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## BOY DROWNED.

### George Pinson Loses His Life in Tug River.

### Body of Seventeen-Year-Old Native of this County Brought Home for Burial.

George Pinson, 17, and Albert Proffet, 16, were drowned in Tug river at Goodman near Williamson Friday night.

The young men went to the river to go in bathing. Evidently they did not know the depth of the water and although neither could swim, they plunged in and were soon beyond their depth.

The water at the point was from eight to twelve feet deep and both were struggling for life in a moment after they had jumped in. Albert Brumfield, a lad of 12 years, went to the river with Pinson and Proffet, but became frightened and refused to enter the water.

Dave Childers, assistant bank boss at Goodman, was fishing just below the scene, and witnessing the struggles of the two men called to Brumfield and asked if they were in danger. He first thought the boys were diving.

The Brumfield boy did not realize at first that the men were in danger but thought they were by the time Childers called to him. Childers propelled his boat toward the men as fast as possible and came near reaching one of them before he went down.

Both bodies have been recovered. The body of Pinson was shipped to Louisa and that of Proffet to Tazewell county, Va.—Mingo Republican.

Young Pinson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Pinson, formerly of Lick creek, this county. They moved to Goodman in December last, where Mr. Pinson worked in the mines. The body was carried to the old home where it was interred. The services were conducted by the Rev. Freley. After the funeral the family returned to Goodman.

### Special Term of Elliott Circuit Court.

Scarcely had the echoes of the proceedings of the regular May term of the Elliott Circuit Court died away when Judge Hannah saw cause to call a special session of the Circuit Court. The Court instructed the grand jury to investigate the whiskey traffic in the county especially, and it was mainly for this purpose that they were called. It seemed that the whiskey peddlers were getting real game, as the regular term had just closed, but Judge Hannah really "slipped one over on them" when he called the special session.

### Bridge Survey.

By direction of the War Department a public hearing in the Norfolk and Western Railway Station at Kenova, W. Va., was held Thursday by the board of officers of the United States Engineers, to consider the superstructure of the Norfolk & Western bridge across the Ohio river at Kenova. The board was to consider evidence as to whether the bridge is an obstruction to navigation. Maps of the bridge and river at Kenova were inspected by rivermen in the interests of the United States Engineers.

### JAMES STOKOE DEAD.

James Stokoe, married, aged 27 years, died at the residence of Brother Justice, this city, early last Monday morning, of consumption. The remains were interred in the Pullerson graveyard the following day. He was a son of Nicholas Stokoe, who recently died at Williams.

### SOME SNOW.

The change of cooler weather here this week is accounted for by the presence of snow at the Brunswick—N. B. Snow, of Louisville.

### "My Old Kentucky Home."

About two months ago Sam Fletcher and family, of Lick Creek, went to Whiteburg, Texas, for settlement. In the party was his aged mother, Mrs. Jane Fletcher. When the train from Ashland pulled in at the Louisa station Wednesday morning about the first one to get off was Mrs. Jane Fletcher, bonnetless, but happy to again plant her feet on Lawrence soil. With her was her pretty granddaughter, who looked her delight at being once more in her "Old Kentucky Home." Mrs. Fletcher said she was sorry to come home looking as though a Texas cyclone had hit her, but she just couldn't help it. She carelessly put her head out the car window and "goodness, before I knew it, almost, the wind took it off and I haven't seen it since." They go, but they come again. We refer to the people who go west, not to bonnets—they seldom return.

### Was Born in This County.

The death of W. S. Meek, one of Johnson county's most highly respected citizens, occurred at the family home, on Buffalo creek, that county, a few miles from Paintsville, on last Friday, as a result of lung suffering from the effects of that dread disease, cancer.

Mr. Meek was born at Old Peach Orchard, Lawrence county, on the 19th of October, 1855, and was consequently past 55 years of age at the time of his death.

### DEATH OF AGED CITIZEN.

### A. J. Conley Passes Away After Four Months' Illness.

On Saturday morning, May 20, at his residence in this city, A. J. Conley, died after a painful illness of many weary weeks, aged 72 years. He had not been in robust health for several months, and when from a slight injury to one foot gangrene ensued, a new vigorous constitution, already enfeebled by age and infirmity, was not able to resist the ravages of so serious a malady. So, in spite of the best care and skill, and after many days and nights of alternate hope and fear, the end came peacefully and hopefully. A widow, two sons, (M. F. and M. L.) and one daughter, (Miss Stella) survive. Of these all were present at the last scene except M. L. Conley, of Cannel City, Ky., who could not be reached until his father had died.

Mr. Conley came to this city from Johnson county nearly half a century ago. All the succeeding years, except possibly one, were spent in Louisa.

The funeral occurred on the day following his death, and was one of the largest ever witnessed in Louisa. Mr. Conley had been a Mason, and not for many years, if ever, had so many brethren of the mystic tie been seen together on a similar occasion in this city. The services were held at the home the deceased had built, in the spacious yard, among the trees he had planted, and in whose shade he was accustomed to sit. Amid these fitting surroundings the obsequies were held, the religious service being conducted by the Rev. W. L. Reid, of the M. E. Church, South, the church of which Mr. Conley had been a member since 1856, and Apperson Lodge F. and A. M. clothed in regalia, spoke the words which, from time almost immemorial, have been uttered over the body of a departed brother. Under a wealth of floral beauty, the offering of friends, the deceased lay encoffined, a look of peace on the well known features. After those who wished had looked, the body was taken to its last earthly resting place—beautiful Pine Hill, to sleep that sleep that knows no earthly waking.

But Mr. Conley had an abiding faith in Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me shall never die." Even when Azrael had cast his dread shadow over the couch of pain the weary, pain-racked man had raised a hand heavenward and said, "I am ready." Therefore, the sorrowing ones he left sorrow not as those who have no hope.

Mr. Conley was born March 17, 1839. Was married in 1866 to Miss

Elizabeth Leslie, who died in 1882. Nearly three years later he married Miss Mary Burgess.

The following relatives from other places attended the funeral: B. F. Conley and daughter, Miss Bertha, of East Point; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. C. Mayo, of Paintsville; Mrs. Florence Leslie and little son, of Greenup; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Conley and little son, of Cannel City; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Burgess, of Kise; Judge Finley E. Fogg, of Paintsville, was present.

Vinson Lodge, of Fort Gay, W. Va., attended in a body. Several members of the Masonic Order from Richardson and other points took part in the services.

### Examiners Still at Work.

As the News goes to press the board of county examiners is still at work grading the work of applicants for teacher's certificates. The board has ascertained the fact that only four of the 34 applicants will receive first class certificates: M. E. Sparks, with a general average of 91 and 8 eighths; Miss Nora Roberts, 90 and 5 eighths; E. N. Boggs, 89 and 4 eighths and J. L. Thompson, 87 and 4 eighths. There will be about 40 total failures. We will publish a full list next week.

### Narrow Escape.

Mrs. Alice Riffe, formerly of this city but now of Bolts Fork, narrowly escaped serious injury and perhaps death at the C. and O. depot Tuesday morning. She was going to take No. 27 and was at the depot, but she was not aware that the train had started until after it had pulled out. She then started on a run and reached the train in time to grasp the platform railing. She got a hard bump, and would have fallen under the wheels but for assistance. The train stopped and Mrs. Riffe got on board.

### Home From Texas.

M. and Mrs. H. G. Wellman returned from a long stay in Texas, where they went for the good of Mrs. Wellman's health. Her friends will be glad to learn that she is much better. She will spend the summer with her mother on the farm. While in San Antonio they frequently saw George F. Wroten, formerly of this city, and his family.

### Oldest Married Couple.

The London, Ky., Sentinel says John Shell, of Leslie county, is 192 to 194 years old, the exact age being in doubt. His wife is also 192 years of age. Both are in good health and the old man rides his mule to town. If age hardens it would not be difficult to tell what church the venerable brother belonged to.

### "MOTHERS' DAY."

### Special Church Service for Mothers and "Shut-ins" Next Sunday.

On next Sunday morning "Mother's Day" will be observed at the M. E. Church, South, and all mothers are urged to be present. Also, the same service will be made of special interest to all persons above sixty, and to those of all ages who by reason of physical infirmities are not privileged to attend public worship regularly. Conferences will be furnished for all who require them. It has also been suggested that if any are found who can not get to the church, a call will be made during the afternoon by a party of church members, and a brief service held. These visits if made will begin about two o'clock.

No service of any kind will be held at the church at night.

Mothers Day was observed two weeks ago throughout the entire country. The observance was delayed here by conflicting events. The universal custom is for every person attending the service to wear a white flower.

It is hoped that all who come within the scope of this special occasion will be present.

## KILLED BY CAR.

### Winfield Austin the Victim of an Accident.

### West Jefferson, Ohio, the Scene of Fatality to a Lawrence County Young Man.

Winfield Austin, formerly of this county, met his death in horrible shape last Tuesday night at West Jefferson, O., by being ground to pieces under the wheels of a trolley car. Accompanied by his father, John Austin, the remains of the unfortunate young man were brought to this place via the N. & W. Wednesday morning, and were conveyed to the Mike Thompson graveyard, near Charley, this county, for interment. He was 25 years old and a widower.

Mr. Austin was employed in a bottling works at West Jefferson, and lived near a trolley line at some distance from town. He had worked until a late hour on the fatal night, and had gone to the track to wait for the last car. It is supposed that he sat down on the track and fell asleep, when the car came upon him. He was dragged 500 feet before he was released, dead and horribly mangled.

### Is Sister of John Gartin.

One of the big charities of Chicago, the Children's Day Association held its annual meeting recently and re-elected Mrs. L. I. Funk president. A Chicago paper says: Mrs. L. I. Funk has been actively connected with the annual tag day ever since the plan started. She was re-elected president of the Children's Day Association at its annual meeting last Thursday. She is also vice president of the Children's Benefit League, the organization which has the management of tag day.

### Removals.

T. J. Chapman has sold his Lick creek farm to John Henry Preece, and will move with his family to Estavia, Clearmont county, O. Mr. Chapman is an excellent man, honest, sober and industrious, and the community in which he lived will miss him.

### Killed in Catlettsburg.

Green Stamper, aged 55, was run over and fatally injured, by train No. 16, on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, Tuesday night, a few feet below the freight depot of the railroad company, in this city. The man was taken to the Huntington C. and O. hospital, on the same train by which he was injured where he died from his wounds.

Stamper was a married man and has four children and his home was at Clayton, in Rowan county, 12 miles from Morehead.—Catlettsburg Tribune.

### SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

J. M. Clay, of Louisa, was in town yesterday evening, having returned from Huntington, where he had taken his little daughter, Carrie, to be operated on for a trouble with her hearing. The operation was performed and Mr. Clay says that the child shows a marked improvement already. Mr. Clay returned to his home this morning.—Catlettsburg Tribune.

### HEAD OF COMBS FAMILY DEAD.

Edward Combs, aged 90 years, one of Letcher county's veterans and father of the extensive Combs family of the county, died at his home near Ermine, two miles above Whitesburg, after an illness of the grip. He leaves hundreds of descendants in Eastern Kentucky. His wife survives him.

### Wins in Athletic Contest.

Herbert H. Moore, a Lawrence county boy in State University, is paying attention to his physical body as well as to the intellectual portion, having in mind the adage concerning "a sound mind in a sound body." The readers of the News know how well he has trained his mental powers, and they will be glad to learn that he has won success on the athletic field. He is attending State University, and at the recent meet of the team of that school with the team of Transylvania Mr. Moore won the championship for the broad jump, distance 18 feet, 16 inches.

Mr. Moore has also been elected chairman of the O'Rear club formed by admirers of the Judge in the school.

### Bodies Dangle From Tree.

Campton, Ky., May 23. — Letcher county authorities are investigating what appears to be a quadruple lynching of four pearl hunters who made successful finds in the Kentucky river.

It is reported that the nude bodies of four men have been discovered swinging to a tree in the woods in a deserted part of the county. Dr. F. H. Lewis identified one of the victims as J. W. King, a pearl hunter, who a few days ago dug up a pearl from the river bank valued at \$1,000.

The other three are said to have hailed from Oregon, and it is believed that they were all murdered by an and robbed of their pearls.

### STRENGTH OF PAYNTER.

### His Record Best Refutation of Campaign Utterances of Opponents.

Frankfort, Ky., May — Reports coming in to the headquarters here of United States Senator Thos. H. Paynter, who is seeking an endorsement in the Democratic State primary election of July 1, are that he is growing in strength daily, as Kentucky Democrats become better acquainted with the record he has made, and is making, in that high office, and with the character of demagogic campaign that is being waged against him. The information received is to the effect that the voters are realizing more clearly the caliber of Senator Paynter, and of his opponent, the Congressman from the First District and to know that the latter does not measure up to the big job he is seeking.

Senator Paynter continues to conduct his campaign in the high-class, dignified manner in which he first presented his candidacy, and he has received letters from hundreds of Democrats, living in every section of the State, commending his course in avoiding acrimonious joint debates, that could only result in injury to the party which has in the past so signally honored him and he relies upon his record as the best evidence of his ability to faithfully and intelligently serve his party and his State.

How Senator Paynter ranks among the big fellows at Washington recently has been attested in the committee assignments in the Senate. He was made chairman of the committee to examine into the civil service, and is a member of the committee on Claims, Judiciary, Industrial Exposition, Philippines and Privileges and Elections. No new Senator could hope to take such a commanding position in the Senate, and in the event of the election of a Democratic President, as now seems assured, no one now in Congress could attain better prominence or do more for his State than he.

That Congressman James' plan of campaign has not met with the approval of the people is best evidenced in the newspaper criticisms of some of his wild declarations.

"Nobody believes that Paynter is dishonest," writes Editor Leigh of the Bowling Green Messenger, referring to James' utterances.

"Democrats should stand together and build each other up by encouraging public confidence in all their leading men, so that in the general election any of them can beat any Republican," advises the Winchester Democrat.

"Paynter was an able jurist be-

fore he went to the Senate and has proven himself just as able a law maker as he was a judge," writes Editor Westover in the Grant County News, and continues: "If the Democrats are wise they will keep Paynter where he is for another term."

In another editorial paragraph the editor of the Winchester Democrat says: "It will be hard to make the people of Kentucky believe that he is not honest, patriotic and a Democrat. His vote for Lorimer, which James thinks an awful crime, really shows moral courage of the highest kind. Paynter knew it to be an unpopular vote, but after hearing all the evidence he did not think it sufficiently strong to convict."

The editor of the Henry County Local writes: "Before the Lorimer episode we regarded Senator Paynter with comparative indifference, but by virtue of his part in it, he has risen high in our estimation. Such a man who can resist the temptation to play to the galleries, for the sake of his duty as he sees it, deserves to be retained in the Senate."

That veteran of the Kentucky press, Col. W. P. Walton, of Lexington, writing in the Herald, reviews Senator Paynter's responses to the attacks made by James and concludes: "Senator Paynter's friends are greatly elated over his strong, manly and honest statements, and they think the man who is charged with deliberate intention to misrepresent him will pay dearly for it. The Senator is a gentleman, a Democrat and a man of the highest integrity."

### Hospital Notes.

A few days ago Mrs. Norris, widow of William Norris and daughter, of Warren Robinson, of Fort Gay, was operated on at Riverview hospital for a serious trouble by Dr. York.

On Saturday last Mrs. Albert Ratcliffe, of Clifford, submitted to an operation for cancer of the breast, the entire gland being removed by Dr. York, Dr. Broumley, Wellman and Wroten assisting. Mrs. Ratcliffe is 60 years old.

On the same day Miss Lizzie Rice, of this city, was operated upon for tumor, by Dr. York, with the same corps of assistants.

On Sunday Green Hall, of Mod. Floyd county, was operated upon by Dr. York for necrosis. All the operations were successful and the patients are doing well.

### Reservoir to be Cleaned.

The condition of the water being furnished to patrons by the Louisa Water Company has become so bad that the city council met in special session Wednesday night to take some action against the company. Representatives were present and promised to begin immediately the work of cleaning out the reservoir. Under this promise the council deferred action.

### LOUISA PLAINTIFFS LOSE.

### Decision in Elliott Court in Case of Mose Burgess, Etc.

Monday morning of last week Judge J. B. Hannah handed down a lengthy opinion in the case of Jess Walker, plaintiff, and Martin Watson, Administrator, etc. defendants. The opinion was a long one and decided the question of the identity of relationship of plaintiff and defendant, Moses Burgess, etc., to Dick Watson, of color, deceased. The Court, after a thorough consideration gave each of the parties a separate finding, and adjudged that none of the parties had proved a relationship to the deceased by a preponderance of evidence. Plaintiff filed motion and grounds for a new trial and defendant, Moses Burgess, etc. moved for an appeal to the court of appeals, which was granted. Elliott County Democrat.

Mose Burgess is a resident of Louisa. Some time ago Dick Watson died in Elliott county, possessed of considerable property. Mose claimed kinship and brought suit to recover as such from the estate.

The C. and O. pay car was distributing its favors along the Big Sandy line Wednesday.