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FEDERAL AND STATE AID IS READY FOR BIG SANDY ROADS

Judge Riffe Returns from Frankfort With Good News About the Good Roads Situation.

County Judge Billie Riffe spent last week in Frankfort getting information about State and Federal aid for Lawrence county roads. He took up the matter in detail with the State road department, and called Representative R. B. Shannon into the conference.

Judge Riffe has returned home very enthusiastic about the proposition. He found the State Commissioner, Mr. Boggs, ready to do everything in his power to push our road job along.

He was informed that Federal money is ready and waiting to be spent on the road leading through the county from Boyd to Johnson's county, and that the State is ready also for its part on this road.

He learned that we will get State aid on the other two roads under the inter-county road law. This aid amounts to seventy per cent of the cost, which is just the same per cent as both the State and Federal government pay on other roads.

So in either case Lawrence county will pay only 30 cents of each dollar spent. The only difference is that all the money is ready for the combined Federal and State aid projects. The State has not now money enough in the road fund to meet the full requirement of the roads which it must pay the 70 cents alone. But the law says the State is obligated to meet the funds put up by a county of this size on the basis of 70 to 30 per cent and if it has not enough money this year it must pay the balance next year, etc. So there is a proposition of financing in the one case that does not exist in the other, but it is believed this can be overcome in some way that will give the people the roads.

Judge Riffe says that he was told at the department that the Big Sandy road proposition from Boyd to Pike county is the best financed project in the State. It has been approved as required by the Federal aid law. No other intra-State route in Kentucky has voted bonds in all the counties.

The first work to be done is the survey and the Commissioner promised Judge Riffe to send engineers in here at the earliest possible date to do this work. Also, he stated that he would withdraw all of his engineers from other work as soon as possible and put them into the Big Sandy valley in such force as to rush the job to the limit and permit the counties to let contracts in the spring. He estimates that about three months will be required for surveys and estimates.

After this is done the court will know what is required in the way of bonds. Judge Riffe says everything in this line will be ready in plenty of time. Bonds will be issued only as needed so as to save interest.

METHODISTS MEETING IN LOUISVILLE IN EFFORT TO RE-UNITE TWO WINGS

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 14.—In a church edifice controlled by the same religious organization which sponsored a breach in the Methodist Episcopal church in 1846, thus dividing the church membership into North and South factions, a joint commission of both churches will meet here tomorrow in an endeavor to re-unite the two wings.

Bishop W. F. McDowell, Washington, will head the delegation from the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, and Bishop Edwin Moulton, Dallas, Texas, the Southern faction. The meeting will be closed to the public and will last several days.

THE REV. C. M. SHELDON TO EDIT WEEKLY PAPER

New York.—The Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, one of the most widely known ministers in America, is now editor of the Christian Herald. Since 1889 Mr. Sheldon had been pastor of Central Congregational Church at Topeka. He succeeded Dr. George H. Sandison, who has been associated with the Christian Herald for thirty years, and who retired as editor emeritus on the eve of his seventieth birthday.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

The Ashland Independent says: Mr. and Mrs. John Kahne, of Alka, Pike county, arrived in Ashland, bringing the body of their infant daughter, Jeannette Kahne, six weeks old, for interment.

Just a few days since Mrs. Kahne had returned to her home with the baby, a beautiful healthy little girl, after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hood.

On last Friday night the babe was put to bed apparently in perfect health, and its parents awakened at 3 a. m. to find it cold in death. A physician, hastily called, pronounced the sudden death to be the result of diphtheria.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Junior Runyon, 19, to Annie McKenna, 18, of Richardson.

Leater Judd, 24, to Lizzie Miller, 16, of Charley and Louisa.

Alexander Simpson, 54, to Octavia M. Runyon, 25, of Ashland and Myrtle, W. Va.

Edbert Bell, 20, to Liddle Mullins, 16, of Richardson.

BIG REWARD OFFERED FOR MINIARD ESTEP

County Sheriff Sam DeBord of Boyd county has received a telegram from Governor E. P. Morrow authorizing him to offer a reward of \$200.00 to be paid by the state for the capture of Miniard Estep, murderer, who escaped from the Boyd county jail a few days ago.

In addition County Jailor John White offers a reward of \$100.00 and Boyd county another \$100.00, making a standing reward of \$400.00 for the capture of the man.

Estep was convicted of killing Frank Goodman in Polkard last January. He was found guilty, sentenced to electrocution and placed in a death cell at Eddyville penitentiary.

Recently he was granted a new trial and was brought to Catlettsburg and placed in jail. With two other prisoners, John Lester, held for forgery and a moonshiner serving thirty days, he escaped Christmas night.

If Estep is not captured it is said that it will be the first case where a man who has been sentenced to death, has escaped death free of any penalty.

NEW MUSIC TEACHER AT KENTUCKY NORMAL COLLEGE

Mr. Sauchere, of Gallport, Miss., has taken charge of the music department of Kentucky Normal College. He comes highly recommended. Piano, band and orchestra instruments are to be taught.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Sauchere contemplates organizing a band and orchestra. Louisa needs such organizations and there is considerable demand for music of this kind in adjacent territory, at remunerative prices for engagements.

PROGRESS OF THE DRILLING IN THE LOCAL OIL FIELD

In the oil fields near Louisa the work of drilling is going forward very nicely. The heavy hauling is being done with cattle and it is surprising to see the number of these teams that have appeared in answer to the demands of this field.

The standard rig for the well on the Point opposite Louisa is being erected and Creel brothers will be ready to drill when it is completed.

G. J. Carter's gas well No. 2, Yatesville, is quite a good producer.

F. H. Yates well No. 4 on the C. M. Waller tract is under way.

No. 4 on Diamond & Ransom is nearing completion.

No. 6 on Mrs. Hannah Lackey's farm is an extra good well, estimated at 10 barrels for settled production.

Austin No. 4 is down 300 feet. Tom Burchett's No. 5 is almost to the grit.

Thad Ransons No. 1 is 1200 feet. A well will be started on A. Blankenship at once.

A machine is being set up on L. S. Alley's No. 6 location. No. 4 on that tract is being tubed.

Conley & Burgess No. 1 is about ready to start the drilling. No. 5 on the Mitchell tract is down 900 feet. No. 4 on that tract is doing five barrels.

The drillers are rigging up for No. 2 on the J. H. Diamond farm.

T. F. Maloney's No. 1 on the James Q. Lackey farm is due to come in very soon.

The well on Rockcastle, E. E. Shannon's farm, will reach the Berea in a few days.

Several new companies are acquiring leases and will begin developing next spring and summer.

It is very difficult to buy casing and supplies now.

Upper Blaine Field.

Stevens & Garrison were shut down a week on the Knob Branch well, J. L. Larkley and others, on account of losing a bit in the well. They should finish within a few days.

The Union company is drilling additional wells and is getting more contractors into the field.

The Morris well is a small producer.

The pipe line is installing new pumps. The old ones were not giving good results.

J. P. Shannon Passes Away at Age of 82

James P. Shannon died at his home near Gallup, this county, Wednesday morning of this week. He had been ill for quite a long time, and as he was 82 years old his death was not a surprise. The burial took place Thursday near the home.

Lawrence county had no better citizen than Mr. Shannon. His life was clean and he always stood for the right. He was a faithful church member. The wife and several grown sons and daughters survive him. Mrs. H. B. Muncy, of Louisa, is a daughter and Mrs. Ellen McHenry a sister of the deceased.

NEW BANK AT SALVERSVILLE.

The Magoffin Commercial Bank, Salversville, has been incorporated. Capital stock \$15,000. George Carpenter, W. P. Carpenter and Tom Gardner, incorporators.

YATESVILLE.

There will be a picnic here Saturday night, January 17, for the benefit of a singing school. Also, Sunday school every Sunday at 2 p. m.

LAWRENCE COUNTY GETS ONE OF FOUR CAVALRY TROOPS

Authority Sought and Received by County Attorney to Organize Unit Here.

County Attorney D. L. Thompson has done a good piece of work for Lawrence county in getting authority to organize a troop of cavalry here. Only four for the entire State are authorized and we are fortunate in securing one.

The unit consists of 70 men and Mr. Thompson wants the applications of enough to make up this number of acceptable men. They must be 18 to 41 years of age, sound in body and mind, of good morals, and able to read and write.

About one hour a week is given to drill and all the men receive pay regularly at the rate of one-fourth of the full pay per year given to those in the regular army. In addition to the one hour per week, the troop spends 15 days per year in encampment, with pay and all expenses.

The State military department furnishes all equipment, including 30 horses, with quarters and feed and care provided by the military department.

Mr. Thompson has had considerable experience in the cavalry, having been in that branch of service in the Spanish-American war. If he can effect the organization of this troop it will be quite a feat and he will merit the appreciation of the people of his home county.

RAY-DANIEL.

The following from the Paintsville Herald will be read with interest. The bride is well known in Louisa. She was a teacher in Kentucky Normal College several years. She recently resigned the position as stenographer in the Lobacco Company's office at this place.

A wedding that came as a surprise to their many friends was the marriage of Eugene Daniel to Mrs. Daisy Mays Ray, of Prestonsburg, which took place in Paintsville Wednesday, January 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Preston, friends of the bride.

The wedding ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends by Judge J. W. Walker. Immediately after the ceremony was performed and the happy couple received congratulations from their many friends they went to their home in East Paintsville. The home had been made ready by the groom.

Mr. Daniel is ticket agent for the C. & O. railroad company at Paintsville, which position he has held for the past several years. He is well and favorably known to all our people, being a leading business man, a valuable employe and especially popular with those who patronize the railroad, accommodating to all.

The bride is a member of one of the best families in Floyd county. She has been making her home with her sister, Mrs. W. R. McCoy, of Inez. For the past few years she has been a teacher in the Louisa college, where she has had charge of the business department. She is a popular woman and Mr. Daniel is to be congratulated upon his wise selection for a life companion.

The happy couple are at home to their many friends in their handsome home in East Paintsville. They have the best wishes of a host of friends for a long, prosperous and happy life.

BOARD OF TRADE WILL MEET MONDAY

The Board of Trade will meet at the city hall on next Monday evening at 7 o'clock. A large attendance is expected.

Standing Committees.

The following committees have been named: Advertising and Industrial Development—

M. F. Conley, C. F. See, Jr., N. M. Orr.

Public Utilities, Water, Light, Railways, Waterways, Telegraphs, Telephones—

W. E. Queen, J. L. Richmond, Jas. Woods.

Legislation, Taxation, Insurance—

G. R. Burgess, R. C. McClure, M. B. Sparks.

Municipal and County Affairs—

Jas. Norton, W. H. Adams, H. H. Sparks.

Sanitation and Public Health—

Dr. A. W. Bromley, Dr. L. H. York, Dr. T. D. Burgess.

Schools, parks and play grounds—

W. M. Byington, E. M. Kennison, John Mounts.

Wholesale and Retail Business—

A. M. Hughes, B. E. Adams, R. L. Vinson.

Finance—

A. B. Ayres, Robt. Dixon, J. P. Miller, Membership—

J. P. Gartin, J. B. Vaughan, C. B. Walters.

Reception and Entertainment—

F. A. Millard, L. E. Cooksey, B. J. Chaffin.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The regular Lawrence County term of Circuit Court will begin the first Monday in February.

LOUISA MASONS FIRST OVER THE TOP IN DRIVE

First Lodge in Kentucky to Subscribe Quota of Widows and Orphans Million Dollar Fund.

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson, of Louisville, was present Wednesday at the meeting of Apperson Lodge No. 195. Several other visiting brethren were in attendance.

The principal address of the evening was made by the Grand Secretary on the Million Dollar Fund for the Widows and Orphans Home in Louisville. This fund is to build a new home.

About fifty members of Apperson Lodge were present, and several visitors from other points. They subscribed the full quota to the fund for the Home.

A banquet was served by the ladies of Louise Chapter, Order of Eastern Star recently organized in Louisa.

Mr. Jackson says this is the first lodge in Kentucky to subscribe its quota. Well, that's no more than may be expected of a Big Sandy lodge. It is a sort of habit acquired under the inspiration of our old time slogan, "Big Sandy Against the World."

It is generally known that there are a lot of secrets about these lodge doings, but there seems to be no effort on the part of those present to conceal the fact that this affair was one of the most enjoyable they have ever attended.

KIRKS ALLEGED TO BE DEFLYING ARREST

The Kirk brothers, charged with the murder of Martin Wells and D. C. Harmon, near Van Lear, are said to be barricaded at their home, defying arrest. It is reported that the Johnson county authorities may ask for State militia to arrest them. Other outlaws are said to be with the Kirks.

TWO MEN ACCUSED OF KILLING ELIJAH SERGENT

Whiteburg, Ky.—"Horse" Neice has been arrested at Rockhouse Creek in this county charged with being an accomplice and an abettor in the murder of Elijah Sergeant of Indian Creek, whose body was found in the mountains a week ago.

Uriah Bates was also arrested and is being held for the murder. Bates is said, sent the wife of the dead man word the day before his body was found that she need not be uneasy that Sergeant would never return. Sergeant is said to have refused his daughter's hand in marriage with Bates, which greatly enraged him.

Neice, it is said, says that he and Bates carried Sergeant's body to three different places before finally leaving it. It is said that Sergeant was first lured to the mountains and there robbed of his money.

WAYNE ITEMS

Miss Beale Marcum of Ceredo and Bruce Williams of Ashland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Scaggs.

E. O. Curnutte spent Sunday with his family here.

G. J. Rife of Kenova was her on business Saturday.

Mrs. J. R. Keesee of Huntington is visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Napier.

Clyde Scaggs was the guest of Kenova friends Saturday.

J. M. Rigg, who has accepted a position in Huntington spent Sunday with his family.

Claude Newman was in Huntington on business Monday.

Mrs. D. B. Hardwick and children are visiting relatives at Elmwood.

Zona Perry of Portsmouth spent Sunday with her parents.

W. T. Hardwick of Genoa was in Wayne on business Saturday.

Ralph Taylor visited friends in Ft. Gay the last of the week.

Mrs. Charley Ferguson has returned from a visit with her parents at Ardel.

Mrs. Wayne Willis of Kenova spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. J. H. Walker was visiting relatives in Kenova last week.

Milton Ferguson, who is attending school at Morris-Harvey spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents at Elmwood.

Harry Bines of Lavalette spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bowen.

Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Burgess have returned from a two weeks stay in Cincinnati.

Charley Crockett was in Huntington on business the first of the week.

The Red Cross received on Monday twelve dozen garments to make for the Belgians. The ladies met with Mrs. G. R. Burgess Tuesday afternoon and several garments were finished.

Mrs. Fisher Scaggs was hostess to the E. C. S. club Saturday evening. The hours were pleasantly spent in sewing after which delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Jones Porter, Claude Newman, Boyd Wellman, R. J. Thompson, E. J. Wilcox, Tim Perry, G. R. Burgess, H. O. Wiles, J. R. Keesee, Misses Nell Taylor, Kitten Adkins, Gypsy Beckett, Marjorie Burgess and Bessie Marcum.

GRIMES.

R. A. BICKEL BECOMES DIRECTOR OF A HUNTINGTON BANK

We notice that Mr. R. A. Bickel has been elected a director in the Huntington Bank & Trust Company. This is a recognition of Mr. Bickel's business ability, won by the successful conduct of his affairs in Huntington during his few years of citizenship there. Not only has he proved himself to be one of the most capable life insurance men in the country, but he has shown excellent judgment in other business matters also. For instance, in real estate he has made a number of good deals. He owns a thoroughly modern home in which every convenience has been provided.

Through intelligent effort and square dealing Mr. Bickel is steadily climbing to higher place on that famous list of Big Sandians who have gone up against the world and won out in the struggle. We are proud of his success and expect to see him continue to rise.

MOONSHINERS CAUGHT.

The Grayson Journal says:—Sheriff J. M. Flannery got word Wednesday that there were two fellows at Hitchings who had the ear marks and other necessary accoutrements to arouse suspicion that they were full fledged moonshiners and peddlers of corn juice. Hastily summoning ex-Marshall Frank Prater they left at once for the Junction. On arriving there they arrested Charlie Johnson and Ben Sparks, both of Elliott county, and upon examining their grips found some nine gallons of a No. 1 moonshine whisky—and they say they make some good over there. The prisoners were brought here and placed in jail to await their trial. The men were said to be enroute to Portsmouth, Ohio, with their product.

NATIONAL THRIFT WEEK STARTS 17TH AND CLOSSES 24TH

Remember that the National Thrift Week, promoted by the United States government through the various organizations of the country starts Saturday of this week and runs until Saturday of next week.

Like good soldiers the people of the United States are expected to fall in with this movement to save money and to start the boys and girls to saving.

While it is easy to make money, it is the time to save. This money will have twice its present purchasing power within the next few years.

Put all you can in bank every week and you will be surprised at the results.

The people of the United States are the most extravagant and wasteful people in the world. Our government wants to teach the people the importance of changing this bad habit. Let everybody join in the movement.

Those who have money in bank are safe against want in times of stress, during illness, and in old age. Also, when opportunity knocks at the door the man or woman who has money is ready to invite the welcome caller in and profit by the chance.

The Ten Financial Commandments.

Basis of National Thrift Week Program.

1. Work and Earn.
2. Make a Budget.
3. Keep a Record of Expenditures.
4. Have a Bank Account.
5. Carry Life Insurance.
6. Make a Will.
7. Own Your Own Home.
8. Pay Your Bills Promptly.
9. Invest in Government Securities.
10. Share With Others.

Ten Barrel Well In Carter County

The Grayson Journal says:—I. B. Cooke and Dr. J. T. Stephens, of this city, and J. D. Patton, of Soldier, chief promoters of the Lawton Oil & Gas Company, bid fair to have their efforts to strike oil in this county richly rewarded. Their lucky strike is on the land of James Jacobs, on town.

Some two months ago they had an Olive Hill drilling company to begin work on this lease. At a depth of 75 feet a good showing of oil was found in Big Indian sand, and at a depth of 475 feet and in the Berea sand, the prospect was so good it was decided to "shoot" the well, which was done December 24th, with the result that a 10-barrel producer was brought in. Being of the Berea quality—a dark green—makes it a superior grade of oil.

The company is going right ahead boring and developing other wells on their adjoining leases of some eleven hundred acres. Some twenty years ago two or three wells was sunk on this land and a showing was then had, but owing to a lack of modern machinery, and no knowledge of "shooting" a well at that time prevailing, the project came to a standstill. Much interest has been created in that section, and company stock is selling without effort. This strike will go far toward stimulating drilling for oil in Carter county. Geological surveys show oil to exist in this section and persistent effort will bring it forth to be utilized in the various avenues of trade.

Rev. Stambaugh Resigns.

Rev. J. H. Stambaugh has resigned as pastor of the Christian Church at this place. He has accepted the pastorate of the Olive Hill and Grayson churches. He will continue to reside at Charleston, W. Va.

JAMES CHILDERS KILLED BY BLAST AT WILLIAMSON

City Badly Shaken and Many Windows Broken By Powder Explosion.

Williamson, W. Va., Jan. 12.—The explosion of a powder magazine near the entrance to the Randolph mine on the outskirts of Williamson resulted in the death of James Childers, a mine foreman, and did great damage to property, the chief source of loss being shattered windows in the city of Williamson.

The explosion occurred at about seven o'clock in the morning, a large magazine in which blasting powder and dynamite were stored letting loose with fearful effect.

With the first shock of the detonation the people of Williamson and vicinity were thrown into a panic of dread, believing that a mine horror of major proportions had occurred. As it happened, however, no fatality other than the death of Childers occurred.

The streets of Williamson for hours this morning were littered with fragments of broken glass. Some of the largest plate glass windows in the department and other stores were shattered into bits. Dwelling houses were rendered practically uninhabitable because hardly a window pane remained in those in that section of the city nearer the scene of the explosion. Churches and schools were also large sufferers.

Childers was standing in the door of the powder house when the explosion took place and was literally blown away. Nothing was found of him excepting shreds of clothing that were identified as having been worn by him, prior to the explosion and a silver watch which he had worn and which strange to say, was little the worse for wear and was still ticking.

Another man who stood at some distance from the powder house was slightly injured.

By the merest chance a number of men had passed the place a few minutes before the explosion of the powder and spoke briefly to Childers and then passed on. Two of these were knocked from their feet and other members of the party were deafened temporarily by the concussion.

Had they remained a few minutes longer to talk to Childers they would have assuredly been killed.

The cause of the explosion of the mining powder is a mystery. Childers was a native of Kentucky. His age was 35. A wife survives him.

Blast Closes Schools.

The Herald Dispatch says:—Advices from Williamson yesterday were to the effect that the public schools had been forced to suspend as a result of the explosion of a mine powder magazine there on Monday morning. Almost every pane of glass in the principal school buildings was shattered, and it was found impossible either to replace at once the broken panes or to find any temporary device for the protection of the pupils.

Mr. Stratton, proprietor of the Stratton hotel, who was stricken as a result of the shock from the explosion died and was buried yesterday, a report received from Williamson last night stated.

Stores, offices, banks and other buildings having heavy plate glass fronts, were thrown completely out into the cold, the force of the shock having shattered the plate fragments. Fronts have been boarded up awaiting the arrival of new glass.

Among the dwelling houses worst shocked by the explosion were those of the Goode and Goodkowitz families and others in the fashionable district of reservation hill. Those houses, facing directly the mine at which the explosion occurred, were rendered practically uninhabitable, the plastering being torn from some of the rooms in addition to the damage done to the windows.

It will probably be three weeks before all the damage can be repaired, since many of the large plate glass fronts destroyed will have to be replaced by special orders.

LIVERY STABLE SOLD TO CARTER & RILEY

Milt Carter and Lyman Riley have bought C. C. Skaggs' livery stable and are in charge of it. They will move to Louisa as soon as they can get houses in which to live.

Mr. Skaggs has opened a grocery store next door to the postoffice.

SHANNON'S COMMITTEES.

Representative E. E. Shannon of the Lawrence and Elliott District, has been placed on the following committees: Appropriations, Compensation and Industrial Injuries, Cities of the fifth class, Mines and mining, Public warehouses and Graineries.