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THE MAYO TRAIL GETS AID FROM JOHNSON COUNTY

\$100,000 APPROPRIATED TO HELP THE STATE FINANCE THE PROJECT.

Johnson county on last Thursday followed the lead of Lawrence and voted to apply half of her bond issue on the Mayo Trail, using it to supplement State funds and thus enable the officials at Frankfort to get the available Federal aid.

\$100,000.00 is the amount voted by the fiscal court of Johnson, this being one-half of their bond issue. The other half will be spent on roads crossing the county in the other direction.

Now For Floyd County. Lawrence having appropriated her share, and Boyd having taken care of the road through her territory it is now up to Floyd county to do likewise and we have no doubt she will do so. Floyd is rich and able. She is developing rapidly and awakening to the necessity of roads.

Pike county has already indicated that she will do her part as soon as the counties below take favorable action. Floyd alone stands in the way, but has had no meeting of her court since Johnson and Lawrence came across.

Pike county gave \$100,000 on the Pikeville-Williamson road last week and will meet the demands of Mayo Trail also. Pike is rolling in wealth and is getting to be enterprising in spirit.

Man Dead In Somerset May Be Sam Crabtree

The following is from the Courier-Journal of Monday of this week: Frankfort, Ky.—It is believed by the officials of the penitentiary that the dead man found on the railroad track near Somerset, Ky., is Sam Crabtree, a convict who escaped from the penitentiary last September while serving a seven-year sentence for housebreaking. The officials of Pulaski county requested that W. H. Moyers, superintendent, forward them the Bertillon measurements of Crabtree.

Somerset, Ky.—The body of a man which it is thought may be that of an escaped convict, was found by the side of the railroad tracks near here a week ago. It is supposed he was struck by a train during the night. The man had dark hair, sandy mustache and appeared to be about five feet ten inches in height, and 55 years old. He was very thin. His weight has been estimated at about 140 pounds. The body is being held for identification.

Rear End Collision at Catalpa Monday

On Monday evening a C. & O. train wreck occurred at the mouth of Blaine, seven miles below Louisa. A mallet engine pulling 45 cars of coal ran into the rear of a work train that was taking a cut-off at Catalpa. The caboose and three cars were demolished. The big locomotive and seven cars turned over. The engineer saved himself by jumping. The engineer struck to his post and crawled out from the wreck unhurt.

Brakeman W. Hunt, of Ashland, injured his knee in jumping from the train. The passenger trains transferred and the track was cleared about midnight.

HARBIN-WATSON REVIVAL NOW ON

The revival services at the M. E. Church South began last Sunday morning with a sermon by Rev. Walter Harbin, of Texas, a general evangelist. A large audience was present and his sermon made a very favorable impression. The singer, A. C. Watson, Jr., arrived Sunday evening, having missed a railroad connection, and took charge of the music that night. He has a good voice and is an excellent leader and a good helper.

Rev. Harbin has preached each afternoon and evening since Sunday and will continue to do so throughout this week and next. The attendance has been large at all night services and fairly good at the afternoon meetings.

There is not a dull moment in Mr. Harbin's sermons or in his services. He has a remarkably clean-cut style of conveying his message. He is fluent and forceful. Every sentence drives home a point. He has a rich fund of illustrations which give the necessary human interest touch to his sermons. A pleasing manner and the right amount of bubbling humor add to his attractiveness as a speaker, and at the same time show him to be an exemplification of what he preaches—the happy christian life.

Next Sunday afternoon, 2:30, a meeting will be held for men and boys over 13 years of age. Those who have heard Mr. Harbin preach are sure to be there, and all others should do so. An effort will be made to have 500 men and boys present.

E. J. PAYNE MARRIED IN WILLIAMSON, W. VA.

The Williamson (W. Va.) Republican says: Mr. E. J. Payne, of Louisa, Ky., and Miss Eva Wells, of St. Augustine, Fla., were united in the holy bonds of wedlock last Thursday, the ceremony taking place at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. J. F. Varney, Rev. Hall officiating. The groom is also the brother of Mrs. T. S. York and following the ceremony a reception was tendered the newlyweds at her home. Mr. Payne is a fireman on the C. & O. and they will make their home at Olive Hill, Ky.

MAYO TRAIL UNAFFECTED

Frankfort, Ky., January 4.—State Highway Commissioner Boggs stated today that the work on the Mayo Trail will not be handicapped by the recent opinion of the Court of Appeals to the effect that counties cannot lend money to the state, as the counties through which the trail passes are donating the road work. All the money donated by the counties will be matched by the Federal aid fund.

W. VA. SEMINARY BURNED.

The Lewisburg Seminary for Girls at Lewisburg, Greenbrier county, West Virginia, was destroyed by fire with a loss of approximately \$100,000. Only four girls were in the building, and they escaped without difficulty. The seminary was controlled by the Greenbrier Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, South.

WEST VIRGINIA CAPITOL BURNS

ONE KILLED, SEVERAL HURT AND VALUABLE RECORDS LOST; AMMUNITION EXPLODES.

Charleston, W. Va.—The Capitol building of West Virginia was destroyed by fire late Monday. One laborer was killed, a fireman injured seriously and several other fire fighters hurt when a section of roof under which they were standing caved in. The spectacular nature of the fire was enhanced when much ammunition, stored on the third floor of the building, exploded.

Within four hours after the fire was discovered the Capitol building, containing the Governor's office, State Departments and priceless records, was nothing but a mass of smoking ruins. State officials made no attempt to estimate the loss, but they said that the records destroyed, upon which no insurance was carried, could not be replaced, and that it was impossible to estimate their value.

Some State records were saved by clerks, officials and firemen, who carried them from the burning building. The Capitol building, erected in 1881 at a cost of more than \$400,000, is believed to have been the only brick capitol in the United States. State officials said that the building was valued at approximately \$1,250,000.

Effort to Move Capitol.

Following reports from Clarksburg that agitation has been started there for the removal of the capitol from Charleston state officials expressed their opinion that the seat of the state government will remain in Charleston. Governor Cornwell said there is no probability that the capitol will be removed. He intimated that he will recommend to the legislature when it convenes next week that provisions be made immediately for the construction of another building in Charleston.

Following the meeting of the board of public works, the committee appointed by that body to make provisions for the convening of the legislature, announced that the sessions of the two houses will be held as planned on January 12.

The house of delegates will hold its sessions in the Baptist temple, adjoining the state grounds and the state senate will convene in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium adjoining the executive mansion.

Governor Cornwell speaks of the capitol fire as something "little short of a calamity," because of the destruction of records in the several departments. The extent of this damage cannot be ascertained until the vaults are opened and the condition of the contents disclosed.

The loss in money will not be heavy, the governor says, because of six million dollars of insurance carried in a blanket policy on all the state buildings.

Another Foreigner Gets Good State Appointment

Frankfort, Ky., January 1.—The State Board of Charities and Corrections today appointed Dr. Arthur Powell, an official of the River Long Hospital of New Jersey, to be assistant physician at the Eastern State Hospital, to succeed the late Dr. S. L. Helm. Dr. Powell has had 10 years experience with the New Jersey institution and 10 years experience with a hospital in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Mead have moved to Ashland. The apartment they occupied in the Walters building has been taken by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pickens. We are informed that Robt. Castner and family will move into the house vacated by them.

A. C. Shannon, who has smallpox, is considerably improved.

RUSH THE ROAD TO MORGAN LINE WITHOUT DELAY

THOROUGHFARE THROUGH MIDDLE OF COUNTY IS ONE OF FOUR ROUTES VOTED FOR.

The next big enterprise ahead of the people of Lawrence county is the building of a good road from the county seat to the Morgan and Elliott county lines by way of Blaine town. We say this is a job for the people of Lawrence county because in the building of the main thoroughfares there should be no division of effort or sentiment. All should pull together for the main roads. They can not all come at once, but all will be accomplished much sooner by harmonious effort than by dividing into factions. Local fights retard the general welfare of the county in all things. Let us try to keep a broader vision and a better spirit.

The situation at present is that we have a certain amount of the bond issue, voted by the people to be expended on the road to Blaine. We believe in keeping faith with the people in a matter of this kind. The Blaine road was one of four named in the court orders and in the campaign. The tremendous majority by which this bond issue carried leaves no room to doubt the will of our citizens.

The expenditure of this money should be carefully made. The fiscal court has authorized the employment of an engineer to locate the road. This is the proper step, and the engineer should be given a free hand in making the location. If competent and honest, the engineer will do the right thing. No other kind of man should be employed.

The advice of an engineer consulted about this matter is that what money we have for this route should be spent on drainage and permanent culverts, with whatever grading there is that demands immediate attention. The wisdom of such a course is apparent. Drainage is the first and last requirement of a good road.

Another very important move that should be started is to secure the strongest man possible as Representative in the Legislature from the Lawrence-Elliott district. The primary of next August will nominate and the Representative will be elected in November. He should be committed to devote his greatest efforts toward getting the Blaine road added to the State system, thus bringing State and Federal aid to it.

This is not a wild dream. It is entirely feasible, unless the present Federal law should be changed; but we should work for what is in sight, hoping this will not occur.

One strong argument is the fact that a Federal aid road in West Virginia comes to Fort Gay, just across the river from Louisa. This makes an interstate road. Extended through West Liberty and to a connection with the present State and Federal system it would be a very important inlet and outlet for a large territory otherwise inaccessible for general travel. Also, it would be the only cross route from the Big Sandy Valley directly toward the Bluegrass country.

The Point Route Also.

The other road specified in the bond issue election was up the Point to Martin county. The fiscal court included this in the order for employing an engineer. This road is entitled to the same consideration as the other routes named and should have the same careful attention. It is not as long or as difficult as the Blaine road. More will be said about it later.

HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE FRIDAY

YOUNG COUPLE JUST STARTING HOUSEKEEPING LOSE ALL THEIR FURNITURE.

A residence occupied by James Muncy and wife, in Italy addition to Louisa, was consumed by flames last Friday just before noon. Nothing was saved. The fire is believed to have started in the kitchen. There was no one at home and the flames had made their way into the front of the cottage when discovered by neighbors.

Mr. Muncy works at the bakery and Mrs. Muncy had gone to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Compton, an hour or more before the fire was discovered. These young people were married a few months ago and had begun housekeeping only a few days before the fire occurred. Their friends had treated them to a shower or housewarming on the evening preceding the loss. All of the furniture and nice presents were lost. Jim is an industrious young man and much sympathy is expressed for him and his wife in this loss.

NOTICE

All persons holding accounts against Lawrence County Board of Education please present them in legal form on or before January 23, 1921. The Board is called to meet on the above date.

DOCK JORDAN, Supt.

COUNTY SCHOOL HEADS TO MEET IN FRANKFORT

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 30.—County superintendents will meet in Frankfort January 27 and 28. This meeting, called by the president of their association, Mrs. Nannie G. Faulconer, Fayette-co., will be the most important the superintendents have ever held, it is said, as it is the first since the Act of 1920, organizing county common schools into one district under nonpartisan boards of five, has been in operation. At the expiration of the terms of the incumbents, the office of county superintendent will cease to be filled by elections and the new boards will appoint superintendents.

HERE FROM VIRGINIA.

L. A. Miller, of Glamorgan, Wisconsin, Virginia, was in Louisa Tuesday and called at the NEWS office to renew his subscription. He also ordered the paper sent to his brother, Curtis E. Miller, who lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

They are sons of E. C. Miller, of Glamorgan, who moved to this county to the Big Blaine section ten or twelve years ago. Mr. Miller was on his way to Columbus, Ohio, in the interest of his lumber business.

PIKE COUNTY MOONSHINE RAID.

Some deputy sheriffs from the Tug side of Pike county were here Sunday on their way to Pikeville. They had parts of a moonshine still captured in a raid.

KENTUCKY COAL INDUSTRY GAINS

OUTPUT IN 1920 IS 4,500,000 TONS GREATER THAN IN YEAR BEFORE.

Kentucky's greatest industry—production of coal—continued its marvelous growth in 1920. Output of the 881 mines aggregated 35,000,000 tons, according to an estimate made by Lawson Blenkinsopp, State Mine Inspector, from reports to his office at Frankfort. In 1919 31,500,000 tons were produced. Only four States exceeded Kentucky's output. They were Illinois, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Without complete reports from 237 of the 881 mines, reports up to September 1, 1920, showed a production of 23,453,389 tons. In that period the leading producing counties were Pike, Harlan, Letcher, Muhlenberg and Hopkins. Floyd county in the eight months period this year produced 1,088,560 tons, with reports incomplete from 57 mines, compared with 1,004,631 for the entire year 1919.

The following figures show production in Eastern Kentucky counties for the first eight months of 1920 and the year 1919.

	1920 to Sept. 1	All of 1919
Breathitt	116,517	169,987
Morgan	37,287	51,103
Carter	155,590	187,724
Boyd	86,078	110,561
Lee	57,940	60,000
Beall	1,394,094	2,292,755
Harlan	2,844,618	2,176,856
Perry	1,774,392	2,201,178
Letcher	2,228,655	3,348,326
Floyd	1,088,560	1,004,631
Martin	23,377	22,000
Lawrence	16,266	52,430
Johnson	465,809	869,952
Pike	2,998,311	4,532,934

Growth of Industry. Kentucky began producing coal in 1828, and records have been fairly well kept since that time. But in the 62 years from 1828 to 1890, the State produced a total of less than 100,000 tons, by several millions, than the amount now mined in a single year. It now produces as much in two years as it did in the entire decade from 1888 to 1907, when 79,000,000 tons were lifted from the mines.

From 1911 to 1918, inclusive, eight years, the State produced 176,105,234 tons, as against 157,971,800 tons produced in the period from 1828 to 1910, inclusive.

It is said that the production would have been much larger, in both Eastern and Western fields, if the shipping facilities had been sufficient. The fact is that the allotment of cars was far below the capacity of the mines.

THE THREE MILE OIL FIELD COMING TO LIFE

The Wyoer Oil company has drilled in a well on the Walbridge lands, five miles south of Louisa. It is reported to be a paying well and it is said other development will follow. Near the location the first Berea well in Lawrence county was brought in 11 years ago by A. C. Smith. This was followed by five or six other wells in that locality, most of which would now be valuable. But oil at that time was bringing only about one dollar per barrel and there was no pipe line. So the wells were abandoned. The casing was pulled from the first well.

OBSTRUCTIONS TO BE CLEARED FOR STREET PAVING

CITY COUNCIL ORDERS GAS AND SEWER LINES CHANGED BEFORE MARCH.

The City Council met Tuesday night. In addition to the usual routine business the following matters of general interest were acted upon. J. L. Richmond, paving contractor, notified the council that he would have a steam shovel on the streets early in March and would proceed as rapidly as possible with the street paving called for by his contract, and urged them to have all pipe, sewers and other obstructions out of the way in order that there would be no delay in his work. Accordingly, the City Clerk was directed to notify the United Fuel Gas Company to begin work at once and get all lines and connections out of the way in time to avoid delaying the contractor.

The closing of Lock avenue and arranging a detour to take care of the traffic of that thoroughfare was ordered to be done by the improvement committee. Also, all trees and other obstructions were ordered removed at once to make way for the paving. The improvement committee was ordered to examine the sprinkling plugs and the fire hydrants to ascertain those in working condition, with a view to making settlement according to the judgment of the County Court.

Building Roads Will Give Large Employment

The London report says that there are a million unemployed men in England and that fully three-fourths of them have families or others dependent upon them. The situation is described as being "most grave." The government has been appealed to for relief. The Labor party has asked the government either to find work for the unemployed or to pay each man forty shillings a week and each woman twenty-five shillings, with additional allowances for dependents. Reports say that the government plans soon to provide work for fifty to sixty thousand on public buildings and that the matter of further relief is under careful consideration. The number out of employment is rapidly growing in this country. One suggestion—and it seems to us to be a wise suggestion—is that large sums of money already appropriated for road-building be used all over the country at this time. The money is sufficient to put several hundred thousand men to work, and even if it costs a little more to build roads now than it will cost a little later it should not be put off, since men need work and the country needs the roads. The mild weather so far this winter has been a great blessing in keeping down fuel and clothing expenses, but everybody ought to be at work. Let's build roads.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John C. Smith, 20, of Louisa, to Thelma Bishop, 16, of Fort Gay. Riley Crum, 27, of Crum, W. Va., to Avel Bab, 21, Hill Station, Va. Henry Nugent, 19, to Pina Vanhoose, 16, of Glenhays and Radnor. Albert Frasher, 23, to Nannie Carver, 22, of Fort Gay. Harry Short, 30, to Mary Williamson, 24, of Webb, W. Va. Melvin Parsley, 21, to Sena May Dingus, Crum, W. Va. Thos. Wm. Stokic, 49, of Nocoors, Ill., to Marie Curutte, 39, of Potter. Leonard Marcum, 30, of Webb, W. Va., to Rosie Sparks, 23, of Clifford. Laurel Maynard, 19, of Clifford, to Stella Pope, 17, of R. D. Louisa. James Caudill, 19, to Emma Lemaster, 19, of Wilbur.

HARDWARE STORE CHANGES HANDS

J. B. PETERS SELLS STORE AND RESIDENCE TO R. C. BURTON AND J. L. MOORE.

A trade of considerable magnitude took place in Louisa Wednesday when R. C. Burton and J. L. Moore, purchased the hardware store and residence property of J. B. Peters and son at Lock avenue. They are now inventorying the stock and will take charge of the business at once. Both are experienced merchants and good citizens. Mr. Burton was formerly in the grocery business here and Mr. Moore recently sold a general merchandising business at Fuller station. Mr. Moore will occupy the residence. Mr. Burton owns and occupies a home on Franklin street.

It is reported that Mr. Peters may move to Florida, his health having been very good. He and his family have many friends here who would regret to see them leave Louisa.

RESIDENCE PROPERTY SOLD.

Mrs. Burgess, of Red Jacket, W. Va., was in Louisa a few days ago and bought from Mrs. Bud Taylor a house and lot on lower Lock avenue and also the one owned by Mrs. C. E. Duffy on upper Jefferson street, near the college building.

THE LOUISA POSTOFFICE.

Partial amount of business done at the Louisa postoffice during the month of December, 1920: Money orders issued..... 529 Money orders paid..... 228 Letters and parcels registered, 124 Parcel Post plugs, insured..... 2876 Registered letters handled..... 1129 Ordinary letters and post cards handled..... 34,965 Two star and rural routes dispatched daily. Ordinary parcel post packages handled by wagon loads and an innumerable number of questions answered. Respectfully, G. B. CARTER, P. M.

JUDGE C. C. TURNER NAMED.

Frankfort, Ky., January 4.—After having served as reporter for the Court of Appeals and Judge on the Appellate bench, Judge Charles C. Turner, of Mt. Sterling, was appointed Commissioner of the Court of Appeals to-day by the Judges of the Court. He succeeds Judge William Rogers Clay, who was sworn in as a member of the bench yesterday. Judge Turner was elected to the Appellate bench in 1912 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Edward C. Roear.

COAL BUSINESS DULL.

The general slump in business and the extremely mild winter has put most of the coal mines out of business. Very few are running and all these are on part time only. Prices have gone below the point where operators can be charged with profiteering.

TROOPS SHOT AT FROM KENTUCKY

ATTACK ON TUG RIVER FOLLOWS STONING AFTER ARRIVAL OF NEW MINE EMPLOYES.

Williamson, W. Va., Jan. 3.—A detachment of Federal troops at Merrimac, W. Va., in coal strike region, were fired on from the Kentucky mountains, according to information received by military headquarters shortly after noon to-day. The firing, which occurred yesterday, was returned by the soldiers. As far as could be learned there were no casualties.

The attack, it was said at headquarters, followed a disturbance in which several men, alleged to have been brought into the strike field for employment, were stoned. The superintendent of the White Star mine at Merrimac, where the trouble occurred, said he knew the persons responsible and would swear out warrants.

Two mines, the Burnwell Coal & Coke company, at Sprigg, W. Va., and the Albun Coal corporation at McCarr, Ky., which have been idle since the strike began in July, resumed operations to-day, it was announced by the Williamson Coal Operators' Association.

David Robb of the United Mine Workers has received word from William Greene, secretary-treasurer of the union, that he is taking up with the Federal Government the alleged employment of miners through a Federal Bureau for work in the Mt. Gull field under misrepresentation. Greene has written Robb that he had been told a miner had been sent to Chattanooga, W. Va., through a Federal bureau, at Leesville under the representation that a strike had existed in the Mingo field but was settled last summer.

Robb also notified union officials in the Alabama strike fields that union miners from that region are being brought to the Tug river district under alleged misrepresentation. Robb declared that the Alabama miners were told there was employment here but that applicant must have a union card. Several miners from Alabama were persuaded by union pickets to go to union fields in West Virginia and were given transportation to union mining towns to-day.

Farmers Reject Offers Made For Tobacco

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 4.—Farmers were hauling their tobacco away from warehouses and storing it in barns and practically every market of importance in the central Kentucky tobacco region was closed tonight, in protest against low prices offered by buyers for this year's crop. The Lexington market was first closed until tomorrow, while a later announcement set January 11 as the date for reopening. Indications were that other markets would follow the lead of Lexington.

The Lexington market was closed after buyers refused to bid more than a fractional part of the amount the planters believed they ought to get for their tobacco. Some bids were as low as half a cent a pound for tobacco that sold at 75 cents per pound last season. The best grades of tobacco brought bids of only 3 cents a pound, compared with one dollar a pound one year ago.

K. N. C. Has New Professor and Many Students

Kentucky Normal College has a new teacher for the high school department. Prof. Noun G. Glider, of Mississippi, has come very highly recommended and is starting off very satisfactorily. The students under him are pleased with his work.

A very large number of students arrived this week and the school is busy in all departments.