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COMMENT

THOSE "CURB" DEVILS.

With malice and chisel they're at it again,
A tapping away at the top of my brain;
They're prying things loose all over my back;
My arms and legs they've got on the rack.

My nose is stopped and I'm sneezing the while;
My eyes are squinted, but not with a smile,
Maybe no mortal could long stand the strain;
In misery like this we'd be insane.

Shut that window, I'm cold; no, open, I'm hot!
Surely one never has had such a spot!
What you say, like that with you?
Shake then, and order four-six!

Timothy Quirk, Courier-Journal.

Henry Ford is back on the statement that he has made his mind as to those responsible for the continuation of the war. He say the boys in the trenches are the culprits; that they let their rulers do their thinking for them. And then the old-time Patsier puts himself in the same class by stating that he has voted but six times in 21 years and then only because his wife made him. Mr. Ford who is responsible for the statement that he will not give a tinkle for all the rest of the world, has apparently benefitted by his trip to Europe. He has discovered that some of his pet theories are fallacious; that there are things he does not understand. And when a man knows not and knows he knows not, he is in a fair way of becoming a wiser man.

It never rains but it pours. The grip epidemic and the Legislature both visited us on the same winter.

PREPAREDNESS.

(Houston Post.)

Lake McLake wants to know why every man in a dry town carries a beer opener on his key ring and a folding corkscrew in his pocket. We cannot afford to permit such innocence to go to loter in darkness. Fellow traveler in this vale of tears, the man wants you to know he believes in the doctrine of complete preparedness.

The following verses were spoken at the late Rev. M. C. Chandler at the funeral last week of Captain J. N. Frazier, of Cynthiana, the last surviving Captain of Col. W. C. P. Breckenridge's regiment.

Only a weary soldier,
Come to the City of Rest,
With coat of gray and on his
And Dagman's cross on his breast.

Only one of the faithful
Who followed the Stars and
Bars,
Over the hills of glory,
Into the valley of stars.

Only an aged pilgrim
From life's dark, western slope,
Bind to the silver bugle
Blown by the lips of hope.

Bomb to the call of the future,
Bind to the notes of today,
Lying so still in the valley
Wearing his jacketed gray.

O, peace to the weary soldier,
Asleep upon glory's breast,
With shroud of gray around him
And honor's cross on his breast.

The advertiser who pays his money for newspaper space in which to tell you of his offerings has offerings worth while. Let no issue of this paper come to you without acquainting yourself with the messages from our local business houses. Get the habit of reading every Ad. in every issue. It's a profitable habit to acquire.

KILLED BY OWN BROTHER

John W. Shrout Shoots And Kills His Brother, On Cassiday Pike During Fight Early Wednesday.

Following an altercation over a line fence, which resulted in a fist fight, John W. Shrout shot and killed his brother, Jesse Shrout, on the Cassiday pike near George Mallory's, early Wednesday morning.

After the killing, Shrout returned to his home, changed the overalls which he wore and came to Carlisle and surrendered himself to the authorities.

The unfortunate affair was witnessed by J. D. Shrout, the father of the two men and by Albert Shrout, aged 21, a nephew. As far as can be learned, no differing had existed between the brothers until this trouble.

Coroner Hollings was called to the scene of the killing Wednesday morning and held an inquest. The evidence given before the jury was as follows:

Albert Sarout's Testimony.

Albert I. Shrout testified: We were going down the road, Uncle Jesse and myself and met Uncle John and Cassiday. Uncle John says to Uncle, "I want you to fix that line." Jesse says "I have got line on the farm and couldn't fix it both anymore. More words followed and Uncle Jesse says to him, "You go on down the road and let me alone." John says, "I'll bet you will fix it." Jesse says to John, "I know you have a pistol." John said, I have not. I was just buttoning my overall." John kept his hand on his hip during the conversation.

Jesse started away; got ten or fifteen feet, when John called to him, black s----- of a b-----! Jesse stood and started toward John, when John drew his gun; then they clinched and Jesse grabbed the gun and struck John after which he fell, when John shot Jesse from Jesse grabbed John took and struck John several times. Jesse then fell to the ground and said, "Boys, take me home there; I am shot." The shooting took place on the Cassiday pike just above George Mallory's about 6 o'clock.

Albert Shrout further testified that the gun was a 38-calibre pistol and that he grabbed the gun, after the shot was fired and took it away from John and took the cartridges out. Only one was in the gun and no others snapped.

Rufus Shannon's Testimony.

Rufus Shannon testified: I was coming down the road and met Jesse Shrout and John and Albert Shrout. John says, "I want you to keep those boys out." Jesse answered, talking to John. Jesse finally started down the road, when John said, "You are nothing but a dum black s----- of a b-----. I think Jesse then threw a rock at John and came back to him and clinched. Jesse threw John down and John struck him pistol-up in Jesse's face, and I thought I heard it snap three times and it finally went. Heard Jesse say to John, he guessed that they were brothers and he didn't want to have any trouble. Also he said to John I know you have a pistol and John said he hadn't, but was just buttoning up his overalls.

Jas. D. Shrout's Testimony.

The boys met on the road this morning and talked about fixing the fence. Jesse said it was no weather to fix fence. Jesse then said, "Just bring your boys and let them run in the pasture, I don't care, just so they don't root up the ground and cause me to pay damages to the party I sold to." Jesse then started off, saying, "I don't want any trouble and am not going to have any." John then called him a black s----- of a b-----, and I think Jesse threw a rock at John, as I saw John dodge. Couldn't see then very well, as it was just about daylight. I had walked away several feet, but turned when they clinched, and, after hearing shot, hurried to them and got hold of gun and called on Albert to help get it away from John. Seemed as if they all had hold of gun.

Dr. Holmes' Testimony.

Dr. Holmes stated, that after examining the body, that deceased came to his death by a wound having the appearance of being shot from a gun or pistol, loaded with ball. Shot entered body on left side, one inch from axillary line, through sixth rib, coming out at back between fourth and fifth rib, one inch from backbone.

Coroner's Verdict.

We, the jury, find that the body before us is that of Jesse O. Shrout, of Nicholas county, Kentucky, who was killed and murdered on the morning of the fifth of January, 1916, by being shot through the body by John Shrout his brother, with a 38 calibre pistol, on the turnpike near the home of Jesse Shrout, in Nicholas county, Kentucky. This, the fifth day of January, 1916.

G. H. MALLORY
JONE L. SHANNON
CHARLEY REID
ED HAMMONDS
VAN JONES
JAMES SHANNON.

Jesse Shrout was 40 years old. He leaves a wife and two children, a girl and boy. John Shrout is 49 years old and has a wife and three daughters.

Trial Of Shrout On Saturday Morning At 9 A. M.

The examining trial of John Shrout, charged with the murder of his brother, Jesse Shrout, on January 6th, 1916 be called in County Court at 9 a.m. Saturday,

KEPT WEDDING PLANS SECRET

Marriage Of Mr. Parker Donnell And Miss Estelle Harvin Celebrated at Lexington, Tuesday.

A wedding that will be heard with interest by friends of both the bride and groom, was that of Miss Estelle Hardin and Mr. Parker Donnell, which was solemnized at Lexington, in the parlors of the Phoenix Hotel Tuesday.

Although close friends of the young people had known of the wedding for several days, it had been kept a secret until Tuesday.

Mr. Donnell is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Donnell, and is associated with his father in the drug business here. He is a young man of energy and ability and is quite popular.

Miss Harvin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Harvin, of this county. She is a charming young woman, handsome and attractive. Miss Harvin moved with her parents to this county from Fleming.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. F. Swindler, former pastor of the Carlisle Baptist Church. Immediately after the wedding, the young people left for Louisville, for a short trip, but after which they will return to make their home in Carlisle.

The Mercury wishes them much success and happiness.

Teachers' meeting will be postponed until the 3rd Saturday, January 15, as the reports for this closing month will not be in and signed by the chairman before next week. Meeting at 10 o'clock, promptly.

Lexington Herald Mail List On A Strictly Cash Basis

The Lexington Herald has announced its mail list of January 1st, as the reports for this closing month will not be in and signed by the chairman before next week. Meeting at 10 o'clock, promptly.

All women's shoes, some up to $4.50 at $1.50 at Sam Veach's.

MISS FRANCES KASH WINS PONY AND CART

Fortunate Child Receives 1,732,800 Votes, Giving Her A Lead Of More Than 100,000 Over Nearest Contestant. 6,833,105 Is Total Of Votes Cast.

Miss Frances Kash, daughter of Dr. C. W. Kash, of Moorefield, and grand-daughter of Dr. G. S. Kash, of Carlisle, was awarded the Shetland Pony and Cart offered by ten business houses of Carlisle in a contest which closed December 31.

The fortunate contestant received 1,732,800 votes and the prize was awarded her at a meeting of the ten merchants, Monday afternoon.

The second largest number of votes was received by Miss Chlorene Baldwin, daughter of C. W. Baldwin. She received 1,627,175, giving the winner a lead of 105,625 votes.

Little Harry Cheatham was third, with 1,348,035 votes. The other contestants fell far short of the first three. Frank Howell, son of J. H. Howell, receiving 381,315 votes, the largest number received by any candidate after the first three.

The count of the vote was under the supervision of Miss Jimmie Henry, who employed assistants, who carefully sorted and counted each vote. It required five days to complete the count. In all there were 6,833,105 votes cast.

Miss Henry's complete report of the count follows:

Miss Jimmie Henry's Report.

I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct count for the votes cast for the various candidates in the Pony Contest which closed December 24th, 1915, following their respective names, to-wit:

Frances Kash	1,732,800	Johnette Cox	4,445
Chlorene Baldwin	1,627,175	Margaret Fishback	4,220
Harry Cheatham	1,348,036	Ollie B. Dalzell	2,980
Frank Howell	381,315	Delma Hoskins	2,960
Ruth Collyer	375,170	Ila F. Plummer	2,460
Matilda Waugh	331,055	Eugene Strother	2,335
Catherine Watson	182,930	Carrie Conway	1,740
James P. Ham	173,570	Lafie Chiles	840
Mildred Henry	128,050	Ross Warren	670
Frances S. Wasson	100,440	Earle Green	655
Trinnie Duncan	98,050	Wm. E. Oldham	550
Martha Ellen Cinkenbeard &c.	95,705	Grace Moreland Rogers Ratliff	280 195
Willie Paris	85,875	Calvin Darrall	125
Buster Corman	63,480	Avery Mitchell	125
Robert Griffin	50,725	Marion Mathers	115
Cecil Hamilton	39,240	Charlie Dallas	95
Elizabeth Calliher	17,525	Boardman Lambert G. O. Payne Kenney Thomas	30 15 15
Ada Maher, Dorothy Linville, Arthur Trumbo, and unmarked ones in all	16,025	Susan Durham Ray Barnett	10 10
Mary F. Flynn	11,380	John Beatty	10
Rolla Dalzell	9,665	Ernest Archdeacon	5

This December 31st, 1915.

Respectfully submitted,
JIMMIE HENRY.

MEDIUM RED CLOSES STRONG

Tobacco Market Steady To Strong On All Grades. Bidding Quite Spirited On Local Market.

As we go to press, the Peoples Warehouse is finishing their sale begun Tuesday, of 134,900 lbs.

They consider the market on all grades, steady to strong, medium reds are especially strong. Prices ranging from 3 to 57 cents per pound for a basket of extra good cigarette wrapper.

Among the best averages are the following:

	lbs.	aver.
Hobert Sanderson,	625	$27.07
G. Yiee	1260	16.15
G. D Stewart	1130	14.66
Lowe Brothers	2725	14.28
Joshua Ewing & Staton	3045	13.72

On account of the extra competition from G. O. Tuck & Co. who run the re-dryer, the market bidding continues very spirited. --Adv

In purchasing the stock of J. W. Vanarsdall, the few accounts were included in the sale. A prompt settlement with me will be appreciated.

MRS. ANGIE WAUGH.

Snag Proof overshoes and gum boots lead the world for men. Sam Veach sole agent in Nicholas county.

WANTED—Energetic young man to establish himself in this District as Manufacturer's agent and distributor for large Detroit Automobile Supply House, operating purely on a co-operative basis. $100 investment required and must also demonstrate his selling qualifications before we will contract with him. Write Box 619, this office.

SAFETY FIRST

Begin the New Year right by protecting your family and your property by letting me put you on a tin roof or a Cartright Metal Shingle roof. The best is the cheapest always. Walk in and let us talk about that leaky roof, I can fix it.

J. C. BOONE
The Tin and Furnace Man.

All children's clothing at 20 per cent off, same as the men's at Sam K. Veach's.

You've hit the right tobacco

when you fire-up some Prince Albert in your old jimmy pipe or in a makin's cigarette. *And you know it!* Can't get in wrong with P. A. for it is made *right*; made to spread-smoke-sunshine among men who have suffered with scorched tongues and parched throats! This patented process fixes that—and *cuts out* bite and parch. All day long you'll sing how glad you are you're pals with

PRINCE ALBERT
the national joy smoke

You take this testimony straight from the shoulder, men. You can smoke a barrel of P. A. without a kick! It hands out all the tobacco happiness any man ever dreamed about; it's so smooth and friendly. It's a mighty cheerful thing to be on talking-terms with your pipe and your tongue *at the same time*—but that's what's coming to you sure as you pin your faith to Prince Albert!

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.

PRICES SOAR ON THIS MARKET

1,800 Pound Crop Averages $20.38 At Farmers House. Weed Pouring In Over Every Road.

Again the prices went soaring on the Carlisle market this week, and the farmer, taking advantage of the high prices is rushing the weed in over the floors at all of the houses are full and bidding is spirited at each sale.

On Monday, a crop of 1,800 pounds, grown by George Wasson, 1 1-2 acres of land, on the J. Watson farm, near Taylors was sold at the Farmers house at an average of $20.38 per hundred. The top basket for $58. The crop averaged by baskets was:

lbs.	price	lbs.	price
50	11c.	70	16.5-4c.
95	17.5-4c.	115	23 1-2c.
60	40c.	95	56c.
25	24.1-2c.	225	60c.
20	55c.	70	65c.
30	54c.	20	55c.
55	19 1-4c.	265	31c.
100	13 3-4c.	100	15 1-4c.
20	10c.	40	12c.
30	10 1-4c.	65	5c.
5	7.5c.		

The crop belonged to W. W. Scott, who recently bought it from Mr. Wasson at an average of 15 cents per pound.

FARMERS—Sales began Monday at Number 1, 98,650 pounds sold at an average of $11.54. On Number 2, 48,870 pounds averaged $12.72. Sales totaled $12,119 on both floors. Some crop averages were:

Name	Lbs.	Av.
Jessie Wood	1950	$19 20
J W Shannon	2170	13 50
Ed Kinghorn	2300	14 10
T W Miller	2365	14 00
Hans & Lemonds	2065	13 04
Cosby Vice	1945	13 00
Gillis & Son	3240	13 00
Rowland & Saunders	1420	12 90
Sayre & Hiram	2425	14 00
Hiram Sayre & Son	2220	14 00
Crockett & Hart	2030	12 80
Sparks & Wilson	3435	12 40
Robert Hamilton	2015	15 75
Wright & Jarvis	2040	13 90

PEOPLES—Sales began Monday afternoon and finished Wednesday, 184,700 pounds sold. No rejections. Medium reds especially strong. Some crop averages were:

Name	Lbs.	Av.
Joshua Ewing	4720	$12 32
Joshua Ewing & Staton	3045	13 72
F W Hunter & Son	2870	12 81
J D Stewart	1780	14 08
Lowe Bros.	2725	14 28

BURLEY—73,965 pounds sold at the Burley yesterday at an average of $11.18.

Last Week's Sales.

The following is a summary of the sales make last week on the local market. Up until last Saturday, the local market had sold 420,195 pounds at an average better than 11 cents.

BURLEY—The Burley sold last Wednesday, the first sale after the holidays, 55,320 pounds at an average of $10.65. On Friday, this house had 48,500 pounds on sale at $10.21. The top basket was in the crop of John Boyce and sold for 48 cents. Up until last Saturday the Burley house had sold 168,720 pounds at an average of $10.75. Some crop averages were:

John Boyce	2305	$14 48
Ed Kinghorn	900	13 70
Williams & Troutman	1475	14 90
Sanford & Burk	1395	10 30
Bush & Whitehead	1215	13 50
Bush, Whitehead	1854	13 70
Ed Parish	980	16 50
D. F. Donahue	1870	14 05
J. M. Hughes	1020	11 75
Matt Gaines	1310	11 00

FARMERS—On Thursday, the Farmers sold 91,800 pounds at $11.39 average. On until Saturday this house had sold 204,295 pounds at an average of $11.43. Some crop averages were as follows:

J. W. Gaines	1820	$10 20
Clark & Ring	1980	10 87
Mann & Sharp	4605	14 00
Ritchie & Dotson	1460	14 90
Ed Parish	2450	14 10
Noble Shannon	2030	11 15

PEOPLES—On Thursday afternoon and Friday morning the Peoples sold 127,080 pounds at an average of eighty better than 11 cents. Up to Saturday this house had sold 266,210 pounds, averaging considerably better than 11 cents. Some crop averages were:

E. E. Hammonds	4790	$14 20
Hiram Sayre & Son	2220	14 00
Harwood Wilson	1810	13 00
Mrs. M. A. Smith	1830	10 50
H. H. Hilskin	1560	13 00
Bond Shirley	1460	14 90
Mackey & Clapper	2030	11 15
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Hammonds & Burk	3640	11 10

30 YEARS AGO.

From the Records of Ten Years Ago.

Mr. Hanson Kennedy and Sherrill David Butler moved to their new home over City Store.

Jas. T. Boyd born into the family of Solomon Robertson in the vicinity home of Mann Robertson.

Second annual hop given by the Mount Dancing Club, on New Year's Eve. Dance lasts until 5 a. m.

The Washington Mills & Milling Co., finish sawing their logs and wait for a rise in the river.

Born—To the wife of Nelson Williams, of Cassiday, daughter.

Married—Alfred Mitchell and Miss Stafford, of Nicholas, at Aberfield, 1886.

School News

Dr. Bradley called me today and they telling the sad news of the death of Mrs. Nora Mitchell, our teacher at Sugar Creek. Mr. Mullikin was in the office Christmas Eve and asked if he might teach Christmas week as he was very anxious to get through and get back to Kentucky State College, and we thought he was teaching until the first of the year, his death came. We have not heard the particulars, but she was an excellent teacher, was a student of the State University of Study and we were much pleased with his work. A substitute teacher will be sent to Sugar Creek next Monday.

One of our teachers embarked on the matrimonial sea last week, and Miss Sallie Hall is now Mrs. Nate man being Mr. Stone Parson. She is the teacher of the Cane Run school this year and as far as we know she will finish the school. Could has certainly been busy with the Nicholas county teachers the past six years, Don't they, Sallie?

We are glad that the epidemic of grippe is about over, and the schools re-opened this week with most parents, trustees and teachers will see that all of the children of the districts get talk in school. Let us all strive to make the last three months the best of the year.

I want to take this method of thanking the teachers, pupils and friends who remembered me at the Christmas season with the useful gifts at Christmas time.

The entertainment given by the Barterville school Thursday afternoon, December 23, was splendid. It was given in the Red Men's Hall and was largely attended. The children were well trained and much credit is due Prof. C. V. Snapp and his assistant, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, as well as the trustee, Mr. I. C. Taylor, who did all he could to assist them.

We were sorry that we could not attend the other entertainments to which we were invited, but this was the first school entertainment in our six years of teaching attended at Barterville. By Vaughn and Miss Katie Tarr went with us and they both pronounced it a splendid entertainment.

The Moorefield school will reopen next Monday, Jan. 3rd.

I will be at the State University the latter part of this week attending the Annual Session of Rural part of Farmers' Week. I am on the program there Friday.

Next week, Mr. Gilbert, our new State superintendent of Public instruction, has called all the county superintendents in the State to meet in a convention in Frankfort at an early date. The next is on the program to address the Superintendents. We will be in Frankfort next week after Monday, Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.

Schools will open now at 8:30 and close at 3:30 until further notice. I want to visit every school in the county and will be here to close this term. I want every trustee to visit his school in the county during the months and send in the blanks and bulletins as soon as possible.

Prof. L. D. Nickell, of Sharpsburg, Ky., was a pleasant caller at our office Friday and leaves soon to use some of his spare time in an automobile drive over the county, visiting some of the graded schools of Nicholas county. He has about 1,000 children and eight teachers under his charge. A splendid opportunity for financial training. He has a good and believes in education. He does that! Some of the boys should rather hunt rabbits and fish. Teach the boys a business, Mr. Nickell, and you will be successful.