

## DEPLORABLE

### Has Been Condition of Jefferson- town Public School.

Meeting at School-House Monday Night Dis-  
cusses Bad State of Affairs—An Appeal  
For Better Things in Future.

When it was announced in The Jeffersonian last week that Mrs. Rosa A. Stonestreet, Superintendent of County Schools, desired all interested in the Jefferson town public schools to meet her at the school-house Monday night and discuss plans for the coming year, it was hoped and expected that a large crowd would be on hand. But our people showed the same lack of interest that they have shown in school work in the past and about a dozen patrons were present. Mrs. Stonestreet presided and addressed the audience. She brought out some deplorable facts concerning the condition of the school, and said that the patrons of Jefferson town school have shown

the greatest lack of interest of any school in Jefferson county, and that it was a complete failure last year. Another thing which should make Jefferson town fathers and mothers awake from their slumbers and take action in this the most vital and important question in bringing up children, is the fact that our school here has never had one single child to finish the common school course. These are facts that we regret to have to let the world know, but it is time something was being done. Jefferson town, located as it is close to the metropolis of the South and her people coming in contact with the most cultured and best educated people of the country, and in the richest and best county in the state, should be ashamed of the lack of interest heretofore shown in the education of the coming generations, and see to it that we have the best and not the worst school in the county. We ought to have it. We can have it. But the patrons will have to do better than they did Monday night.

The employing of teachers for the coming year was discussed, and Mr. Tom Floore being the only trustee, the other two trustees having left the district, a motion was offered and carried to have the Superintendent and Mr. Floore engage the teacher and assistant for the next term, which work they will take up at once. We understand a petition had been gotten up to have Messrs. Arthur Wheeler and Fritz Baumliberger appointed trustees to fill the two vacancies, but as a trustee will have to be elected the first Saturday in August, it was thought best not to take any action.

There were two applications made for the positions of principal and assistant teacher, who were Miss Fidelity of Lawrenceburg, and Miss Louise Owens, of Jefferson town, but Mrs. Stonestreet said she desired to have the patrons of the school consider the matter before making a selection of teachers and took no action in the matter.

Dr. S. D. Wetherby, of Middletown, was present and delivered an eloquent address on education and the needs of law laws on the subject. He spoke of the bad features of the County School District Law which passed both branches of the last General Assembly and which went into effect June 15. Under its provisions a Negro could be elected to hold office over the white patrons and teachers to teach white children. Dr. Wetherby said the law would, no doubt, be repealed at the next meeting of the Legislature.

This law provides for an election of a trustee on the first Saturday in August in the school building in each school sub-district from the hours of one until five in the afternoon. "Any person shall be eligible to this office who is over twenty-one years of age, and who has been a resident of the sub-district for which he is elected for sixty days before the election, and who is able to read and write, as shown by a certificate of five reputable citizens of the sub-district, and all male persons over 21 years of age, who shall have resided in a school sub-division for 60 days next before an election shall have the right to vote at such election."

It behooves every good citizen in Jefferson county to see to it that a man of the highest type of integrity and intelligence is elected to this office. Our schools rank right along with our churches and should have leaders fitted and well qualified for the places assigned to them.

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## OFFICER

### And Prisoner Wounded In Duel Near Orell Thursday Night.

Bloodhounds Track Negro To Thicket, But  
He Refuses To Surrender And  
Opens Fire.

County Patrolman Steve Lewis and John Teel, a negro who is alleged to have broken into the general store of Henry Rairden, at Orell, twelve miles from Louisville on the Eighteenth street road, were each shot in the leg last Friday morning in a fight between a posse following bloodhounds and the negro.

The duel between the negro and the posse occurred when the officer demanded the negro to surrender after the bloodhounds had tracked him to a thicket near a creek. Instead of holding up his hands as the officer demanded, the negro opened fire from a thirty-eight-caliber revolver, one of the bullets striking Patrolman Lewis in the right thigh.

The wounded officer and the posse of ten citizens returned the fire. The negro fled and for a time escaped, members of the posse caring for the wounded officer. Others pushed on with the hounds and soon afterward the negro was again located. Another fight followed during which a load of shot from a shotgun was poured into the negro's leg. He was then taken prisoner. Much time excitement prevailed at the and County Patrolman Frank Thomas immediately placed the negro on a car to carry him to Louisville and probably prevented a lynching.

The store of Mr. Rairden was broken into, entrance being gained in the building by forcing the lock on the front door. James Jeffries, a farmer living nearby, discovered the robbery when he found the door of the store open when he went to a nearby well at 4:30 o'clock Friday morning. He notified the proprietor, who immediately took steps to capture the thief.

County Patrolman Frank Thomas and Steve Lewis, who reside in that locality, were notified and hastened to the scene. Messengers were sent to Mt. Holly, on the Third street road, after the bloodhounds of James Augustus, a storekeeper at that place. Mr. Augustus sent his clerk, Ed Hornbeck and Golden Raiser, a neighbor, to Orell with the hounds.

A posse of ten had been organized and started out as soon as the hounds arrived. The dogs took up the trail at once. They had gone but a short distance when they located the negro in the bushes. An examination of Mr. Rairden's store revealed that jewelry valued at \$100 and a lot of pencils were stolen. County Patrolman Thomas reports that he found it necessary to drive off several negroes after the prisoner had been captured as they talked about lynching Teel.

County Patrolman Lewis was taken to the home of Wallard Hart, a grocer at Orell, where he was attended by Dr. Parsons.

The wounded officer and the negro were taken to Louisville on the interurban car which arrived there at 11:30 o'clock. Lewis was taken from the car at Sixth and Broadway and removed to the home of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Swindler, 1102 Sixth street.

The bullet which wounded Lewis struck the fleshy part of the leg above the knee and ranged upward into the hip.

The negro was taken from the car at Sixth and Green street and hurried to the jail by Officer Thomas and Mr. Hart. He was wounded in both legs by a shotgun. His injuries are not of a serious nature. He was attended by the jail physician.

When registered at the jail the prisoner gave his name as John Teel. He said that he came from Florence, Ala., five weeks ago. He denies having committed any crime and says he did not fire until the posse shot at him.

After the battle, which occurred midway between Orell and Meadow Lawn, it was learned that the post-office at Kosmosdale was broken into Thursday night and \$30 in stamps stolen.

## FERN CREEK.

July 8.—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Finley glad welcomed the arrival of their cousin, Miss Madeline Goff and Master Rex Goff, of Owensboro, who will spend the remainder of the summer. Miss Corinne McCrocklin entertained Thursday evening. Those present were Misses Ruth B. Reid, Beattie L. Finley, M. Madden Goff, Jennie H. and Patsy E. Finley, Corinne McCrocklin and Sadie Finley; Messrs. William McCrocklin, Fred and Harold Weidemann, Edward Nutter, Ben Silvers, Everett Badgett, Willie Alvis and Mr. and Mrs. Alex McCrocklin. They all had a delightful time and enjoyed the music.

Mrs. Floyd Bess is ill of typhoid fever at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Silvers.

## Hogs Ate Dynamite.

Mr. John Smith, who lives near Shakertown, suffered a peculiar loss several days ago. He bought some dynamite to blow out stumps on his

place, and there were half a dozen sticks and about fifty feet of fuse left. This he hung up carefully in the barn, out of harm's way, he thought, but a day or two ago he discovered it had been knocked down in some manner and the hogs had eaten all the dynamite and all but about half a yard of the fuse. The mystery is how the dynamite failed to explode, but it didn't and the hogs have apparently suffered no inconvenience from their queer meal. But Mr. Smith says the hogs will be a complete loss to him for he is afraid to kill and eat them, with so much dynamite on their insides, and he won't be criminal enough to sell to others what he would not use himself.—Harrodsburg Herald.

## COL. LOGAN

Can Not Be Induced To Give Up Pleasures of  
Farm To Take Up The Pen—A Word  
About The Tattler.

As Col. Emmett G. Logan is known by all our readers all over the United States, and as our versatile writer, Elvira Sydney Miller, is justly complimented, we reproduce the following from the "Random Notes" of the Danville Advocate:

"We see it stated in the first number of the new Bowling Green Messenger, which made its appearance last Sunday, June 28, that Col. Emmett G. Logan is so wedded to the bucolic pleasures of the farm he cannot be induced to forego them and again take up the pen. When approached upon the subject he would none of it, and the Messenger says when you see him coming into Bowling Green "a-ridin' of a mule, a-smokin' of a seegar, and hit bot water-holer, it is plain why he will not make the sacrifice." His farm is of the finest, his cattle graze over the undulating hills, his sheep and goats gambol through the leafy woods, and his porkers lol lazily in the lowlands. And his mint-bed! Its aroma even comes with him to the city and almost makes a fellow wish he wasn't living in a prohibition town.

To every reader of The Louisville Times in the days when his trenchant pen was used upon its editorial columns and its pointed paragraphs cut like a stroke from a Damascus scimitar or sparkled with scintillating wit, and when the "Tattler Column" was presided over by that accomplished and versatile writer of prose and verse, Elvira Sydney Miller, this announcement will be a source of extreme regret, for it was hoped that he could again be induced to don the editorial toga, mount the tripod and illumine the sanctum with his presence, for it is said that "time cannot wither him, nor custom stale," and that he is the same genial, jolly Emmett as of yore."

## HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Attempted By Three Negroes Alleged To Have  
Held Up Dr. L. A. Blankenbaker.

While returning from a professional call in the country at 11:30 o'clock last Friday night, Dr. L. A. Blankenbaker, of this place, was met on the Seatonville road about two miles from town, by three negro highwaymen, who stopped his horse, but instead of allowing them to rob him he whipped up his horse, running over one and striking the other two as he passed.

As soon as he arrived he reported the case to County Patrolman Frank Tyler, who at once notified the police at the Highland sub-station.

Patrolmen Lammers and Badgers started out after the robbers a little later, and met three negroes, who answered Dr. Blankenbaker's description. They were in a buggy, and were drinking and having an uproarious time. They were stopped and arrested.

Upon further investigation Saturday morning it developed that the negroes stopped at a livery stable at this place shortly after Dr. Blankenbaker the hold-up, and hired the buggy. They gave their names as Gus Taylor, Lew Green and William Oglesbee. All three denied that they had been party to the attempted hold-up. Their trial came up in Squire O'Connor's Court yesterday, and the case will await the action of the grand jury.

## LONG RUN.

July 6.—Mr. Ben Neel spent Friday of last week in Frankfort. Miss Maude Hackleman, of Louisville, is visiting relatives here.

Master Edward Pearce, who has been quite ill is improving. Miss Ora Gregg, of Louisville, is the guest of Miss Katie Justice.

The Long Run Club meets with Beatrice Morris, Saturday, July 11. Misses Marguerite and Clara Neel, of Fishersville, were guests of Mrs. Ben Neel last week.

Misses Elizabeth and Lula Gregg, of Louisville, spent the week-end with Miss Katie Justice.

The lawn fete given by the Long Run Baptist church was a decided success. The gross receipts amounted to sixty-five dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Cissel, of Taylorsville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Cissel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Davenport.

Mrs. Getters and Miss Myrick, of Louisville, were guests of Miss Stella Webb last week.

## THE FOURTH

### Celebrated By the Fowler Family With a Reunion.

One Hundred and Fifty Chickens Stolen From  
A. B. C.—An Interesting Letter From  
St. Matthews.

St. Matthews, July 6.—The glorious Fourth of July was celebrated at the K. M. I. School by the Fowler family reunion numbering fifty—brothers, sisters and cousins, from Pittsburg, Florida, and Shelby county, Kentucky; even the family servants, who were their slaves in ante-bellum days, came to rejoice and arrange the viand prepared for the dear ones. Reminiscences and music beguiled them until the setting sun announced that the time of separation had come, when one must return unto their own home, happier indeed for this union of hearts and hands and hoping there will be many more such meetings.

Our vicinity has been invaded again by thieves. This time their taste was for good country hams and chickens. It's folly for one to save chickens for "Independence Day," then to have a "Spread." Robbers' minds run in the same channel. So they needed 150, leaving several forlorn little chicks, too small for our use. How it could be accomplished is a mystery. When I catch one, night or day it squalls until the neighbors are alarmed; yet this 150 were taken without a cry being heard. So the glorious Fourth found A. B. C. in mourning. We can baffle the rogues by wearing our jewelry at all times, but must we take our chickens and bacon with us also? Well, the problem is solved for this year—none left.

Well, I fear you will think the R. F. D.'s are not very patriotic, because there was no public demonstration, unless you would accept the sending up of two balloons, firing pistols, and much hurrahing of the small boy as such. Their elders contented themselves with a relaxation from labor, gathering together of families and neighbors, to compare crops, commenting upon the weather, the probable President, and several heated political discussions. Surely no candidate for office, could fight with words, harder and more telling battles, for themselves, than these staid farmers do for them at every available opportunity. One would think they were to be personally benefited, or that it would effect their souls' salvation to see the vim with which they take hold of these questions.

A. B. C.

## BUECHEL

Col. Wm. W. Hite Passes Away—Picnics on  
the Fourth Decided Success—Four Ill With  
Typhoid Fever in Henry Diehl's Family.

Buechel, July 6.—Fred W. Currey sold to Miss H. Worts, of Louisville, a tract of land for \$300. The transfer was made Tuesday. Miss Wurtz expects to build a confectionery in the near future.

The Rev. E. W. Elliott is building a handsome cottage on his farm near Fern Creek.

Mr. Ferguson, of Louisville, has almost completed his country home in Buechel, near Fern Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alley and Miss Rosa Christian will leave the early part of autumn for California to make their future home.

Miss Fannie Baker will leave in a few days for Flat Rock, Ind., to spend the rest of the summer with relatives residing there.

Miss Corinne Alderson gave a hay-ride last Friday evening followed by a garden party and dance at her home, "Forest Glen," in honor of her guest, Miss Juanita Munday, of Augusta, Ga. Mrs. J. H. Alderson and Mrs. McKenzie chaperoned the party. The following were present: Misses Ella Rowland, Bertha Conn, Blanche Snyder, Minnie Ragland, Corinne Alderson, Ethel Stivers, Grace Mazoni, Juanita Munday; Messrs. Roger Black, Dan Thomson, Sam Barr, Johnson Musselman, Allison Thirton, Clifford Alderson, Carroll Gunther, Shelton Arterburn, Roy Arn and Covington Arterburn.

Prof. William Morrison will leave in a few days to spend awhile with his daughter in Colorado.

Col. William Whippis Hite, aged fifty-four years, one of the foremost business men of Louisville, passed away at ten o'clock Thursday night at his home, "Shady-side," on the Newburg road, after an illness of some time of Bright's disease, hastened by an attack of acute indigestion, Monday, and a severe cold contracted while in Frankfort last week on a business trip. He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Carrie Pace, of Richmond, and one son, William W. Hite, Jr. He also leaves two brothers, A. B. Hite, of Louisville, and Louis Hite, of

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## HIGHLAND PARK.

July 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Obermeyer and Miss Minnie Peters are visiting their mother and friends, of Kokomo, Ind.

Miss Marguerite Ryan, of Louisville, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Mary DeCoursey, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Webb are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a bright little son.

Mr. and Mrs. John Groher, Jr., of Jeffersonville, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groher and daughter, Doris Stine, of Louisville, were the guests of their mother, Mrs. John Groher, Sunday.

Miss Esther Meador was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred Moreman, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bell are receiving hearty congratulations over the arrival of a son.

Mrs. Henry Kustes has as her guests Mrs. Mary Kustes and niece, Edna M. Kustes, from Portland, Illinois, and will remain until September.

Miss Marguerite Adame entertained on the evening of July the Fourth a crowd of young people from Jeffersonville, Ind. Those present were Misses Anna and Minnie Groher, Katie Katherine Kuntz Estha Meador; Messrs. Roy Schevelbein, John Dolan, Fred Kappesser and Edward Groher.

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