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FIVE MEN MEET VIOLENT DEATHS IN SANDY VALLEY

Four Fatal Encounters in Floyd, Knott and Mingo Within a Week.

The last few days has seen an epidemic of killings in the Big Sandy Valley. We were not able to get much of the details.

School Teacher Assassinated. In Knott county Lawrence Conley, a school teacher, was shot from ambush and died almost instantly. Two small boys, nephews of the murdered man, were walking along the road with him. When the fatal shot was fired one of the boys said "Uncle Lawrence see that smoke over there in the bushes?" But Conley was falling when the boy spoke. Rewards aggregating \$1300 have been offered for the assassin.

Two Men Kill Each Other. Near the Floyd-Mingo county line Saturday Victory Wiseman and Kendall Howard met on the road, both riding mules. No one else was present. They shot each other and died soon afterward. Howard's body received four bullets and he rode a short distance down the road before falling off of the mule.

Two in Floyd County. "Bad John" Hall is reported to have killed a man named Mitchell on Beaver creek in Floyd county. It is said there had been bad feeling between the men for some time.

According to reports Jim Bradley killed rank Shepherd in Floyd county a few days ago. No particulars could be obtained.

Moonshine is playing a prominent part in this heavy toll of human life.

Brothers Beat Teacher for Expelling Twin Sisters

Pikeville, Ky., Aug. 21.—James Justice and Leonard Justice, young men of Millard, Ky., who a short time ago attacked J. A. Stone, teacher, have been placed under \$1,000 peace bond each here and a \$500 bond each to await the action of the grand jury on charge of beating together.

Recently Stone expelled from his school the Justice twin sisters. These girls reside in an adjoining district and previously had been dismissed from their home school. It was shown at the examining trial that Stone had just passed out of his schoolroom into the public road on his way home when he was attacked by James Justice and mercilessly beaten while Leonard Justice stood with his hand in his pocket to prevent interference.

Stone was overseas in the World War and went over the top a number of times.—Courier Journal.

Enormous Gas Wells on Beaver, Floyd County

The Herald-Dispatch says:—T. E. Dimick of the Midas Oil & Gas Co. has just returned from the company's gas field in Floyd-co., Kentucky, where they drilled in two large gas wells, one of 12,000,000 cubic feet capacity for 24 hours and the other of 5,750,000 cubic feet for 24 hours.

These wells were found in the Bradley sand, a formation which has been producing oil for a number of years near Wayland, Floyd-co., at the southern end of the Midas property.

The character of the sand found in the Midas company wells is proof, experts say, that the gas territory should be long lived.

The first well was drilled 57 feet into the formation, and further progress prevented on account of fine large flow of gas. The pay streak was 17 feet thick.

The second well was drilled 45 feet into the sand and a pay streak 20 feet thick was found.

The larger well is located on the northwestern part of the Midas property, the total area of which is 14,000 acres. The second well is situated about one mile east from the first.

SHAWKEY APPOINTED HEAD OF BLUEFIELD SCHOOLS

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 19.—Morris P. Shawkey, state superintendent of free schools for twelve years prior to March 4, has accepted a position as superintendent of the schools at Bluefield, Mercer-co., he announced today. He is now giving a course of lectures at George Peabody College for teachers at Nashville, Tennessee, but will go to Bluefield within the next few days to take up his new work.

WAYNE COUNTY MOVIE ACTOR.

R. Leonard Copley of Los Angeles, California, has been visiting his mother at Crum, this county, and his brother, J. Walter Copley of Williamson. Copley is a moving picture actor and is associated with Charles Ray, one of the stars of the movie world. Copley had an important role with the recent picture "Scrap Iron." Copley is a native Wayne countian and attended several sessions of school at Wayne under Prof. T. B. McClure. He is believed to be Wayne county's only representative in the moving picture production industry.—Wayne News.

PROF. KENNISON VERY ILL. Prof. E. M. Kennison, who has been in poor health for more than a year, became suddenly worse a few days ago and his condition is very critical.

Muncy and Frost Found Not Guilty Of Murder Charge

The Williamson News says:—Taylor Muncy and Dutch Frost were acquitted in the circuit court of Wyoming county of the murder of Irvine Elkins. Their plea was self defense.

Quite a large number from this county attended the trial as witnesses. Elkins, a union miner, was killed in a fight on train No. 8 as it was nearing Chattooga on the 23rd of last November. His brother was shot in the thigh and cut across the cheek at the same time.

Armed Mob Threatens to March Into Mingo

For several days a large number of coal miners, said to be from 800 to 1600, have been assembled at Somerset, on the Kanawha river, threatening to march into Mingo county to take part in the mine walk there. It is said about half of them are negroes and most of the others are foreigners.

Sheriff Don Chaffin of Logan, says they shall not march through that county, and it is reported that he has planted a number of machine guns along the border.

Thus the strike situation continues about as bad as possible. With West Virginia's inadequate laws there is but little hope of this trouble being suppressed without the aid of U. S. troops.

Rewards for Murderers Wanted in Knott County

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 24.—Governor Morrow today offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the unidentified slayers of Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Conley in Knott county August 17 and \$100 for the arrest of Caleray Dobson, alleged slayer of Green Gayheart, another deputy.

Lawrence County Troop Goes to State Camp

The Lawrence county troop of cavalry left Louisa Saturday evening on a special train for Camp Knox for the annual encampment. Most of the members were enthusiastic about the trip.

Fighting Big Raise in W. Va. Gas Rate

The United Fuel Gas Co. has a big fight on its hands in West Virginia, resulting from its application to raise the price at which it supplies gas. The increase asked for ranges from 60 to 100 per cent. Huntington, Charleston and other cities have joined in the fight against the raise.

PARALYZED BY A SHOT.

Paintsville, Ky., Aug. 22.—Frank Sheppard of Goodlow, Ky., is suffering in a local hospital here today as a result of his being shot by Jim Bradley, his brother-in-law, at Goodlow late Saturday.

Sheppard has been unconscious a large part of the time and it has been impossible to learn from him any of the details of the shooting. His spinal cord was pierced at the second vertebra. An operation was necessary, which will make the man paralyzed from that point downward, the physicians said.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Lambert and family spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Stewart, near Louisa, who gave a dinner in honor of Mr. Lambert's birthday. The occasion was to be a family reunion, but relatives from the East Fork section were kept away because of the condition of the roads after heavy rains on Saturday. Mrs. Stewart is a sister of Mr. Lambert.

WAYNE COUNTY, W. VA. TEACHERS EXAMINATION

The grades for the July teachers' examination were received by Supt. Peters Tuesday. Nine applicants made first grade certificates, elementary; fifty four made second grades, and twelve made third grade certificates. Nine did not make grades which entitle them to a certificate.—Wayne News.

BOYS CAMP AT BURNAUGH.

County Agent G. C. Baker, accompanied by twenty-four of Lawrence county's boys and girls is at Burnaugh where they went last Monday to attend the club camp.

MRS. BOWMAN FOR DELEGATE.

Mrs. Stuart H. Bowman of Huntington, is mentioned as a possible delegate from the Western Virginia Conference to the general conference of the M. E. Church South to be held next year. The general conference meets every four years and the appointment of delegate is very much prized.

THE MAYO TRAIL.

The State Road department says the delay in advertising the Mayo Trail in Lawrence and other counties is due to some technical trouble with the federal authorities. It is hoped to ask for bids in September or October.

BURGESS-ZINK.

Married, in Cattlettsburg, Charles Zink of Lena, Illinois and Mrs. Victoria Bond Burgess of Richardson, Ky. Further mention of this event will be made next week.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Charlie Pritchard, 25, to Alice Salmons, 19, Clifford.

DEATH BREAKS TIES OF 73 YEARS

Wife of Wm. Riffe Dies at Age of 90, Ending Long Wedded Life.

Mrs. Wm. Riffe died at her home at Vesie, this county, Wednesday and the funeral will take place at the home on Friday morning. Rev. H. B. Hewlett of Louisa will conduct the services.

Mrs. Riffe was 90 years old and is survived by her husband age 98. They were the oldest married couple in Lawrence county, having lived happily together for 73 years. Ten sons and daughters are living and all will be present at the funeral.

LOUISA GIRL WEDS IN CAROLINA

The Greensboro, (N. C.) Daily News of August 20th, has the following item:

"Miss Nancy Sue Cummins of Louisa, Ky., and John Manley Johnson, of Greensboro, were quietly married yesterday morning at the home of Dr. F. S. Turrentine, Dr. Turrentine performing the ceremony in the presence of a few friends.

Mrs. Johnson is the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cummings, of Louisa, Ky. Mr. Johnson is connected with the Vick Chemical Co., and has many friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left immediately after the ceremony for a trip to the western part of the state in a touring car.

Mr. Johnson has been travelling in this territory for some time and became quite attentive to Miss Cummings. The first of last week Miss Nancy Sue started for Fayetteville, W. Va., to visit relatives. Mr. Johnson was on the train. They decided to be married and tried to get license in Catlettburg and Huntington, but failed on account of the fact that Miss Cummings is not quite 17 years of age. She went on to Fayetteville and soon afterward Mr. Johnson joined her there and they suddenly departed for North Carolina and were married as stated above.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. John Cummings, a merchant of this place. On account of her youth the parents naturally would have objected to her marriage if they had been consulted. But Mr. Johnson comes of one of the best families in Greensboro, and his reputation is excellent, so there is no cause for regret on any other account than that of age, and every day that passes is curing that objection.

The bride is a capable and pretty girl of excellent parentage and her friends extend their best wishes for a long and happy life.

The parents desired that she finish her education. They had sent her to good schools and had plans for the school year soon to open. However, these elopements will occur in the "best regulated families" when the young folks get the idea strong enough. So, let us wish them well and make the best of a situation that will doubtless turn out alright.

Mayo Oil Service Company Growing

The Mayo Oil Service Company of Ashland, has been making good progress since its organization and is destined, those interested believe, to have a large part in its line of trade. The company was incorporated and is composed of a number of prominent business men of the tri-state region.

John C. Mayo and John Buckingham of Ashland, are among the Ashland stockholders and Huntington has a substantial representation.

A large production property in eastern Kentucky has been acquired by the company and it is now laying a pipe line from those holdings to Ashland, where a refinery with a daily capacity of 2,500 barrels is to be constructed.

The object of the concern is to refine crude oil and to market petroleum products of the highest grade. The trade territory now being opened up embraces Ashland, Huntington and other Ohio valley points from Portsmouth to possibly Parkersburg; the Guyan Valley, Norfolk & Western and New River coal fields.

Local distributing plants are now being established at various points to take care of trade in the immediate vicinity. All goods will be delivered direct to consumers on the company's own trucks. A fleet of these trucks, of 1,900 gallons capacity, is being put into commission.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

SOUTH METHODIST CONFERENCE

The annual session of the Western Virginia conference, M. E. Church South, which includes the Ashland district in Kentucky, will convene at Williamson, W. Va., next Wednesday. Bishop Lenny will preside. A number of Louisa people expect to attend.

Farmers Are Urged to Cut Down Cattle Shipments; Bear Raid Is Feared

Chicago.—Fearing a sensational bear raid on the cattle market, the Chicago Livestock Association has sent broadcast an appeal to farmers to cut down on cattle shipments. The exchange predicted a collapse of the cattle market if farmers do not halt their sales of livestock in order to raise funds to cover deficits brought by poor crops.

Nine Kentucky Coal Companies Produce Half Million Tons in Year

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 20.—Kentucky has nine coal companies which last year produced more than a half million tons of coal, according to figures in the office here of Chief Mine Inspector for the State L. Blenkinsop. The largest of these was the Consolidated Coal Company, which has its Kentucky headquarters at Jenkins, Ky. and the second was the United States Coal & Coke Company with headquarters at Lynch.

The Consolidated company during 1920 produced 1,575,432 tons of coal and during the six months ending June 30, 1921 produced 819,546 tons. The U. S. Coal & Coke Company produced 1,336,070 tons in 1920 and has produced up to

Bill Carrying 80 Million Dollars For Good Roads Has Passed Senate

Judge W. L. Watson of the county court and M. E. S. Posey, Division Road Engineer, received telegrams Saturday from Congressman J. M. Robinson of the 11th Kentucky district reading as follows:

"Our road bill carrying 80 million dollars for good roads work this year passed the Senate today; the commission is out. Hope to get final action before Congress recesses."

This will be gratifying news to the good roads enthusiasts of eastern Kentucky, as this will mean that the Federal Aid projects now under course of construction will be completed. Judge Watson received another telegram from Congressman Fields of this district stating that one-third of this 80 million would be available immediately for Federal Aid work.

The commission referred to above was proposed in the Townsend bill in which the Federal Aid work throughout the United States was to be administered by ten commissioners. The bill as agreed upon provides for the administration of the federal aid funds as heretofore.—Ashland Independent.

CONTESTS IN PIKE COUNTY PRIMARY

Pikeville, Ky., August 19.—Use of a \$20,000 bribery fund, buying of votes, ballot-box stuffing, burning of ballot stub books, use of repeaters, violations of the secret ballot law, voting of Democrats and of persons not attending the polls are among charges made to contests for eight county offices, as the result of the Republican primary election in Pike county.

W. E. Finnamy, defeated for County Judge by 869 votes by W. W. Charles, was among the first to file a contest.

Contest proceedings also have been filed against W. B. Taylor, nominee for Circuit Court Clerk, by R. H. Sowards, Taylor is the incumbent. Sowards is Sheriff of Pike county. W. P. Childress has filed a contest against both Taylor and Sowards.

J. H. Adkins has filed contest against Pat Hughes, for County Attorney; Luther Damron is contesting J. M. Johnson's nomination for Sheriff, and K. F. Keathley has filed a contest against both Johnson and Damron. Emory Thornbury, the successful candidate among 14 for Jailer, has been served with notice of contest by A. G. Adkins.

Representative J. M. Billiter has filed contest against Joseph Trivette, nominee for Tax Commissioner. No contest proceedings were filed in the Commonwealth's Attorneys, County Clerk or Coroner's race. Two contests over nomination for Justice of the Peace were filed; W. R. Justice against John W. Blanton and Kenneth Smith against D. F. Johnson.

The first hearing in the contest cases is set for August 23.

NEW BUSINESS HOUSES TO BE ERRECTED IN LOUISA

James H. Woods expects to build two brick business houses on his two lots on Main Cross street between Main and Perry. These are 20 foot lots, 66 feet deep, a part of the Roffe property.

CAMP MEETING AT FT. GAY.

The fourteenth annual camp meeting of the International Holiness church of Fort Gay, W. Va., will be held at the Tabernacle, September 1 to 11, 1921. Rev. J. V. Coleman of Cincinnati, Ohio, will be the Evangelist and will be assisted by a number of local workers. Mrs. Coleman will have charge of the music.

BUYS PROPERTY HERE.

Mr. Lefe Walter of Ashland was in Louisa this week. While here he bought from Dr. C. B. Walter the apartment building now occupied by Dr. Walter's dental office and others,

SOMERSET OIL GETS A RAISE

20c and 25c per Barrel Added to Price of These Two Grades.

The price of Kentucky crude oil was advanced a few days ago, 25c per barrel on the Somerset Light grade and 20c on the Somerset. This makes the prices \$1.25 and \$1.10.

No other oils were increased in price, and no explanation is given as to this raise. The production has decreased very rapidly. Many companies are pumping the wells only enough to keep them in condition for the reason that the high grade Berea oil is really worth much more than the present market and the earth is the best storage possible. Drilling has ceased almost entirely in the Berea fields because it is not profitable to drill small producers under present conditions. Casing is yet about twice as high as it was six years ago.

Epes Randolph Dies in Tucson, Arizona

The following refers to a former C. & O. engineer, who had charge of the Big Sandy and other divisions about 20 years ago. He went to Arizona from here on account of tuberculosis and was soon identified with large railroad enterprises in the southwest. Tucson, Ariz., August 23.—Epes Randolph, President of the Arizona Eastern and the Southern Pacific de Mexico, and one of the pioneer railroad men of the Southwest, died here early today.

Mr. Randolph's death occurred as a result of a hemorrhage attack while he was in the hotel apartment occupied here by himself and his wife. He was born in Lunenburg county, Virginia.

Gentry Bros. Circus in Louisa, August 30

Annette Delano and her troupe of young lady riders, her remarkable carrier pigeons and the scores of renowned Gentry animal actors, human circus stars and unusual novelty features will be seen when Gentry Bros. Shows and Wild Animal Arena come to Louisa on Tuesday, August 30 to exhibit afternoon and night and to parade the principal streets that morning with a mile of pageantry an open air review of great beauty and colorful attractiveness, including open and closed cages, camel tandem teams, mounted bands, 200 ponies, beautiful horses, elephants, dromedaries, cloths, tabeau wagons and Mother Goose flats filled with the most beautiful and most intelligent performing dogs in the world.

County Election Boards to be Named August 31

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 20.—The State Board of Election Commissioners today postponed canvass of the Republican judicial primary in the Thirty-first District pending the contest suit between Judge A. T. Patrick and C. B. Wheeler. The first certification gave Wheeler the nomination by eleven votes. An amended certification cut his vote in Floyd from 995 to 975, giving Patrick nine majority.

Largest Airship Falls and Kills 44 Persons

In London Wednesday an immense airship of the dirigible type was being tested, with 49 men aboard. Suddenly it collapsed and then burst into flames and fell into a river. Only five men were rescued alive.

Seventeen officers and men of the United States navy were in the airship, and all were lost. The machine was built to cross the Atlantic and the fatal trip was being made as a test before starting for America.

ALEX VARNEY DEAD.

Quite a large crowd assembled at Varney cemetery on Pigeon creek to attend the funeral of Alex Varney. Mr. Varney would have been 92 years old next month. He had been a preacher for 60 years and was known and respected and esteemed throughout Logan, Mingo and Pike. His adopted children are Mrs. Hence Whit, Mrs. Jas. Collins and Mrs. D. B. Varney, all of whom live on the old Varney homestead. There are two surviving brothers, Alvin, aged 87, and James C. aged 82. All three were hardy, rugged mountaineers. Alvin Varney was in the full enjoyment of health and strength until a month ago when he was stricken with paralysis.—Williamson News.

REV. JOYCE LEAVING.

Rev. J. A. Joyce preached his farewell sermon last Sunday morning at the Christian church and will return to Ohio. He has been holding a meeting at Mt. Pleasant this week. Rev. Joyce had served out the time for which he came to Louisa. He made a number of friends here who regret his departure.

NOTICE.

There will be an ice cream social at the Torchlight school house on Saturday evening, August 27, commencing at 7 o'clock. Proceeds to be used to purchase library books and other things so much needed in the school.