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## ANOTHER TOBACCO POOL RECOMMENDED BY BURLEY SOCIETY

### TEN YEAR LAND POOLING CONTRACT AND MANUFACTURING CONCERN DISCUSSED

An important meeting of the District Board of the Burley Tobacco Society was held in Lexington Wednesday. Probably the most important matter before the board was the question of attempting to again pool the Burley tobacco crop under the management of the Burley Tobacco Society.

The one year pooling contract was considered by many as not satisfactory.

A ten-year pooling contract, under which the land would be pooled instead of the tobacco, met with much favor. We believe the first to suggest such a plan was Rev. W. A. Penn, of this city, his suggestions having been given in detail in these columns a year or more ago. The plan is to have the farm pooled by the owners, the contract providing for placing all tobacco raised on the pooled farms into the pool, and further providing that if the land should be sold that the deed should make the transfer subject to the pooling agreement.

The officers ot the Society gave detailed reports as to the condition of the society and the Burley Tobacco Company.

Detailed tables of disbursements were given, and will be published later.

Plans for the future that contemplated the continuation of the Burley Tobacco Company as a manufacturing concern were also discussed.

WILL ATTEMPT ANOTHER POOL

The District Board adopted the recommendation of the Executive Committee printed below and would at once begin arrangements for forming the pool and [illegible] fully noted in the official report below.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The discussion of plans for the future raised the question of perpetuating the Burley Tobacco Co. as a manufacturing company or for other business as may seem to the best interests of the growers. The question was met by the reading of the following recommendation of the Executive Committee.

"We recommend to the District Board that the tobacco be pooled on a ten-year contract by pooling the farms, with the understanding that the tenants can pool their one-half or they can divide the crop and do as they please with their one-half, with the further understanding that the landlords take one half of their one-half interest, or one fourth of the entire crop in stock in the Burley Tobacco Company, or some other company to be organized for the purpose of manufacturing or handling of tobacco or doing any other kind of business that may prove to be for the best interests of the growers. The pool is to be declared on from the time the second signature goes on the paper.

"At least one fourth of the entire crop grown on pooled farms is to be manufactured, and the remainder of the past pooled also if it can be done to advantage. If not, to be sold by the Burley Tobacco Society in any way they think best, either privately or on the hogshead markets or on the loose leaf markets. Then, should the tenant desire to pool his one-half interest and not care to take any stock in the Burley Tobacco Company or the company to be organized, he should not be forced to do so, and in that event he would receive his 50 per cent of the net proceeds of the entire crop or two-thirds of the net proceeds of the 75 per cent of the pooled tobacco.

SAVE THE SOCIETY

"We further recommend that the Burley Tobacco Company be continued, and that it will be for the best interests of the company, and in our judgment, profitable to the stockholders to invest the net earnings when the tobacco is all closed out, that is, the old pooled tobacco, in an insurance company, one half of which should be preferred stock and the other half surplus, and thereby not only save the poolers and stockholders an immense profit now going to other insurance companies, but also be in a position to insure any property which the stockholders may have in the way of residences, barns, merchandise, as well as any other property inside the border of the State of Kentucky.

"Then the remainder of the real capital of the Burley Tobacco Company could be used to protect the best interests of the Burley Tobacco growers in the way of handling not only pooled tobacco but unpooled, and they could establish sales warehouses, more redriers and up-to-date storage houses.

"We further recommend that if this plan should meet with the approval of the District Board, that it be referred to our attorneys for their approval.

"We further recommend that the pool may be declared off at any time by a two-thirds vote of the original signers or their heirs."

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The reading of this communication pereipitated active discussion. It was made clear that a man holding stock in the Burley Tobacco Company might leave his stock in a manufacturing company without signing the new pooling contract but if he signs the new pooling contract he also agrees to leave his 10 per cent stock in the manufacturing company.

REPORT ADOPTED

The above report was adopted by the District Board, and the pooling campaign will therefore begin at an early date.

### Crop Conditions

The condition of crops in Montgomery county are the worst in many years at this season of the year and the farmers are very uneasy lest things will get worse. There has not been a general rain in the country since late in May, until Friday of last week, the drouth being the longest in fifteen years. The rain that came Friday was a God send and did much towards breaking the drouth and greatly benefitting the crops although the rainfall was not a general one by any means. In some sections of the county not a drop fell, while in other sections copious showers fell gently. A good two or three days soaker must fall soon to do any good to growing corn and tobacco and even then it is not believed that the rain will come early enough to accomplish much good. The ground is dryer than in years and grass pastures are literally burned up, while in some sections corn and tobacco have been damaged to an extent beyond repair. Stock and drinking water are very scarce and in some sections water for stock purposes has to be hauled long distances. Indications point to feed stuff in this county being higher than in years and predictions are made that corn will go to $5.00 per barrel during the winter while hay will bring almost any price asked. Stock of all kinds is doing no good, and chickens, hogs and turkeys are suffering while gardens have burned up completely everywhere.—[Mt. Sterling Gazette.

### Rev. Cleon Key's Biography

Rev. A. N. White of Pewee Valley, an ex-pastor in the Bracken Association of Baptists and a very warm friend of the late Rev. Cleon Key's is about to complete a biography of the great old man.

Possibly no man in the state is better qualified to write such a book as is Rev. White for he knew Old Brother Keys much better than most any one else.

The book will not be sold but the churches of the Bracken Association will be asked to contribute to the publication of it and then according to the amount each church gives they will receive books to be distributed among members.

The book will possibly cost about forty cents per copy to publish it.—[Maysville Independent.

### Why He Didn't Pay

A Missouri preacher at the conclusion of one of his sermons said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Instantly every man, woman and child, with one exception, rose to their feet. The preacher seated them and said: "Now every man that is not paying his debts stand up." The exception noted, a careworn, hungry-looking individual, clothed in his last summer's suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position. "How is it my friend," asked the minister "that you are the only man not to meet your obligations?" "I run a newspaper," he meekly answered, "and the brethern here, who just stood up, are my subscribers, and—"

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### "Swat the Fly"

(Los Angeles Herald)

The Herald's suggestion that Los Angeles should take steps to rid itself of germ-laden and disease-spreading flies has been eloquently approved by the acting health commissioner and has been promptly taken up by one of the influential women's clubs.

The crusade against the common house fly has been adopted by several cities. "Swat the fly" is now a slogan which is heard from coast to coast. The father of the idea is Dr. Howard, chief entomologist of the department of agriculture. His inspiration communicated itself to the most energetic and efficient boards of health in the big cities. They in turn have sought to have the movement popularized, and where the confluence of merchants' associations, women's clubs, medical societies and school departments is secured the crusade has been very effective.

In Washington the Star is offering prizes to children under sixteen who kill the most flies between July 24 and August 5, inclusive.

In Baltimore the campaign for a flyless city is conducted under the auspices of the Woman's Civic league. Slain flies bring 10 cents a quart.

In Los Angeles the idea is new, but needs only a directing organization to make it prevail.

### Ought to be a "Hummer."

The Democrats of not only the Ninth District, but of neighboring counties as well, will likely open their campaign at Blue Lick Springs about August 31st. No more fitting place could have been selected. In ante bellum days this watering resort was thronged with the elite of Southern chivalry. John C. Calhoun, Robert Toombs, Henry Clay, the Breckinridges, Gov. Wise, of Virginia, and many other illustrious men of the Southland whose names stand out on the pages of history, spent their summers at this sequestered spot, nesteled in her quietude beside the limpid waters of old Licking river. So you see that to those who would appreciate their country's history and revere the names of departed statesmen, a most fitting place has been chosen for this the greatest barbecue to be held by the Democracy of Northeastern Kentucky during the impending campaign, when the party of Jefferson and Jackson will be marshalled upon the political battle field under the guidance and generalship of as gallant and capable leaders as ever shied their castor into the ring. [Mt. Sterling Sentinel Democrat.]

Sam Veach says $3 makes the uoise of $4 in his Clothing department.

### From Oklahoma

Bramen, Okla.
Aug. 10, 1911.

EDITOR MERCURY:

I have been thinking of writing ever since I have been here, but have been putting it off, but when I saw that letter from Mr. H. C. Terhune, I could not stand it any longer. So I will tell the good people of old Nicholas that we are not in as bad a fix as he pictures it: we have had twenty-five inches of rain in the last four weeks, and corn is looking fine. We are guessing it from 20 to 50 bushels to the acre; oats 15 to 30 bushels; wheat 15 bushels. This is in Kay county. I don't exacly know what is the general average over the State. We don't raise any cotton here, but have been told it is good.

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### Pellagra Not Contagious.

At the close of the conference at Corbin, Ky., Wednesday, August 9th, participated in by members of the State Board of Health, Superintendents of the State Asylums for the insane and nearly one hundred physicians practicing in the mountain counties of Whitley, Laurel, Bell and Knox, where pellagra is prevalent, and after a public clinic at which patients suffering from the disease were examined and the history of their cases was given by the attending physicians, a statement was adopted by the members of the conference declaring the cause of the disease to be unknown, but cautioning the public against the use of diseased corn, and recommending an improvement of sanitary conditions of the homes of the people.

The physicians asserted that pellagra is not communicable and said that cases should not be quarantoned. They asked the State Board of Health to gather full data of the disease in Kentucky, and requests physicians to report every case to the board with such facts as will tend to the knowledge of the malady.

The declaration was drafted by a committee appointed on motion of Dr. J. N. McCormack, secretary of the State Board of Health, and composed of Dr. McCormack and the following: Dr. H. V. Pennington, London; Dr. T. W. Gardner, Madisonville, member of the State Board of Control of Charitable Institutions; Dr. M. W. Steele, Corbin; Dr. H. S. Keller, Frankfort, member of the State Board of Health; Dr. J. G. Foley, Pineville, and Dr. F. H. Clarke, Lexington. It was adopted without a dissenting vote.

### Export Cattle Sales.

During the past week a number of export cattle have been sold; some of the sales reported being the following purchases by C. C. McDonald, buyer for the S. & S. Co., of Sam Turley, 80 head at 6cts, 47 were weighed up and averaged 1,564 pounds; the balance to go the latter part of August; of Robert Howell, 75 1,450-pound cattle at 6c; of Wm. Howell, 41 1,450-pound cattle at $5.85 and $6; of A. L. Tipton, 57 1,580 pound cattle at 6c.; of R. C. Gatewood, 156 cattle averaging 1,560 pounds at 6c and a premium, and a number of others at the same prices.

Lucien L. Bridgeford, buyer for D. B. Martin & Co., secured 150 cattle, averaging 1,400 pounds, at $5.85 per hundred; of Wm. F. Byrd, 45 1,475-pound cattle at $5.45 per hundred; of Bigstaff and Cockrell, 150-pound cattle averaging 1,475 pounds at 5½c. [Mt. Sterling Gazette.]

### Stock Being Shipped out of Mercer.

Fourteen carloads of stock were shipped from Harrodsburg, Ky., recently for city markets. The shippers were Clell Coleman, Wayne Watts and Lawson & Co. They report that scarcity of water and the drought caused the people to sell this stock which was in fairly good condition, rather than risk the chances of carrying them through a winter which might prove more disastrous financially than to sell at present low prices. The bulk of this big shipment were cattle of various grades and the remainder were porkers, lambs and a few sheep. [Farmer's Home Journal.

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## EDITORIAL AND COMMENT

### Let Your Conscience Work

A person with whom we have dealings wrote us a few days ago in regard to an account about which we did not agree, and he asked this question in bold black letters: "How can you reconcile your conscience to the accepting of our goods and not paying for them?" We immediately yielded our contention and paid the bill, but it put us to thinking "how people could accept our goods—THE MERCURY—and not pay for it." This is INTENDED FOR YOU if you owe us. Your conscience should compell you to pay us or quit taking our goods, and it's little better than downright larceny to continue this way of doing us. You owe the money and we need it. Why should you not send us a check or postal note? Don't try to stifle your conscience.

### What Decent People Think

Col. Green R. Keller, editor of the Carlisle Mercury, and Democratic nominee for Representative in the Nicholas-Robertson District, will have no opposition, it is said, at the November election. The district is overwhelmingly Democratic. Col. Keller has not only been a hard worker for his party but has espoused every cause which he thought would redound to the credit of his people. He deserves easy sailing.—[Mt. Sterling Sentinel Democrat.

Congressman Thomas of the third Kentucky district, designates Congressman Langley of the tenth district as the greatest "political romancer" in Kentucky. Mr. Thomas served in the Kentucky Legislature with Langley long years ago and knows him well. So do we, and it makes us "laff" to read about John W's doings as political manager for O'Rear.

It is said President Taft is going to appoint Senator Paynter to a good place when he retires from the Senate. As Senator Paynter does not retire from the Senate until March 4, 1913, and President Taft will retire from the Presidency at the same time, something will have to be done before that day.

Lexington papers are discussing the establishment of a tobacco factory in which the raisers of tobacco will have stock. This has been our idea of the solution of the tobacco troubles for years. There is great profit in the manufacturing of tobacco and the producer of the raw material had just as well have some of it.

We do not wish to say anything slightingly about the cards of thanks often issued by friends who have been comforted and assisted in times of trouble, but a card published in a neighboring paper thanking the Doctor, Undertaker and Preacher strikes our minds as peculiar to say the least.

### Col. McCreary's Close Call

At the Green River bridge fight on the 4th of July 1863, Lt. Col. James B. McCreary, then a dashing young officer, had the unusual experience of having three of his commissioned comrades killed at his very side while consulting them as to the fight then in progress.

The men were dismounted for the charge of the stockade guarding the bridge while the field officers were mounted. While receiving orders from Col. Chenault, a well directed shot from the enemy struck and killed the gallant Colonel dead. Assuming command of the regiment Col. McCreary sent for Capt. Terrell, senior Captain, to assume charge of the left of the line. While instructing Capt. Terrell a shot from the stockade laid him low. Just at that moment Major Thos. I. Brent of Smith's regiment rode up to consult Col. McCreary as to progress and plan of the battle when he received his death wound.

While the editor of the MERCURY was in the desperate and unsuccessful charge of the stockade he does not write this story from personal observation, or can he testify as to things happening in the order written, but the statement of Colonel McCreary's narrow escape from death is substantially correct.

### The Whole Works

Congressman Jno. W. Langley, is to be the whole thing in the management of the O'Rear campaign, and us old fellows who knew John in his younger days "jess laff." However, since he has been able to fool the people of the Tenth district several times he may be able to "put it over" on the people of the entire State once. If self confidence and good feeling can do the trick John will be there with the grapes.

The government of Siam is going to send a student to the Kentucky A. & M. College to learn how to raise tobacco. He may learn how to chew at the college but we do not see how he will learn much about raising it. Better send him down into the hills of Nicholas where we know something about it.

Congressman Hobson who has grown nervous over the possibility of war between the United States and Japan can possess his soul in peace since our government has taken pains to show the great Japanese Admiral Togo our navy and navy yards. Togo will tell his government how we are fixed.

The editor of the MERCURY acknowledges the receipt of a private letter from candidate O'Rear asking that we do not neglect to keep the campaign news before the people. Alright Judge we'll attend to it, but you musn't get mad.

### Bureaucratic Government in America

We are drifting from a popular to a bureaucratic government in this country very rapidly. We have multiplied govermental activities, but we have not properly constructed govermental machinery for the performance of these new duties. The result is our bureau chiefs are little gods, in their own dominion, each a law unto himself; a legislator, a judge, a lord high executioner, all in one.

These facts are illustrated daily by some revelation from the Navy Department, War Department, some division chief in the Postoffice Department of the Interior, or from the Department of Commerce.

Yesterday it came from the Agricultural Department. This officer is called a solicitor; Solicitor McCabe, who has acted upon the assumption that he is a "bigger man than Dr. Wiley." He has been overruling Dr. Wiley, failing to prosecute the violators of the pure food law, and seeking to punish other officers of the bureau for undue activity when they seen fit to give force and effect to Dr. Wiley's orders.

Yesterday, in the examination, it was brought out that the solicitor had gone so far as to alter, that is, to mulitate and modify, a decree of the court, so as to make that decree conform to Solicitor McCabe's views of what the law ought to be.

He not only modified it; he reversed it; he destroyed its significance; he struck out the most important words; then he issued a circular conveying, for the instruction of the officers of the bureau, this opinion as a decision of the court, which it clearly was not.

The incident is full of instruction and warning and shows how far we have drifted away from the American ideal of government; how far we are ruled by some insignificant officer, whose position does not make him in the slightest degree conspicuous; an officer not brought directly under public supervision, but one entrusted with important duties, who usurps power, reverses his superiors, alters court decrees, and thus "licks into shape" any act of Congress, making it conform, not to the will of Congress as expressed in the acts, but to the will of the officer in question.

This bureaucratic government is the bane of the Russian empire. Under it the empire of the Third Napoleon broke down. It is more abhorrent to the Anglo-Saxon idea of government than is anarchy and surely it is the most odious form tyranny can take.

A few weeks ago the revelations came from the Treasury Department, where an artist received $800 for a portrait and the voucher called for $2,500, the difference disappearing somewhere between the Treasury Department and the artist. Where it will break out next no one can say.—[Louisville Post.

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