FOREST FIRES UNDER CONTROL

PROMPT ACTION AND HEROIC WORK OF EMPLOYES SAVES TOWN OF BAUER.

TOWN SURROUNDED BY FIRE

Protective Association Projected—State Forester Returns From Mountains—Insane Statement.

(Special Press-Dart Correspondence.)

Frankfort.—State Forester J. E. Barton, who has just returned from McCreary county, where a tentative organization of a Forester Protective association has been formed, received reports of forest fires in Letcher, Bath, Menifee, McCreary, Pulaski, Lawrence and Pike counties. The late snows formed a protective covering until recently when the fires broke out simultaneously. Most of them are of incendiary origin. Most of these are already under control. Mr. Barton said that at a meeting to be held in Jenkins April 23 an association cover ing Pike county, Perry and Letcher, Louisville & Nashville asks that no engine be run during the day unless it is provided with a spark arrester. Many engines are now operated without such protection.

Whitley City, the county seat of McCreary county, has to thank the energetic citizens of the town for saving the new courthouse and county jail. The fire burned up to the door, and the county officials earned the commendation of all by the manner in which they handled the situation at leading out the fire.

Census Figures.

A bulletin on negroes in the United States, soon to be issued by the census Bureau, shows that Kentucky is one of twelve states which have lost more than they have gained in negro population during their history through interstate migration. All of the other states of the Union have gained more negroes than they have lost through this cause. The seven other states in the same category as Kentucky are Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Maryland, Mississippi, Louisiana, Delaware and Maine. The greatest net gain in negro population from interstate migration is 102,814 to Arkansas, a northern state.

Apply State Aid on Road.

The Daviess county fiscal court decided to expend the $12,000 given as the state aid in the road building under the Kirkwood road, making an interurban road from Owensboro to the Ohio county line. The court also appropriated $12,000 on the road already aided and which, it is said, has been resurfaced on the Hartford side and will be completed to Beaver Dam at no additional fee state. The county will also appropriate $12,000 for the Fordsville road in the county. It has been decided to use the state aid on the Kirkwood road alone in Daviess county on June 22. The county will also issue $100,000 bond issue and this is also said to be its entering.

Assurances as to Commissioners.

A delegation from the state highway board of commerce called upon Governor Morrow and assured him that the present commission, Gov. McCreary, and the two democratic members of the board who are in office, will be the only commissioners to be appointed either in the Legislative or executive branches of the state.

Assistant in Charge.

William Simpson, Jr., of Frankfort, has been appointed assistant in charge of the commission, as assistant to Commissioner Hager, who has charge of the state's exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition. The secretary of the commission, Mr. Faulker has not yet been elected.

Appointment Ratified.

Trouble over the appointment of a notary public in Bourbon county, Miss Floral Court has been composed by the ratifying of the appointment of Mrs. I. Calbert, made by County Judge Allen.

Money Appropriated.

Distribution of the $71,670.91 paid into the state treasury by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company August 31, 1914, and last January has been apportioned among the district commissioners of the state, according to the mileage of state roads in each district. After the railroad had been taken in value as a basis of taxation in order to avoid discrimination on the Interstate Commerce Act, the State Railroad Commission August 10, 1914, entered an order reducing the state rates and an appeal was taken.

Reward For Arrest.

The governor of county Judge W. W. Cleary, of Kenton county, who said he received notice in Covington, Governor McCreary offered a reward of $250 for the arrest and conviction of each of the assassins who killed Private Policeman Martin O'Gorman in Covington March 21. O'Herron had been employed by residents as a private policeman. He was followed by two men that night, one of whom shot him in the heart in a revolver duel, and then they battered his head.

Mileage of State Decreases.

The total taxable tangible property of the railroad companies in Kentucky is $70,621,672, which represents an operating mileage of 3,951 miles. This report was made recently to Gov. McCreary by the state railroad commission. The total mileage in 32 miles less than the mileage operated last year, which is accounted for by the reduction of the Licking River Railroad Co. and the Red River Valley Railroad Co. The value of the tangible property of the railroads, however, has been increased from $67,241,000. During the last 10 years this report shows that the tangible property of the railroads in this state has been increased less than $10,000,000. There were 1,228 persons killed or injured by the railroad companies during the last year. Of this number 144 trespassers were killed while steam railroads, seven killed on interurban railroads, one passenger killed on a street railroad; 18 persons killed at steam railroad crossings, four persons killed at interurban crossings; 1,178 employes injured and 19 employes killed, and one of the postal service employes killed.

Must Verify Allegations.

The state railroad commission will hear an application for the reduction of rates of the petition of the Louisville & Nashville railroad company to the commission to be verified to satisfy the possibility of any fraud. The Louisville & Nashville asks that the rate on grain and grain products and on coke and distillery mixtures be reduced. Secretary of the commission will make an investigation of the conditions complained of by the railroad. The rates on these articles from the Georgetown district to Louisville and other points in the state are the same as the rates on the same articles from the Versailles district, which will draw the full per centage of the business. Versailles, Midway, Yarnies, Farmer, Grates, Jefferson and Shelbyville, Tucker, Seiver and Shelby.

Sustained Demurrer.

Judge Bosel, in the Franklin circuit court, sustained the demurrer of the attorney general to the petition of the secretary of state C. F. Crecelius to compel Secretary of State Crecelius to issue warrants for his salary from January 1, 1914, to the present time, in which it was forwarded from $3 to $5,000 annually by the legislature of 1914. Governor McCreary contended that the act was unconstitutional, and refused to issue the warrants. The attorney general in which it was forwarded from $3 to $5,000 annually by the legislature of 1914. Governor McCreary contended that the act was unconstitutional, and refused to issue the warrants. The attorney general in the case contended that the act was unconstitutional, and that the salary of the secretary of state was fixed by the ruling of the attorney general that the fees collected by the office belong with Kentucky statutes.

Wage Fight on Illiteracy.

The campaign for the eradication of illiteracy in Kentucky that will mark the commencement in Kentucky this month is the result of the organization of the Kentucky Illiteracy Commission, which was appointed by Governor Stanley to take as subject for its gratuitous work the wiping out of illiteracy in Kentucky. The plan was suggested at a meeting of the commission which was held in Frankfort. The commission is composed of ninety colleges and universities in the state, and prominent citizens in the campaign, under whose direction the campaign will be conducted to further the cause.

Illiteracy Plans.

The commission with which the state is to co-operate is every school district, and the campaign will be opened in each municipal district, will be opened in each municipal district, will be opened in each municipal district,