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We have all sufficient strength to endure the misfortune of others. —De La Rochefoucauld.

THIS, THAT AND T'OTHER

Being A Melange of Impressions, Thoughts and Penchments of Editorial.

April comes, the month of the first violets. Daffodils are blooming; the forsythia flaunts its golden bells ere its leaves begin to show, as if jealous of the competition of shrubs and trees soon to break into bloom. The woodpecker drums his bill call to his mate; an occasional butterfly flits past on weak and uncertain wings; the bees find a wealth of pollen in the willow catkins and branches; the air is full of fast harvest is pushing up, up to light and life.

In Richard Henry Dana's "Two Years Before The Mast," he writes as follows of the California he visited in 1835:

"In the hands of an enterprising people what a country this might be! we are ready to say. Yet how long would a people remain so in such a country. The Americans (as those from the United States are called, and Englishmen, who quickly fall into the principal habits and ruling passions of their hands, are indeed active and effective men, the Spaniards, who are brought up from childhood in every respect, Californians, Creoles of Mexican or Spanish descent, quarter the first generation, always attacks the second.

The real California "fever" Mr. Dana could not foresee, the last glittering nuggets that drew its thousands toward the setting sun fourteen years later. Elsewhere he took he tells of "forty trappers and hunters from Kentucky," and some thirty Americans and Englishmen who "took possession of the Pueblo de los Angeles," tried, convicted and executed the Spanish murderer of an American "in general," he continues, "with little enough for an indictment in the United, and caused a proclamation to be sent to the foreign residents, threatening destruction to the town should he not attend from the first, for forty Kentucky hunters with their rifles were more than a match for a whole battalion of regulars, shooting fairly half-breeds."

We, of course, and then glance at the annual midwinter edition of the Mercury, which has been sent several weeks ago until such time as an day furnishes sufficient leisure to look it over. Now that the Mercury office is surrounded by the fastnesses of the Blue Ridge mountains, and the Mercury force is forced to be self-sustaining, we have come to forget the fact that we are not in the midst of the Kentucky hunters and trappers, shooting lazy half-breeds.

Of every town there seems to be a certain sameness in its appearance and the same. Its dignity, unruffled by the hustle and bustle of change and change, it clings to the manners and customs of the days that are past, like an old gentleman who has somewhere in the half-forty of the twenties or thirties, still clings to the styles of memory. Such a spot is that of Carlisle, Kentucky, the county seat of Nicholas county, and Main and Market streets in Kentucky, you may still stand upon the steps from which Le Fayette addressed the populace in 1825; across the street is the building in which Henry Clay was married, nearby is the home of Governor Garrard, and at Broadway and Fifth Street, Grant Park is the building in which Ulysses S. Grant was married. Looking North one sees the closed facade of the old Bourbon House, which in its day was as famous in Germany, by the way, as Delmonico's in New York and Chicago is now. As age came on the Bourbon House was forced to close its doors to one of those old fashioned hostelries that are no longer to be found in the theory of the United States, for the Lord knows we do little enough to encourage the desirability and beauty of our own Bluegrass Region to the world.

Perhaps it is because it is difficult to part with words the beauties of its gently rolling pastures and peaceful woodlands. Good Lord, in this words, as arranged as to convey an image of beauty, must be chosen by a master of expression. James Lane Allen was such a master and, he has left to posterity the beauties of a region he loved so well portrayed in matchless prose. Perhaps the "greenier land trees ties hard and does not realize the sublimity of its surroundings. The Faulmer knew the secret of the viveliness of plain and simple sentences. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge." Say it over; its immensity of space, the wonders of Nature will come to you as you repeat it.

He was lifted back in his chair, feet on desk and a cigarette, tight, it rolled and twisted into a little tip at the end, sticking to his lower lip. He eyed the cub reporter kindly and speculatively as he let it. "I'll tell you something kid," he began. "Just you remember it: If you want to be a real reporter, read John's account of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and study his style, and when you get so you can 'cover' a big story like old John, tell everything that happened and then stop, you'll be some reporter." We have always remembered it, though we have not achieved the style. Saying that the Bible is a wonderful piece of literature sounds trite. But notice how the influence of the style of the Psalmist, of Job and Isaiah is evident in the work of poets, writers and orators. Examples of good literary craftsmanship abound in the Bible.

Fifteen years ago Carlisle would have been host, some Monday week, to the scions of noble sires, all in their best bib and tucker, with coats shining from the curry-comb and brush and gay ribbons plaited in their manes, stepping proudly as did the Scriptural war-horse which "scented the battle afar off, the tumult of the captains and the shouting." For it would have been more than fifty years since the "Court." Next Monday the farmer will ride down on a pedal wheel where one time he used the same old gray for a genle jaunt at a jogging spur. The hand that once dropped the carving took to "change the gait" will now "give her the gas" and his parting stead will come to rest in its parking place on the garage floor, spangled with quivering fenders. The old order changeth, giving place to new," and though the new is better, the years of romance in the lore of many desir, familiar things, to which custom and tradition have given a tinge of the romantic.

Last Sunday we watched the antics of a pair of flickers which had taken up their abode in a home perforated by an enormous limb of a magnolia tree sycamore. The male bird would alight a bit of chicken with her mate, disappeared within, and then would back up to the hole, with his tail sticking to the lower part of his body, where he remained for a few minutes, and then backed out of the hole, and the process was repeated. Naturally, we are not sufficiently versed in bird lore to say whether he was courting the home of his mate or was feeding her, but we are inclined to the latter view, for we have seen the male bird feeding the female in the same manner. Whether this is the beginning of a family we do not know, but we hope it is, for the flickers are among our most beautiful birds, and their loud call of the spring is welcomed by all who love the out-of-doors.

Although schooled in the spelling-pronounce-go-back and get-the-rest, of-em school of orthography, we didn't mean to convey the impression that we erred in the gentle art of "spelling." We don't, but we have such an excellent editor as Warren. It may be blamed on the linotype operator, the knowledge of the fact that one doesn't read one's own stuff is proof well and that proof readers are born, not made, and that the writer was not born one of these. After seeing the excellent work of the winners in last Saturday's spelling contest, we are not sure about that. There is at least one young lady in this county who is an artist in orthography. May her tribe increase.

POEMS THAT WE LIKE.

THE STORY OF URIAH

Jack Barrett went to Quetta
Because they told him to.
He left his wife at Simla
On three-fourths his monthly acres.

Jack Barrett died at Quetta
Ere the next month's pay he drew.

Jack Barrett went to Quetta
He didn't understand
The reason of his transfer
From the pleasant mountain land.

The season was September,
And it killed him out of hand.
Jack Barrett went to Quetta,
And there gave up his ghost.
Attempting two men's duty
In their very healthy post.
And Mrs. Barrett mourned for him
Till Fate made her a widow.
Jack Barrett's house at Quetta
Enjoyed proposed repair.
But I shouldn't be astonished
If now he agent was there.
The reason of his transfer
From the Himalayan snows.
And, when the Last Great Bugle Call
Adown the Hurnai strolls,
And the last grim joke is entered
In the big black Book of Jokes,
And Quetta graveyards give again
Their victims to the air,
I shouldn't like to be the man
Who sent Jack Barrett there.

—Kipling

IN THE GOLD ROOM

Her ivory hands on the ivory keys
Strayed in a fitful fantasy,
Like the silver gleam when the
Is shaken by the breeze.

Rustic their pale leaves faintly,
Or the drifting foam of a restless
sea.

When the waves show their teeth
in the firing breeze.

Her gold hair fell on the wall of
gold
Like the delicate gossamer tangles
spun
On the burnished disk of the marigold,
Or the sun-flower turning to meet
the sun
When the gloom of the dark bliss
night is done,
And the spear of the lily is unsealed,
And her sweet red lips on those
lips of mine
Burned like the ruby fire set
In the swinging lamp of a crimson
shrine,
Or the bleeding wounds of the
pomegranates,
Or the heart of the lotus drenched
and wet.
With the spill-out blood of the rose-red wine.

—Oscar Wilde.

A TRAGEDY OF YOUTH

(Louisville Herald)

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THIRTY YEARS AGO
FROM THE MERCURY FILES

APRIL 11, 1895

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lemons, of Jacksboro, a son.

Walker Stanley appointed agent for the Paris Ice Co. for the coming season.

New saw mill of the W. M. & M. Co. at Forks Ferry begins operation.

About fifteen stallions shown at the annual horse show day here on April court day.

Members of Duncan's Cornet Band to give strawberry supper at the band room April 15.

Special train to be run from Paris to Point on 18th to accommodate persons who want to attend the opera, "Wang."

If you wish to make the acquaintance of a lively young man with silver hook or the edge of some razor, call on the one hang here over the water. It will be sure to smother "you jest."

Mr. Ben Mitchell shot this in the eye of our watchers.

Dead—Mr. Otho Gaffin, 64, at his home near Headquarters on the 4th—Mrs. Jane Tribble, at her home in this city on the 5th.

Circuit court in session this week with the following magistrates present: Thomas Hedges, Jr., Timothy McCann and Robert Hedges.

Married—Miss Anna Johnson, of Lair and Mr. Jas. M. Legge, of Nepton, Tuesday, the 2d at bride Letton and Mr. Ed Wilson of Nepton, on the 17th.—Miss Augustus Pitman and Mr. George Moffett, both of the county.

42 YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 5, 1883

Miss Lydia Chappell takes position as saleslady for F. M. Poole & Co.

Mrs. E. B. McCracken receives stock of goods from New York and will open a millinery store here.

Storm in this section last Friday night did considerable damage to fences, trees and outbuildings.

T. C. Herndon, E. F. Thomason and Harry Pickrell appointed jury commissioners at the closing term of court.

Miss Alice Cassiday and Miss Laura Wills received painful injuries near town when their horse stumbles and falls, throwing them out of the buggy.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Barnes, of this city, on the 3rd, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Douglas, of Ellisville, on the 29th, a daughter.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Paris and Georgetown turnpike, the following officers were elected: L. W. Campbell, president; W. T. Henry, secretary; Berry, W. T. Henry, James Sevier and Dr. Wm. Kenney.

Died—Mr. Robert R. Anderson, who married Miss Julia A. Hutchinson, of Hutchinson, Ga., on March 29.—Louis Hunter, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Webster, at their home in this city on March 31.—Mr. William W. Letton, 73, at his home in the county on April 1.—Mrs. Margaret Ann Bell, 67, at her home near Ellisville, on the 30th.

The Mercury's Cross-Word Puzzle

(C), 1925, Warners Newspaper Union.)

Horizontal:

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7—Not necessary; to
10—Discordantly mercinnat (abbr.)
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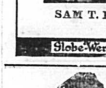

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The Railroads Deserve Your Patronage

When you see the stream of busses, trucks and passenger cars which pass you on the main highways, do you ever stop to consider the fact that railroad taxes are helping materially to pay for like roads over which these carriers are operating?

Have you ever investigated and compared her relative value to your community of these two methods of transportation? Ask for information: How many people do the bus or truck lines employ? How much money do they spend in your community? How much do they contribute (in taxes) to your community's welfare?

The railroads afford the best of transportation—the kind of service they deserve your patronage.

Charles M. Baker, who is dean of the business school of the University of Kentucky, has A. M. and L. D. degrees, came to the University twenty years ago as a 29-year old bride and bridegroom with a wife and baby and has entered the freshman class.

Texas, enriched by a big cotton crop, is experiencing one of the greatest building rushes ever known.

An eighth of the deaths in the United States are caused by heart diseases, this being the most common cause of death.

NICHOLAS COUNTY COOPERATIVE STOCK AND FEED SALES

We have rented the stable known as the Ed Bowen stable on West Main street and will conduct stock sales this season, and also a feed and field seed store.

Will have a large truck here at all times for hauling stock to other points, such as Paris, Cynthiana and Cincinnati. Will haul large cattle, mules, horses or any kind of stock anywhere.

Until we start our sales we will make a special trip with our trucks to the Cynthiana sales on Thursday, to Paris sales on Fridays and to Lexington on Tuesday and Wednesday.

We have good scales and chutes to load and unload. Call us. Bring in your stock early in the morning.

J. T. OCKERMAN,
Manager

LOCAL

PROGRAM

Tonight, Thursday, and Friday comes "Abraham Lincoln." This is a show everyone should see. It is a wonderful picture, one that you will be glad to say you have seen. Every child in school should see it, and the teacher as well. It will save them lots of trouble trying to explain American history. You folks who remember the days gone by, it will do you good to see it. Two nights, Thursday and Friday, one show each night. Admission, adults 25c; children 15c. 12 16c.

Saturday—Tom Tom Mix, Tony and the dog, Duke, in "Teeth." This is a sure good Western. Don't fail to see this, one of Tom's big features.

Monday—Comes Ernest Torrence in "The Sideshow of Life." This is another picture you cannot miss. Come and see for yourself at the

LYRIC THEATRE

O. S. Smoot, farmer of near this city, filed a petition in bankruptcy in federal court last week. A schedule of assets and liabilities was given.

March came in like a lamb and went out the same way, directly in the adage that the weather the first day would be reversed on the last day.

No damage to the fruit crop has resulted from the recent cold spell, according to orchard owners. There has been heavy frost the past several mornings.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council will be held the 3rd day night, at which time it is expected bids will be asked for oiling the streets this spring.

J. T. Ockerman, Jesse Ockerman and Palmer McLean have leased the stable on the corner of Main and Chestnut street Tuesday night.

J. R. Scott, driving a Ford touring car, and a traveling salesman in a larger car, collided near the corner of Main and Broadway Monday. Both cars were damaged, but none of the occupants was injured.

Harrison Hamilton and Will Jones, colored, who engaged in a pistol duel in Henryville two weeks ago in which Reece Hamilton was killed, will be given an examining trial in county court Monday.

Several new members have been added to the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce the past week, bringing the total membership to about 90. The completed membership will be published as soon as all members of the committee have reported.

Headquarters Lodge No. 96, I. O. O. F., will initiate six candidates at their hall in the Odd Fellows block in this city on Friday night, April 3. The initiatory degree will be conferred by Lexington Lodge No. 291. All Odd Fellows are cordially invited.

I. B. Rose, local attorney, has been commissioned by Governor Fields to preside at the special term of the Harrison circuit court to try a suit in which Judge J. M. Rogers, most of the Cynthiana attorneys are interested. The case will be called for trial today.

Elmer Hopkins, one of the prisoners who escaped in the jail delivery here several weeks ago, surrendered to Jailer Russell Caywood, who is serving a sentence for violation of the prohibition laws, and will be held here at Huntington, W. Va., since his escape.

J. L. Walton arrived Monday and is preparing to begin work on the Maysville and Lexington road. Mr. Walton has the contract for resurfacing the road from Bon Lenox, where he finished last fall, to the Fleming county line. It is probable work operation the first of next week.

The following local ex-service men will go to Lexington Saturday night to be initiated into the Ben Ali Hunters No. 81 Chevrolet American Legion playground: Dewey Bennett, Howard Bennett, Jr., Reynolds, John Wells, George Bell, Lee Norton, Les Osborn, Frank Henry, Ernest Ward and Ernest Booth.

Will Jones, colored, surrendered to the authorities last week to answer a charge of carrying concealed weapons. Jones and Harrison Hamilton, also colored, engaged in a pistol duel in Henryville several days ago, in which Hamilton was sh