## **IMPORTANT - Please Read this Disclaimer**

**About the Knott County Historical Society.** Formed on 7 July 1994, the Society has been innovative from its inception. Several others had tried to start a historical society in the county, none of which lasted over a few months. The founders, David R. Smith and Wilma G. Morgan, took this into consideration, and decided the organization should be designed for the common man, and should be based upon The Golden Rule.

Within a month the Society had 250 members and grew quickly to 700 members before the end of the year. The Society was governed by 24 Trustees to prevent any political-type take-overs and to bring a wide spectrum into the organization covering all large communities throughout the county.

The first publications, *Knott's Gentlefolk & Flowers of the Forest* in 1994, received three state awards for excellence in 1996. We could not keep them in stock.

In 1995 the Society began publishing its *A Century Ago This Week* which was broadcast locally every morning on Knott County's radio, WKCB. It was a hit with students preparing to go to school, as well as with their parents.

The *A Century Ago* articles have been published since then, with the inclusion of articles dating from 1873 to the 1995 onset, and the Society's Military History Department is extracting all articles pertaining to Eastern Kentucky from 1860 to 1873. The Society's database contains the history of Eastern Kentucky beginning chronologically with 1673.

Since 1993 David R. Smith has been writing historical and genealogical articles freely for *The Troublesome Creek Times* and *The Mountain News* which have been popular since their inception.

In the latter part of 1996 the Society began preparing materials to place on its website. It was one of the first Eastern Kentucky historical societies on the Internet. It, also, was one of the first to experience widespread plagiarism. Many of our articles from *Knott's Gentlefolk* were scanned and copied onto private websites wherein individuals claimed the work. Maybe the technical work, but not the difficult extraction process. The Society's attorneys and Trustees were contacted and concerned, and they decided that being such a young organization it did not want to tie up their volunteer time, nor give the Society any negative public image with a law suit, which could linger for years.

The Society began witnessing and hearing of other societies complaining of similar situations. Theft became rampant. The Society's president began a lecture series in the area regarding the "Survival of the Small County Historical Society." Seeing how easy the internet made it to scan copyrighted materials onto websites, it became imperative to attempt to warn unsuspecting historical societies. Unfortunately most historical societies in the area had not copyrighted their materials, unlike the Knott Society. Some have already met their doom.

When the Society went on the Internet, it ceased publishing *Knott's Gentlefolk* and its subscriptions. Since 1997 membership to the Society has been free and it has produced more information on the Internet than any other individual or organization representing Knott County, either directly or indirectly by theft.

The Society began preparations for a B&B in 1997 to cover its overhead, which is still in operation. The Society has subsisted on the B&B, visitors' charges, and donations since 1997 to the present.

**Often Misunderstood.** A small group of dissidents resulting from the Society's failure to press charges regarding the primary case of internet theft has arisen and has spread negative images of our organization since 2000. They initiated a letter writing and email campaign to the Society's benefactors and patrons where many false allegations were made in the hopes of discouraging any further contributions to the Society, and to encourage its donors to support their website and cause. Thanks to its loyal benefactors, copies of these letters were sent to the Society and are on file at the Society for historical purposes. The Society had been misrepresented as charging for membership.

ship. **The Truth.** The Society has provided more free information on the internet and in *The Troublesome Creek Times, The Mountain News,* WKCB, *Knott's Gentlefolk & Flowers of the Forest, The Kentucky Explorer*, and genealogical publications, whether privately or publicly published, than anyone in the history of the county.

lished, than anyone in the history of the county. **Society's Policy.** Once the Society dispensed of its publication, *Knott's Gentlefolk* and its subscriptions, it devised a policy to bring income in to cover the overhead. Though incorporated in 1996, the Society began proceedings to acquire its 501(c)3 non-profit status before requesting for donations via the Internet. From its inception the Society has been open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week per appointment only. The common man could research at his leisure in the comfort of relaxing furniture, a cup of coffee, and a piece of cake. In 1997 the Society initiated its policy that researchers at its headquarters should donate \$10 per hour per person or 1 hour of volunteer time per person visiting to cover the immediate overhead of their visits. Either the rich man or the poor man could visit the Society anytime they wanted. This is very reasonable when one considers none of the Society's staff or volunteers receive any compensation or salaries for their time. The overhead must be paid. Beauticians, nail salons, dentists, veterinarians, lawyers, doctors, etc., require appointment times, but their offices usually do not stay open 24 hours a day.

The Internet Membership is similar. With nearly 10,000 readers weekly, the Society, which is inclusive of every member, is asked to donate financially or to contribute historical materials and photos, or refer new members to the organization, or to volunteer at its headquarters. Not surprisingly, a small percentage of those have been faithful to contribute or pledge financially. More contribute photos and historical materials, but most are receiving the research freely. With the plethora of data already made freely available on the internet by the Society, and since the Society's research is area-specific, now covering 41 eastern Kentucky counties, and since the research is area intensive in a 15 county region, the Society feels its requests for donations is not being untoward. Especially when one compares Ancestry.com's annual subscription costs of nearly \$200. Those subscriptions are not taxdeductible like the Society's donation policy, nor do they provide the same quality of research the Society offers. In contrast, many of their later censuses and their newspapers are not indexed, nor do they offer area-specific informa-tion as the Society does. The genealogical material is another matter completely. The Society's genealogical research is submitted to several U.S. and European hereditary societies for their scrutiny, and once approved, is given freely to the Society.

After September 11th, many non-profit organizations have fallen by the wayside, and others have suffered, e.g., the Statue of Liberty and the Ellis Island Museum. Just recently in Eastern Kentucky, the Big Sandy Big Brothers and Sisters closed their doors. Morehead State University and Eastern have both increased their tuitions drastically. The Society, too, has felt the impact, and is now considering subscriptions. With the constant increase in gasoline coupled with the drastic impact that 9/11/01 had on the tourism industry, the B&B may suffer this year. The B&B, in addition to donations, has kept the Society afloat these past three years, but barely. The Society has not been able to pay its rent for the past three years, but due the kindness of the landlords has been permitted to continue. Because the Society was having problems meeting their utility bills, one member donated a buck-stove to adjust to more energy efficient means.

Unless its members begin contributing in any of the abovementioned methods, the Society may have no alternative other than to begin charging internet subscriptions which will deny those faithful members their tax deductions, and will deny the poor man access to the Society's records (other than what is already on the Internet), unless they contribute photos and historical materials, volunteer, or refer a specific number of new members monthly. On the upside - what it will do is rid the Society of its dead weight, and make it more conscientious toward its existence, each member feeling their obligation to keep the Society's door's open.

With the Society's greenhouse and its catering business, it hopes to offset its overhead, but it will cut into the Society's internet time. Subscription mode will greatly reduce our readership, but will free up more time for the Society's other projects for financial stability. If you wish to continue receiving this information freely, then consider donating in any of the ways described above as soon as possible. Knott County Historical Society, Inc., Box 147 Carew Drive, Duke's Br. Rd., Hindman, Ky. 41822 or email materials to knothist@tgtel.com. The Society is a 501(c)3 federally recognized non-profit organization.

501(c)3 federally recognized non-profit organization. The *A Century Ago This Week* involves many hours of tiresome transcriptions from several in-state and out-of-state newspapers through hard-to-read microfilm. The costs of the microfilm averages around \$1,000 per year. We will do look-ups for a small donation for those of you who know the exact date of the event in question. If you have photos of those mentioned in any of our articles we will include them in our past editions of *A Century Ago*. There is no charge for that presently.

We recognize these are hard times, but our policy makes allowances for each member to be able to do his part in keeping us open without money being the main object or intent.

Society has been open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week per intent. **To receive the weekly installments of A Century Ago This Week, contact the Society to be placed on the mailing list knothist@tgtel.com.** 

# A Century Ago Thiz Meek KNOTT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By David R. Smith, Pres.



Curt Jett, on left, May 1903. Courtesy Courier-Journal

<u>23 February 1904.</u> Bribery and Threats Forced Him to Swear Falsely. Admits He Perjured Himself in Jett-White Trial. *Courier-Journal* Feb. 24. At Cynthiana, Ky., Feb. 23, sensational testimony in connection with the Jett and White trial was brought out in the A.C. Adams trial for perjury. In the Jett and White trial at the special term of court at Cynthiana last August, Adams testified that he rode from home, nine miles, to Jackson, and has just hitched his horse on Jail street when he heard the shots that killed Marcum, saying he saw Curt Jett at Hargis' store at the time of the shooting.

The grand jury which met two weeks after the testimony was given indicted Adams for false swearing. His trial was set for the 23d, and after the jury was impaneled Mr. J.I. Blanton, his attorney, entered a plea of "guilty," and asked that the defendant be allowed to address the jury, which was granted.

Adams arose to address the jury, but broke down and wept before he had spoken one minute.

He said George Bowling came to him and said Curt Jett (retouched photo below from Courier-Journal) had killed Marcum for Callahan and Hargis, and that he would have to testify for him. He said he refused, and Bowling and

Sheriff Ed Callahan came to him again with a letter from B.F. French, who was attorney for Jett and White in their case, and told him if he did not testify that he would go like Marcum. He said French told him that he (Adams) knew about the French-Eversole feud in Perry county, and that he (French) was a 'Maneater.'' Adams said the suit of clothes he had on came from Hargis' store, and that French had promised him \$50 more, but said: "Bribe or no bribe, you will have to testify for us."

Adams also said that while he was in Cynthiana, Callahan came to him and told him that if he tried to run away he and his family would be killed. He then asked the jury to have mercy on him for his family's sake. He said his character was above reproach before he got into the hands of the band of assassins which ruled Breathitt county, but that he was

willing to go to the penitentiary and pay the penalty for his wrong-doing, but pleaded for a light sentence.

Judge J.J. Osborne, presiding Judge at the Jett-White trail, voluntarily addressed the jury in behalf of Adams. County Attorney Webster addressed the jury, saying, in part, that the State would be better off with Hargis and Callahan in the penitentiary than by sending Adams there. The jury returned a verdict of one year in the penitentiary, the least sentence. As Judge L.P. Fryer, the presiding Judge, was Commonwealth's Attorney during the Jett and White trial and assisted in bringing indictments against Adams, he vacated the bench, and Judge Lucius Desha, of Newport, Ky., tried the case.

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The case against George Bowling for perjury was called, and, as Bowling did not appear, his bond of \$500 was forfeited. His bondsman is Senator Alex Hargis, brother of James Hargis.

James Hargis. Adams' Statement. "Please your honor and gentlemen of the jury, I come before you as man to man and plead guilty to the charge of false swearing; and I did that because I believed that my life and the life of my wife and children was at stake, and just what you or any other man would do under the same circumstances. I come before you, gentlemen, this evening with my character unstained. I want to say I have done what I have done because I was in the hands of the murderers of Breathitt county. Men who had not only conspired and had James Marcum murdered, but who had killed several men besides, and they came to me where I was teaching about ten o'clock in the night and told me that they had sent after me and intended to have me dead or alive. They said Jett had killed Marcum, and that he had done this through the influence of Callahan and others, and now they wanted me as a good man, as a man that had lived right, and had a good reputation, to go down to Cynthiana and swear before a jury that Curtis Jett had not done that. I refused to go. Mr. Bolin staid till the next morning. Mr. French asked me to go and participate in this. I want to say, gentlemen, that I ask you and am willing to submit to the law of this great country of ours, and I want to say that I stand before you this evening defenseless. I have a wife and seven children who are defenseless. I want to say that after Mr. Bolin reached me that night that he told me not to let anybody know that I had that note, and Mr. French said to destroy that note; and after reflecting over the matter I sent him a note by Mr. Bolin that I would have to decline to act. That was on Wednesday night that Mr. Bolin came there and on Thursday he left. I turned out early on Friday. Had another note from Mr. French in which he stated that I had known him for years; that I knew what he had done, and, besides, that he proposed a bribe; and I want to say that Î refused to go to Cynthiana and testify as they directed. About ten or eleven in the night Mr. French came. I had retired. He waked me up and I answered him and invited him in. And I want to say that these gentlemen said to me that they were after me and that I had to go or be killed. I say, "I can leave the coun-try." "You can't go away; we do not intend for you to go away. You can take a bribe and go willingly or die like Jim Marcum died." I want to say that with all that around me no man could have done anything else but what I did. Then I went off and that night Mr. French and I went into a room and talked. He said that I had to do this thing; that if I would



James B. Marcum, victim

take a bribe and go it would be all right, but that bribe or no bribe I must go. I said that I did not want a bribe. He said that I knew of his feud in Perry county, and his reputation there. I said that I did, and he said that I knew that he could get a man that would kill me, and, gentlemen, I knew that he could. And I want to say that then after talking with him he said that I would be killed if I did not do it. I want to say that under the surroundings that I done what I did; that I told a falsehood in this courthouse under the surroundings I have stated to you. I want to tell that I was not in town the day that Jim Marcum was killed and I can prove by fifteen or twenty as good men as anybody, that I was not there. I want to say this much to Jim Hargis' credit that he never intimated anything to me himself, but French said he was working for Hargis and Callahan. They said that Jett had killed Jim Marcum and that if Jett was not gotten out of it he would be hung, and that such men as I could bring him out of it. Mr. French met me, the night I came, at the train and said that he had selected me a boarding place, which was at Mrs. McKinley's, and he went with us and showed us our rooms. We went there after talking with him, and he sent there and asked me if I had gotten in the notion of taking the bribe. I told him not.

"I had gotten a suit (the one I have on now) at Hargis'. Then he said that I had got a suit and that he would give me twenty-five dollars more; and I told him that I did not want it. Then he said that if that would not do he would give me fifty dollars. During the conversation he told me that if I stood up and made a good witness, and that I was an intelligent man (trying to blow me, that was the way he was always doing), he needed such as me; and that if I did not do it he would kill me or have it done, and asked me if I did not know that he was called a man eater in his county; and I told him that I knew it. He said that he had never eaten anybody but that he had had several killed, and he had to get out of this.

"Gentlemen, I want to say before

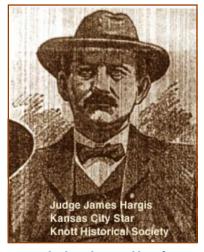


#### **Benjamin Fulton French**

God this evening that I feel it my duty to God, to my family, to this great government and to this Commonwealth to make this confession: I am willing to be at the mercy of this court, and am willing to go to Frankfort and pay the debt this court says I shall pay. I am willing to serve my time out and then after that I want to return to my family and live a true and good citizen of this Commonwealth. Gentlemen I want to say in conclusion that in what I did my life was at stake; that I believed my life was at stake. I want to say that Callahan came to me and said, "I understand that Bolin is going to run away." I said, "I do not know." He said, "Bring him to my room." I hunted him up and he went to Callahan's rooms, and Bolin did not tell that he was thinking of leaving and he said to us that if we stayed here and were good witnesses it was all right, but that if we left we would be killed. I want to ask you, gentlemen, in the discharge of your duties to be as merciful as you can. I am trying to live an honest man. I want to say that my parents died when I was three years old, my father one Sunday and my mother the next, and I was thrown on the common. I ask you when you give this decision, I ask you as an honest man, I ask you to give me exactly what you think I ought to have to justify yourselves, and when you have done this my wife and little ones and kinfolks will all thank you for your kindness. Gentlemen of the jury, I beg for mercy.

He was given one year, the lowest penalty, but a new trial was granted and he released on his own cognizance.

**<u>26 February 1904.</u>** On Friday, February 26, 1904, the oldest inhabitant



#### Judge James Hargis

of Montgomery county laid aside the joys, pleasures and blessings of this life and entered into the realities of the future. Thos. S. Wren was born December 31, 1808, hence was in his 96th year. He gently fell asleep, dying of old age. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. H.G. Turner in this city on Sunday morning at the Methodist Church, of which congregation he was a member. Of his family only four survive him - John Henry and Bert Wren, Mrs. Wm. Bryant, of Judy, and Mrs. Thos. Taul, of Bath county Although the breaking of the ties of kinship and friendship covering so many, many years brings sadness, yet we should comfort ourselves with the thought that infirmity will give



place to vigor, and sorrow, if any, to joy.

## 27 February 1904.

Mrs. Marcum Asks \$100,000 Damages. From Judge Hargis, Alex Hargis, Callahan and French. Charging Conspiracy to Kill Husband. A dispatch on Saturday from Winchester says:

"The largest and most sensational

damage suit ever filed in the history of this county was brought in the circuit court today when Mrs. Abrelia Marcum, widow of the late James B. Marcum, of Jackson, in her own right and for the benefit of her six children, filed suit to recover damages in the sum of \$100,000 against Judge James Hargis, Senator Alex Hargis, Sheriff Ed. Callahan and Attorney B.F. French, of Jackson.

"She avers that the defendants instigated the deed and that Judge Hargis and Sheriff Callahan saw the deed done and refused to take any steps toward the apprehension of the murderer. She further alleges that Jett and White were also in the conspiracy

"Her leading counsel is Attorney A. Floyd Byrd and Attorney Jewett, of this city.

Mrs. Marcum, Widow of the Murdered Attorney Has Filed A Suit to Recover For Husband's Death. Hargis Brothers, Callahan and French Charged with Conspiracy to Murder in Action.

\$100,000 Damages Asked For. Mrs. Abrelia Marcum, widow of the late J.B. Marcum, of Jackson, Ky., who was assassinated last May as he stood in Jackson, Breathitt county, and for whose murder Curtis Jett and Thomas White were sentenced to life imprisonment at their second trial last August by a jury at Cynthiana,

The petition states that the defendants, James Hargis, Alex Hargis and Edward Callahan, of Jackson, Ky., and B. Fulton French, of Win-chester, Ky., entered into a con-spiracy with Curtis Jett (a nephew to the Hargises) and Thomas White, to murder James B. Marcum, and that he was murdered by Jett and White, in pursuance of such conspiracy. A.F. Byrd, who prosecuted Jett and White, is one of Mrs. Marcum's attorneys.

The language and full text of the petition is as follows:

The plaintiff, Abrelia Marcum, states that she is the widow of J.B. Marcum, deceased, who was killed and murdered in the town of Jackson, Ky., on the <u>day of May</u>, 1903. She and the said James B. Marcum having been lawfully married to each other on the \_ , 18\_\_\_\_, and that the plaintiffs, Nellie Marcum, Tom Marcum, Imogene Marcum, Alfred Marcum, J.B. Marcum and William Hurst Marcum, are the children of the said J.B. Marcum, all of whom are now under the age of twenty-one years. She states that she sues as next friend of the infant plaintiffs, Nellie Marcum, Tom Marcum, Imogene Marcum, Alfred Marcum, J.B. Marcum and William Hurst Marcum, that she is a resident of this State and free from all disability, and is the mother and natural guardian of said infants, and that she said infant plaintiffs have no guardian, curator or committee residing in the State

"Plaintiff states that on the , 1903, the defendants, day of James Hargis, Alex Hargis, Edward Callahan and B. Fulton French, formed and entered into a conspiracy with Curtis Jett and Tom White to kill and murder the said J.B. Marcum.

and pursuant to said conspiracy, and while the same existed, the said Curtis Jett and Thomas White, in the town of Jackson, Breathitt county, Ky., on the <u>day of May</u>, 1903, didunlawfully, willfully, feloniously and with malice aforethought, kill and murder the said J.B. Marcum by shooting and wounding him with guns and pistols loaded with powder and ball, from which the shooting and wounding the said J.B. Marcum then and there died, and at the time of the said shooting and wounding the said Edward Callahan and James Hargis were present and conveniently near and aided, abetted, advised, counseled, and encouraged the said Curtis Jett and Thomas White to do said shooting and killing, and the said Alex Hargis and B. Fulton French, at the time of entering into said conspiracy with the said Jett and White and the other defendants, and repeatedly thereafter and prior to the time of said killing, advised, counseled with and encouraged the said Curtis Jett and Thomas White to do said killing, but were not present at the time said killing was done. Wherefore plaintiff prays judgment against the defendants, James Hargis, Alex Hargis, Edward Callahan and B. Fulton French, for the sum of \$100,000, for their costs and for all proper relief."

March 1904. Ben B. Bigstaff has moved from Athol, *Breathitt* county, and his headquarters will be at Frozen till further notice.

Clark County. The case against John Sharp, charged with the mur-der of Charley Bentley, continued until May term. Sharp was unable, on account of severe attack of rheumatism, to appear for trial.

Milton Johnson, of Clark county, will move to Wilmore, Ky., and J.B. Pendleton will move to the house vacated by Mr. Johnson. L.B. Ford, of Winchester will move to the house vacated by Mr. Pendleton.



John Fox, Jr., the young author and magazine writer, of Big Stone Gap, Va., has accepted an offer to go to Japan for Scribner's Magazine in connection with the war in the Far East. He was in New York last week, whence he will soon sail.

W.R. Faulkner, of Tabor, Ky., was a caller at Mt. Sterling, Monday. He is a candidate for Assessor of Menifee county.

Misses Lena Carey and Josephine Gearheart, who for several days have been the guests of Miss Beulah Shankland, of Mt. Sterling, returned to their home at Morehead Sunday.

HONOR. All honor to the Kentucky Senate for the failure of the Judicial Redistricting Bill. This was a very wicked measure and it got what it deserved at the hands of the Senate.

We should all be very grateful to the Press of Kentucky and espe-cially to the Courier-Journal for the great fight made against the Judicial Redistricting Bill. - Breathitt County News.

Breathitt County. The present winter is without parallel within the memory of the oldest citizens of this section.

Mrs. Lizzie Sprowl was accidentally shot at her home in Ironton, O., by her drunk husband. Mrs. Sprowl is a daughter of Squire Green Hensley, of Rousseau.

Will Joseph, of Bays, Ky., a lad of about 18 years, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head Monday, the 15th, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He had visited a whisky shop run by Wm. B. Back in Magoffin county, across the line. He stopped at a neighbor's house and shot himself.

Judge James Hargis, of Jackson, and some of his friends will visit Swango Spring this week or next.

## 4 March 1904.

Floyd County. Thieves entered the express office at Prestonsburg and stole about eight gallons of whisky. Young men of prominent families are suspected, and arrests will follow. - *Ex*. **Jackson County.** 

George C. Moore, of Jackson county, who recently purchased the Miss Lucy Faris property, is moving in to his new home, and London will soon be blessed with another lawyer. George is a fine fellow, and we are glad to have him with us.

Johnson County. Judge C.B. Hill, of Winchester, and Chas. J. Howes, of Paintsville, are candidates to represent the Tenth congressional district at the National Democratic Convention at St. Louis.

Proctor Howe, age 18 years and son of Rev. J.H. Howe, died at his home on the river below town last Saturday [27 February 1904] of pneumonia after a very short illness.

Mrs. J.C.C. Mayo, and son, mas-ter John, and Miss Ora Preston, left Monday [29 February 1904] for Florida where they will remain for three months. They were accompa-nied as far as Catlettsburg by Mrs. T.J. Mayo who will visit her daughter Miss Fannie at Millersburg. Paintsville Commercial.

In the Johnson Circuit Court Dave Hall was sentenced to the penitentiary for twelve years for killing Will Goodman at Whitehouse last spring.

The case against Con Cheek for alleged connection with the killing of Lee Dollarhide was filed away.

Nimrod Mollett confessed to burglarizing John R. Mollett's store at Boone's Camp and was given two years.

George Hitchcock, for killing Wall Hill, got two years.

Milton Music is sentenced two years for killing Wm. Ghose.

Will Culbertson was sent up for two years for shooting at Milt Music.

Knott County. Dick Hall, who is wanted in Knott county for burglary, was captured at Hadley, a mining town on the Guyan River railroad in West Virginia. He was shot in the arm by detective John Draughn before being captured. Hall was out on bond and skipped from Knott county and his bondsmen had him traced. Hall was taken back to Knott county.

Colly, Letcher County. Corn is marketing at 75 cents.

C.C. Haynes left Monday for Norton, Va., on business.

W.S. Saylor, of Harlan, passed through this section Monday

Circuit court is in session at Whitesburg and the docket is being rapidly diminished.

J.W. Hall, formerly of this place and now of Glamorgan, Va., was in our midst Saturday.

E.W. Franklin returned Sunday evening from Beaver, where he has been the past week.

James S. Pendleton returned Wednesday from Gate City, Va., where he has been for some time.

Byrd Franklin and wife returned from Whitesburg Monday. They purchased a nice stock of dry goods.

Quite a number of young folks made a visit to Millstone, Saturday and Sunday, to hear a sermon delivered by Rev. William R. Craft, of Ashville, N.C.

A phone line from Whitesburg to Stonega, Va., is under construction. Branch lines will be established, and Letcher will soon be in communication with the outside world.

While driving near Fall Monday Elisha Collins was seriously and perhaps fatally injured in a runaway. When found his body was frightfully mangled and he was in an unconscious condition.

The case of the Commonwealth against William Shepherd for the killing of Riley Webb, was called Tuesday, and on motion for the defense, was postponed until the third day of the August term of the Letcher Circuit Court. In the mean time he was ordered to the Stanford jail for safekeeping. - Oscar Jones.

A "Rough House" was started by a gang of rowdies at a school entertainment on Collie Creek, Letcher county, last Saturday, by yelling, flourishing pistols, drinking moonshine whisky and dashing the frightened people across country. Officers pursued the desperadoes, but they fled to the mountains.

Whitesburg, Letcher County. February came in like a lion and went out like a lamb.

J.D. Fitzpatrick who has been attending college in Louisville was here for a few days during court.

J.J. Webb has moved into the prop-

erty vacated by I.B. Fields. "Shepp" is in this issue, "Calip," and will you be so kind as to relate some incident so I may know who you are in the next issue.

S.L. Banks paid Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Day a short visit during court.

The nice weather Sunday caused all the young folks in town to turn out for a walk.

Died. - The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Adams. The bereaved ones have our heartfelt sympathy.

Field Bros. has bought Bentley & Quillen's stock of merchandise.

Quite a number of the people here attended church Sunday

Friday, March 11, is Shepp's birth-day and he would be glad to have a "letter party." Address "Shepp," Box 36, Whitesburg, Kentucky. Rev. S.B. Lander and F.M. Blair

made a flying trip to Tillie, Ky.,

Saturday and back Sunday evening. F.M. Blair, Deputy U.S. Marshal, left here with two 'shiners for London jail yesterday.

L.W. Fields will soon become one of the knights of the road in the employ of Isaac Faller, Sons & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Magoffin County. A meeting was held in the courthouse at Salyersville and a large majority voted in favor of the creation of a new judicial district composed of Floyd, Knott and Magoffin counties.

Martin County. A special from Inez, says: Alvin, the four year old son of Lilian Barret, shot and instantly killed Leonard, the six year old son of G.W. Alley at his home in Warfield. The children were playing with a gun

At Warfield, Wednesday evening, Alvin Barnett, aged 4, son of Lillie Barnett, while playing with a companion, Leonard Ally, the 10 year old son of Rev. George Ally, shot and killed the Ally boy with a 22 target rifle. Mr. Ally moved from Inez to Warfield about three weeks ago

Dr. W.W. Ray, of Peach Orchard, was called to see Mrs. L. Dempsy, Monday.

Mrs. J.W. Horn, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is improving.

Master Homes Kirk has been very sick for the past two weeks but is now able to be in school. - Martin County News.

Viper, Perry County. The winter is getting some better.

Judge has completed his dwelling and moved into it.

Morgan Cornett passed through town the 24th.

W.C. Singleton is repairing his fencing about his home.

There was a large crowd visiting the Judge the 25th.

Viper is improving nicely. I think it best to lay it off in town lots.

W.E. Campbell is loafing this week.

A.C. Adams, the steam mill man, has left for Hyden.

Clinton Hill is a hustler - especially among the fair sex.

Mat Brashear has just returned from Whitesburg where he has been on business.

B.H. Cornett is re-building his milldam in Mace's Creek.

W.R. Adams is running the steam mill since Uncle Chead left.

J.H. Hall has gone to Hindman on business

Judge Humphrey says he is going to appoint E.C. Campbell town marshal to fill the vacancy of William Strong.

Goodbye 'till next week. - Rattler

Pulaski County. There is an epidemic of measles at Eubanks, Ky., and several deaths have resulted.

Mose and Andrew Broughton, of Shopville, Pulaski county, sold their

farm to Wm. Earley, of Whitley

county, for \$800.

4 March 1904. A New State. Congressman Slemp of Virginia has introduced a bill in Congress providing for the formation of a new state out of eastern Kentucky, eastern Tennessee, part of old Virginia and a few counties of North Carolina, to be named Booneland.

We are informed that Col. Slemp has the assistance of Congressman Hunter of Kentucky, and Brownlow, of Tennessee. Brownlow favors Knoxville for the capitol of the new state, while Hunter favors erection of a two million dollar State house on the pinnacle at Cumberland Gap.

The pinnacle location is an ideal one. A two million dollar sky-kissing capitol building erected on the pinnacle, trolley lines leading to it, and a modern hotel in Cumberland Gap, would make a city for beauty unequaled in this country, Switzerland or any other place on the habitable globe. - Pineville Herald.

## 15 March 1904.

Floyd County. Dissolution of Partnership. To whom it may concern - The partnership heretofore existing between J.L. Pitts, L. Hankins and H.H. Trundle, under the firm name of Pitts, Hankins & Trundle, has been mutually dissolved, and the business will be continued in the name of Pitts & Hankins, composed of J.L. Pitts and L. Hankins; who have taken over the assets of the firm of Pitts Hankins & Trundle, and will pay and discharge their obligations. J.L. Pitts, L. Hankins, H.H. Trundle. Prestonsburg, Ky., March 15, 1904.

28 March 1904. Charleston, W.Va. William Evans, aged 16, whose parents live in *Morehead*, Ky., was burned to death on Smither's Creek, Fayette County, in a fire, which destroyed a sawmill, where the boy was night watchman. Evans was asleep in the sawpit.

Carter County. Olive Hill, Ky. The Portsmouth Harbison-Walker Company shipped from their big brick plant here today a solid train of sixteen cars of high-grade firebrick to Johnson City, Tenn. via Winches-ter and Jellico, Tenn.

Knox County. Merchant Has Barboursville, Ky., Smallpox. March 28. William Lockhart, a merchant, has a well-developed case of smallpox. The disease has broken out in all the neighboring towns and there are many cases scattered throughout the country.

Laurel County. A crowd of 100 men gathered at East Bernstadt, Laurel county, yesterday with the intention of lynching Charles Inman, in attempting whose arrest Deputy Sheriff Castill was killed last Sunday. It has been announced that Inman would be brought through East Bernstadt on the way to London jail, but the officers heard of the mob and left the train at another station.

Letcher County. School Wrecked by Wind. Many Resi-School dences Blown Down and Property Losses Reach Thousands. Mayking, Ky. - The public school building at

Wright's Fork Chapel, above here, was blown down in a wind storm

Saturday night. Loss \$2,000. **Pulaski County.** At Hayden the Bailey livery stable was demolished and four horses were killed. Two churches and a large number of residences were blown down. A dozen families are homeless. Loss at Hayden \$15,000.

## 9 March 1904.

Breathitt County. Carl Day, who has been a sufferer at the Good Samaritan Hospital for sometime with inflammatory rheumatism, is in serious condition and the physicians are doubtful of his recovery. His brother, Walter Day, came here a few days ago with the intention of taking him home, and it was expected that he would be well enough to make the trip Wednesday, but a sudden turn for the worse prevented such a course. Lexington Herald, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

## 29 March 1904.

**Boyd County.** Fifty Men Are Discharged. Ashland, Ky., - Fifty wire drawers, employed by the Norton Iron Works, were paid off and discharged Monday morning. The men say they were dismissed because of their refusal to do extra work.

Breathitt County. Slept With a Corpse. Jackson, Ky. - I.C Ford, of Louisville, dealer in curly walnut stumps, was found dead in bed at the Hoard Hotel. In the same bed, lying by the side of the corpse was Cain Polly, one of his employees, wrapt in deep slumber. The fright on awak-ening prostrated Polly. **Pulaski County.** Wanted in Ken-tucky. Newport, R.I. - Private Wil-

liam Lattrell, of the 11th coast artillery company, was arrested as a fugitive from justice, on information furnished by the sheriff of Pulaski county, Ky., that the soldier is wanted there for murder.

30 March 1904. Bell County. Killed From Ambush. Richard Jenkins Shot By An Unknown Party Near Pineville. Pineville, Ky. - Richard Jenkins, known as "Dead Dick," was shot and instantly killed on Buck creek, 20 miles from here, by unknown parties from ambush. Jenkins played a prominent part in the mountain feuds, which raged so desperately in the mountains several years ago. He is credited with having killed eighteen men, but for the last few years had been living a quiet and peaceable life. He was well known throughout the mountain section of

Eastern Kentucky. Carter County. Demented Man's Deeds. Broke Wife's Jaws and Then Drowned Himself in a Pool. Grayson, Ky. - Joseph Burton, aged 50, a farmer living three miles east of here, slipped behind his wife while she was washing the dinner dishes and struck her with a wagon spoke, breaking her lower and upper jaws. He then ran to a pool of water and drowned himself. His mind was affected by an attack of la grippe. The woman is in a critical condition.

**Estill County.** Rev. George O. Barnes' Mission. Irvine, Ky. – Rev.

George O. Barnes, the noted evan-gelist of Eastern Kentucky is in a series of meetings here. Estill county is the 61<sup>st</sup> county he has preached in on this tour and it is his purpose to preach in each county of the state. Letcher County. Sergent, Ky. -Fred J. Andrews, of Condersport,

Penn., representing a wealthy Penn-sylvania syndicate, had just closed a deal on 40,000 acres of fine coal and timber lands in Letcher, Knott and Perry counties, making the largest deal of the kind consummated here in years. The price paid was \$15 per acre. This deal will mean much for the development of the Eastern Kentucky coalfields, and within the next few years great developments will take place. Mr. Andrews said today that at least two distinct lines of railroads would be built to develop their property within the next two years. "One of them," said he, "is the extension of the Lexington and Eastern from Jackson." In all probability the other extension will be the Cumberland valley branch of the Louisville and Nashville from Harlan courthouse. There is greater activity in Kentucky coal land than was ever evidenced before. In many localities coal lands are selling for \$30 and even \$40 per acre.

## <u>1 April 1904.</u>

Beckham County. Gov. Beckham showed a weakness when he vetoed the bill creating the county of Thorne. He lost no time in sign-ing the bill creating the county of Beckham. Either or both of the counties would be pauper counties and there was as much necessity for one as there was for the other - in fact there was no necessity for either. If the counties had been created they would not only have been Republican counties. If the county of Thorne had been created the county of Wayne, which now gives a Republican majority, would have given a Democratic majority. So if either were a necessity it seems to us that it would have been that of the county of Thorne. - Georgetown News. (Democrat).



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Bell County. - John Henson was in Holden, coming down from Pineville Monday, to see his parents Mr. And Mrs. J.T. Henson.

John Tye, of Holden, went to Pineville Tuesday to haul lumber for D.H. Green. Boyd County. Will Start Their

Cars. Ashland, Ky. - Not a single car

on the Camden Interstate railway has been operated for a week. The company has notified the strikers that cars will start Thursday. All old employees except those discharged are invited to return to work.

Clay County. Mrs. Margaret Stewart was in Messer visiting her children Friday and returned home in Clay county Saturday to remain with her second husband, Bat Stewart.

Eugene Messer has gone to Clay county to make his home with his stepfather, Bat Stewart.

**Éstill County.** Two Good Wells. Mt. Sterling, Ky., - Frank J. Craig, of this city, has drilled two wells for the Estill County Oil Co. this week, both of which are ten-barrel producers. The oil is of an excellent grade, and Mr. Craig says will be good for at least 40 barrels when shot.

To Be Tried For Arson. The case of the commonwealth against Ed. Tharpe and Joe Crawford, charged with arson, will come up for trial at the present term of the Estill Circuit Court. It will be remembered that these men were indicted by the Breathitt county grand jury six months ago for the burning of the hotel of Capt. B.J. Ewen and was transferred to Estill county by Judge Redwine.

Harlan County. Slain in Harlan. Samuel Blair Killed by Samuel Lewis as Result of a Quarrel. A telephone message was received here Wednesday afternoon to the effect that Samuel Lewis, of Harlan county, had shot and killed Sam Blair, on what is called Poor Fork of Cumberland river, five miles from the town of Harlan. The two men have lived together for a long time, and the cause of the difficulty is not Lewis shot Blair in the known. breast.

Jackson County. Botner Messer, of Jackson county, was in Messer, Knox county, for a few days ago to work at A.E. Watson's steam mill. Jefferson County. Rev. Levi

Evans, the oldest colored preacher in Kentucky, and who organized the first colored church south of the Mason Dixon line, died this week in Louisville.

Knox County. Rev. C.K. Dickey was in Barbourville, coming from Pineville Wednesday to attend Quarterly meeting and returned Thursday afternoon.

Rev. J.W. Simpson, Presiding Elder, preached to an appreciative audience at the Southern Methodist church Wednesday evening in Barbourville. He went to Middlesboro Thursday afternoon.

Laurel County. Dr. G.N. Jolly went to London last Saturday morning and preached there Sunday, returning Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Bettie Jarvis of Knox Fork was visiting relatives and friends in Laurel county Friday.

Letcher County. Express Against Strike. Mayking, Ky. - One hundred express agents along the line of the Norfolk & Western railroad are out on a strike for higher wages. shorter day is also demanded.

Montgomery County. Two New Banks Are in Sight. Mt. Sterling, Ky. - Efforts are being made to establish two new banks in the moun-

tains, one at Inez, Martin county, and the other at Salversville, Morgan county. It is said that John C.C Mayo is behind both. The capital of the new banks, if established, will be \$15.000.

Morgan County. Bound Over to the Grand Jury. West Liberty, Ky., - Raney Burton, of Caney, this county, charged with robbing the post office at Caney, had his exam-ining trial before United States Commissioner Cisco, and was held to answer in the United States Circuit Court in the sum of \$500.

Several witnesses who have been attending the Federal Court, at Covington, passed through Lexington last night on their way home. They were summoned to appear in the case of the United States vs. Winnie Burton, who was charged with breaking into the Caney, Ky., Post office and obtaining thirty-odd dollars. The young man was dis-missed. The witnesses were Grant Holliday, Goodloe Holliday, J.J. Wheeler, J.B. Howard, D.W. Howard, Renney Jackson and Joe Reed. - Lexington Herald, March 9.

**Powell County.** The Powell County Teachers' Institute will be held at Stanton the first week in July. Prof. W.R. Eubank, of Midway, has been engaged to teach the institute again this year.

**Rowan County.** In the Circuit Court at Morehead Harvey Moore was given a sentence of eighteen years in the penitentiary for the murder three years ago, of Finn Tolliver, a noted Rowan county feudist. The grand jury has returned two hundred indictments.

New Coal Field. Morehead, Ky. -An eight-foot vein of cannel coal has been found on Brushy Fork, near here, on the farm of John E. Johnson, a local merchant. The new field is on the direct route of the Cincinnati, Flemingsburg & Ashland railroad.

Pulaski County. A Queen and Crescent fast train struck a cow near Burnside, Wednesday, knocking the animal against Norton Morgan and his son Oscar, killing both of the men.

A Curious Accident. Wednesday [March 30] an express train near Burnside in rounding a curve struck a cow, which was on the track. The flying carcass struck two men who were standing near, knocking them insensible. They were put on the train, which started to the hospital with them, but both died in a few minutes.

Father & Son Killed. Burnside, Ky. - A fast north-bound mail and express, train No. 2, Q.&C., rounding a curve between Burnside and Tateville, struck a cow on the track, knocking the animal against Norton Morgan, an aged man, and his 14year-old son, Oscar Morgan. Father and son were taken aboard the train to be treated at Somerset hospital, but both died before reaching Somerset.

2 April 1904. Bell County. Kentucky Corporations. Frankfort, Ky. - The follow-ing companies filed incorporation articles with the secretary of state.

Winona Coal and Coke Co., of Bell county, with \$50,000 capital stock. The Four Mile Coal and Coke Co. of Bell county, increased its stock from \$3,000 to \$25,000.

Carter County. Dock Sizemore, from Carter county, called on Birdie Carter Sunday in Osie, Lawrence county. - Light Moon.

Floyd County. Rev. Wm. Honeycut of Floyd county, visited his daughter Mrs. Catharine Salmons Saturday in Boons Camp, and while there filled his appointment at Friendship.



Mrs. W.S. Harkins and daughter, and Judith, of Prestonsburg, have been visiting R.T. Burns and family. Johnson County. Judge R.T. Burns went to Paintsville Monday

to try the contested election case of Preston vs. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reynolds, of Paintsville, were guests of Mrs. J.W. Yates last week. Mrs. Reynolds was returning from an extended visit in Rochester, N.Y.

Hon. Fred A. Vaughan, Representative of Johnson county, passed through Louisa Monday on his way home from Frankfort. Mr. Vaughan is suffering from rheumatism and goes home on this account.

Knott County. Fred J. Andrews, of Pennsylvania, has closed a deal with C.E. Smith, of Lexington, for the purchase of 4,000 acres of timber and mineral lands in Knott and *Perry* counties. The land is pur-chased for a syndicate, but the price per acre is not given out. It is known that the entire amount will reach over \$300,000. Mr. Andrews says several mills will be erected on the property and four coalmines opened of cannel and bituminous coals. Ex.

A Big Coal Deal. One Involving 40,000 Acres in Eastern Kentucky Has Been Closed. Sergent, Ky., March 31. Fred J. Andrews of Condersport, Pa., representing a wealthy Pennsylvania syndicate, had just closed a deal on 40,000 acres of fine coal and timber lands in Letcher, Knott and Perry counties, making the largest deal of the kind consum-mated here in years. The price paid was \$15 per acre. This deal will was \$15 per acre. This deal will mean much for the development of the Eastern Kentucky coal fields,

and within the next few years great developments will take place. Mr. Andrews said Wednesday that at least two distinct lines of railroads would be built to develop their property within the next two years. \* 'One of them," said he, "is the extension of the Lexington and Eastern from Jackson." In all probability the other extension will be the Cumberland Valley branch of the Louisville & Nashville from Harlan Courthouse. There is greater activity in Kentucky coal land than was ever evidenced before. In many localities coal lands are selling for \$30 and even \$40 per acre.

Last Year. (April 1903) The James well No. 4, in Knott county, came in yesterday with a splendid flow. Other wells, the Hall No. 2, Preston No. 3, and Sizemore No. 6, will be paying wells. Ex.

Mr. Labe Compton and family will leave soon from Hulette, Lawrence county, for Knott county where they will make their future home.

Lawrence County. Prominent Lawyer Passes Away. Louisa, Ky., - Alexander Lackey, one of the ablest and most prominent lawyers in Eastern Kentucky, died of consumption. His death was hastened by a recent attack of pneumonia and pleurisy. See - Alexander Lackey's lengthy obituary.

Magoffin County. - Warren Dixon, of Salyersville, was a business visitor in Louisa this week.

Martin County. Inez Items. From the *Martin County News*. - Attorney

John L. Kirk is improving slowly. K.F. Vinson, of Louisa, was in Inez Tuesday.

Rev. Harry Given, of East Bank,

W.Va., is visiting friends here. J.W. Bosley, of Ashland, civil en-gineer of the Triple State, arrived here Monday and will do some surveying on Wolf Creek for the Company.

John W. Horn has been appointed Field superintendent for the Triple State Natural Gas & Oil Co., to fill the vacancy caused by the resigna-tion of F.L. Wright.

J.W. Cline, of near Prestonsburg, was called here to see his wife who has been dangerously ill with fever for the past four weeks. Her condition being much improved, Mr. Cline returned to Prestonsburg Monday.

Shade West of Martin county passed through Boons Camp last week enroute home from St. Maur, Lawrence County.

George Brown, of Gallup, and nephew James, of Martin County, were business visitors in Louisa Wednesday.

Montgomery County. Capt. W.T. Havens, a prominent politician, and a well-known ex-Confederate soldier, committed suicide Sunday night by jumping from the L. & N. Railway bridge at Frankfort. He formerly lived in Mt. Sterling.

Morgan County. Ro Burton, twenty years old, was ar-rested and taken before A.N. Cisco, United States Commissioner, charged with robbing the post office at Caney. He is in jail at West Liberty.

## <u>3 April 1904.</u>

Knott County. It has been a year to date that [1903] the grand jury of Knott county returned an indictment against Mrs. Albert Brewer for willful murder. Mrs. Brewer was accused of poisoning Felix Begley's thirteen-year-old boy, who was attending a country school, and had a difficulty with Mrs. Brewer's son at school. The Brewer boy was corrected by the teacher. Mrs. Brewer was accused of sending the Begley boy an apple which he ate, and died eighteen hours later.

## <u>4 April 1904.</u>

**Breathitt County.** Licensed to Practice Law. She is the Daughter of Attorney Wallace McGuire, of Jackson. Lexington, Ky. - The first woman in the mountain districts of Kentucky to be given a license to practice law is Miss Florence McGuire, of Jackson, Ky., daughter of Attorney Wallace McGuire. She was granted a license Saturday in the Morgan circuit court sitting at West Liberty. She is 23 years in age and intends to practice her profession in the courts of Eastern Kentucky.

Jackson, which has been noted for its various celebrities in the last twelve months, has a new claim to notoriety. Its bar, which is regarded as the strongest in the mountains, is soon to be strengthened by the acquisition of a female lawyer. Miss Florence McGuire, daughter of Attorney W.W. McGuire, went to West Liberty this week to be examined in the Morgan Circuit Court for a law license. Miss McGuire is a bright handsome girl, twenty-three years old, and has been reading law in her father's office ever since she was twenty.

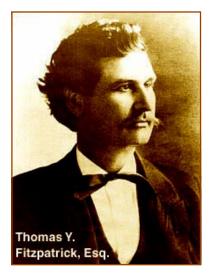
Jackson, Ky. - County Judge James Hargis issued a warrant for Bummer Spicer, who is alleged to have shot James Johnson from ambush at the mouth of George's branch, ten miles above Jackson, Friday afternoon. Deputy Sheriff Hiram Centers started to the scene with a warrant, and is expected to return with a defendant. Centers is fearless and an efficient officer. There is a suppressed feeling of excitement among the better citizens, who will demand a rigid investigation and a speedy enforcement of the law.

Bummer Spicer Arrested. He is Charged with the Killing of James Johnson. Jackson, Ky. (April 6.) Bummer Spicer, confessed slayer of James Johnson, was arrested by Deputy Sheriffs Hiram Centers and Sam Deaton Tuesday at the home of Sam Callahan, brother of Sheriff Ed Callahan. Spicer made no attempt to escape and submitted to arrest quietly. Johnson was killed last Friday and Spicer had been in hiding since that time. Johnson was a nephew of J.B. Marcum, who was assassinated last May. Spicer is a member of one of the most prominent mountain families and is distantly related to Congressman South Trimble. His people will make a strong legal fight for him. Judge James Hargis will conduct the examining trial.

Killing in Breathitt. "Bummer"

Spicer shot and killed James Johnson, in Breathitt county, two miles from Jackson. Spicer is a nephew of Sheriff Ed Callahan and Johnson is a nephew of Attorney Marcum, who was assassinated in Jackson last summer, but the connection of the men had nothing to do with the killing as the trouble came up over some logs. The men were close neighbors and had previous difficulties.

<u>A Breathitt Killing.</u> Saturday in Breathitt county, Bummer Spicer, a relative of Sheriff Ed Callahan, shot and killed Jas. Johnson, a nephew of the late Jas. B. Marcum. Fears are entertained that this would open up the feud troubles, but Spicer was



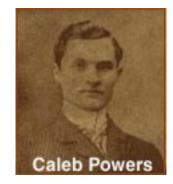
arrested without trouble by Deputy Sheriff Hiram Centers. The prisoner is a cousin of Congressman South Trimble, and a nephew of ex-Congressman Tom Fitzpatrick.

James Johnson, a nephew of the late J.B. Marcum, was shot and killed by Bummer Spicer from a window in the home of Roger Spicer, in Breathitt County.

Lexington, Ky. Representative Day III. The condition of Representative Carl Day, of Breathitt county, as reported from the hospital Sunday is such as to cause anxiety to his relatives and friends. Extreme nervous prostration has set in, and his brother, Walter Day, was called to his bedside.

### 5 April 1904.

**Bell County.** Frank Cecil in Frankfort. Frank Cecil, one of the chief witnesses against Caleb Powers and under indictment on a \$3,000 bond for complicity in the Goebel murder, arrived here. His case will



be called Tuesday. He formerly lived in Bell county, but now lives in St. Louis.

**Boyd County.** The firebrick plants of Ashland have been closed down indefinitely for lack of orders.

**Breathitt County.** Dr. J.M. Kash, of this city, returned last Tuesday from Winchester, where he and Mrs. Kash had gone last Friday to visit relatives and friends at that place. Mrs. Kash will remain in Winchester a few days longer. - Jackson Hustler.

W.S. Jett, of Becknerville, was in this city first of the week, visiting relatives and looking after business matters also. Mr. Jett, who it will be remembered, was engaged in business here a few years since expressed the opinion that Jackson is the best business town in Eastern Kentucky and one of the best in the State, taking number of its population into consideration. – Jackson Hustler.

Would Rather Die in Breathitt. Lexington, Ky. April 5. Representative Carl Day, of Breathitt county, who is now conceded to be in a dangerous condition at the hospital in this city, will be taken back to Jackson Tuesday by his brother, Walter Day. The sick man said Monday that if he had to die he preferred to die in Breathitt county rather than in Lexington, and to yield to his wishes in the matter he will be taken home.

**Carter County.** The Baptists of Olive Hill will erect a church building.

Lawrence County. Two Participants Killed. They Fought Over An Alleged Insult to a Little Girl. Louisa, Ky. - Jasper Campbell and Lawrence Foreman were killed at Curnutt's Station, near here, during a fight between Lawrence and Arthur Foreman on one side and Campbell and James Morrison on the other. The latter are said to have insulted Mary Poole, a 13-year-old relative of Mrs. Foreman. When the Foreman brothers learned of this they went after the two men and a desperate fight resulted. Morrison was badly beaten. The Foremans were from Kanawha county, West Virginia, and were at work on a railroad extension near her.

Morgan County. The grand jury of Morgan county returned a number of indictments against merchants for selling "I.X.L." bitters. The beverage is composed principally of cheap whiskey.

### <u>6 April 1904.</u>

**Bath County.** The sawmill of J.T. Richardson & Son will move from Olympian Springs this week to McDowell, Bath county, where they will saw a boundary of timber for F.D. Richardson & Co.

Olympian Springs. John Cassity, of Yale, paid us a visit Monday. He says that is a fine place for a laboring man; that wages are good and work plentiful.

J.M. Chase has moved Brack Johnson's sawmill from Salt Lick to Spruce, where Johnson will saw sometimber for Alonzo Willoughby.

F.D. Richardson and G.M. Byrd attended meeting at Camp Branch Saturday and Sunday and report a good meeting.

good meeting. R.B. Salyer is improving from a pistol wound.

The Olympian Springs has not been rented for this season yet.

People have begun to plant peas, onions and potatoes.

Beckham County. B. W. Trimble is in Carter and Beckham counties.

Carter County. Olive Hill. The Tribune. E.J. Wallace sold a lot on Main Street to W.A. Large.

The Olive Hill Fire Brick Company will construct twenty residences this spring to make room for more employees.

A.J. Stamper will close out his store and give attention to timber and banking.

Judge Erwin is building a small business house on the corner of Main and Scott streets.

Judge Brooks and County Attorney Lusby are playing havoc with the whisky people. A number of warrants have been issued for sell-

ing and giving whisky. The official report gives 28 new post offices in Beckham county.

Calvin Erwin is now at work securing subscribers for telephones.

Clark County. John D. Runyon was brought before Judge Evans on Tuesday of last week charged with stealing the overcoat and gloves of State Senator Farris on the train Monday night. He was held over in \$200 bond to await the action of the grand jury. He was raised in Montgomery county. - Winchester Democrat.

Estill County. Wm. Montgomery, who was here last week, and accepted the position as town marshal, failed to return after going to Richmond to make his bond. R.B. Tipton and Wesley Neal are acting during court. - Estill County Herald.



Montgomery County. Mt. Sterling, Ky. - Judge John E. Cooper, of this city, has withdrawn from the race for the Democratic congressional nomination in the Tenth district. This leaves the Hon. F.A. Hopkins, the present Representative, without opposition. The district without opposition. committee will meet on April 14, at which time Mr. Hopkins will be declared the nominee, and the primary for May 7 be called off. The withdrawal of Judge Cooper occasioned much surprise.

Morgan County. West Liberty. Circuit Court Convened last week. The grand jury condemned the Court House, which is an old landmark, inadequate to present day require-ments. The Circuit Court passed an order against the Fiscal Court to show cause, if any, why that court



should not at once take steps for a new building

The grand jury returned 101 in-dictments. The three Havens brothers were indicted for killing Mr. Cassle.

The Brush Petroleum Co. expects to bring in an oil well today.

Prospects are flattering for building Morehead & West Liberty railroad. English capitalists are here investigating timber and coal and the supposition is they are interested in the railroad.

The children of the Methodist Church gave an interesting Easter Service

**Powell County.** Stanton. On February 24 P.L. Faulkner bought the mercantile business of S.K. Martin & Co. He handles general merchandise and country produce. He is son of Jonas Faulkner and is a native of Powell county, and has been a farmer until he made this deal. He has a wife and six children.

On March 1st J.C. Patrick and wife and daughter, Mrs. Bohannan, of Jackson, moved to this county and located on a farm bought of G.B. Conlee

On Friday, Weedon Tipton was acquitted in the Circuit court for killing Fielding Landrum, son of Allie Landrum, of Wolfe county. Rowan County. Circuit Court

News in Rowan. One hundred and eighty one indictments, charging four hundred and sixty six persons with violations of the law were returned by the Rowan county grand

jury. The attorneys for the defense in the Harvey Moore case are preparing grounds and motion for a new trial.

Judge Young granted Cora Wil-son Stewart a divorce from Alex Stewart, and restored to her maiden name. The Judge's decision was received with general satisfaction. The old adage, "a new broom sweeps clean" may be suggested by captious partisans, but is in evidence that our new Circuit Judge is sweeping out the cobwebs and dust out of the halls of justice.

Old chronic cases seemed to receive especial attention. One notice was served upon all parties at the beginning of the court that prompt attendance would be demanded. The lessons given negligent witnesses and others will have a wholesome effect on subsequent courts.

Alex Conner, of Owingsville, ably seconded the Judge in the work, and the result is almost a complete clearing up of the court calendar. -TheMountaineer.

See Capt. W.T. Havens Biographical Sketch.

7 April 1904. Breathitt County. Carl Day's Condition Serious. Carl Day, Representative from the Breathitt district who has been confined in a Lexington hospital with rheumatism since the adjournment of the Legislature, has become much worse. He is the author of the famous co-educational law which prohibits Negroes and whites from attending the same school in Kentucky, and which law will put Berea College out of business after this session.

Representative Day is Worse. Lexington, Ky. April 6. It is feared that the wishes of Carl Day, the Breathitt county representative, who



is dangerously ill at the hospital in this city, that he might be permitted to die in his home county, will not be gratified. He is gradually sinking and unable to recognize those at his bedside.

Spicer's Case Continued. Jackson, Ky. - Bummer Spicer, the alleged assassin of James Johnson, was called before Judge Hargis and his case was continued until Friday. None of the relatives or friends of the decedent was present. It is said that their absence is due to fear of violence.

Clay County. On last Thursday morning a young man from Clay county Mr. Bishop, was thrown from a raft at Rock Shoal and was drowned. A part of the raft was caught here. The body has not yet been recovered.

Estill County. Farm Purchased. Mr. Liberty Cox, of Estill county, went to Richmond last week and

bought the Dave Simmons farm near Kirksville. This farm contains 221 acres and the price paid was \$100 per acre. Mr. Cox is a splendid gentleman and has for a long time been one of Estill's most substantial citizens. He will be warmly welcomed to Madison county.

Geo. Crumpton, of Mt. Sterling, has accepted the position of town marshal of Irvine and will assume the duties of that office the latter part of this week.

Laurel County. E.K. Wilson, of London, former County Attorney of Laurel county, was paroled last week by the State Board of Prison Commissioners. It will be recalled that Wilson was sent to the penitentiary in April 1901 charged with the death of Mary Cloyd a domestic at the Catchings Hotel, which resulted from a criminal operation. He has served three years of the five allotted to him and is now paroled.

Morgan County. The Morgan County Bank at Cannel City began business April 7th.

According to a report issued by the United States Geological Survey, Kentucky is included in the most active center of development in the oil industry during the year 1902.

8 April 1904. Bell County. Three Men Injured in a Wreck. Middlesboro, Ky. - A train load of coal on the Stony Fork railroad jumped the track on a steep grade and, plunging down the mountainside buried three trainmen beneath the debris. One was killed; the others will recover.

One Man Killed. Middlesboro, Ky. - In a wreck Thursday on the Stony Fork division of the Louisville & Nashville George McCoy was killed. Engineer Thornton, Ed Williams, trainman, and Section Boss Morton were seriously hurt. Walter S. Hudson, c

of Middlesboro, was in Barbourville Saturday.

Boyd County. J. Fred Frank, the Ashland ball player, will be with the Manchester (N.H.) team this season, if able to work. He has been suffering from an injury to one of his feet that may put him out of the game. - Maysville Bulletin.

**Clay County.** Arch Beaty of Bailey's Switch is in Clay county this week on business, and J.R. Bailey is staving in the store while Arch is absent, and we all know how bad Mr. Beaty hates to stay in the store.

Jackson County. Died in Prison. McKee, Ky. - James Glass Harrison, who was serving a two years' term in the penitentiary and whose time was up last Tuesday, died of consumption on that day, and his body was brought here for burial.

Johnson County. Paintsville Herald. Mrs. Walter Reynolds and baby arrived Saturday evening from

Rochester, New York. Rev. J.B. York, presiding elder of the M.E. Church, South, is here the guest of Rev. C.W. Craig.

Sheriff Ashley Ward, is confined to his room with lagrippe. His father A.J. Ward was here the first of the week to see him.

Tobe Wiley has purchased Mrs.

Lizzie Patrick's residence on Upper Court street and now occupies the

same. The price paid was \$800. G.B. Singleton and Fred Atkinson, of the Northern Coal and Coke Company, were here Monday.

Mr. Patterson, of the firm of Fisher & Patterson of Paintsville, was in Webbyile to see home folks this week.

Judge R.T. Burns adjourned the special term of the Johnson court last Friday and came home to attend the funeral of Mr. Lackey. He returned to Paintsville Monday to complete the trial of the contested election case.

As the steamer Doctor York was coming down the Sandy river her tiller ropes broke and she collided with the Sea Gull, at Buffalo shoals, near Paintsville. A hole ten feet long was knocked in the Doctor's hull, but above the water line. A barge that was being towed by the Sea Gull was sunk.



Photo above is Hindman's Bank in 1903 with a Mr. Messer standing therby. Courtesy of the Fuller Family from Arkansas. Bank's identification was handwritten on the original.

Knott County. Steve Jenkins, of Ola, gave the world a merry swing last week; he went all over the world and half of Knott.

Charley Blair, of Car's Fork of Knott county, passed through Ola last Friday for Norton, Va. He is hauling goods for his father.

Miss Delia Pratt's brother of Hindman, was a visitor at the Catskins hotel last week, and the whole town was glad to meet him.

Knox County. Killed by Train. Jno. Cox a young man was killed last Monday morning at Grays station north of here about 7 miles by being run down by a freight train. It seems that Cox was under the influence of liquor and had come from Corbin on the passenger when Grays was reached he got off and walked back and sat down upon the track. The freight train that followed struck him and he was instantly killed.

S.E. Croy, of Bluefield, W.Va., is in Barboursville this week looking after the interest of the oil business. He has considerable interest here and wants to see the business revive again.

The Philoneikean Society of Union College entertained its friends on an elaborate scale last Friday night at their hall. A very entertaining program was rendered and delicious refreshments served.

Miss Sarah Jones, a popular Knox county schoolteacher, took her pupils on a trip to Cumberland Gap the latter part of last week. A number of London people were also in the crowd, and a very pleasant time was experienced.

Lawrence County. A wicked West Virginian has perpetrated this gruesome slander on our departed: "In a cemetery in Louisa, Ky., is a stone erected by a widow to her loving husband, bearing this inscription: 'Rest in peace – until we meet again.'" – Huntington Advertiser.

The Lawrence County jail has been thoroughly repaired and the jailer says he is now prepared to

safely keep all the convicts. James Row, of Backbone, Lawrence county, has sold his farm and moved to Johnson county.

Leslie County. Dr. J.R. Šmyth, of Barbourville, is doing all kinds of dental work. Office over Ray Bros. Drug store. Thousandsticks, Hyden.

A cyclone cut a narrow path through Hyden, Ky., demolishing the Southern Methodist church, unroofing mercantile houses and then passing up the middle fork of Kentucky river, making a clean sweep of forest trees on its route.

Letcher County. H.B. Craft, the Thornton merchant, left for Norton, Va., a few days ago. He will have a bad trip through the deep water.

Mrs. Louise Jenkins left Ola, last Sunday for Pineville as a witness in the Ku-klux case. This has been on hand a long time, and probably they will send them on this time.

Mr. Mayo Hammons and wife, of Camp Branch, were visiting his brother on Thornton.

Charles Blair and S.E. Hammons exchanged horses, and today Hammons is trying his new horse in the plow.

Ola, Kentucky. At the end of March we had a little snow back here, so I guess that all the fruit and several other plants will be killed.

S.P. Jenkins passed through Ola this morning enroute to the burg.

A.C. Jenkins is turning under the dirt with a yoke oxen preparatory to planting corn.

G.W. Jenkins has been putting in a good week's work. He will soon be ready to go to planting corn.

J. Hall, the blacksmith, was here the latter part of last week on important business.

The wild winds passed through this place and took the roofs off several houses.

Mr. Mayo Hammons and wife, of Camp Branch, were visiting his brother on Thornton.

William Evans left here last week for Craftsville.

Ritter Craft, of Craftsville, visited Arch Jenkins and wife on Thornton last Thursday night.

John Webb is plowing on Thornton this beautiful weather; he

is working a two-year-old mule. Couge Webb is clearing a nice little piece of ground in the head of the Piggin hollow. Sexton is a fine workman.

Prof. Crawford, the saw mill man passed through here with his mill, which will be located about a mile above here in the little Indian bot-

tom among the bad people. He will get lots of lumber to saw

Archie Jenkins, who has been laid up with the measles, is much better at this writing.

J.D. Fugate and Arthur Webb were here today on business.

Andy and Dee Holbrook passed through here today for Millstone for Bates & Sons store.

Jack Hammons passed through Ola this morning for the burg on business.

Miss Delia Pratt's brother of Hindman, was a visitor at the Catskins hotel last week, and the whole town was glad to meet him.

Meeting was held on Millstone Sunday by Elder Joseph Hall, and we had a fine meeting accordingly.

John A. Craft has just returned from Tennessee, where he has been on business.

Telegraph poles are being put up all along and they will soon have the line stretched from Whitesburg to Stonega.

L. Baker, son of Judge Baker, of the berg, will soon be a resident of the Kentucky river, near Whitesburg. Archie Jenkins.

Martin County. Inez. Misses Gertrude and Dixie Casssady returned yesterday from Louisa.

Dr. J.M. Johnson returned Wednesday from Cincinnati, where he has been taking a special course

in surgery. L.C. Richmond will erect a large store building by the side of the Newberry store.

Attorney John L. Kirk, who has been confined to his room by illness for the past five weeks, we are pleased to learn is able to be out again.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bond, who have been holding revival meetings in this county for the past three months, left Monday morning for Ashland, where they will spend a few days with relatives, after which they will leave for their North Dakota home.

Rev. McDonald, D.D., of Danville, Ky., held a series of meetings at the M.E. Church, South, for Saturday night until Monday. All who were fortunate in hearing Rev. McDonald, were highly pleased with his sermons. -Martin County News. Jeff Delong, age 62, died in Mar-

tin county last week. Martin county people want the

officials to build a new courthouse and jail. The present court house has been condemned.

Montgomery County. Shot and Wounded His Wife. Mt. Sterling, Ky. - Clarence Sneaker, it is alleged, engaged in a quarrel with his wife at Owingsville and shot her twice. One bullet entered the side and another the thigh. She is in a serious condition. Sneader escaped.

Mayor of Mt. Sterling Resigns. At a stormy session of City Council of Mt. Sterling Tuesday night C.H. Bryan tendered his resignation as Mayor. The Mayor's resignation was caused by criticisms on what they thought was a light punishment in laying off Chief of Police Wilson for thirty days for conduct not becoming an officer in breaking in the telephone office door.

Morgan County.

Mountain Man and His Gun. Charlie Lykins, of Caney, Morgan county, while on his way to Covington Monday got gay and flourished his pistol on the train near Indian Fields. Sheriff McCord was notified and promptly pulled him and Judge Evans fined him \$25 and gave him ten days in jail, but suspended both as it was evident that Lykins had no harmful intentions.

Perry County. Hazard, Ky., -James McIntosh was killed by Joe Miniard on Big Creek, this county, McIntosh, who had just returned from the army, went to work upon a piece of land which Miniard claimed, when the latter shot him down in the field

John J. Combs shot and instantly killed John Greasy Combs last night. The killing grew out of a difficulty of twenty-eight years' standing. About 1876 John J. Combs was cut by Greasy Combs in a drunken fight at the latter's, crippling him for life, and causing paralysis of body and mind from which he never recovered.

John Greasy Killed by John J. Combs. Hazard, Ky. April 9. John J. Combs shot and instantly killed John Greasy Friday. In 1876 John J. Combs was cut by Greasy Combs in a fight crippling him and causing partial paralysis.



Pike County. J.E. Yost, and N.J. Auxier have gone down the river to buy the material for the new Pikeville National Bank building. The stonemasons will begin laying the foundation next Monday, and it will only be a short time until this beautiful structure will be ready for occupancy. - Pikeville Times.

Pikeville's New Enterprises. Pikeville's ice plant has at last arrived there and is being erected. It reached Whitehouse last summer, but there was no water for steamboats until recently and it could not be delivered. June the 1<sup>st</sup> is the date on which the plant is expected to start.

The machinery for a brick plant of 30,000 capacity is on the road.

The Pikeville Electric Light Company has purchased a franchise from the city for lighting the streets. The contract calls for 15 lights at \$50 each per year. The work of setting the poles will begin immediately.

Rowan County. Mr. J.M. Woodward, of Knoxville, Tenn., was brought here to night in care of Dr. Andrews from Morehead, Ky., suf-

fering from tuberculosis. Mrs. Woodward has been on a visit to the latter place and was taken ill several days ago. - Lexington News. Morehead, Ky. The people of this

community are greatly elated over the finding of an eight-foot vein of cannel coal near Hilda, on Brushy Fork, five miles north of this place. The coal is the very best grade of cannel coal, burns very free and was found on the farm of John E. Johnson. The vein has been traced a distance of three miles along the side of the ridge and is the first coal ever found in Rowan county.

This new field is on the direct oute of the Cincinnati, Cincinnati, route Flemingsburg and Ashland railroad, surveyed through to a connection with the C. and O. railroad.

Whitley County. Mrs. Foster Perry, of Corbin, is visiting her parents in Barbourville, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Messermore.

See Nannie Kibbey's obituary

See Obituaries of Alexander Lackey and Samuel Vinson.

#### 9 April 1904.

Johnson County. Decided in Favor of Price. Paintsville, Ky. - Special Judge R.T. Burns decided that Jas M. Price, democrat, is the legally elected clerk of this county. He is given a majority of 16 votes over Jethro Preston, who contested. The case will be carried to the court of

appeals. **Perry County.** Escaped into the Mountains. Hazard, Ky. - James McIntosh was killed by Joe Miniard on Big Creek Friday. McIntosh, who had just returned from the army and went to work upon a piece of land which Miniard claimed. Miniard has escaped into the mountains.

John Greasy Killed By John J. Combs. Hazard, Ky. - John J. Combs shot and instantly killed John Greasy Friday. In 1876 John J. Combs was cut by Greasy Combs in a fight, crippling him and causing partial paralysis.

Rowan County. Morehead, Ky. - Thomas Martin, a prominent young man was accidentally shot and killed in a store here. Arthur Frank, a Negro, was handling a rifle when it was discharged. The bullet struck Martin in the neck, coming out at the back of his head, causing instant death. Martin had been married only a few weeks and was a popular young man. Frank surrendered and is in jail.

#### <u>11 April 1904</u>.

English Muffins. Dissolve one yeast cake in a pint of warm water, and add a teaspoonful of salt; stir in sufficient sifted bread to make a thick drop batter; add a tablespoonful of melted butter, and beat hard for at least three minutes. Cover, and set in a warm place until light; then, having the griddle moderately hot, lay on it well-greased rings and drop in enough batter to half fill them. Do not turn until almost cooked through, then slip off the rings, and brown on the other side.

Greenup County. Railway Damage Suit. The Federal and Kentucky Authorities May Clash. Greenup, Ky. - There was a startling turn in the

suit of Mrs. Kate McAllister against the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co., in which she asks \$25,000 damages for the death of her husband, which may result in a clash of authority between the United States and the commonwealth courts.

The suit was brought in the state courts, and the railway company's attorneys have, on several occasions, endeavored to have the case removed to the United States Circuit Court, sitting in Catlettsburg. A United States marshal arrived here from Catlettsubrg with an injunction from the court there restraining the local court from proceedings with the trial of the case. The attorneys for Mrs. McAllister have averred their determination of fighting the case to the bitter end.

## <u>12 April 1904</u>.

Bell County. The Funeral Was Largely Attended. Pineville, Ky. The funeral of Circuit Court Clerk John G. Newlee, who died Monday in Texas, was attended by 1,200 to 1,500 people. Three tribes of Red Men, of which organization he was a member, participated in the burial.

Breathitt County. Carl Day's Condition. Lexington, Ky., April 12. Carl Day, Breathitt County's representative in the Kentucky legislature, and author of the anti-coeducational bill aimed at Berea college, is desperately ill of inflamma-tory rheumatism. Physicians say he cannot live.

Death of Carl Day. Hon. Carl Day, of Breathitt county, died Tues-day at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington, of pneumonia and in-flammatory rheumatism, aged twenty-six years. The remains twenty-six years. The remains passed through here Wednesday on their way to the old home on Frozen Creek, ten miles from Jackson, where they were buried under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, to which order he belonged. He was well known and highly esteemed here where he resided for some time.

He was the son of Judge Nathan Day and a nephew of Floyd and John Day, of this city. His brother, Walter Day, was State Treasurer during the brief term W.S. Taylor was Governor.

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Madison County. Fire at Berea College. The Home of Prof. Miles E. Marsh Was Destroyed. Berea, Ky. - Fire destroyed the home of Prof. Miles E. Marsh, of Berea college, the institution for the education of whites and blacks, which was named so frequently in the heated debates at the late session of the Kentucky legislature. The professor was lecturing to the students at the time and Mrs. Marsh was away. The house belonged to the college corporation and was remodeled from an old and historic structure. A high wind was blowing at the time of the fire. The water supply was inadequate to extinguish the blaze.

Montgomery County. To con-struct a branch road. Mt. Sterling, Ky. April 9. S.M. Trimble, W.R. Nunnelly, J.C. Wood, S.M. Neumeyer, J.W. Hedden and Judge H. Clay McKee went to Louisville Friday to raise a \$10,000 bonus for the Lexington & Eastern railway to construct a branch to this city.

In The Hands of a Receiver. Mt. Sterling, Ky. - The Mt. Sterling Water, Light and Ice Co., of this city, has been placed in the hands of a receiver by Judge Cochran, of the federal court. George M. Stevenson, superintendent of the plant, was named as receiver.

Pike County. Pike County Shootings. Williamson, W.Va. - In a "blind tiger" across the line in Kentucky and only a few miles from here, Sid Harris, of Williamson, shot and killed Will Ross, also of this city. The shooting was the result of a fight over a woman. Harris escaped.

Rudolph Sword shot and killed Will Bradford in a county store four miles east of Pikeville, in Pike County, Ky., yesterday evening. Six years ago Bradford it is alleged ran away with Sword's wife. She lived with Bradford about five months, it is said and then returned to her husband. She has since been living with her husband. Yesterday Sword and Bradford met for the first time since Sword's wife returned to her home. Sheriff Will Smith, of Pike County, and a posse of 15 deputies pursued Sword and ran him to cover in a coal bank. Sword fired all but one of his remaining cartridges at the posse. With the last bullet Sword ended his own life by shooting himself in the temple. None of the missiles fired at the posse took effect.

Today the sheriff went out to hunt on his farm and while climbing over a fence 10 miles east of this place his gun accidentally discharged. The shot penetrated his left breast, and the reports are conflicting as to how serious the wound is. Smith is one of the wealthiest men in Pike County. -Enquirer.

Five Prisoners Escape. Paintsville, Ky. - Five prisoners escaped from the Pikeville jail Thursday night. Among them was George Pennington, awaiting trial on the charge of robbing the post office in East Point.

## 13 April 1904.

Corn Griddle Cakes. Beat an egg light and add to it a tablespoon of molasses and a pint of sour milk. Stir this into two tablespoons of sifted flour and enough cornmeal to make a thin batter. It is better to pour the milk, etc., on a cupful of meal first; add as much more as may be necessary. Add a tablespoonful of melted lard, a pinch of salt, have the griddle hot and greased with a bit of fat pork; when ready to bake stir quickly into the batter a half teaspoon of soda. The batter for these cakes must be very thin; just thick enough to turn. If too thick they will taste raw. This can be ascertained by try ing a little; if too thick, add a little more milk and soda; if too thin, a dust more of meal. These are deli-cious when properly made. **Bath County.** Olympian Springs. Born, to G.M. Byrd and wife, a daughter. Sunday School began at the Mud Lick schoolhouse Sunday, April 10,

with good attendance.

Crossties have declined 4c each at this place.

F.D. Richardson sold his saddle horse to James Harris.

John Sponcil and family visited W.H. Richardson Sunday.

Mrs. Amelia Young visited at Morehead from Saturday till Monday

Bath County Nominees. At the Democratic primary on Saturday the following were nominated: Judge, James W. Lane; County Clerk, Leslie Shrout; Sheriff, C.S. Ratliff; Supt. of Schoool, Miss Pickett Metcalfe; County Attorney, H. Sherman Goodpaster; Jailor, Sam T. Jones; Coroner, Luther Hess; Surveyor, Albert Shrout.

Breathitt County. Too Much Rum. Robert Ford, a timber dealer who has been located at Jackson, was found dead at his hotel early last week. Coroner's jury said death was caused by continuous drinking of spirituous liquors

A new Knights of Pythias Lodge has been organized at Lee City with 25 members. Its name is Lee City Lodge, No. 146. It was instituted by Grand Guart, O.H. Pollard, of Jackson, Ky.

Representative Carl Day Dead. Lexington, Ky. - Carl Day, repre-sentative in the Kentucky legislature from the Breathitt county district, died here Tuesday morning of inflammatory rheumatism. He was the author of the Day Bill aimed at Berea college, where colored and white pupils were educated on an equal footing.

Carter County. Deputy Rose, of Carter, arrested Dr. E.D. Frank, charged with setting fire to the property of J.M. Bent at Aden Spring. He is also indicted for cutting Bent. He is now in jail.

**Fleming County.** Mrs. J.A. Gorman and children are spending a month with relatives in Fleming county.

Greenup County. Ended Life By Drowning. Greenup, Ky. Nathan Stephenson, aged 71, walked into the Ohio river at Mt. Zion, this county and ended his life by drowning himself. He had been married three times and leaves a widow, who had been married four times.

**Powell County.** Wm. Mansfield, the well known miller, of Rosslyn, Powell county, will be married to Miss Lula Williams, of Clark county, on Tuesday, April 19, at the home of

Jno. W. Williams, near Stanton, Ky. **Rowan County.** Killed at Morehead. On Wednesday in the grocery store of the Hotel Osborne, at Morehead, Logan France, col-ored, aged about 21 years, accidentally shot and killed Thomas Martin, white, aged about 24. The Negro did not know the gun was loaded. The charge passed through Martin's windpipe, producing death in a few seconds. France was jailed.

Morehead. Dr. I.H. Robbins is county physician.

We need light.

Contract has been let for a twostory brick wholesale grocery.

During Self-denial week the C.W.B.M. raised \$14. The Lenora Deposit Bank shows:

Loans & Discounts	\$36,173.03
Due from Banks Cash on Hands	21,507.63 4,935.30
Furniture Etc.	6,074.88

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	68,690.84
Capital Stock	\$13,600.00
Undivided Profits	2,003.86
Deposits	53,086.98

#### What about sidewalks?

The Bank of Morehead shows:		
Loans & discounts	\$38,840.18	
Due from Banks	13,050.24	
Cash on hands	6,925.09	
Furniture etc.	3,087.51	
	61,903.02	
Capital Stock	\$15,000.00	
Undivided Profits	1,804.13	
Deposits	45,188.89	
	69,903.02	

Z.T. Young and Miss Nannie Barber, both of Morehead, were united in marriage at Morehead on Saturday night, April 9, 1904, cer-emony by Rev. F.C. Button. They went to Cincinnati on night train for a few days. The groom is the youngest son of Mrs. Amelia Young of Mt. Sterling, and a brother of Judge A.W. Young and Will Young. He is County Attorney of Rowan county, a talented and popular young lawyer. The bride is the daughter of Thos. Barber, and is a niece of Jno W. Barber, of Elliott county. She is a student at Morehead Normal School, is 18 years old and is an attractive young woman. Our best wishes attend them.

**Wolfe County.** Mrs. Sallie Shackelford, one of the oldest women of Wolfe county, died there on Thursday.

### <u>14 April 1904.</u>

**Breathitt County.** Representative Day Dead. Hon. Carl Day, the popular Representative from Breathitt county, died at Lexington Tuesday after several weeks illness of inflamatory (sic) rheumatism. His remains were taken to Jackson yesterday for burial. Mr. Day was a brother to W.R. Day, formerly of this place.

The case against Tharp and Crawford, transferred to Clay City from Breathitt county, and charged with burning Capt. Ewen's hotel during the late reign of terror in Jackson, was continued on account of the failure of witnesses to appear, Capt. and Mrs. Ewen being the only ones present.

Elder R.L. Baker, of Jackson, was in Clay City on business a short while Monday.

**Carter County.** Bitten By a Mad Dog. Olive Hill, Ky. - Mrs. David Lake, who resides in Greenup county, was bitten by a mad dog and her right hand terribly lacerated. She was taken to Chicago for medical treatment.

An oil derrick in Neal's Valley, near West Liberty, was burned on Thursday, April 14.

**Estill County.** Lewis Howell, son of Jas. Howell, while fooling with a pistol last Tuesday that he thought was empty accidentally shot his sister, Allie, through the lungs which proved fatal in 15 hours. Her remains were interred in the Mountain Spring Cemetery in Estill County. She leaves a father, two brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

**Greenup County.** Father and Son Buried Together. Olive Hill. - Joseph Riley and son, James, of Clay Lick, Greenup county, died within a few hours of each other, and were buried together.

Lee County. The trial of James Shelton for the murder of Ed Eaton will begin at Beattyville today.

Madison County. Hillside Cottage Burns of Berea. In the afternoon of Monday last, this neat residence, known as the Eugene Fairchild house, for the past year belonging to Berea College, was burned to the ground...

Morgan County. Henry Cox, of West Liberty, was the guest of Hon. H.F. Pieratt in Hazel Green Monday night. His is clerk to the Board of Equalization at Frankfort, but away on ticket of leave to buy a pair of horses.

**Perry County.** James McIntosh, a returned solider, was shot and killed on Big Creek, in Perry county, Friday morning by Joe Miniard, who is believed to be hiding in the mountains.

**Pike County.** Republican Convention. The Republican Committee of this the Tenth Congressional district has called a convention to be held in Mt. Sterling on Monday, May 2. County conventions will be held on Saturday, April 23. There are only two candidates for delegate, Dr. Bowling, of Pike county and Green Garrett. R.H. Winn, of Mt. Sterling and Jas. A. Wallace, of Irvine, are candidates for district chairman to succeed J.E. Buckwalter.

Sheriff Accidentally Shot Himself. Pikeville. - Will M. Smith, sheriff of Pike county, shot himself accidentally while getting over the fence. His gun was discharged, the full load entering his right breast and came out just under the shoulder blade.

**Rowan County.** Thomas Martin, a prominent young man of Morehead, Ky., was accidentally shot and killed by Arthur Frank.

Wolfe County. Curt Pieratt of Hazel Green moved last week to the Tom Pelfrey place near Swango Spring.

John Davis returned to Hazel Green Sunday on his usual semimonthly visit to his family, and on Monday left for Elliott county.

## 15 April 1904.

Beckham County. The officials in Carter and Lewis counties have had a survey made of the lines from the beginning of a point in Elliott county and running to the north point of the lines given in the boundary of Beckham county. The survey made by Carter county did not come up to Briary creek by nearly two miles, and this caused a reduction of nearly two miles on the north end of the line in Lewis, which line stopped on the farm of Peter Kelley, about one mile from the Ohio river and about four miles west of Vanceburg. The survey shows that Vanceburg and a very large portion of Lewis county are included in the boundary given to the act creating Beckham county.

New County of Beckham. Glar-ing Errors Have Been Discovered in the Creating of It. Frankfort, Ky. April 15. The case of Carter county vs. Brooks and Zimmerman, which involves the constitutionality of the act creating the new county of Beckham, was argued in the court of appeals Thursday. The point urged is that the new county does not contain 400 square miles of territory, as required by the constitution, and that the counties of Lewis and Carter will be left with fewer than 400 square miles of territory if the new county is created; that the new county line is less than ten miles from the county of Carter, which is also contrary to the constitution. When this case was filed the alleged mistake in making the survey of the new county had not been discovered, but in the argument before the court of appeals Friday the glaring errors in the survey will be discussed and exhibited to the judges by plots and maps, which show that the lines as called for in the bill run over into the state of Ohio and include Vanceburg in the new county.

**Boyd County.** A.S. Strother, the new manager of the brick and ice plant arrived with his family from Ashland Monday and has gone to house keeping in the Lloyd Clay residence. Mr. Strother has quite a force at work getting the plant in readiness for operation by May 1. – *Paintsville Herald.* **Breathitt County.** Samuel

**Breathitt County.** Samuel Harney, of Tudell, Lawrence county, has returned from Breathitt county, Ky., where he has been for the past 14 months.

Carter County. Mr. Doty, of Carter county, was at J.H. Woods' in Vessie, Lawrence county, Friday. J.M. Moreland, of Carter, and

J.M. Moreland, of Carter, and Dock Holbrook, of Elliott, have been appointed guards at the Frankfort penitentiary.

Burt Brush, of Carter county was granted a parole by the State Prison commission. Brush had served the greater part of his two-year sentence.

**Elliott County.** J.M. Moreland, of Carter, and Dock Holbrook, of Elliott, have been appointed guards at the Frankfort penitentiary.

**Floyd County.** Mrs. Tom Perry, of Prestonsburg, has returned from the Presbyterian Hospital in Cincinnati, where she has been under a course of treatment, and returned greatly benefited.

**Greenup County.** George W. Boyd, of Greenup county, and Mrs. Jane Burton, of Carter county, went to Portsmouth, O., and were married.

Jackson County. Sarah Holcomb, a Kentucky mountain girl, made vicious attack upon Post office Inspector Oldfield who had been instrumental in convicting her father of rifling the Government mails, in the United States Court room in Covington. Holcomb had been postmaster at Maulden, Jackson county, Ky., and it is alleged that Oldfield walked into the post office one day and caught Holcomb with three letters addressed to other people on his person. He was convicted and the

daughter went to Judge Cochran's chambers to plead for mercy. When she came out she went at Oldfield like a tigress and would have done him injury had she not been caught by attendants. – *C.J.* Johnson County.

Paintsville Herald. John L. Patterson transacted business at Webbville, last week.

Miss Grace Layne, of Laynesville, is visiting Mrs. John C. Brown.

The condition of Mrs. B.H. Conley is not encouraging to her friends.

Mrs. Alice Rule, of Louisa, is here the guest of Mrs. Helen Webb. Mrs. John C. Mayo and son, Mas-

ter John, will return next week from an extended visit to Florida.

Cy M. Preston, of Catlettsburg, was here on business Monday. It is rumored that Mr. Preston will remove to this place.

The condition of Sheriff Ashley Ward is somewhat improved. Mr. Ward has been a very sick man, but is now about to get started on the

road to recovery. Dr. and Mrs. F.M. Williams left Wednesday for Martha, where they will spend a couple of weeks the guests of Mrs. Williams' father, Dr. J.J. Gambill.

Jeff Murry, the Galen Postmaster, charged with making false reports concerning the cancellation at his office, was acquitted of the charge in the U.S. Court, at Covington, Wednesday. Attorney D.J. Wheeler, of this city, defended him.

J.P. Mumford, manager Western Union office, this city, has resigned and returned to his home at Lexington. He is succeeded by Mr. Serey, of Ashland. Mr. Mumford, during his short stay here made many warm friends who will regret to learn of his departure.

Paintsville is to have an electric light plant, so the Herald thinks. Mrs. Alice Rule is the guest of

Paintsville relatives.

Jas. R. Conley and Mr. Pelphrey, of Paintsville were in Louisa Saturday

Chas. J. Howes, of Frankfort, passed through Louisa Monday going to Paintsville to visit relatives.

Henry L. Foster, of Lower Johns Creek, has been visiting his sister Mrs. C. Cline at the Mouth of Buffalo.

Knox County. Charley Martin, who has been making his home in Paintsville, is in Cannon, Knox county, with his brother, who is very sick.

In a speech at Barboursville Congressman Hunter stated that he had given bed and board for two years to John L. Powers, a brother of Caleb Powers, who was indicted for complicity in the murder of Gov. Goebel.

Lawrence County. S.M. Freese, of Louisa, has been promoted to the position of cashier of the Ohio & Kentucky Railway Company and the Kentucky Block Cannel Coal Company, at Cannel City, Morgan county. Sam is thoroughly competent and is worthy of any trust that may be placed in his hands.

Letcher County. Ola, Ky. Sillar Adams visited S.E. Adams at the mouth of Bottomfork Saturday and Sunday.

Couge Sexton is sawing logs for

Crawford's mills at Evans. Joe Craft got in some very nice

days grinding this week. Archibald Jenkins passed through

Ola a few days ago en route to the burg on business.

They are putting up the telegraph poles at the burg, and that is all the go now.

Jason Holbrook, the earliest man of Thornton, has bedded his sweet potatoes. They are scarce in this part of the country

Eld. Joseph Hall preached an interesting sermon on Colly creek Saturday and Sunday at the Christian church. All were well pleased.

Dill Dates passed through here Monday for the burg.

Lee Webb is hauling some logs up to Crawford's mill.

W.J. Bates passed through Ola the first of the week for Whitesburg.

S. Eve Hammons passed through Ola a few days ago for the burg.

Billy Dug, of the burg, was here Friday supplying our merchants with leather, such as bridles and saddles.

Tilton Wright bought a \$12 saddle Monday. He is very much pleased with it.

Noah Holbrook and Patrick Bates of Millstone, had a little fight a few days ago. The quarrel came up over the gearing implements and logging tools. Bates was badly hurt, but Holbrook escaped unhurt.

S. Jenkins and G. Wash are getting in some fine days plowing this week.

Byrd Craft has just returned from Norton, where he went to purchase a spring stock of goods.

John S. Webb, postmaster, passed through this place Monday for Rockhouse after Dr. Cook's, his wife being very ill.

Lettie, wife of Wm. J. Bates, has been very ill for the past few days, but is some better at this writing.

Ause Brooks and wife visited their son on Thornton creek Saturday and Sunday.

Jarvy Hall passed through here the earlier part of the week for the burg on business.

Enoch Hammonds, of Hindman, was here Saturday and Sunday visiting friends and relatives on the head of Thornton.

Lillie Collins, of Rockhouse, was a visitor at Jane Hammons' Sunday night.

Miles Holbrook, of Ola, left Monday morning for the wild mountains

Misses Lula and Sallie Collins, of Tillie, passed through here Monday enroute to Pineville as witnesses.

Joe Hall, of Millstone, will visit friends on Colly Saturday and Sun-

day. Ned Woolly and Evert Taylor, of Camp Branch, have just returned from Norton with a load of goods. They say the roads are in a frightful condition.

George Jenkins left Monday for a business trip to Norton.

Sillar Stallard passed through this morning for the burg.

Eli Lucas passed through this place with his blacksmith shop. Hurrah! for Eli.

John Webb, of this place, agent for a tombstone company, has returned from Boone county, where

he sold several tombstones and monuments.

Steve Blair, of Knott county, was damaged at least \$25 by the storm. Arch Jenkins and wife visited Sillar Webb Sunday.

S.E. Hammons visited his brother

at Evans Saturday and Sunday. Abbott and D. Holbrook passed through Ola Monday for Millstone to visit friends.

Messrs. Vaughn and Kimley, presidents of the Northern Coal and Coke Co., passed through here for Charley Crase's on business. Archie Jenkins.

Whitesburg. Nice farming weather at present and the farmers are hustling to get their crops in for the early production.

Sammy Collins, the postmaster, has gone on a business trip to Pineville. Success to you, Sam.

Mrs. Louis Jenkins left Sunday for Pineville to attend as a witness against the Letcher county ku-klux gang.

Lafayette Banks and Miss Mary Craft set sail on the sea of matrimony Thursday. May the tidal wave of happiness and prosperity ever wait around them as the morning breezes, are the wishes of the writer.

Miss Rachel Fields, the accom-plished daughter of Attorney Ira Fields, has just returned from London, where she has been attending school since Christmas.

Stephen Jenkins, a prominent young man of Ola, has been visiting the "Catskins" Hotel regular recently. Has he got you 'out,' Cap-tain? Just as I expected.

Patton Caudill, one of Uncle Sam's boys for the past three years, has just returned and has been giving us some interesting stories in regard to the outside world. G.W. Jenkins. Magoffin County. J.H. Cooper

has returned to Louisa from a visit to relatives in Salyersville.

The Democratic Committee of Magoffin county has removed W.M. Gardner as chairman of the County Committee and elected E.B. Arnett in his stead. Gardner has been absent from the county several years, and it became necessary to supply the vacancy.

Martin County. Inez. Deputy U.S. Marshal Thomas Salyers, of Louisa, was here over Sunday.

Bob McKee, a traveling salesman, was here over Sunday.

Willie Crum returned the latter part of last week from a few days visit at Louisa.

The infant child of Mr. And Mrs. Frank Weddington, died last Thursday evening and was buried Friday in the Blacklog cemetery.

Miss Daisy Marrs, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W.R. McCoy, in Inez for the past six months, left Saturday for her home at Prestonsburg.

Henry Pelphrey, of Mineral, Kan., arrived here Sunday, on a two weeks' visit to his father, John Pelphrey. Henry says he is charmed with the country and will make Kansas his future home.

Rev. Harry Given, who has been visiting friends here for the past two weeks, left Tuesday morning at East Bank, W.Va., Rev. Given was formerly Pastor of the M.E. Church,

South, in Inez, and has a host of friends who are always glad to welcome him to our town. - *Martin County News*.

**Menifee County.** David Cochran, brother of Frank Cochran, of Fallsburg, died at his home in Menifee county, Ky., on the 31 day of March 1904. He was born in North Carolina April 1825, and was one of the first to enlist in the Confederate army, in the 1<sup>st</sup>, N.C. Reg., Company "A." He was in the battle of Gettysburg, and was so unfortunate as to lose his left hand in this battle. In the year 1876 he left his native state and moved to Menifee county, Ky., and had before his death accumulated considerable wealth.

**Pike County.** A very disastrous fire occurred up at Coal Run, Pike County, Monday, when the dwelling house and store of Grant Phillips was totally destroyed, with no insurance, the loss amounting to about \$4,000.

See George L. Hazelton's Obituary.

## <u>16 April 1904.</u>

Montgomery County. Wedded in New York. Mt. Sterling, Ky. -The marriage in Jamestown, N.Y., of Miss Sallie McClure, a pretty 18year-old belle of this city, to D.A. Harris is just announced here. Mr. Harris is a wealthy businessman.

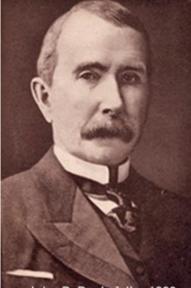
Harris is a wealthy businessman. Chief of Police Wilson is Out. Mt. Sterling, Ky. - Charles T. Wilson, who has been chief of police for a number of years, tendered his resignation to the city council, which accepted it. John A. Conroy was elected to succeed him.

**Breathitt County.** Jackson. -There is a protracted meeting going on at the Baptist church with several conversions.

Farmers are very busy at present. S.H. Stidham and S.B. Stidham were attending court at Beattyville last week. Miss Mary Lewis is visiting in Jackson. E.C. Jones and Thomas Hyden were in Lexington several days last week. Sam Jones, of Troublesome, met with a horrible death a few days ago, being in company with two Combs boys. After partaking of a few drinks they all went off together where, as the story goes, they built up a fire to warm themselves, and Jones dropped into a deep sleep and his companions went away and left him, and on their return found him burned to a crisp. Mr. Jones was a son of John Jones, an elisor in the famous Jett & White case, and a cousin of E.C. Jones.

The body of Carl Day was brought here from Lexington, where he died last week, and buried at the Day burial ground on Frozen Creek. E.C. Jones has shipped quite a lot of fruit trees here and to different parts of the country from Knoxville. Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Combs, of Louisville, are visiting Mrs. Combs' father here.

<u>Cannel Coal for World's Fair</u>. Jackson, Ky. - The Kentucky Block and Cannel Coal Company shipped through Jackson today eighteen tons of cannel coal enroute to the World's Fair grounds at St. Louis as their exhibit. The coal will be built into an arch eighteen feet high and seven feet wide at the entrance of the Ken-



John D. Rockefeller 1888

tucky exhibit. The coal comes from the company's mines in Morgan county. This is from the section that furnished the premium coal at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1903.

#### <u>17 April 1904.</u>

Knott County. One year ago to this day, James Breeding was appointed postmaster at Wirth, Knott county, J.W. Combs resigned.

Also on 17 April 1903 - Kentucky Oil. This Field is Now the Most Promising in the Entire County.

Writing under a Lexington date line, Mr. W.J. Black, special correspondent of the *Detroit Tribune*, says:

It was two years ago Saturday that Capt. John Geary struck the first modern oil well in Kentucky. Every county on the slope of the Appalachians is now being prospected. The greatest developments are in Wayne, Bath, Rowan, Floyd, Knox, *Knott* and Estill counties. Wayne has 75 wells, more than half of them producing. Bath 135 and Knox 50. Operations are expected to be quadrupled this year.

Oil arguments are alluring. The facts are, as gained from oil quotations and practical oilmen, that the Pennsylvania fields are playing out; that the visible supply in the reservoirs of the Standard Oil Company is decreasing by 10,000 barrels a day, and that the commercial uses of petroleum are on the increase. It is claimed that Standard Oil is exceedingly anxious to develop new fields. The fact that it has spent enormous sums in Kentucky in 1902-3 is taken to show that the company has no other outlook.

The Oil City Derrick, the organ of the Standard Oil, quotes the visible supply as decreasing by many thousands each day. The company is drawing on its reserve stock in its giant reservoirs to this extent. Local scientists, including Prof. Arthur M. Miller of the Kentucky State College at Lexington, say that the western slope of the Appalachians is an oil sand extending down into Tennessee. Oil has been found in Kentucky in every county in which is called the geological oil-sand strip. The oilmen are simply migrating along a clearly demarked line into Kentucky, where the outside investors got ahead of the octopus.

The hills of the bluegrass region are ringing with the hustle of the Standard Oil army of workmen. They are now working in the surrounding counties in the mud laying pipe at a great cost. The oil men are jubilant at this evidence of haste. Pipe is being laid at a cost of double of what it might be a month later.

Oil will move in Kentucky when the last link is connected. The great eight-inch main pours into the Standard Oil refineries at Huntington, W.Va. It extends southwest through Paintsville, Ky., to Salyersville in Magoffin county, to Manchester in Clay county and to Barbourville in Knox county, near the Tennessee border. Eight and six inch mains branch off at Manchester west to Somerset and Monticello, in Wayne county, and from there down into Tennessee. Another branch leads northeast from Salyersville to the Licking Valley field at Ragland. A third leads south from Paintsville to Floyd county. AT points the branch pipes are but four-inch while all the feeders to individual wells are but two inch. Over 500 miles of the larger pipe has been laid and but little work remains before oil will be moving to the refinery in West Virginia. The Standard Oil is the sole buyer and lays all pipes, including the feeders. Supplementing this pipe system the Standard Oil Company has large reservoirs at various points. The individual well owners have At their tanks of small capacity. Ragland the enormous reservoir of the Guffey-Galey Co. is now owned by the Standard Oil. At Somerset the Standard has 13 large reservoirs, and all are said to be full. The company is now building more at that point. At Barboursville, in Knox county, they have another storage point.

The Standard Oil Company [owened by John D. Rockefeller] has had men in Lexington all winter. S.S. Miller, representing these people, leased over 1,000,000 acres of oil lands under the name of the South Pennsylvania Oil Company. There are now, it is said on good authority, to be turned over to the New Domain Oil Company, under which the octopus is to be known in this State. The company is paying \$1.20 a barrel for oil near its own properties in Floyd county, and from 95 cents to 98 cents a barrel in Wayne county, the only points at which oil is now being pumped in the State. Edward Price, of Parkersburg,

Edward Price, of Parkersburg, W.Va., left last night for home after looking over the entire field, "All the old oil men of West Virginia and Pennsylvania are coming down this spring. There was little show last year because no pipe line was in operation." He said.

## <u>19 April 1904.</u>

**Bath County.** The celebrated Bath County Meteor has been sold again, this time for \$2,500. Jesse Turney bought it and will exhibit it at the World's Fair. A Peculiar Accident. A Bath

A Peculiar Accident. A Bath county farmer was the victim of a painful accident last Friday. While cutting bushes in a field, a sapling forced back suddenly by the weight of his axe, struck him between lower

lip and the chin, shattering the lower set of false teeth and forcing them up on such a way as to cut his tongue almost in two. Moral: leave your false teeth at home when working in the field.

Boyd County. Man Is Ground to Pieces. Ashland, Ky. - Wesley Thompson, employed as a helper at the rod mill furnace was jerked head foremost into cogwheels while at work Monday. He was literally ground to pieces before assistance could reach him.

County Judge, and Sheriff Floyd County. .E. Stanley, R.E. Weddington, of Prestonsburg were in Mt. Sterling Monday.

Knox County. Taken to the pen. Sheriff W.W. Beverley, of Knox county, passed through Winchester Sunday on his was to Frankfort with Chas. Ross, who was given a sentence of one year for housebreaking in the Knox Circuit Court.

Madison County. Wooley's Campaign Closed. Berea, Ky. - John G. Wooley closed his temperance campaign in Kentucky by addressing large audiences Monday afternoon and evening in the tabernacle on the "Duty of Enacting Laws to Protect the Home and Suppress the Liquor Traffic.'

20 April 1904. Bath County. Olympian Springs. Green grass and opening buds testify that the severities of winter are past.

Leonidas Hackney lost a nice yearling calf Thursday. Many from this place attended

court at Mt. Sterling. The residence of Fred Slesser at

Olympia was destroyed by fire Sun-day morning, April 17, 1904. Breathitt County. Hon. Carl Day Dead. The death of Hon. Carl Day,

which occurred at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington on last Tuesday, caused widespread sorrow. For a number of long, painful weeks he battled against inflammatory rheumatism, but the grim reaper was successful in the struggle and claimed for his own one of Kentucky's brightest and most esteemed young men. He was a lawyer of ability and was the author of the co-education bill, which has created so much interest. He was honored by his people, with the office of Representative from the Breathitt district. Mr. Day was educated in this city, at Central University, and was a general favorite. His remains were taken to his late home near Jackson, where they were interred Wednesday. A special train accompanied the remains carrying about one hundred friends, including members of both the Elks and the Knights of Pythias, he having been a prominent member of both orders. In his death Kentucky loses one of her brightest sons and Democracy, one of her most ardent lovers and a staunch supporter. Peace be to his ashes

Carl Day, Representative in the Legislature from Breathitt county died at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, on Tuesday April 12, 1904. Prior to adjournment of Legislature he was for a few weeks dangerously sick in Frankfort. The

burial took place on Wednesday afternoon at his home near mouth of Frozen Creek, in Breathitt, con-ducted by the Elks and Pythias. He was the son of Nathan B. Day, deceased. He and his older brother, Walter, were extensive and prosperous merchants and land owners. Coll Mott Ayres, of the State Insurance Department; Henry Oliver, of the State Board of Equalization, and J.E. Doyle, of the Land Registration Department, came from Frankfort Tuesday night and accompanied the body to Frozen Creek.

Carter County. Mrs. Menefee Turner, of West Liberty, returned home Sunday after a visit to relatives and friends in Mt. Sterling.

Knox County. Court Docket is Crowded. Impossible to Try 150 Cases at Barbourville This Term. Barboursville, Ky. - It will be impossible to try any of the 150 common law cases now on the court docket here until the legislature gives relief.

The court has worked day and night for more than two years in the vain effort to clear the dockets of the district, but there is no hope of getting any common law cases in Knox, Laurel, Jackson, or Leslie counties to trial. The court has been able to keep up with the equity causes.

Madison County. Berea to Con-test. The Board of Trustees of Berea College, in session at Cincinnati, Wednesday, decided to institute appropriate proceedings for testing the constitutionality of the Day law, which prohibits coeducation of the races in Kentucky. The school will be conducted as usual until a final decision from the United States Supreme Court. In the meantime State officials will be enjoined from making arrests for violation of the law. The Berea College trustees have accepted a gift of \$30,000 from Andrew Carnegie for the institution.

Montgomery County. Oil Land Leases Sold. Mt. Sterling, Ky. - A. Floyd Byrd has sold to New York capitalists oil leases on 3,000 acres of land in Morgan county for \$25,000 cash. On the land are two producing wells of 10 and 50 barrels capacity daily. The sale is one of the best ever made in Eastern Kentucky.

Morgan County. Judge Finley E. Fogg, wife and son, of West Lib erty, went to Mt. Sterling last week to visit Mrs. Fogg's father, W.T. Moore, and family. Judge Fogg returned home last Friday and Mrs. Fogg and son will remain several days.

See Capt. Havens' Obituary.

## 21 April 1904.

Potato Omelet. One cupful cold mashed potato, one-fourth cupful of milk, one tablespoonful minced parsley, two eggs, one-half teaspoonful salt, a little pepper. Beat the eggs together, very light. Beat the potato with the milk, parsley and seasoning. Add the eggs and beat all together till very light. Have a very hot frying pan ready and put in a teaspoonful of butter. Shake it till it covers all the bottom of the pan and then put in the omelet and spread it evenly over the pan. Cook till brown on the bottom, and be very careful not to let it burn in the middle. Put

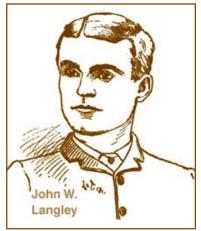
a knife under it every few minutes. Then begin at one side and roll it as you would an omelet, or fold it over once. Serve on a hot platter with

Bell County. One Was Killed.
Shot While Fleeing From a Posse of Officers. Middlesboro, Ky. - At Cumberland Gap Wednesday one man was killed and another seriously wounded in a fight following an attempted arrest. Silas Isman and John Wright were seen to jump from a train with sacks, supposed to be booty, and make for the mountains. S.A. Williams led a posse, and catching up with the men was met by a volley of shots, none of which took effect. He returned the fire with a shotgun, fatally wounding Wright and shooting Isman in the arm.

Opening Up Coal Fields. Middlesboro, Ky. - G.E. Johnson, accompanied by a corps of engineers, arrived here from Louisville and is now engaged in opening up some coal fields in the northern part of Bell county, in the region about Four Mile.

**Breathitt County.** M r s W.W. Bales, of near Richmond, and Mrs. J.W. Hagins, of Jackson, Breathitt County, were the guests of Mr. And Mrs. G.T. Spencer over Sunday in Berea.

The Boxer correspondent of the Breathitt County News expresses a desire for the editor of the Campton *Courier* to witness the weekly performances of the Stag Dancing Hall. Well, he cannot take the oath of allegiance "Fool keep thy tongue and write not for publication." He prefers to be a private in the trenches so he can give the Stags a write-up and be called a fool and ignorant by the sure smart ones of the "Smart Set.



Floyd County. J.W. Langley, of Kentucky, chief clerk in the United States Census office at Washington City, who has under him 5000 clerks has just taken at the Columbia University the working degree of D.C.L. the highest attainable in law. His old cronies in the Kentucky legislature would have smiled to see him receive it togged out in a black silk cap, gorgeous gown, and doctor's hood of purple silk.

Jefferson County. English Lad, the race horse, worked a mile at Churchill Downs in 1:56.

Letcher County. At the recent term of the circuit court in Letcher county 160 indictments were returned by the grand jury. Powell County. Richard Noel

has started a new industry for Powell

county that of burning lime. He has burned several kilns of first-class lime, and markets his product in Clay City.

**Wolfe County.** James T. Hanks, left Campton Monday for Muskogee, I.T., in the interest of the Harper heirs.

## 22 April 1904.

Beckham County. The officials of Carter and Lewis counties have had a survey made of the lines from the beginning of a point in Elliott county and running to the north point of the line given in the boundary of Beckham county. The survey made by Carter county did not come up to Briary creek by nearly two miles, and this caused a reduction of nearly two miles on the north end of the line in Lewis, which line stopped on the farm of Peter Kelley, about one mile from the Ohio river and about four miles west of Vanceburg. The survey shows that Vanceburg and a very large portion of Lewis county are included in the boundary given in the act creating Beckham county.

Bell County. Sentenced to Ten Years. Pineville, Ky. - George Eaton, of Middlesboro, who turned state's evidence in the case of George Gray and Len Colgan, two years ago, was convicted and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for an attack on a colored girl.

Given a Ten-Year Sentence. Middlesboro, Ky. - George Eaton, a white man, was given a ten-year sentence for an attempted assault on a Negro girl. Three ex-confederates were on the jury.

were on the jury. **Breathitt County.** Jackson, Ky. The Kentucky Block & Cannel Coal Company shipped through Jackson today eighteen tons of cannel coal enroute to the World's Fair grounds at St. Louis as their exhibit. The coal will be built into an arch eighteen feet high and seven feet wide at the entrance of the Kentucky exhibit. The coal comes from the company's mines in *Morgan* county.

Carter County. Carter is a Republican county and high taxes flourish like a green bay tree. The levy this year is three dollars on the hundred to pay an old railroad judgment in favor of Stinton; 16 cts. To pay a similar one in favor of Jones; 34 cents to pay the Willistson judgment and 45 cents to settle Dawson's claim. The State and county tax is \$1.00 a special school tax is 25 cents, making \$5.20 on the hundred dollars for the country people to pay, and also a \$2. poll tax. The town people have a town tax to pay in addition to this. If burdens are blessings, Carter county should be happy. Clay County. James Smith, of

Clay county, James Smith, of Clay county, visited his father, Campbell Smith, in Tuttle, Laurel county, last Friday, who has been sick for some time.

**Elliott County.** There was a shooting affray at Cracker's Neck in Elliott county a few days ago. Bob Johnson shot Luster Binion with a double-barreled shot gun, and the doctors took forty-three No. 4 shot from Binion's side. An old grudge was the cause of the trouble.

Newton Moreland has landed a guard ship at the Frankfort Pen. Dock Holbrook, of *Elliott*, also gets a place.



It is a very cold day when Elliott cannot land a State or Federal job; that county, having but 900 voters, gets more State and Federal jobs than most Congressional districts. *Grayson Tribune*.

**Floyd County.** D.W. Gardner, chairman, and W.M. Byington, secretary of the Congressional committee, met at Prestonsburg and declared Hon. Frank A. Hopkins the Democratic nominee for Congress in the tenth district of Ky. He had no opposition.

Frank Howell, of East Point, made a trip to Prestonsburg one day last week. Robert C. Auxier also made a trip to Prestonsburg.

T.J. and M. Caudill are doing business at the forks of Abbott creek, Floyd county, under the name of Caudill & Caudill. Their post office is Bonanza, but they hope to secure a new post office at their place under the name of Meed.

Mr. Hi Lafferty, of Prestonsburg, was in Thomas, Lawrence county, Sunday.

**Greenup County.** Wm. E. Scott, an old resident of this county, and who moved to Greenup county, died a few days ago. He had a paralytic stroke and had become entirely helpless. – *Salyersville News*.

Johnson County. After an illness of several months Mr. Thomas Stratton departed this life at his home near the mouth of John's creek. He leaves several children to mourn his loss. His wife died about one year ago.



**Knox County.** The incorporators of the new national bank in Barboursville met last Monday afternoon and elected the following officers and board of directors:

President, John A. Black; Vice President, Joseph Miller; Cashier, Edward England; Assistant Cashier, Henry C. Black.

Directors: John A. Black, Joseph Miller, James D. Black, W.J. Campbell, J.R. Jones and Henry C. Black.

The bank will begin operations under the new name as soon as all the necessary papers are received from the Controller of the Currency at Washington.

[The above \$20 note on the National Bankof John A. Black Barbourville is valued at \$2,950.00]

Lee County. A Beattyville Trial. Hon. A.F. Byrd, assisted in the prosecution of Jack Thompson in the Beattyville Circuit Court last week for the murder of Wm. Stidham, and his speech was said to have been a most powerful one. The case took up nearly a week and resulted in a hung jury, five being for hanging five for a life sentence and two for acquittal.

**Leslie County.** Work Begun on the Hyden Telephone Line and Officers of the Company Elected. The first meeting of the stockholders of the Hyden Telephone company was held here last Friday and the following officers were elected:

Mr. Abner Eversole, President; Judge H.C. Faulkner, Vice-President; Mr. John Woodward, Secretary and General Manager, and Mr. George A. Lock, Treasurer.

A call was issued for 50 percent of the subscribed stock, which will be paid at once.

The material for the construction of the new line is now on the ground and the erection of the poles has already begun.

It will cost a little above \$2,000 to build the line, but the company has already applications for stock, which would amount to much more than the amount of money needed to complete the line.

The President of the company has announced that only enough stock will be put on the market to pay for the construction of the line.

Starting at Hyden, Leslie Co., the line will be built to Manchester, Clay county, and there connect with our local or Camp Ground system. The town of Hyden is fifty-five

The town of Hyden is fifty-five miles from Barbourville, Pineville or London, but this telephone system will put it in touch with all three of these points.

Mr. Woodward, Secretary and General Manager of the new system, is a man of wide experience, having held the same position with the Camp Ground Telephone Co. for quite a while, and has given general satisfaction to everyone.

We congratulate him upon the success he has had in the organization of his new company

of his new company. Letcher County. Ola, Ky. Nice farming weather.

Hiram Williams has planted several bushels of corn.

J.D. Fugate was here Monday morning on business. He is building a nice little storehouse in the city.

H. Jenks passed through this place Friday en route to the city.

Henison Mullins, clerk for the Webb & Webb store, visited friends on Cumberland river Saturday and Sunday.

Nellie Sexton, of Camp Branch, has the typhoid fever, and there is but little hope for her recovery, as the doctors have given her up.

The Bottomfork saw mill has been in full speed for the last week. John Fugate still works the throttle. W. Jenkins was here the earlier

W. Jenkins was here the earlier part of the week buying horses.

Carlie Jenkins has the measles and keeps about his work.

John Ausband, of Pineville, was here Tuesday after witnesses.

Charley Haynes passed through Ola the first of the week for Craft's store.

Archie Craft has returned from Norton with a stock of dry goods.

Dee Holbrook left a few days ago for Addys on particular business. Eve Adams was here Monday and

took a long hunt in the woods.

Will Blair, the fisherman, caught some fine fish, the stripe of the perch measuring fifty-two inches. Who can beat that?

J.J. Webb's little baby, four days old, died Monday night and was buried in Caudill's graveyard the next day.

Willie Craft passed through here this morning horse buying. Craft will never buy a horse; he is afraid to run the risk.

Joe Blair died a few days ago with that dread disease – consumption – and his remains interred in Caudill's graveyard.

Ben Collins was here Friday on business.

The wild fire back in here has been spreading for the last week and has burned at least five hundred panels of fencing.

There was a great fruit-killer here last Monday, but we hope that the fruit is not injured.

Lee Hall and Tom Craft passed through here this morning for the berg on business.

Teve Frazier, of the berg, has had rheumatism in his foot and can hardly walk.

Bill Bates, the logging man, passed through Ola this morning. *Archie Jenkins*.

**Magoffin County.** The men here looking after the Duvalle and, which they had recently purchased, found that the courthouse and part of the town of Salyersville were in the boundary. There were no large tracts of land in Magoffin that are not owned by residents, and their titles are good. It would be all right to buy land of speculators, if some one else did not have a house and other things on top of the land. -*Salyersville News*.

Martin County. Inez. Martin County News. Dr. J.M. Johnson left Sunday, for a visit to his brother in West Virginia.

Thomas Peck, of Job, shot Josh Endicutt in the head near Calf Creek, in West Virginia, last Sunday. It is reported that both were drinking. Endicutt is not seriously wounded.

On Monday night fire destroyed the barn of Mirah Brown, a prominent farmer of this county, who lives four miles from Inez on Rockcastle creek. Two mules and all his farming implements were consumed in the fire. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is thought firebugs have been at work.

Joshua Endicott died near Inez, Martin county, last Friday and was buried by the Odd Fellows, of which order he was a member.

order he was a member. Menifee County. Miss Nola Davis has returned to her home in Menifee county, after quite an extended visit in Busseyville, Lawrence county, among her relatives and friends. She is an excellent young lady and while here made many new friends.

**Owsley County.** Lewis F. Cole, Assessor of Owsley county, was shot and killed by Price Moore at a dance on Indian creek, about seven miles from Boonesville. Moore claims self-defense.

**Pike County.** Little Miss Neva Hamilton, aged 12 years, was a noticeable traveler in the waiting room of the Catlettsburg depot Monday, having come all the way from southern Missouri alone, being on the way since 4 p.m. Friday, yet not the least travel worn, and ready to board C.O. & B.S. for Pikeville where she goes to visit her father, James Hamilton, who is a contractor on the railroad extension.

Pike Prisoners Escape. Five desperate criminals confined in the Pike county jail broke out last night by prying off a sheet of iron from the inside of the cage and using it to break a bar in the door. They were Richard Clay, charged with helping kill a man named Shortridge; George Hackney, for stealing a mule; Alex. Stanley, housebreaking; York Williamson, banding; Geo. Pennington, robbing stores and post offices. There is a standing reward of \$50 for the capture of Hackney by the Governor of Kentucky, \$200 for that of Pennington by the Government for post office robbery. No blame is attached to the jailer as there was nothing in their cells. The prisoners used their hands to pry off the piece of sheet iron.

Only one prisoner was left, and he was so badly wounded that he could not travel. *Pikeville Times*.

Pikeville is wrestling with smallpox. The disease has become epidemic and the Board of Health is taking prompt action. The churches and schools are closed and vaccination is the order of the day.

This has been the hardest season ever known here on those dependent upon tides in the river. It was a year last Saturday since there was a good stage of water in the creeks of the Big Sandy Valley, so we are told by interested parties. Pikeville has enjoyed not more than half a dozen visits from steamboats within the last twelve months. No such a lack of water was ever before known in Big Sandy. The Yellow Poplar Lumber Company and Vansant, Kitchen & Co., are suffering heavily because of this fact. They have a large quantity of timber that has been cut about two years, and it is being damaged very considerably.

The Water Works. W.E. Cox, who bid in the last franchise sold for water works in Louisa, wrote the City Clerk last week that he would begin the work of putting in the plant within thirty days. It is now reported, however, that he is confined to his bed at Pikeville, with an attack of fever. Mr. Cox has gone right along and made all necessary arrangements, so he reports, and as this is not his first experience in building water works, he ought to know how to proceed in such matters.

This will be a big help to Louisa, and according to the estimates made it will also prove a good paying investment to the owners.

The next thing in order is to make a pull for some factories and mills. We have various kinds of raw material all around here and this will soon be a fine shipping point. We can secure some industries if the proper effort is made.

J.H. Ratliff came up from Cincinnati Monday. He and his sister, Mrs. Robt. Burchett, left Tuesday for Pikeville on business.

Mrs. Mary Daniels has returned home in Chestnut, from Pikeville where she has been visiting her brother Lafe Preston.

**Pulaski County.** Four Men Killed in a Mine. Somerset, Ky. - An explosion occurred at the Stearns Mines Coal Co. at Stearns, several miles below here on the Cincinnati Southern railroad, in which four colored men were killed and several others injured. Only meager details are obtainable at this time.

See Mrs. Martha Bain's obituary. See Col. David Y. Lyttle's obituary.

See Obituary of Inez Moore.

## 23 April 1904.

Mr. Guy Barrett, Jr., has resigned his position with the Kentucky River improvement authorities in order to accept a similar position on the works on the Big Sandy river, at an advance in salary. We regret to lose our young friend from our midst, but rejoice that he has been promoted to a better position.

Bell County, Mrs. H.M. Keller and children, who have been guests of Mrs. Wallace Howe, at Middlesboro have returned to Frankfort.

**Breathitt County.** Winchester, Ky. - Circuit Court will begin here May 2 and the suit of Mrs. Abrelia Marcum against B.F. French and Senator Hargis, of this county; Judge James Hargis and Sheriff E. Callahan, of Breathitt county, for \$100,000 as damages for conspiracy to murder her husband, James B. Marcum, is attracting much attention. The defendants have given notice that they will apply for a change of venue to some other county on the ground that they cannot get a fair trial in this county.

**Carter County.** Accidentally Killed By His Brother. Olive Hill, Ky. - Chester Tabor, 16, was accidentally shot and killed by his brother, Harry Tabor, who was playing with a revolver, when it was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking the younger boy in the abdomen.

<u>Killed by his brother</u>. Chester Tabor, aged sixteen years, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, was accidentally shot and killed by his brother, Harry, who was playing with a revolver.

Knott County. Buy Many Kentucky Acres. New York Capitalists Acquire a Big Tract in Knott and Perry Counties. Mount Sterling, Ky. - New York capitalists have purchased through C.E. Smith, real estate dealer, 61,000 acres of the fine timber land in Knott and Perry counties for \$5.25 per acre. Mr. Smith has gone to New York to close the del. A large planing and saw mill

will be erected on the property as well as a barrel and stave plant.

**Knox County.** Gets Nipped. Ex-Commonwealth Attorney J.L. Isaacs, of Barbourville, came here last week and went up against more than his share of "red licker," and as a consequence, got tangled up in the red light district. When he emerged from that quarter he was, a sadder and a wiser man to the tune of \$300. Like a regular dominecker, he squealed and had a young man by the name of Tipton arrested. In the trial it appeared that it was simply a case of the plucker getting plucked. Tipton was fined \$20 and costs.

## 24 April 1904.

See Jim Howard On Trial for Third Time for Murder of Gov. Goebel. New Evidence Produced...

**Floyd County.** Hatcher & Co., of Tram, Floyd county, wholesale and retail grain and provisions, with \$10,000 capital, have filed incorporation articles with the Secretary of State.

The Fourth Assistant Postmaster General has received a letter from John W. Langley, disbursing clerk of the Census Bureau, tendering his resignation as the department's referee of post-offices in the Tenth Kentucky district. In his letter Mr. Langley suggests that John G. White, who was defeated for Congress by Representative Hopkins last November, be made the referee for the district. It is expected that the department will be guided in post-office appointments by the wish of the defeated Republican candidates in all Democratic districts.

Prestonsburg, Ky. - Cliff Branham and Nelson Moore, accused of assassinating Anderson Moore, were arrested at White House by M.T. Allen, L.P. May and James Sizemore, and brought here and lodged in jail. A few days after the killing of Moore, it is alleged, they went to the home of his widow, set fire to her barn, killed her stock and gave her twentyfour hours to get out of the country. Monroe Moore, accused of being an accomplice, was arrested by Sheriff J.M. Weddington and placed under guard. He is said to have made a written confession.

The prisoners have since been taken to Lexington for safekeeping.

Johnson County. Paintsville. On last Friday Ab Church accidentally shot Miss Lillie Dills. He had placed his target gun unloaded on a bed at Mr. Dills' and in his absence the gun was loaded and replaced on the bed. The gun is one of the hammerless types, and when young Church picked up the gun he did not see Miss Dills, nor did he know the gun was loaded and cocked. He happened to touch the trigger and Miss Dills was shot in the breast. The ball ranged downward, inflicting a serious wound, but she is still living and her physicians think she will recover.

Byrant Fannin, of Ashland, has moved here and occupies the Kazee property.

property. "In a mud hole" would about express the condition of Paintsville. The streets and public roads are in such condition that it is dangerous to ride horseback into, through or out of town. There is one mud hole so

deep that wagon beds dip the mud in going through it. Something like fifty per cent of the teams stall right in the streets of the town, and the county roads are no better. The grand jury which meets here next month should investigate the matter. Our people are taxed every cent the law will allow and they are entitled to have the thoroughfares looked after. Our town tax is 50c on every \$100 worth of taxable property, which is the highest rate allowed by law, and the demand is made, that the trustees repair the streets, and yet we are hemmed in on all sides by the mud and impassable streets. "Rockfeller.'

Miss Flora Conley, one of Paintsville's accomplished young ladies, was married to F.S. Dare, last Wednesday night. We wish them a happy life.

Cave Hall, who shot and killed Will Goodman at Whitehouse, was taken before the court at Paintsville and waived examination. Bail was refused and he was remanded to jail to await the action of the grand jury

The *Paintsville Commercial* flattered The *Big Sandy News*. It stole an item from the News and printed it in two places in the same issue last week – on the first and third pages.



Bert Rice and Will Patrick, of Paintsville, were in Louisa this week. Letcher County. The largest walnut log ever taken out of the Eastern Kentucky mountain forests has just been taken from Cross Fork of Kentucky river, west of Mayking, overland across the mountains to Jackson, Breathitt county, to the Cincinnati markets. The log was nearly six feet in diameter and sixteen feet long, and it required eight large yoke of oxen to "snake" it over the mountains. It was bought for \$1,600 from Joe Hale. Members of the Kentucky World's Fair Association gave Mr. Hale's bid on the tree with the intention of placing it on exhibition at St. Louis in 1904, but their bid of \$2,000 was a day too late. [The log pictured above was taken from the hills in 1930. - D.R.S.]

**Magoffin County.** C o n trary to reports that have been in circulation for some little time, James G. Bailey, of Magoffin county, who is secretary of the American Legation at Guatemala City, is not to be disturbed in his position. He is now in Washington, and will return to his duties soon.

Martin County. The United and Missionary Churches have been called to meet at Inez in September to consider the matter of uniting. Over 2,200 United Baptists have signed a petition asking the association to grant the union.

Inez. All the sick are improving. Prof. J.G. Talbert will teach a summer normal here, commencing May 4<sup>th</sup>, continuing eight weeks. The town authorities are doing

The town authorities are doing some work on our streets. Much more work is needed.

Miss Lou Price and Miss Garnet Kirk are visiting Miss Price's sister Mrs. J.M. Johnson, who is in the hospital at Ashland.

Atty. W.R. McCoy is in Huntington.

We have the lumber on the ground to build a fence around the M.E. Church, South.

Rev. Murphy, of the Freewill Baptist Church, preached in the Methodist Church Monday night.

Frank Wright went to Warfield Tuesday.

Rev. H.B. Hewlett will be here and preach Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. A number will receive the ordinance of baptism. Rev. Hewlett is always a welcome visitor.

The young people are making preparations for their annual trip to the natural bridge on the middle fork of Rockcastle Creek, one and a fourth miles from town.

Mrs. "Em" Cassady and daughter Lucy have just returned from a two weeks' visit to Williamson, W.Va. Mrs. N.W. Crum accompanied them. - Xerxes.

**Pike County.** Pikeville. Two prisoners escaped from Pikeville jail recently, one Jerry Francis and one other man. Strange to say the Negro Johnson, charged with criminal assault refused to take advantage of the opportunity to escape.

The Northern Coal & Coke Co. have almost finished their work here of abstracting and perfecting titles to their mineral lands held by them in this Co. Several of their working force will go away soon. We are sorry to have them leave as they have not only left considerable money among our people, but their quiet and excellent demeanor while here has won the affections and esteem of our citizens.

Rev. J.F. Record, of the Pikeville Collegiate institute, has gone away for a few days on business relating to the Presbytery of his church. The Collegiate Institute has had a successful year and will close with appropriate commencement exercises about the 4<sup>th</sup> of May.

Rev. W.F. Tyree of the M.E. Church, South, left today for Prestonsburg for the purpose of assisting in protracted religious services to be held there.

J.M. Staton, with several assistants, begun this morning the work of abstracting, etc., as the result of the sale of about 90,000 acres of mineral lands lying in the eastern side of Pike county.

George Clay member of a wholesale firm in Catlettsburg, who happened with the misfortune of a broken leg a few days since, is doing fairly well and thinks he will be out again soon. He is now at the home of his mother. His wife is also here.

The people here gladly welcome the return of Mrs. J.W.M. Stewart, who has been visiting her mother in the state of Florida. Mrs. Stewart is a faithful, earnest and successful Sunday school and church member. *"Allan Quatermain."* 

Mrs. Auxier and little son Eugene

and a Miss Leslie of Pikeville were in Buchanan last week the guest of Miss Lizzie Hatten.

Edgar Rice, who has been home in Hager Hill on a visit, has gone back to his work near Pikeville.

A new towboat is in the Big Sandy trade. It is named Eclipse.

John F. Better, a lawyer of Pikeville, and Republican candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney, has smallpox.

See Obituary of Judge James Elliott Stewart.

See Obituary of Wm. H. Waldeck.

25 April 1904. Virginia Corn Muffins. Three eggs well beaten, two heaping cups of Indian cornmeal, one cup flour, sift into the flour two teaspoonfuls baking powder, add one tablespoonful melted lard, one teaspoonful salt, three cups sweet milk; bake in gem pans in hot over, serve hot. needs to be well beaten before put-

ting in pans. - Boston Globe. Breathitt County. Jackson, Ky. The potency of the law in the administration of speedy justice is aptly illustrated in the case of Jim King, convicted at Beattyville yesterday. King had just been released from the penitentiary, where he had served a term for shooting a man of the name of Scrivner. He stopped at Lexington long enough to buy a pistol. On the following day he met his former victim on the street, and at once opened fire, several of the shots taking effect. A special grand jury was summoned, King was in-dicted, tried and convicted, and on the following day was on his way back to the penitentiary to serve a three years' sentence, had had less than three days' liberty

<u>Only Three Days of Liberty</u>. Jack-son, Ky. - The potency of the law in the administration of speedy justice is aptly illustrated in the case of Jim King, convicted at Brothyville Sun-day. King had just been released from the penitentiary, where he had served a term for shooting a man of the name of Scrivner.

### 26 April 1904.

Boyd County. Captured Alleged Horse Thief. Covington, Ky. - The police arrested Thomas Brinston, 30, claiming Ashland, Ky., as his home charging him with horse theft. Recently Brinston and his wife paid a visit to his brother-in-law, Frank Bridges, at Fishburg, and while there he stole his brother-in-law's horse, it is alleged.

Knox County. Prisoners for Frankfort. The present term of the Knox Circuit Court has sent a number of criminals to the pen. Sheriff Beverly, of that county, passed through Winchester Sunday with two more prisoners, Wilburn Hopkins, who goes up for fifteen years for manslaughter, and Thomas Jones, two years for housebreaking.

**Powell County.** A Preacher Can-didate. Rev. R.A. Irvine, of Clay City, is a candidate for County Supt. Of Schools of Powell county. He is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at that point and is supported principally by the Presbyterian Church of this city.

27 April 1904. Bath County. Olympian Springs, Bath Co. Sam Wills' father has been in feeble health for some time.

James Hatfield has rented out all his farming land.

J.M. Chase bought a nice yoke of oxen Monday. Price \$102.50. G.M. Byrd, F.D. Richardson, Mack Stevenson and W.L. Hackney attended meeting at Johnson Station Sunday.

Grass is growing nicely.

Richardson Bros. Sold half interest in a boundary of timber lately purchased of widow Daniel, to John L. McCormick for \$550.

The little son of Frank Stephens fell dead at their home Friday morning, April 22.

There will be prayer meeting Wednesday night at Samuel Wills.

Estill County. Capt. J. A. Moores returned Saturday from the Gibson Infirmary, Richmond, where he had undergone a most delicate and dangerous operation. When Capt. Moores went to the Gibson institution, five weeks ago he was at death's door, but through the skill of the Drs. Gibson he is entirely relieved and his complete recovery is only a matter of time. Station Camp Corre-

spondent, *Estill County Herald*. Theo. Wilson, formerly a citizen of Station Camp, now residing at Bybeetown, Madison county, was in Irvine Monday.

Mrs. Jno. M. Park and Mrs. William Par and son, Carl, of Madison county, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Park.

Miss Madge Wilson has been spending a few days in Irvine. She was accompanied to her home at Waco by Miss Mannie Ashcraft. Estill County Herald.

Lee County. At Beattyville, Ky., on Monday County Court Clerk W.C. Lutes dropped dead on Main Street, in front of the Court House.

Montgomery County. Narrow Escape. William Reeves, of Mt. Sterling, had a narrow escape from a fatal accident on Friday in the Estill county oil fields. Some heavy machinery fell, and as he tried to avoid it he was struck and badly bruised about shoulders and lower limbs. He arrived home Saturday and is able to be out on crutches.

Morgan County. Morgan County News. Buford Pieratt is a candidate for County Court Clerk. He is the son of Raney Pieratt, and present deputy Sheriff under S.M. Lykins, and has made an officer the people are proud of. He is a loyal Democrat, always at the wheel working, spending both time and money for the interest and success of his party. He is well qualified and a young man of good business qualities.

Born to T.J. Daniel and wife, April 18, a (miller) boy.

J.M. Testerman, who has been in Florida the past winter, will return about the  $23^{rd}$  of this month.

H.B. Cottle departed this life on the  $15^{th}$  at his home near White Oak, Ky. He was 43 years of age. Caney. Grant Holliday has moved

to Jackson, Ky., where he will en-gage in the hotel business.

The Gault House, formerly the Central Hotel is now being kept by Rowland Minix, of Salyersville. The

proprietor is a congenial and affable gentleman.

S.M. Nickell, who will be the cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants Bank, which will begin business June 1, has moved into the property recently vacated by Grant Holliday.

Cannel City. The White Oak Cannel Coal Company is having a proposed line of railroad surveyed from near Cannel City to White Oak.

The deposits of the Morgan county Bank at Cannel City on the day it opened were about \$13,000.

**Rowan County.** Judge Mann, of Rowan, Opposes Kehoe. Former County Judge, L.E. Mann, of Morehead, has announced his candidacy for Congress from the Ninth congressional district. Judge Mann is largely acquainted throughout the district, being born and reared in Nicholas county. He is a brother of the Rev. E.G.B. Mann, presiding elder in the Kentucky Conference, M.E. Church, South. Judge Mann made the race on the Democratic ticket for State Senator from the Thirty-fourth district and was defeated by a small majority. He was appointed County Judge by Governor Beckham to fill out the term of G.A. Nickel, resigned, and served in this capacity with credit.

## <u>28 April 1904.</u>

Breathitt County. Judge J. Wise Hagins, of the Breathitt County News, Jackson, was in Campton first of the week soliciting subscriptions to his paper.

Dr. Nickell of Hazel Green was called to Breathitt county Sunday to see Judge Miller's wife, who lives on the Hunting fork of Quicksand.

Marcum Damage Suit Continued. The damage suit of Mrs. J.B. Marcum against the Hargises, French and Callahan for \$100,000 for the alleged conspiracy to kill her husband at Jackson last summer, was called in the Clark Circuit Court Tuesday and continued until the September term. Judge Hazelrigg has been added to the attorneys for the defense.

Clay County. Former Commonwealth's Attorney John L. Isaacs, of Manchester, Ky., was robbed of \$300 in the tenderloin district of Frankfort. Estill County. Irvine. H.W.

Jacobs is very ill at his home at West Irvine.

John Wiseman has removed to the home of his father, H.B. Wiseman, from Sycamore, Clark County

Elliott Campbell has returned from Richmond where he underwent a successful surgical operation.

Mrs. Belle Witt, wife of Clayborn Witt, died at her home on Calloway's creek Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., after a lingering illness of several weeks. She was a daughter of H.B. Wiseman. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ragan.

Preston Isaacs, a prominent citizen of the Station Camp neighborhood, died suddenly at his home Tuesday. He was in apparent good health and ate a hearty meal a short while before he died. He was about fifty years of age and was the eldest son of Cornelius Isaacs who was drowned in Station Camp creek about one month ago. Deceased leaves a widow and several children.

<u>Sprout Springs.</u> Benny McKenney bought of R.H. Curtis a nice, young cow for \$30.

R.H. Curtis bought a good horse at Winchester Monday at private figures.

Several from this place attended court at Winchester Monday and transacted business on the stock market.

John Burgher, of Lexington, was here last week to see his brother, B.L. Burgher, who continues very low.

Mrs. Maggie Lewis, of near Mt. Sterling, has been visiting her father, Jas. F. McKinney and other relatives her this week.

Sunday school re-opened at the Methodist church Sunday. Three o'clock in the afternoon has been selected as the hour for meeting. We hope to see a good attendance of the young and a crowning success for the school.

Mr. Wm. Stone, Sr., died at his home near this place Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> of typhoid-pneumonia after a brief illness. He had reached the advanced age of seventy-eight years, but had been in failing health for some time. He was buried at the Poer graveyard near where he lived.

Deceased was a model citizen and fin man in every particular. He leaves a wife and several children and a large circle of friends who will sadly and materially miss his presence around the fireside and in the home and neighborhood in which he lived.

David Howell and wife, of Genet, visited friends and relatives on Miller's creek, Estill county, the latter part of last week and returned home Sunday. – *Irvine Herald*.

**Knox County.** William Miller was sentence to penitentiary for two years at Barbourville, being the third man convicted of perjury, as the result of a gambling game two years ago.

Laurel County. Hunter Captures Eleventh. His Candidate for Chairman Wins by Large Majority. London, Ky. Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter ruled everything in the Eleventh district Friday, his candidate for chairman, M. Ray Yarberry, of Adair, winning by 191 to 155. Judge James M. Denton, of Pulaski and J.G. Forster, of Harlan, were elected delegates to the national convention. W.R. Ramsay, of London, was chosen elector.

Lee County. W.C. Lutis, one of the officials of Lee county, and an insurance solicitor for the State Mutual Assurance Association, dropped dead at Beattyville on Monday night last. Curtis Rose, who with the deceased last week wrote some \$21,000 life insurance around Beattyville, left Tuesday morning for that place to untangle the dead man's affairs.

As the result of a difficulty over a water gap, Jonathan Samples, of Lee county, was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington, Monday, suffering with serious wounds inflicted by a neighbor Hooker Childers. Childers used a shotgun loaded with bird shot, the charge striking Samples in the face and a number of the shot entering his eyes. His physicians took out the right eye of Samples, which was terribly lacerated, and it was feared the patient would lose the other eye from the same cause. Beyond the loss of his eyes, it is not thought Samples' injuries are serious. – *Jackson Hustler*.

Letcher County. Disastrous forest fires are raging on the mountains of Letcher County.

Menifee County. Mrs. Hurt, wife of the gentleman who recently moved to Hazel Green from Menifee county, has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Henry Cecil on Sunday left Hazel Green for Means, Menifee county where she will visit her father and mother, Arbury Swango and wife.

Montgomery County. Burlars Plunder Store. Mt. Sterling, Ky. – Burglars rifted the general store of A.A. Clay, at Indian Fields, Thursday night. The safe was blown open and several hundred dollars in money secured and some goods taken.

Morgan County. College at West Liberty. West Liberty, Ky. - The Presbyterian college is a sure thing for West Liberty, as the required amount has been made up and the site has been bought. The church asked for \$4,250 and the site, which has been secured.

**Pike County.** Girl Attempts Suicide. Mayking, Ky. - In Pike county, east of here, Mary Moore attempted suicide on her sweetheart's grave by taking arsenic. Her sweetheart Silas Coleman, died last week. They were to have been married on April 29.

**Powell County.** Snow Creek. Frank Berry, of Argyle, was here Sunday.

Thos. Ogden was in Winchester several days last week.

Thos. Ogden and family visited friends in Estill county Sunday.

Farming time is here and farmers are very busy in these parts.

There seems to be no change in the health of Mr. E. Mansfield.

W.E. Heflin made a business trip to his farm below last week.

William Vivion made a business trip to Winchester last Friday.

Miss Lillie Kerr was the guest of Miss Emma Wood Saturday and Sunday.

day. J.G. Vivion and wife, and B. Johnson and family are down with measles.

The new store at Log Lick is being filled with goods. We wish to see it prosper.

Miss Callie Wills was the guest of Miss Lillie Kerr Saturday night and Sunday.

Robert Auldridge, who has been going to school at Winchester for several months came home last week

Wolfe County. Attorneys visiting Campton this week were: J.B. White, Irvine; L.Y. Redwine, Jackson; T.C. Johnson, Tallega; A.F. Byrd, Winchester, Z.T. Hurst and J.C. Hurst, Boxer, G.W. Goad, West Liberty.

Bright Kentucky Oil Outlook. *The Nineteenth Century Review*, Detroit, Mich., says: The Kentucky Oil, Coal & Lumber Company, of Detroit, Mich., is planning to operate on an extensive scale in its large holdings in Kentucky during the coming year. This company is now operating in Wolfe county, Ky.,

where the Standard Oil Company is now making a survey preparatory to laying a branch pipe line, connect-ing this field with its main pipe line. It is said by experienced oilmen that Wolfe county, Ky., is destined to prove an excellent oil field. There are now about a dozen producing wells in the extreme southwestern portion of this county, and others are being rapidly drilled in. The inducements for more active work in this section will, of course, increase when the pipe line is completed so that there will be a market for the oil. It is now a certainty that there will be a great deal of activity in Wolfe county during the coming summer and the outlook is indeed promising.

Mrs. Rebecca Richie, of Maytown, is at the residence of John Craven, under treatment by Dr. Center of Hazel Green.

See Mary E. Rose Obituary.

## 29 April 1904.

Beckham County. Knocked Out by the Court of Appeals. Frankfort, Ky. - The legislative act creating the county of Beckham out of parts of the counties of Elliott, Carter, and Lewis, was today declared by the Court of Appeals to be unconstitutional and void in that it violates Sections 63 and 64 of that instrument, which sections prohibit the reducing of the area of the counties from which a new county is made to less than four hundred square miles. their population is less than 13,000 and the line within ten miles of an old county seat. The contention that the lines of boundary of the new county proposed would not close, but run into the State of Ohio, the court disposes of by saying that the act as a whole shows what was meant, its magisterial districts being properly defined, and such a mistake alone would not have invalidated the act. The whole court considered the case, and Judge Hobson delivered the opinion from which there is no dissent.

The decision was given by the court in agreed cases of Carter county against Zimmerman and Brooks, here on appeal from the Carter Circuit Court, and it is a reversal of that court, which sustained a demurrer to the position is the second named case and released to allow the county of Carter to be heard in the matter. The court here says this was error and remands the cases for further proceedings. There will not likely be any further proceedings in the lower court than to follow the judgment of the higher tribunal, as the appellees practically admitted all the allegations of the petition as to the territory involved, but on the ground that the judicial department of the State Government could not go behind the bill creating the new county proposed and inquire into the facts upon which the General Assembly acted. The court here, in passing upon that question, says that the provisions of the Constitution are as binding upon the General Assembly as upon an individual, and as mandatory, and that it is proper for the courts to inquire into the findings by the Legislature, and it has authority to ascertain whether the provisions of the Constitution as to area, popu-

lation and location of lines are followed by the General Assembly in the formation of a new county.

The allegations of the petition of Zimmerman were that the county of Beckham was created out of parts of the counties of Carter, Elliott and Lewis; that the part taken from Carter county leaves it with only about 250 square miles; that the county line between Beckham and Carter counties runs within less than two miles of the county seat of Beckham county; that Elliott county, before any territory was taken from it, had a less area than 400 square miles, and was by the act reduced to far less than that; that the area of Carter county was 354 square miles, the area of Lewis county 454 square miles, and Elliott county 274 square miles; that the new county line runs within six miles of Grayson, the county seat of Carter, and within seven miles of Vanceburg, the county seat of Lewis county; that the area of Beckham county does not exceed 286 square miles; that Lewis county is reduced to 300 miles, Elliott to 234 miles; that the population of Beckham county is less than 12,000, and that its establishment reduces Carter and Elliott to less than 12,000 each.

Beckham County Knocked Out. In reversing the judgment at the Carter Circuit Court in the agreed cases of Carter county against Zimmerman, and Zimmerman against Brooks, the Court of Ap-peals declares that the act creating Beckham county from portions of Lewis, Clark and Elliott counties is unconstitutional and void, in that it violates Sections 63 and 64 of the Constitution, which prohibit the reducing of the area of the counties from which a new county is made to less than 400 square miles, their population to less than 12,000, and making the line within ten miles of an old county seat. All of these provisions have been violated in the formation of Beckham county, the higher court declares.

Bell County. Killed in Lover's Quarrel. Middlesboro, Ky. - George Matthews killed Green Henderson in a quarrel over a young woman and fled to the mountains

Fleming County. At Mt. Carmel, Fleming county, Miss Mary Cain, aged eighteen was standing near an open fire, when her clothing became ignited horribly burning her. She is thought to be dying.

Johnson County. Paintsville, F.T.D. Wallace, Jr., of Louisa, was here talking like and fire insurance to our people.

Charlie Fischer is looking after Fischer & Patterson's business interests at Webbville, this week.

News from Lexington is to the effect that Miss Mary Hager is improving nicely and will be able to come home the last of the week.

Miss May Wheatly, daughter of Prof. J.B. Wheatly, has returned to Prestonsburg College, where she will resume her studies. Presiding Elder Howes, of the

M.E. Church, held Quarterly meeting Wednesday and Thursday nights. He is an excellent preacher. Curtis Ford of White House has

moved to Paintsville and is occupy-

ing the handsome residence at Court and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, recently purchased of James M. Price.

The fresh water wells drilled on the property of John C.C. Mayo, T.J. Mayo and the public square are to be sunk deeper. They are now too salty for any use.

The telephone line running from the Beaver oil wells to White House has been removed and a line is being constructed from this place to the pumping station at Sublette, in Magoffin county. *Herald.* Samuel Clark visited relatives at

Paintsville Saturday.

Wm. J. Davis has been appointed postmaster at Sip, Johnson County. Neal Porter of Johns Creek was at

Boons Camp this week. F.T.D. Wallace, Jr., is in Paintsville this week talking insurance.

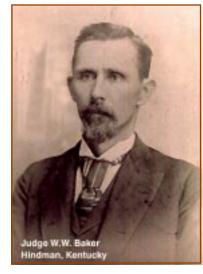
Candidates prospecting for the coming Primary in Johnson county are thick as grasshoppers.

Dr. L.D. Jones, dentist, formerly located at Paintsville, has rented a room in the Arlington Hotel and will practice his profession in Louisa. He had good recommendations.

M.F. Howes, Police Judge of Paintsville, died last Saturday after a short illness of paralysis. He leaves a wife and one son, Harry Howes. He was an uncle of Mrs. Fanny Wade, Mrs. J.L. Carey, and Mrs. C.L. Miller, of this place.

In some manner we overlooked mention of the result of the contested election case of Preston vs. Price, in Johnson county, which was tried recently before Special Judge R.T. Burns. A count of all the con-tested votes showed a majority of 17 for Price, the Democratic incumbent. The office involved is that of County Clerk.

Knott County. A dispatch from New York says: "In aid of the schools for the Kentucky mountaineers, the students of the Comstock School here will give a tea and hold a cake and candy sale in the parlors of the school, on April 29. Many Kentuckians who are visiting in New York, will lend their aid, and a large sum of money is expected to be



realized."

We Kentucky mountaineers would like to know just how and where it is proposed to aid our schools. If it is on the Berea plan we respectfully ask that you apply the dose at home and to your own children.

C.E. Smith, real estate agent of Lexington, accompanied by Attorney Wallace Muir, left for New York, where they will close a deal with an Eastern syndicate whereby the latter will come into possession of 61,000 acres of timber and mineral land in Perry and Knott counties. Mr. Smith has had an option on the property for several months. After an inspection by an agent of the syndicate the deal will be closed for a sum said to be \$250.000.

In the new Knott-Floyd-Magoffin Judicial District, several Democrats are aspirants for Circuit Judge. Walter Harkins and Jas. Goebel, of Floyd, Judge Baker, of Knott, and the old warhorse, Dave Sublett, of Magoffin. It is said the Republicans will run John W. Langley against the Democratic winner.

Lawrence County. We are glad to inform our readers that Louisa, has a first-class dentist. Dr. L.D. Jones, late member of the firm of Jones & Pippin; and former instructor in the Dental Department of the Washington University St. Louis, Mo., is now permanently located in Louisa. Dr. Jones, extracts teeth without pain, but uses neither gas, chloroform, ether, nor cocaine. You will make no mistake by calling on Dr. Jones, when in need of the services of a competent dentist. Room. No. 20, Arlington Hotel.

Letcher County. Ola, Kentucky. Judge Baker is very low, but we

hope he will recover soon. Wid Johnson, Tom Craft and Knelt were at the berg Thursday on business.

Archie Webb has been visiting in the berg

Frank Adams is expected here in a few days, where he will reside in the future.

Silas Ratcliff and Polly Collier were united in marriage a few days ago. It is said this is the bride's second adventure.

George Jenkins made a trip to the berg today.

Aaron Lucas accidentally dropped a 38 Iver-Johnson revolver from his pocket Friday night, the ball penetrating the arm at the wrist and bursting the bone.

Ben J. Holbrooks was thrown off a two-year-old mule, his head striking the end of a saw log, bursting his skull.

Archie Jenkins is very ill at this

writing. G.B. Vaughn was here the latter part of the week on business.

Mrs. Blair, of Colly, fell the other day and broke her arm.

Dr. Collins was in the berg Friday on business.

Eli Lucas is very low this week.

Oscar Jones, the newspaper correspondent, was in the berg Thursday on business.

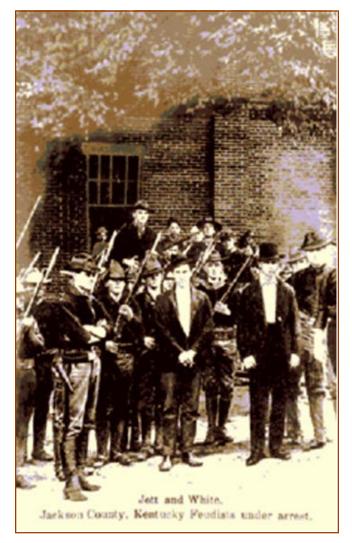
Ida Franklin has been sick for the past few days.

All the Potters, of Potter's creek came clear in the Ku-klux case, and all of us were glad to hear the news.

George Adams, of Colly, has re-turned from Norton, Va., with a lot of fruit trees.

Isom Haynes passed through Ola Monday morning for Roundbottom to attend the Presbyterian church.

David Maggard, of the southern



Curt Jett and Tom White, Jackson, Kentucky Feudist under arrest in May 1903 for the murder of James B. Marcum. - Courtesy Courier-Journal, Louisville.

part of the State, was here Saturday

and Sunday on particular business. Walter Webb has been visiting friends on Colly creek for the past week.

John Dug was here the latter part of the week on business. Ben Collins, of Camp Branch, was

here last Friday buying fodder. Simpson Hammons passed

through Ola this morning enroute to the hotel.

Wess Breeding and Jarvy Hall left this morning for the Thornton mill. The mill has got in some fine days grinding this week.

Lulu Jenkins and Sam Collins have returned from Pineville, where they have been on business.

Stephen Jenkins has just returned from the hotel, where he has been visiting.

J. Bates passed through here Friday enroute to Whitesburg on business.

Fate Banks, the newspaper correspondent, and Miss Mary Craft of the berg, set sail on the sea of matrimony Friday. May joy and happiness ever waft around them is the wish of the writer.

Benjamin Holbrook is establishing a new store at the mouth of Sandlick at the old Caudill stand.

J.J. Webb is having an addition built to his storehouse. Miss Rachel Fields, daughter of attorney Ira Fields, has just returned from London College, where she

has been since Christmas. B. Kincer has returned from Glamorgan with goods for Lewis

Brothers

There was a nice play at Henry Craft's, and all report a nice time.

Wash Jenkins left Ola this morning for the berg to visit friends and

- relatives. Archie Jenkins. Martin County. Inez. Mrs. L.A. Dempsey has been very sick this
- week Mrs. M.C. Kirk has been ill for
- the past week, but is improving. Cashus Cooper, of Paintsville,

was here on business this week. Hon. M.C. Kirk left yesterday morning for Keystone, W.Va. He

will return after a short visit to relatives in Inez

Mrs. N.W. Crum returned Sun-day to her home at Williamson, after a short visit to relatives in Inez.

Frank Huff, of Paintsville, visited homefolks here Saturday and Sunday, returning Monday morning.

Henry Pelphrey, who has been visiting relatives in Inez for the past two weeks, left Tuesday morning for his home at Mineral, Kan., ac-

companied by his sister Miss Hattie. Judge A.J. Kirk returned last Saturday from Prestonsburg, accom-panied by her daughter, Miss Garnett, who has been attending the Byington College for the past year.

Dr. H. Haws, of Inez, came to see his mother who is still suffering from the effects of her broken arm in Keturah.

Dr. Hez Haws passed down Mead's Branch enroute to Inez Sunday

Thomas Harden left Thursday for Martin county.

Pike County. Garrett and Bowling Win. Returns from enough of

the Republican county conventions have been received to show that H.G. Garrett, of Winchester, and J.M. Bowling, of Pike, were selected by a practically unani-mous vote as delegates from the district to the National Republican Convention. In fact, they have had no opposition until within the last few days when we noticed the announcement of another candidate from Pike county

Dr. Charlie Bond of Pike County was in Red Bush this week, calling on friends.

R.H. Winn, of Mt. Sterling seems to have defeated Jim Wallace of Estill county, for District Chairman. These results will satisfy the Republicans of Clark as the recent county convention instructed for all three of them.

A timber tide has at last come in Big Sandy river. The rain that began to fall on Sunday and continued right along through the week brought the long hoped for result. Timber men are happy and steamboat men are enjoying the same pleasant sensation. Farmers who were well along with their work are not hurt by the rain. It was needed by the country in general.

Moses Collinsworth, of Pike county, was visiting his old friend J.C. Hibbitts last week in Keturah.

Mrs. Robt. Burchett and brother James Ratcliff, arrived Tuesday in Louisa, from Pikeville, where they spent a week on business and visiting friends. Mr. Ratcliff went on to Cincinnati Wednesday, where he is engaged in business and is prospering, we are glad to say.

Two convicts, wearing the stripes, were brought from Frankfort and taken to Pikeville this morning to appear as witnesses in a very important case to be tried in Court there. - Catlettsburg Independent.

Hon. F.A. Hopkins, our present representative in Congress, was today paid the greatest compliment ever given any one in this section of the country. The several county chairmen of the Tenth District met at Prestonsburg and declared him the Democratic nominee for Congress without opposition in his own party. Never before in this district has a man been nominated without opposition. - Pikeville Times.

J.H. Ratcliff, of Cincinnati, was in Louisa Tuesday, returning from a trip to Pikeville. <u>Pikeville News</u>. *Pikeville Independent*. The Chinese

laundry will soon be located opposite the Connolly House.

An expert from Chicago is here putting up the ice plant for Huffman Bros.

The work of clearing ground for the erection of the electric light power plant is in progress

Sheriff Will M. Smith last night was easier than at any time since receiving his accidental wound. His chances for recovery are constantly growing brighter.

District Engineer Moore, of the Northern Coal & Coke Co., has returned from an extensive trip to Arkansas, Louisiana, Florida and New York. Mr. Moore has fully recovered his health.

J. Sink Cline has opened a street through his property from Main to Second streets and is laying granolithic sidewalks on both sides. It is called Grace Avenue and will be one of the most attractive streets in town.

Huff, Andrews & Co., the West Virginia wholesale grocers, will build a large warehouse here and stock it with a large amount of goods. A site for the building has been purchased. They will also erect a canning establishment.

Pulaski County. To Boom Ginseng. The Kentucky Nursery Has Been Optioned to J.P. McCoy. Somerset, Ky. - The Kentucky ginseng nursery, owned by J.W. Sears, of this place, has been optioned to J.P. McCoy, of Shanghai, China, with American headquarters at Chicago, and a stock company with a capital of \$200,000 will be organized at once, with Mr. Sears as manager. The new company will

establish offices and experimental gardens here, will launch a ginseng publication and in many other ways push the industry in this county to the forefront in America.

**Rowan County.** L.E. Mann, of Rowan county, is announced as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Ninth district. He is a brother of Rev. E.G.B. Mann, presiding elder of this district of the Methodist Conference. The primary to select the nominee is set for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

During a quarrel at Brady's Switch, near Morehead, Sebron Profitt shot John Fraley twice with a revolver, producing fatal wounds. This is the result of a former affray, in which Profitt shot Fraley.

Wayne County. Mr. Enoch Smith of Pleasant Ridge, went to Wayne county last week.

Asa West, of Canada, Ky., was in Bailey's Switch representing the Fidelity Portrait Company.

See Margaret Wolf, Birdie Cassady, Vina Pemberton, Inez Moore, Obituaries.

### <u>30 April 1904.</u>

Beckham County. The Court of Appeals Sweeps it from the Map. Frankfort, Ky., April 30. – The new county of Beckham was given a knock-out blow Friday by the court of appeals. The governor killed the bill creating Thorne county, he vetoing it, and now the court of appeals practically vetoes the governor by putting Beckham county to sleep. The cases involving the legality of the Beckham county act were Zimmerman vs. Brooks, and Zimmerman and Brooks vs. Carter county. In reversing the judgment of the lower court, and ordering a new trial and full hearing, Jduge Hobson says the constitutional provisions must be strictly comploies with.

First, he asserts, no old county can be reduced to less than 400 square miles; second, no new county shall contain less than 400 square miles; third, the boundary line of the new county must not be less than ten miles from the county seat of any of the old counties from which the new one is created; and, fourth, that no county shall be reduced to less than 12,000 population by the creation of the new county.

**Bell County.** The Pineville Electric Light & Ice Co. has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$25,000.

A Pineville Special in the *Courier-Journal* says: "Mrs. N. Starkey, who owned two-thirds of the stock and had the management of the New Pineville Telephone Company, has sold her interests to Messrs. J.C. Brown and G.S. Brock, of Laurel county, who already owned the other third of the stock. Mrs. Starkey expects to change her location because of poor health, and Messrs. Brown and Brock will take charge of the system May 1.

**Breathitt county.** Jackson, Ky. -Dave Smith was shot and killed by Riley Doyle at Stray Branch. Doyle had been in a difficulty with a man named Neice and Smith had acted at peacemaker. A short time after the difficulty Smith was passing through a lumber yard when Doyle, it is alleged, stepped out from behind a stack of lumber and without warning fired on him with a shotgun. Doyle is a West Virginian and was employed as a sawyer at a large mill above Jackson, operated by the Ohio Valley Tie Company. According to last report Doyle is at large. **Owsley County.** Sturgeon. The

**Owsley County.** Sturgeon. The farmers are hustling, plowing and planting corn.

John and Paddie Gabbard, of Cross roads, are visiting friends and relatives on Island Creek.

Louis Cerle, our assessor, was killed last Saturday evening by Price Moore, causes unknown to the writer.

T.B. Venable and H.L. Becknell have been working for the O.K. Lumber co. for the last week.

Steele Cole, of Lower Buffalo, has been visiting friends and relatives in our neighborhood for the last few days.

George Bowman, who has been working at Heidleburg for the last year, has returned home to work the coming summer.

The small child of Curtis Burch, while its mother was washing, by accident caught on fire and was seriously if not fatally burned some days ago.



Breathitt County Courthouse, 1912. Courtesy Stuart Sprague Collection.

Sheridan Peters, who was shot some few weeks back, is able to be out again.

Hadley Frankling, a speck peddler, is visiting on Island Creek.

T. Harvey and John Blake contemplate going west soon on a tour for health.

Church at Walnut Grove Sunday with large attendance and two members taken into church.

W.J. Blake is out of the picture business.

Wm. Mays, the U.S. Marshal, is home again after a two weeks' trip out among the moonshiners.

The schoolteachers are hustling now looking for schools. There seems to be two teachers for each school, showing a good increase in education, so much for the advancement of our county.

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Outsider Won Derby. A California horse, considered a rank outsider, with odds of 15 to 1 won the famous Kentucky Derby, at Louisville, on Monday last [2 May 1904], in the presence of one of the largest crowds ever on the grounds. The Kentucky Derby. Elwood Won the Race in the Presence of a Large Crowd. Louisville, Ky. – May 3. Mazfter a winter of racing Elwood, C.H. Durnell's bay colt, son of Free Knight, came across the continent and Monday took the most hotly contested Kentucky Derby since the famous duel between Proctor Knott and Spokane. The winner was the longest priced horse in the race and as usual Tennessee, and the Blue Grass went unanimously broke. Ed Tierney was second and Brancas third. Time 2:02 ½. The track was about two seconds slow.

The 30<sup>th</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby, the oldest event of its kind on the American turf, marked the opening day of the spring meeting of the new Louisville Jockey club. A crowd of 18,000 people saw the event. The conditions of the race call for entries of foals of 1901, three-year-olds, distance one mile and a quarter, value to the winner, \$5,000.

The Steeplechase Race. One Jockey Was Seriously Wounded and Two Painfully Injured. Louisville, Ky. May 11. The feature of the cart Tuesday was the Louisville steeplechase stake with \$1,000 added, in which eight high-class timber toppers' faced the starter. The event was won by Presgrave, though he was fouled all through the stretch by Fallela. Handvice finished third. Golden Link, Tatar and Volantine fell at the second jump and Jockeys Johnson and Carter were painfully injured. Gaylor remounted Volantine but did not finish. Golden Link and Tatr went over the course without riders. Outcome easily beat a good field in the first race. Jockey Johnson fell off Seminole in the last race as was seriously hurt.

Judge Ed. C. O'Rear of Frankfort visited at his old home in Mt. Sterling today.

**Boyd County.** Timbermen from the Big Sandy who have arrived in this city today state that the quantity of timber run out of that stream on the present rise exceeds any previous run within a period of ten years.

The last rise before the present at which any considerable quantity of timber came out of that stream was in April, 1903.

During the last year timbering has been unusually active in that territory and a vast number of rafts have been awaiting a tide for months past.

Up to last night more than a thousand Big Sandians had touched at Catlettsburg.

On Sunday 300 rafts were afloat in the Tug River alone, and it is said that an equal number came out of the Levisa.

This unprecedented run will have much to do with stimulating business conditions in the entire Sandy valley since almost the entire surplus capital of that section was tied up in timber. – Ashland Independent.

Fayette County. The Coca Cola Bottling Works was incorporated at Lexington Monday. The incorporators are Charlie Mitchell, of this city, with fourteen shares, John W. Howard of Ford, Robert L. Wilson of this city and Mrs. Sarah King, of Lexington, each twelve shares.

Jackson County. J.K. Morris, of Birch Lick, spent Friday night with his grandmother, Jennie Morris.



Rolfe's Surry County, Virginia home built in 1725. Courtesy of the Library of Congress, All Rights Reserved.

Mrs. Martha Lakes is visiting her grandmother, Jacob Hellard.

John Day and family spent Sunday with his brother, Bob.

J.R. Morris and family spent Sunday with John Brockman.

It is reported that John Alcorn has gone to parts unknown.

Tan bark is all the talk. Rebecca Morris and Mannie Hellard spent Saturday and Sunday with their uncle, James Marcum.

Born to the wife of J.W. Marcum, a bouncing boy.

Jim Will is wearing a smile.

While Geo. Brockman was splitting rails the glut bounced out, and striking him in the mouth knocked out six of his teeth.

Circuit Court commenced at McKee.

Laurel County. Hunter Captures Eleventh. His Candidate for Chairman Wins by Large Majority. London, Ky. - Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter ruled everything in the Eleventh District Friday, his candidate for chairman, M. Ray Yarberry, of Adair, winning by 191 to 155. Judge James M. Denton, of Pulaski and J. G. Forster, of Harlan, were elected delegates to the nation convention. W.R. Ramsay, of London was chosen elector.

Letcher County. Man Crushed by a Train. Mayking, Ky. - George W. White was killed by a Virginia & Southwestern passenger train near Finney Siding, ten miles east of here. He was formerly from Chillicothe, О.

Menifee County. In the Kentucky Field. Completions During the Past Week Approximated 15 Wells. Lexington, Ky.-May 2. The completions in the Kentucky oil fields during a week past approximate 15, with two dusters, Cumberland county shows three strikes. Wayne four and Knox county one. This constitutes the result in the lower fields. Drilling in the upper divisions was more scattered. One strike was made in Wolfe county, two in the Bath-Rowan fields, one in Estill and one in Menifee, a wildcat territory. In the eastern divi-sion one completion was made.

The best strike of the week was made in Cumberland county and is good for 75 barrels. A line fight had been on between the Standard and the Greensburg Oil Co., and their recent completions are within a short distance of one another. The new production in Cumberland county is 85 barrels, in Wayne county 125 barrels and in Knox county 10 barrels

The Standard is preparing to con-nect several of the fields in the upper division that have no market facilities by a pipe line. A branch will be constructed from the Ragland developments in Bath county and extend through Wolfe to Morgan.

The production for a week amounts to 15,000 barrels and the month's runs will approximate a little over 60,000 barrels.

Owsley County. Gabbard. J.K. Gabbard lost a fine ox recently. Some other citizens also have lost stock.

Stephen Baker is postmaster at Floyd now. He is also planning to sell goods.

Stephen Gabbard has been appointed Assessor of Owsley county to fill out the remaining two years of the term of Lewis Cole, deceased. James Gabbard was at Booneville

last Saturday

James T. Wilson is getting on right well with his work towards building a school house here.

Feed stuff is getting very scarce in this section.

Some preparations are being made toward building a school house on Lower Wolf Creek.

Our vicinity is once more free of smallpox, measles and mumps.

Uel Wilder got about 100 panels of his fence burned last Friday

Price Moore had his examining trial Monday. He was bound over under a bond of \$2,000.

**Rockcastle County.** Conway. J.H. Sigmon was at Mt. Vernon Saturday.

D.C. Pullins is very busy fixing up his beehives and transferring the neighbors' bees in to new hives

J.F. Griffin, of Mt. Vernon, was here Tuesday in the interest of Johnson, candidate for Republican committeeman of this district.

D.P. Bethurum was here several days in the interest of the opposition.

J.H. Sigmon sold to Sam Lambert a cow and calf for \$25.00.

A Car load of hogs was shipped from here this week. Price paid, \$4.30.

Rev. Miller Richmond preached here Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. He is to preach here first Sunday of each month. A Sunday school was also organized here.

Disputanta. Died April 22, James Anglin, of Climax, Ky., aged 70 years. He leaves a wife and ten children. He was a good Christian, a good citizen, and a brave soldier in the civil war.

Smallpox is not so plentiful, but there are some cases yet in Climax. Died on April 22, Wesley Abney's

little boy, of pneumonia fever. Mrs. Mary Gadd, who has been

sick so long, is no better. George Baker and Miss Mattie Croucher were married last week.

J.W. Anglin has just opened up a new store at Climax.

Thomas Richmond had his fingers cut off a few days ago. He is getting along ver well.

Miss Mary Shearer is very sick with the dread disease consumption.

G.J. Wild, of Jackson county, was over on business this week.

G.V. Owens went to Berea Saturday on business.

R.A. Swinford was elected District Chairman this week by the Republicans of Scaffold Cane District.

There were services at Clear Creek Sunday conducted by Rev. J.F. Phelps.

Robt. Chestnut and wife attended Church at Silver Creek Sunday.

L.R. Rowlett and son, Luther, went to Richmond Monday.

James Griffin, of Mt. Vernon, was over on business this week.

J.C. Sharp is setting up his mill at R.J. Alney's to saw logs for him. Died on April 30<sup>th</sup>, Wade Morgan.

He was buried at the Witt Cemetery.

Mrs. J.E. Croucher has a cow that found twin calves this week. George T. Payne is very sick with

measles.

Born to the wife of W.S. Jones, a fine boy on the 27th inst.

Mrs. Mose Anglin is very sick.

## 3 May 1904.

Breathitt County. Affects Curt Jett's Case. The Court of Appeals, in a case from Mason county, decided that a previous conviction for one offense is no bar for further prosecu-tion for another offense. This was one of Curt Jett's pleas in the trial for the murder of James Cockrell, for which he was sentenced to be hanged. He had previously been sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary for the murder of J.B. Marcum.

Miss Amelia Patrick returned the first of the week from a visit to Mrs. A.H. Hargis, at Winchester.

Dr. J.M. Kash returned from a professional visit Monday, to a patient in Menifee county. He returned via Winchester to visit his daughter, Mrs. Floyd Day, of that city, who is sick with the grip. A daughter of Mrs. Day, Margie, is also sick with throat trouble.

Miss Roxie Wright came up from Winchester Tuesday night in response to a summons to the bedside of her father, who is very sick at his home on Quicksand. She left the



Williamson-Pikeville Taxi, 1903 A Stop Along Bent Branch Courtesy Paul B. Mays Collection - All Rights Reserved.

next morning for her father's home. He has been an invalid for many months with a complication of diseases. - *Jackson Hustler*.

Judge W.H. Blanton, of Jackson was in Frankfort today.

**Owsley County.** The Oldest Baptist Preacher.

A few weeks ago a correspondent of The Democrat, sent in a note of the death of Rev. J.W. Moore, of Menifee county. This was afterward denied, and last week Mrs. J.D. Moore, of Madison county, who is a grandson of the venerable divine, called at our office and showed us a photograph recently taken of the old gentleman and his wife, and gave us the following date of his career.

Rev. Moore was born at Booneville, Owsley county, in 1807, and began preaching in 1830. For many years he filled appointments through the mountains, traveling to many of them on foot through all kinds of weather, and in all that time never missed an appointment except in one or two instances, when sickness prevented. He has preached in many of the counties of Eastern Kentucky, and if a record had been kept of his work, it would show many converts to the Master's cause.

Rev. Moore has been twice married, and is the father of nineteen children, nine by the first wife and ten by the second. He has many grand children and a number of great grandchildren, and it is proposed to hold a family reunion this summer at his present home at Carrington, Menifee county. Mrs. Jno C. McDonald living near this Winchester, is a granddaughter of Rev. Moore.

The venerable preacher carries his 97 years remarkably well, is hale and hearty and bids fair to live many years. He is enjoying the well-earned fruits of an eventful career, his afternoon of life being brightened by the ministration of loved ones who seek to make the passing years peaceful unto the end.

#### 4 May 1904.

**Beckham County.** Formation of Beckham County Unconstitutional. "On last Friday the Court of appeals decided that the act of forming Beckham County is unconstitutional and void. Fuller account will be given next week. Great will be the disappointment of many people at Olive Hill and other parts of the new county. The decision of the court was unanimous." - *Mt. Sterling Advocate*.

**Bath County.** Olympian Springs. Born, on the  $27^{\text{th}}$  instant, to Roe Becraft and wife, a son.

W.W. Fitzwater, of Winchester,

began a series of meetings at Olympis Thursday night April 28 with good results.

James Hatfield sold his farm for \$350 cash.

W.W. Stevenson's bark peelers are all on a strike.

Neal McPhearson took a job of work here and thinks he will move soon.

The oil machine of Mr. Welch has quit drilling on Little Salt Lick. They went down 1,000 feet and did not strike any oil.

Bill Penix has completed his road out of Pews Branch and will commence to get his timber out soon.

Stone Pergram, son of Tom Pergram, had his leg taken off Friday at Salt Lick by Drs. Blair, Pierce and Ball and is doing nicely.

Bill Sponcil and family, of Hope, are visiting P.J. Rose at this place.

Farmers are fixing for planting corn this week.

Mrs. Kate McDurmott is visiting her sister at Olympia.

Mrs. Sallie Hackney, of Winchester, will make her home with her son, W.L. Hackney, at this place for some time.

**Bell County.** Judge Carlo B. Little and Mr. Jas. B. White, of Manchester were in Frankfort today.

Jackson County. Kirby Knob. Willie Becknell is with relatives here.

Mrs. Cora A. smith passed through here last week on her way to Berea. She stopped at the Parks' Sunday school on her way back, giving a very interesting talk on the lesson.

Miss Ida Hayes went to McKee last week.

John Deane is still in McKee assisting J.T. Engle in his office. Miss Mary Sparks is attending

Miss Mary Sparks is attending the new school at McKee, but gave her folks a pleasant surprise Wednesday by visiting them. She returned to McKee Saturday.

Eliza hurley, an old Berea student, writes a friend here that she expects soon to assist in organizing a Sunday school at Chestnut Flat church.

Two weddings occurred here last week. Goodman Abner to Miss Martha Gabbard, and Andy Leinheart to Miss Stella rose.

W.I. Powell went to Alcorn last week and visited his brother Supt. Allen Powell.

The three-year-old child of Ance Norton died last week and was buried in the cemetery here.

Elisha Hatfield is still improving

Chas. Jones is able to stir out some.

Letcher County. S.S. Cassity of Letcher endorses John C.C. Mayo for Congress via a letter to the editor.

**Owsley County.** Conkling. – The rains have delayed the farmers in their corn planting.

B.P. Ambrose bought a new harros frame last week.

Mrs. Nellie Roberts, who has been visiting friends here, left for her home in Berea Tuesday.

Henderson Sizemore has just purchased a fine watch of N.F. Ambrose.

Tom Smith, the traveling photographer and fruit agent, is in this vicinity. Rev. L.C. Roberts has just returned from Lee county.

Skid Wilson has a fine lot of sheep for sale. He will sell forty for sixty dollars. The O.K. Lumber Co.'s tram

The O.K. Lumber Co.'s tram road is rapidly nearing completion.

Doc Mainous, who has been sick for so long, is again able to be in the field.

Ida Mainous visited friends on Buck Creek last week.

Pike County. Two Deaths of Five Cases. It Is Alleged Yellow Fever Rages in Pike County. Sergent, Ky., May 4. Five cases of what is said to be yellow fever are reported in the vicinity of Long Fork creek, Eastern Pike county, near the Letcher county line. Two deaths have already occurred. Rev. Tandy Johnson, aged 70, died from the disease Monday night. Frank Burk died there Sunday. There are at present three other cases, two in the Johnson family and one in the Burk family. Physicians have pronounced the disease genuine yellow fever, and the people of the whole section are wrought up for fear there will be a general spread. It is said here that a traveling man from New York, who came here from South America, and traversed this county during the latter part of last month, introduced the infection.

#### 5 May 1904.

**Beckham County.** The new county of Beckham has been knocked in the head by the Court of Appeals just as it should have been. *–Clay City Times.* 

The court of Appeals declares the act of creating Beckham county from Lewis, Carter and Elliott counties is unconstitutional and void, in that it violated sections 63 and 64 of the Constitution, which prohibit the reducing of the area of the counties from which a new county is made to less than 400 square iles, their population to less than 12,000, and making the line within ten miles of an old county seat. All the provision shas been violated in the formation of Beckham county, the higher court declares, thus reversing the judgement of the Carter circuit court.

**Breathitt County.** Jackson, Ky. Joe Bruner, the new Chief of Police employed by the City Council, arrived last night from Lexington, and was installed today. Mr. Bruner is a fearless and efficient officer. He held the position of Chief of Police of Clay City for a number of years, and as such made areputation which secured for him the trying position of chief of the police force of this city.

Frankfort, Ky., May 5. On motion of his own attorney Curt Jett had his appeal dismissed in the Court of Appeals today. The appeal was taken from the life sentence given him and Tom Whnite for the assassination of J.B. Marcum. His other appeal from the death sentence given him for the murder of young Cockrell will be argued in the Court of Appeals tomorrow.

He will be brought to the penitentiary at once to begin serving his sentence, and if his death sentence is affirmed by the Court of Appeals he will have to be pardoned for killing Marcum in order to be hanged for killing Cockrell.

Estill County. Irvine. Ouarterly meeting will be held at the Methodist Church the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May by Presiding Elder E.G.B. Mann. Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Williams have

returned from Frankfort where they have been at the bedside of Mrs. Williams' father.

Stone W. Todd has been appointed a Jeffersonian guard at the St. Louis exposition and left to assume the duties of the position Saturday night.

A gasoline street lamp has been on exhibition for several nights and the town trustees are considering the advisability of lighting the town. The lamp is two thousand candle power and appears to give a better light than an arc lamp. Five or six of these would serve sufficiently to light the whole town. The expense of running them is about ten cents a lamp per night, and Mr. W.A. Little, the agent, proposed to put them in for \$33 each. Kimbrell. Bud Winburn, of Iron

Mound, was here last Monday.

J.A. Fox, of Winchester, passed here Tuesday going to Irvine on a business mission.

Elder B.S. Burgher, of Winchester, was here last Monday on his way to Irvine on business

The Sunday school recently orga-

nized at Jackson's chapel will meet every Sunday at 3:30 P.M. Mrs. J.E. Burgher, of clay city, visited her sister, Mfrs. W.G. Patrick, at this place last Monday.

Greenup County. Two men were surprised while in the act of breaking into the safe of First National Bank of Greenup. They escaped.

Laurel County. In the organiza-tion of the eleventh district Republican convention at London Friday's decisive victory was won by the Hunter forces, W.W. Byerly, a strong Hunter man, of Knox county, was elected State Central Committeeman.

Letcher County. Child Wedding. One of the most remarkable weddings ever solemnized occurred recently at Sergent, Ky., near the Virginia line when little Johnny Adams, aged barely fourteen years, a school boy, was married to his cousin and school-mate Drucilla Adams, a child of eleven summers. They had learned to love each other and had made up the match while going to school together.

Sergent, Ky. - Sallie Johnson, 17, daughter of Tandy Johnson, who died Monday night of a strange fever on Long Fork creek, succumbed to the same disease. There are three other cases under treatment, and great excitement prevails. Miss Johnson is the third victim of the malady.

See obituary of Mrs. Jane Kimbrell.

Owsley County. Sturgeon, Ky. George Bowman was in Richmond last week as a government's witness against Chas. Gabbard for violating the revenue laws.

The lawsuit between H.L. Becknell and John T. Bowman was dropped and the result was a compromise and a hearty hand shake and still old friends.

James Peters and Wm. Ball have an up-to-date photograph gallery at the head of Island Creek and are devoting there time exclusively to that business.

The I.O.O.F. Lodge, of Travelers Rest, dedicated their new building Thursday last, and all report a good time.

John D. Creech, James Botner and G.W. Garrett made addresses.

James Isaacs is sole agent for the Riverside Woolen Mills. The quilt-ing and birthday dinner at G.C. Robert's Friday in honor of their son Arch was a most enjoyable affair.

E.C. Mainous has returned from school at London. He will teach the home school the coming season.

Mrs. H.L. Becknell, who has been very low with hemorrhage of the lungs, we are glad to announce, is much improved.

Thomas Gentry, who is clerking for the O.K. Lumber Co., was on Island Creek Sunday.

N.F. Ambrose, formerly of Berea, was at church here Sunday

Pulaski County. Brief Freedom. Somerset, Ky., May 5. J.W. Serber, sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and who escaped jail here two weeks ago, was arrested by Sheriff McFerrin, of Rockcastle county, Tuesday. John Coffey, a Negro who knocked down the turnkey and escaped jail here last week, was arrested in Wayne county Tuesday night.

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Breathitt County. A New Chief of Police. Jackson, Ky. - Joe Brumer, the new chief of police engaged by the city council, arrived Wednesday night from Lexington, and was installed on Thursday. He is a fearless, efficient officer and is expected to prove a terror to the lawbreakers.

Judge Benton refused to vacate the bench at Winchester when an attempt was made to swear him off the bench by the defendants in the \$100,000 damage suit of Mrs. Arbelia Marcum against Hargis Brothers, B.F. French and Sheriff Ed Callahan on account of the murder of J.B. Marcum.

Jackson, Ky. Grading was begun at Cannel City on the new railroad yesterday, running from that point to West Liberty, in Morgan county. The new road will be known as the Cannel City-West Liberty railroad and will connect with the Ohio and Kentucky railroad. The new road is being built for the purpose of further developing the coal fields of Morgan county and is being financed by Mr. C.A. Smith, father of the celebrated W.B. Smith, known as the "boy banker." - C.J.

Satisfied with Life Term. Curtis Jett's Attorney Moves to Dismiss His Appeal. Frankfort, Ky. In the court of appeals Thursday, when the case of Jett and White versus the Commonwealth was called, Judge Hazelrigg, attorney for Curtis Jett, dismissed the appeal as to Jett, and the appeal of White was argued by A.F. Byrd for the state and J.H. Hazelrigg for White. Jett and White were tried, together and both given life sentences for the assassination of James B. Marcum. Later Curt Jett was tried and given a death sentence for the murder of young Cockrell. The appeal from the death sentence will be argued Friday. This move means that Jett is willing to take the life sentenc0e and risk getting a new trial for the murder of Cockrell.

<u>Jackson</u>. Judge John Griffith was one of the Jurors of the United States Court at Richmond.

There was a wreck on the L.&E. Railroad Wednesday, April 27, which delayed the east bound trains quite awhile.

Granville McIntosh, of Quicksand, died last Tuesday of consumption and was buried Wednesday in Masonic honors by the Lodge here.

Walker Cole and Miss Jenny Belle Back were married at the bride's mother's last Thursday.

E.C. Jones, nurseryman, left here last week to sell trees.

Farmers are very busy now preparing to pitch their crops for this season.

Several delegates from this county are attending the Republican convention at Louisville.

Floyd County. Miss Anna Gearheart, from Beaver, was brought to Catlettsburg Saturday by her husband, from the Lexington Insane Asylum, as cured; but after arrival she became violent again, and almost unmanageable, necessitating her return to the asylum.

Prestonsburg. - Since our last correspondence there have been several changes of residence and another prominent citizen added to our town.

Mr. J.P. Harris, the new citizen, has purchased the property where D.O. Harman has resided for several years, and Mr. Harman has purchased the adjoining property belonging to Henry Fitzpatrick and the Spradlin heirs for the sum of \$1,105. Mr. Harman is diligently employed in repairing and improving his new residence. Mr. Fitzpatrick has moved to his property on Burgess street.

[J. Polk Harris has sold his farm at the mouth of Cow creek and is moving to Prestonsburg.]

Prof. A.E. Wickezer, a member of the faculty of the E.K.N. and Prestonsburg college disconnected himself with the school and recently left, together with his wife for Valparaiso, where it is supposed he will assume a higher position in education affairs. During his connection with the Prestonsburg College, he made it very manifest that he was an excellent teacher, possessing those qualities which are so essential to every successful teacher. He made many warm friends and every one was sorry of his departure. His wife was successful and enthusiastic teacher in elocution.

Jack May, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is now, we are glad to report, rapidly convalescing, and it is hoped that he will soon be able to get out again. Mr. May is our County Attorney, and he is commended for his work, as he never neglects his duty pertaining to his respective office. I don't think there will be any one to condemn his administration except those who are engaged in the liquor traffic who are so rigidly oppressed by his scrupulous performance of his duty

During the April term of court there were three murder cases tried. Melvin Hall sentenced to the penitentiary for two years. McCurry and Milt Butler, the other two were acquitted.

A Negro laborer on the C.&O.

R.R. line opposite Prestonsburg accidentally lost his life a few days ago by a very trivial circumstance. In his efforts to move some rocks with his pick his hold slipped and he fell back-wards with such force that the shock killed him instantly. - Dodger.

R.A. Stone, of Prestonsburg, was in Louisa last week.

Mrs. Nell May, of Tazewell, Va., passed through Louisa Friday enroute to Prestonsburg to visit her parents, Mr. And Mrs. Green Davidson.

Mrs. May, widow of the late Col. A.J. May, of Tazewell, Va., was here with her bright little baby on their way to Prestonsburg, for a visit to relatives. Virginia wrests the laurels from "Old Kentuck," for this young hopeful was born and christened a "Colonel." Our youngest titled are generally at least eighteen years of age. - Ashland Independent.

Floyd County Circuit court made quite an impression on the sordid minds of habitual low breakers.

Jackson County. Laura, Ky. Wilburn Fox visited relatives here last week.

Thomas Lakes lost some fifty panels of fence recently by a forest fire.

A Masonic Lodge meeting was held at Blanton Flat schoolhouse on Saturday last.

S.H. Fox has returned from Estill county where he went on business some days ago. -Burnsides. ME:04:05:06:02:03:t;

<u>Nathanton</u>, Ky. – Preaching at Union Church last Sunday. Dot Purson lost a fine milk-cow

recently.

Many persons in this community are suffering from lagrippe.

Floyd Flannery has accepted a position as clerk with R.E. Evans.

Mrs. Levi Hoskins who has been ill for some time is much better now.

Mrs. J.R. Hoskins has recently made a walk from her dwelling to her gate.

The weather has been very cold and the probabilities are that all the fruit has been killed.

John Mason, better known as "Uncle John," will run the next race for County Assessor.

Several persons were baptized last Sunday at Walnut Grove; among them was Miss Lucy Holcomb.

The farmers are busy plowing and their wives are engaged in making soap, raising chickens and gardening.

J.C. Hoskins had a narrow escape the other day. While driving a loaded wagon down hill, he fell on the tongue of the wagon.

Miss Nellie Brandenburg, who has been attending school at London, stopped by to visit Mrs. Carrie Hoskins on her way home to Owsley county. - Dade.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Moore are both away this week. Mr. Moore is at McKee attending the Jackson Circuit Court, and Mrs. Moore is spend-

ing the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Azbill, of Kingston. Johnson County. Mayo Buys a Plantation. *The Huntington Herald* says: John C.C. Mayo, of Paintsville, here just alread a deal with LH has just closed a deal with J.H. Caldwell, of Titusville, Pa., whereby he becomes the owner of the famous Varina plantation, situated on the James River, 12 miles below Rich-

mond, Va. The plantation contains 1,300 acres and is classed among the best in the State of Virginia, in productiveness, beautiful scenery, as well as its historic references from the first settlement of Virginia to the present day. The Indian chief present day. The Indian chief Powhatan, gave the plateau, Varina, to his favorite daughter, Pocahontas, to whom John Rolfe was married, and thus Varina is a charmed domain to the antiquary as well as the romance lover. Besides a large colonial brick mansion there are a number of farm houses. It is said that Mr. Mayo paid \$100,000 for the property.

George Gillum was arrested at his home early Wedensday morning by Town Marshal Price and Deputy Columbus, on the charge of robbing the East Point Post Office about six months ago. Gillum's arrest was brought about by the confession of George Pennington who is on trial at Pikeville for robberies in that county. Pennington says that he, Gillum, and Dennis Smith of Red Bush sections, committed the robbery. Officers are now after Smith and he will be apprehended in a short time. Gillum cannot have his examining trial until after Pennington's trial at Pikeville. Postmaster Moles went to Pikeville and secured Pennington's confession and Gillum's arrest quickly followed. Gillum was arrested in Morgan county. - Paintsville Herald.

Warren M. Meek, editor of The Herald, has been appointed Judge of the Paintsville Police Court to succeed the late Judge M.F. Howes.

Hon. G.W. Castle, of Washington, was in Louisa this week on his way to Johnson county to look after some land interests of John G. Carlisle. Mr. Castle has decided to return to Louisa and resume the practice of law. He will come about July 1<sup>st</sup>, as that is the time at which he will get possession of his residence here. Mr. Castle formerly enjoyed a good practice and will doubtless do so in the future.

The following 'grapevine telegram' was received by the enterprising correspondent at Owingsville and sent broadcast over the country. He has direct connection with all remote points. Wireless telegraphy is slow, compared to this system; "At Flat Gap, Johnson county, the boiler of a steam drill belonging to Wm. Caudill exploded. W.M. Woodward and Chas. Prichard, operators of the drill, were blown some distance and fa-tally injured."

Knott County. The Democratic Executive Committee of the Thirtyfirst Judicial district met at Prestonsburg and issued a call for a primary election to be held August 20 to select candidates for Judge and Commonwealth's Attorney. At this time there are three candidates for Judge, William Baker, of Knott county; James Goble, of Floyd county, and D.D. Sublett, of Magoffin county.

Assessment of East Ky. Counties. The State Board of Equalization has accepted the local assessment in the counties of Letcher, Leslie, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Lawrence, Perry, Knott, Johnson, Floyd, Elliott, Breathitt and Boyd. Pike was raised fifteen percent on farmland.

Knox County. Killed in a Wreck. The body of Jeane Coone, of Flat Lick, who was killed in a train wreck in California, reached home Saturday and was buried Sunday. Mr. Coone was only seventeen years old. He left home to join the army and was on his way to the Philippines when the accident occurred. Three other young men from this county were in the wreck, but were not injured. Mr. Coone's father is one of the leading merchants in Flat Lick.

Frank Riley removed from Laurel Bent to Corbin last week.

Miss Armilda Smith of Knox County was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lillie Felts of Laurel Bent, Sunday and Morning.

Leslie County. John Woodward is at Manchester this week engaged in the construction of the new Hyden telephone line.

Letcher County. Regained His Eyesight. Mayking, Ky. - John Scott, 40, who has been totally blind for 20 years, suddenly received his sight Wednesday at Burns, east of here. When it was announced to Scott that a neighbor's house was on fire he became greatly excited and his eyesight returned.

Whitesburg. - The farmers are hustling to get their crops in.

The voice of the plowboy can be heard from every hillside.

Lafayette Banks, the local newspaper correspondent of Dongola, has gone West to seek his fortune -Horace Greeley-like.

Archie Jenkins, newspaper correpondent of Ola, was in town last Thursday on business.

Stephen Jenkins, a prominent young man, the professional "courter" and all around good fellow, of Ola, was in town Sunday, registered at the "Catskins Hotel."

One more new firm will soon start up in this town, under the firm name of Craft & Hogg.

J.I. Polly arrived Saturday from Norton, Va., with a wagonload of goods for Webb & Webb.

J.D. Fugate, the noted carpenter of this place, is on an extended visit to Ola.

Misses Minnie Williams and Phoeba Caudill visited Misses Jane and Sallie Collins on Colly creek, Sunday.

Mrs. James J. Webb has been very ill for the past few weeks, is now on the road to improvement.

Mrs. Sallie Sturdivant, of Johnson City, above here, is very low with consumption. There is no hope for her recovery.

W.W. Jenkins, of Cowan Branch, was at the bank Thursday on busi-ness. - *George W*. <u>Ola, Ky</u>. We are having some nice

growing weather.

Silar Adams and Charley Haynes passed through Ola this morning for the burg on business.

Joe Jenkins has the measles and is suffering bad.

Lich Collins was here the first of the week on business.

Bill Kincer has returned from Norton and is now hauling goods for Webb & Webb.

Arch Jenkins is very poorly this

week, but not serious. L. Collins was very badly hurt last Thursday by a wagon running over his head and is suffering very much. B.M. Bates & Sons are recruiting

their store on Camp Branch. Arch C. Adams the County Superintendent was here the latter part of the week.

Willie and Robt. Bates left for Glamorgan Monday.

Bennie Caudill, clerk for Lewis Bros. Visited home folks Sunday.

They are having a new post office built in the city. It is needed.

Willie Banks, the Ola, mail carrier, was in Tuesday.

Chas. Haynes will soon be a resident of Thornton.

Again we have turned our eyes toward the beautiful spring gardening that is going on in full blast. All of the farmers are hustling to make their production. Noah Holbrook passed through here Thursday for the berg. - *Peoka*.

The *Pikeville Independent* very pointedly says: "The correspondent of the Pennsylvania Grit, Cincinnati Post, and several other sensational papers in the east and west, and who sends his stuff from Mayking, Letcher county, is not a 'furriner' as is generally supposed, but is a native of these mountains. His name is Webb and he is a disgrace to his state and the profession. He is invariably wrong in his statements and the truth is not in him. For years he has slandered his neighbors and even his own people by publishing untruthful and highly colored accounts of murders, feuds and assassinations. His latest effort is a three-column lie about the Pound Gap and its vicinity, published in the Grit April 24. To him rather than to any other man is due the undeserved evil reputation possessed by our region. It is time his neighbors had a heart to heart talk with the man who delights to call the murderers assassins and ku klux."

**Magoffin County.** Wallace Bailey, who had been attending medical school at St. Louis, came home on a visit to his parents. He was taken sick about the middle of the week, and was quite bad off. Having some symptoms of smallpox, the Board of Health took the matter in hand, and established a rigid quarantine. – *Salyersville News*.

Sola Jackson, daughter of Matt Patrick, died at her home near Salyersville of consumption. She was 24 years old, and had been sick a long time.

Dury M. Arnett, aged 27, died of paralysis at the home of his father H.G. Arnett, at Hendricks, this county, on Sunday morning last. He had been sick a long time, and for nearly a year past had been confined to his bed. - Salyersville News.

The Presbyterian College is a sure thing for West Liberty, as the required amount has been made up and the site has been bought. The church asked for \$4,250 and the site, which has been secured. Work will begin about May 1. It will be a large modern brick building.

**Pike County.** *Pikeville Times.* Mrs. Nannie Burchett of Louisa is visiting in Pikeville. Mrs. Burchett is a niece of T.F. Ratcliff our genial druggist.

Of the five who broke out of jail two weeks ago last night four have been captured; three of them are again taking their meals at the Hotel de Bales, the fourth George Hackney is in custody at Welch, W.Va., and he will be brought here in the next two or three days. Richard Clay is the only one now at large, and he will not have many days more of freedom.

Rudolph Sword who killed Bradford is still in a precarious condition and it is not likely he will recover.

Sheriff Will M. Smith is very much improved, and his chances for speedy recovery are now of the best. The doctors now have all faith in his getting well.

James Ratcliff of Cincinnati is visiting in town this week. He is a Pike County boy and has lots of friends here who are glad to see him.

T.L. Cabell, Chief Engineer of construction, and M.O. Hankins, Davison Engineer of the C.&O. were in Pikeville today and told the Times man that the road would be completed to Pikeville this fall; that the work is progressing satisfactorily all along the line and there now is nothing in the way to hinder the work.

Gulnare. Orrison Scott, one of our worthy young men, met with a serious accident at Cline. M.B. Collinsworth, a brother-in-law, was notified and went at once to his assistance.

Little Walker, a son of C.C. Cline, who has been very sick is thought to be some better.

Paul Layland made a clean sweep of his square timber from this point and it is reported that W.E. McCoy is doing nicely with square timber to Brushy Creek.

T.J. Roop arrived today from Williamson and brought with him Aunt Marg Thompson, who has been at Williamson having her eyes treated.

Thomas Scott, one of our hustling merchants, has gone to Catlettsburg, on business. Little Rock.

*Pikeville Independent*. James Scott was called to the city of Frankfort on Tuesday by a telegram announcing the serious condition of his sister, Mrs. Landon Lawson. Mrs. Lawson has been in a decline for a number of months as the result of an attack of appendicitis. It is now learned that she will not recover. She is the daughter of J.M. Scott, one of our leading citizens, and the wife of Landon Lawson, former representative of Pike county in the legislature. – *Pikeville Independent*.

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Isaac and Henry Jenkins, convicts 'doing time' at Frankfort, have been taken to Pikeville to testify against George Pennington for post office robbery.

A great deal of timber passed down Big Sandy during the last seven or eight days. The rise did not reach the headwaters of the river, and only a few of the creeks sent out the timber that has been awaiting water. Several steamboats reached Pikeville. The water was worth thousands of dollars to the valley.

Mr. R.C. Biggs was in Pikeville last week.

Mrs. Robert Burchett returned to Louisa Sunday from a visit in Pikeville.

Mrs. James Sowards, of Pikeville, was in Louisa Monday to see Mrs. H.A. Scholze.

See Obituary of Gertrude Tackett. A Strange Fever. Sergent, Ky. -Sallie Johnson, 17, daughter of Tandy Johnson, who died Monday night of a strange fever on Long Fork creek, succumbed to the same disease. There are three other cases under treatment, and great excitement prevails. Miss Johnson is the third victim of the malady.

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Mr. O.C. Kenney returned to Frankfort Wednesday from the mountains where he purchased a full supply of logs for the big saw-mills of Kenney Brothers.

**Owsley County.** Conkling. The corn planter with its musical note resounds from every hill and valley this week.

N.F. Ambrose finished planting corn the fifth of May.

G.W. Garrett returned Tuesday from Berea, where he attended the Conference of the County Superintendents.

David Deaton and Wm. Sizemore caught some fine fish Wednesday night.

Isaac Hacker has returned home. He expects to teach this year.

Mary Ray will teach on Wolf Creek this fall.

Jesse Wilson has bought a fine pair of "match" mules.

N.F. Ambrose shot a fine sea gull this week, after other marksmen failed. It was a beautiful bird and the first ever killed here.

Ellen McQueen visited Anglin Saturday.

John Stacy is visiting his mother this week.

H.H. Legg has given his house a new coat of paint.

Three hundred dollars have been subscribed for the building of a new Union Church house on White Oak. Everybody is invited to donate something, and Sam Clark, of Major, will receive the donations as treasurer.

Sunday School was organized at White Oak school house last Sunday. <u>Gabbard.</u> Circuit Court beings at

Booneville Monday. The farmers are very busy planting

corn. James Gabbard spent Saturday and

Sunday with friends on Cow Creek. Tom Minter was at Booneville Sunday. Miss Lucy Reynolds, of Eversole, paid her sister, Mrs. Emma Cole, a short visit Saturday.

Some of the farmers here have burned off their new ground.

Rev. McDonald, of Beattyville, was the guest of R.W. Minter Monday.

James B. Bolin had a log rolling last Saturday.

Prof. John Goff, of Indian Fields, Ky., was here last week calling on the merchants. He is a drummer for a flour house.

Dr. Kash has had a paling fence put around his house.

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**Carter County.** Olive Hill, Ky. – Joe Caudle was killed in the coalmines at Kilgore by falling slate. He had the distinction of being a grandfather at the age of 38.

#### 9 May 1904

Jackson County. Sand Gap. Farmers are busy planting corn. Bark peeling is about over.

Circuit Court closed at McKee on Saturday. The Grand Jury returned 32 indictments. The case of the Commonwealth against Hiram Deas for killing Peters resulted in a sentence of 21 years in State's Prison for Deas.

Brother Nimrod Smith, of Rockcastle county, will preach at Seaborn's Saturday and Sunday.

Jacob Hellard and John Brockman went to Berea last Wednesday to see the doctor. Mr. Hellard had not been away from home for about 18 months.

J.R. Morris and wife are visiting his brother, D.B. Morris, at McKee.

Palestine Hoskins, who was severely injured by a limb falling on him while cutting some timber is out at his work again now.

Hellard was surveying for the Widow Sparks last week.

<u>McKee.</u> Senator W.H. Clark, Dr. W.T. Amyx and D.G. Collier attended the District Convention at London last week. The County Republican Committee was reorganized and they met at McKee April 23 and proceeded to elect Senator W.H. Clark County Chairman for the next four years.

Circuit Court has been in session the last week: among the visiting attorneys were H.C. Hazelwood from Richmond, Ed Hogg, of Booneville, Geo. C. Moore, of London, and Will Rollins, of Manchester.

Lewis Sandlin, of Fayette county, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Farmer, of this place.

The Day School and Kindergarten are progressing nicely.

There were two sentenced to the State Prison this term of Court. One for 10 year as and the other for 21 years. Both were for murder.

**Rockcastle County.** Attorney C.C. Williams, of Mt. Vernon, was here Tuesday to see Mrs. Shockley in regard to her injury by the train several weeks ago.

Rev. J.F. Phelps was here on business this week.

U.S. Berry is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. T.D. Hurst is visiting her son, Dr. A.L. Hurst, at Kingston.

Measles, after calling on all who had no receipt, has left Conway, and is making acquaintance with many in the surrounding county.

George T. Johnson, of Wildie, was at Conway Sunday.

Farmers are taking every advantage of the fine weather, and corn planting is the order of the day.

Prof. D.C. Pullins went to Brush Creek this week on business connected with his patent bee hive. He is now kept very busy. Mrs. D.N. Martin is visiting friends

Mrs. D.N. Martin is visiting friends at Richmond.

Sunday school here at 3 o'clock p.m. every Sunday. All should attend. Parents should remember that more good can be accomplished by attending Sunday school and encouraging the good work, than by remaining at home or collection on the railroad, gossiping and whittling.

Chemists from Lexington are here analyzing the water. We hope that the new hotel and famous watering resort is soon to be really a go. Cz:04:05:12:08:01;t;

<u>Rockford.</u> There was preaching at Scaffold Cane Saturday and Sunday. Born to the wife of I.L. Martin on

the 3<sup>rd</sup>, a fine girl. Miss Vergie Martin visited May

Todd Saturday and Sunday. Farmers are very busy here plant-

ing corn. T.C. Viars and daughter, Beulah, went to Berea Saturday.

Miss Stella Gadd was at Rockford Saturday on business.

Mrs. Šusan Holman, who has been sick, is some better.

Mrs. Matilda Jones' little baby died last week of measles and fever.

Dr. Reed has moved to the little farm he bought of Isaac Martin.

Little Rubie Abney is with his sister, Mrs. Stephens, this week. Cz:04:05:12:08:01;t;

<u>Boone.</u> Farmers are ready to plant corn.

Messrs. J.B. Coyle and J.H. Lambert were Berea visitors Saturday. Rev. J.W. Lambert and G.L. Wren

went to Estill county last week. There will be preaching at Fairview

Church next Saturday and Sunday. A.D. Knuckels, who has been in

the State prison for some time, has returned home.

Mrs. Tom Young and children left for Illinois last week, where she will join her husband.

#### 10 May 1904

**Breathitt County.** Jackson's New Chief of Police. Joe Bruner, formerly a member of the Winchester police force, is now Chief of Police of Jackson. Chief Bruner is alert and fearless and will keep things straight at Jackson.

Jackson County. Kirby Knob, Ky.–The party that visited caves and friends here Saturday was composed of Misses Loer, Flanery and Click, and Messrs. Hinman, Percy, Leahy and Flanery.

Miss Eliza Hurley was at Sunday school here Sunday.

Grandma Gayheart was able to go to hear Rev. Griffith at Oak Grove Sunday.

Isaac Sparks came home from Wildie a week ago.

Miss Fannie Hatfield came home from Berea and stayed over Sunday.

Laura Hatfield has returned to Berea to school, taking her sister Nannie with her for a visit this week. Little Fred Powell is very low with

pneumonia fever. Willie Brock was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years for the

penitentiary for ten years for the shooting of Tom Isaacs last spring. Paulina Neeley and Henry Isaacs

were married last week at the home of Wilson Isaac. Morgan County. A Drummer

**Morgan County.** A Drummer Town. West Liberty has one drummer for every thirty inhabitants, and the *Morgan County News* calls it "The Traveling Man's Home."

The Caney and West Liberty railroad was this week incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000. It is proposed to build a road from Caney, the present terminus of the O.&K. road to West Liberty, a distance of about ten miles. It will open up some of the finest coal deposits in the world.

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**Big Stone Gap, Va. -** The mystery of the disappearance of E.L. Wentz, of Philadelphia, which occurred last October has been solved by the finding of his body near Big Stone Gap, Virginia, a few days ago. [See previous articles in A Century Ago. – D.R.S.]

**Bath County.** Mrs. Thos. McClain of Stoops, attended the funeral of her father, Alfred Wills, near Olympia Spring the 1<sup>st</sup> instant.

Circuit Court convened Monday and County Court was in session. The attendance was not as large as usual.

The grand jury was instructed and officers' reports made. Court then adjourned for the day.

L.E. Mann, of Rowan, Democratic candidate for Congress, is here for a few days, and is much pleased with his prospects.

The primary will be held June 25. There are 13 counties in the district. He and Congressman Kehoe are the only candidates. The Committee assess each \$1,750 to defray expenses of election.

There were about 200 cattle on the market, and buying was slow; few horses were on sale.

For profanity and boisterous conduct Newton Carpenter was conspicuous. He was the center of attraction, was making a regular stump speech– A Fourth of July pyrotechnic, and defying arrest. Suddenly W.F. Mark, Chief of Police, came to the rescue of the public, and with the assistance of some one hustled him to the Court House. Carpenter was not so brave and anxious to fight as he pretended to be.

**Beckham County.** Invalid. The Court of Appeals Decides. The Act Creating Beckham County Violated the Constitution. The legislative act creating the county of Beckham was declared by the Court of Appeals to be unconstitutional and void in that it violates Sections 63 and 64 of the instrument, which sections prohibit the reducing of the area of the counties from which a new county is made to less than four hundred square miles, their population to less than 12,000 and the line within ten miles of an old county seat.

The lower court practically admitted all the allegations of the petition as to the territory involved, but took the ground that the judicial department of the State Government could not go behind the bill creating the new county proposed and inquire into the facts upon which the General Assembly acted. The court, in passing upon that question, says that the provisions of the Constitution are as binding upon the General Assembly as upon an individual, and as mandatory, and that it is proper for the courts to inquire into findings by the Legislature, and it has authority to ascertain whether the provisions of the Constitution as to area, population and location of lines are followed by the General Assembly in the formation of a new county

The court must have judicial knowledge of the counties of the State and their boundaries, as fixed by the Statutes, of the public surveys made by the State and published by its author-These are matters of common ity. knowledge within the State, and if the court does not remember the facts it will resort to the books to refresh its memory. In this way we know approximately the area of the counties of the State, and know that Carter county had by the geological survey an area of 544 square miles, Elliott county 270, Lewis county 450; total 1,264, as given in the official report of the Bureau of Agriculture, so that Carter county can properly contribute only 144 square miles to the formation of a new county, Elliott nothing, and Lewis only fifty square miles. We must therefore, take judicial notice that only 194 square miles can on this basis be out from these counties without infringing the mandate of the Constitution. We know that since the geological survey was made of Carter county part of it has been cut off to other counties. The State Board of Equalization reports show that the land assessed for taxation in the three counties referred to is as follows: Carter, 219,686 acres; Elliott, 141,982, and Lewis, 309,503. It thus appears that Carter county is now, in fact, not as large as Lewis, and contains less than 400 square miles. As shown by these figures, the actual area of both Carter and Elliott must be less than 400 square miles, and we must, therefore, presume that no part of the territory of either of these counties can be cut off to form a new county without a violation of the Constitution.

By the terms of the Constitution the following conditions must be complied with before a new county may be formed. No county from which any part of the territory is taken must be reduced to less than 400 square miles: the new county must be of not less than 400 square miles; the boundary line of the new county must not pass within less than ten miles of the county seat of any county from which a portion of its territory is taken; no county from which any part of its territory is taken shall be reduced to less than 12,000 inhabitants, the new county must contain not less than 12,000 inhabitants. If any of these conditions are wanting the ace is in violation of the Constitution and void. The Circuit Court erred in refusing to allow the petition of Carter county to be filed. He also erred in sustaining the demurrer to plaintiff's petition. Judgment reversed and cause remanded for further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion.

Beckham County. "Although the impression has been made from the decision of the Court of Appeals, that the formation of Beckham County is null and void, yet the public will find that Beckham County is a lively corpse. The friends of the new county claim that the requirements of the constitution as to area, distance and population exist as facts and that when the matter comes before the Carter Circuit Court, to which the Court of Appeals remanded it, these facts can be shown to exist. An amount of money sufficient to defray the necessary expense of investigation will be readily furnished." - Olive Hill.

**Breathitt County**. The \$100,000 damage suit of Mrs. Arabella Marcum against Judge Jame and Senator Alex Hargis and Sheriff Ed. Callahan, for the assassination of her husband, has been set for May 16<sup>th</sup> in Jackson. Sad Accident. One of the most

pathetic accidents that ever took place in that neighborhood occurred near Crockettsville, in this county. The wife of Richard Combs, had gone into the field to clear ground for planting corn, and taken her babe, only 8 months old. She had set fire to corn stalks when a high wind caused the adjacent woodland to take fire, and thus threatened fencing of the neighborhood. Mrs. Combs ran to where the fire had caught. Returning to her baby, she was horrified to find that sparks had fired the bed in the box in which the infant lay, that the box and bed were burned to ashes and only a nearly cremated corpse was all that remained.

The above is from the *Jackson Hustler* and is vouched for by Col. T.M. Morrow, the editor.

**Carter County.** Olive Hill, Ky. – The Harbison-Walker Fire Brick Co. will begin next week to enlarge their plant, duplicating it. This is already one of the prominent enterprises in the business. On March 25, 1901, the Olive Hill Bank was organized. W.J. Rice has been its cashier from the beginning. The bank has been a success. Today it will be converted into a National Bank with capital stock increased to \$25,000. The stock will be subscribed for by about 60 persons, mostly from this county. Mr. Claude Wilson, a young man from Louisville, the largest stock-holder, will be elected cashier, the president will be either Senator W.B. Whitt, or W.J. Rice. In keeping with the ear of development and progress, this bank will assume larger proportions in monetary affairs in this section. It begins operation June 1 or soon after.

There is considerable building in progress. W.R. Moreland has contracts for five residences and business houses.

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Fleming County. M.C. Saunders & Co., of Fleming county, have sold their purchases of tobacco, amounting to 260,000 lbs. 150,000 pounds to Sid Collins for nine cents and 110,000 pounds to the Continental for sixteen cents. Netting a profit of near \$15,000 on the deal.

**Greenup County.** Drugged and Robbed. The home of Mrs. Bertha Dillon at Springville, was entered by burglars and robbed of \$30 in cash, two gold watches and several other articles of value. Mrs. Dillon and the male boarder were drugged.

Jackson County. Given Twentyone Years. McKee, Ky. – Herman Dees was convicted of the murder of Henry Peters, a schoolteacher, August 4, 1902, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for 21 years.

Laurel County. Fell from Third Story. London, Ky. – Paul Duncan, Lexington Asylum guard here for trial in the federal court in the McKenna and Ryan election case, while walking in his sleep, fell from a third story window of the Catching Hotel. He is yet alive, but cannot recover.

Morgan County. Incorporation articles were also filed by the Caney and West Liberty Railroad Company of Morgan county, with \$50,000 capital stock. The incorporators are W.M. Reed, A.G. Owsley, C.M. Martin, W.B. Smith and W.B. Kennedy, all of Paducah. The railroad to be constructed by the company will begin at the town of Cannel City, in the county of Morgan, and, running wholly within the county, extend through the town of Caney to West Liberty, the county seat, where it will connect with the Morehead and West Liberty Railroad Company, a distance of eight miles.

**Pulaski County.** Switchman Killed. Somerset, Ky. – John Paul Davis, while switching in the C.N.O.&T.P. yards here Monday night at a late hour, was run over and ground to pieces by the yard engine.

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Bell County. C.W. Metcalfe, of Pineville, was in London, Tuesday. R.C. Ford, of Middlesboro, was in

London last Monday.

Mr. W.T. Harmon and wife (nee Miss Pitman) of Straight creek, Bell county, have been visiting relatives and friends in London for the past few days.

**Breathitt County.** Will Serve His Life Sentence. The appeal for a new trial for Curtis Jett, now under a life sentence for the murder of J.B. Marcum has been dismissed at this request, and he will at once begin his life term in the penitentiary. Jett, who is also sentenced to hang for the murder of Tom Cockrill, cannot now be executed unless he is pardoned of the first sentence, which he is not asking for.

Another Account. The appeal from the Harrison Circuit Court sentencing Curtis Jett to life imprisonment for the murder of James B. Marcum was dismissed before the Court of Appeals and the prisoner will be taken to the penitentiary. HE will now have to be pardoned before he can be execute for the murder of Cockrell.

**Clay County.** Manchester, Ky. – Mrs. S.H. Kash and daughter will leave Sunday for two weeks visit to friends and relatives in Central Kentucky.

W.H. Treadway has returned home from Valley View and other points where he sold a great number of logs at a fancy price. Mrs. R.A. Jackson, of Clinton, Ky.,

Mrs. R.A. Jackson, of Clinton, Ky., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S.H. Kash, will return home Sunday, after a most pleasant visit. James H. White, our prosperous

James H. White, our prosperous young banker, has retruned from the races at Louisville, where he tried to name the winner a few times.

Clay Circuit Court begins in two weeks with a heavy civil docket, and for the first time in many years there is not a murder case now on the docket, which is the result of having the liquor traffic suppressed in the whole county. There not a saloon in the whole county and only occasionally does anyone attempt to be sell intoxicants. Fred S. Horton and family who have... [illegible] Mr. Horton was the founder and proprietor of the *Mountain Sentinel*, the first paper ever published in this county, which in the future will be run by our two young and able attorneys, Messrs. H.F. Farmer, and T.H. Webb.–*Yours Truly*.

<u>Woollum</u>, Ky. – Farmers are finishing planting corn.

Spring has again made its welcome appearance.

G.J. Jarvis was in Barbourville Saturday on business.

Preaching was attended at Antioch Sunday by a large crowd.

J.H. Jarvis was in Barbourville Saturday buying a new wagon.

Shep White and John Gilbert visited Joseph and Andrew Jarvis Sunday.

Bark-peeling has been the chief industry of Woollum for the last few days.

J.H. Jarvis and John L. Cottongim have peeled over two hundred cord of tanbark.

Perry Stewart, one of Uncle Sam's boys, has been out home on a furlough. He returned Sunday to join his Company, which is stationed at Ft. Thomas, Ky.

Fever has been making dreadful havoc in our vicinity of late. Elisha Abner, Jr., died last Monday of typhoid and Mrs. Lizzie Brock died Wednesday of the same disease. *Slim Jim*.

T.J. Benge, of Lexington, is visiting friends and relatives in Laurel and Clay counties.

Estill County. The Estill Oil Fields. A special from Irvine says: With the advent of spring, the oil industry in Estill county has taken on new life and considerable work and development in the oil fields of this county is under way. The Estill County Oil and Gas Company heads the list with forty-three producing wells. The Standard Oil Company has seven producing wells and the Appalachian Oil and Gas Company is drilling a deep hole on White Oak. The Estill County Oil and Gas Company was organized about a year ago by Frankfort, Lexington, and Irvine people and the company began pumping its first well on April 9, 1903 and the manager advises that there is no material weakening of any of the wells that have been producing for a year. The wells are shallow and the cost of operating is small and the oil men claim it is one of the best paying fields in the State. The oil is classed as Somerset oil being the highest priced oil in Kentucky. For the past year the Standard Oil Company has purchased all of the production and shipped it out by rail to Somerset where it put in the pipeline and taken to Parkersburg, W.Va. However, at an early date the Standard will erect a branch pipeline of some thirty miles connecting with their main line and the oil will be transported by line all the way to Parkersburg where it is refined. This branch line will in all likelihood go through the Wolfe county oil fields. Last week the Estill County Company declared a monthly dividend of 2 per cent, and they say when they are able to ship their oil through a pipe line they will earn 4 per cent, a month, the difference being made in the saving of freight. The company has just let a contract for twenty new wells.

<u>Irvine</u>. Joseph Johnson, who was injured by the lightning striking his residence, is said to be recovering.

The Ohio Valley Tie Co. has conveyed about sixty thousand ties to Valley View on the recent tide.

Work has been resumed on the Williams building and it will be ready for occupancy in July. Roger L. Neff, of Lexington, is

Roger L. Neff, of Lexington, is here this week making preparations to begin surveying the oil pipe line.

The plant of the cooperage company has resumed operations after being shut down several days to put in a new boiler and make other repairs.

A difficulty occurred between Hooker Childres and Johnson Sample near the terminus of the K.N. railroad, this county, Sunday afternoon in which Sample was seriously wounded, a load of shot from Childres' gun striking him in the face. The left eye is completely destroyed and the right eye is badly injured. He was taken to Lexington Monday for treatment. The trouble came up over a pass way to a spring. – *Irvine Herald*.