loudly cheered. Much to the disappointment of the audience Mr. Langley had been detained in Washington by illness.

Before the formal exercises of the occasion began, and at other times during the evening, a local band of colored musicians added to the enjoyment of the occasion. The Rev. C. M. Summers, of the Christian Church, offered an appropriate prayer, and at its close Mr. A. O. Sullivan, in a few well chosen words, introduced Mr. Stanley, the orator of the evening. Mr. Stanley is an admirable speaker. He has a splendid voice which he uses very effectively. He has been a public speaker for years, has the gifts of the orator and the rhetorician, and these, with the stimulus of his splendid audience, conspired to make him effective at this great gathering of the devotees and friends of education. He spoke of the almost illimitable wealth of the region and of its wonderful natural wealth and advantages. He also spoke of the dark shadow which has hung over it—the shadow caused by its high rate of illiteracy. It was the work of the young men and women before him to lift this shadow and to make a mountain proud of its fact that he is one. Plant these banners and K. N. C.'s from the Virginia and West Virginia lines to Tennessee, and feuds and broils would cease.

A mere sketch of Mr. Stanley's masterly effort on last Saturday evening would only weaken it, and the NEWS will not go further. He was listened to with great attention and was loudly applauded at the close of his address. When the speaker had finished some remarks were made by citizens, appealing to those to whom the college was indebted to aid it still further by cancelling the evidences of such indebtedness, and the appeals were not lacking in good results.

This latest rally of the K. N. C. was a delightful and memorable occasion.

### CONSOLIDATION COAL CO.

The Consolidation Coal Co., Baltimore and Fairmont, W. Va., has formally authorized the sale of the \$6,500,000 10-year collateral convertible 6 per cent notes it has been negotiating, the purchaser being a New York syndicate. It is planned to expend most of the amount named to continue and extend developments in Kentucky, where the company has built Jenkins and other towns, and to enlarge the Miller's Creek field operations in West Virginia, enabling the present annual output to be increased to 4,000,000 tons of coal.

### IN THE COURT OF APPEALS.

Ratcliff vs. Soward's guardian, Pike; affirmed on the original and reversed on the cross-appeal. Soward's, etc., vs. Ratcliff, etc. Pike; appeal dismissed.

### FIRE ON LOWER GREASY.

The residence of W. J. Ward, on Lower Greasy, Johnson county, was destroyed by fire last week. Some of his furniture was saved.

### DEATH OF AN INFANT.

After an illness of only a few days the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stone died on Monday night, aged about two weeks. At was buried on Tuesday afternoon in the Jones burial ground, after services conducted by the Rev. H. B. Hewlett.

### GOING TO JENKINS.

On Wednesday, February 19, three persons, artists in their respective lines, will give a varied and high class entertainment in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. building in Jenkins. The principals are Mrs. Ruth Wisor-Atkinson and Miss Katharine Fresse, of Louisa, and Mr. Nelson Weedon, of Ashland.

Mrs. Atkinson is a reader and pantomimist of high attainment. Miss Fresse is a soprano singer whose vocal ability is much beyond any soloist who has yet appeared in this section. Mr. Weedon is a pianist who is worth going miles to hear. And he, too, is very much a singer. He sings and plays to suit all tastes, and never fails to please. An evening of genuine enjoyment awaits all who may attend the entertainment given by this talented trio.

### PRESTONBURG BRIDE.

#### Marriage of Miss Annette Powers and Dr. J. H. Cox.

The parlor of the hotel Brunswick was the scene and Wednesday, February 13, the time of a very pretty wedding. The principals were Miss Annette May Powers, of Prestonburg, and Dr. J. H. Cox, of Putnam, Va. The Rev. C. W. Plummer, pastor of the Louisa, M. E. Church, made them man and wife, speaking the transforming words in a very effective way.

Dr. Cox, accompanied by Mr. Sam Spradlin and his pretty young daughter, Miss Madge, arrived via the early morning N. & W., and the bride-to-be came down on the 9:23 train from Prestonburg. License and the minister were secured, and about 11:30 the interesting event occurred. When all was ready the fine looking couple, attended by Mr. and Miss Spradlin, entered the parlor to the music of the wedding march played by Mrs. George R. Vinson, and in a few minutes they, as Dr. and Mrs. Cox, were receiving the congratulations of their friends. While this was going on the bride's brother, Mr. Ollie Powers, of Paintsville, appeared and greeted his sister and new brother. He accounted for his absence by a plea of not knowing what time the wedding was to occur, but an indisposition to see her given to another was more likely the genuine reason. The party left on No. 16 for Putnam, where the newly wedded pair will reside.

Mrs. Cox is a handsome brunette, vivacious and pleasing in manner. She is popular, and greatly admired by her many friends in the Sandy valley. Dr. Cox is a native of this state and a graduate of the Hospital School of Medicine, Louisville, and is now practicing in Virginia. He is a very intelligent gentleman and is to be congratulated upon his judgment in the selection of a wife.

The dinner served by the Brunswick to the bridal party was all that could be desired.

### GAS EXPLOSION

#### In Busseyville Field Does Considerable Damage

By an explosion which occurred Tuesday afternoon in the Betty Pig well No. 2 near Busseyville, 6 miles west of Louisa, two men were painfully burned and \$1600 worth of property was destroyed. The injured men are Joe Miller, a well driller, and Charles Shannon, a son of William Shannon and brother of Mrs. Jay Vinson, of this city. The property burned consisted of the derrick, tank and several other things appertaining to the operation of the well, which is owned and managed by the Rio Oil Co.

At the time of the accident the men were engaged in "swabbing out" the well. The weather being damp the gas caused by this operation had collected in a sort of stratum around the top of the well and had imperceptibly spread to the boiler house, where it was ignited and the explosion followed. The report was heard a considerable distance, and windows in houses a mile away were shaken.

The possibilities of the accident were great, and that more damage did not result from it is surprising. Another derrick will be erected and operations resumed as soon as possible.