BARBONE'S MEDITATIONS

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KENTUCKY NEWS BRIEFS

Twenty boys of the Greenfield Reform were granted parole last week.

Noble, Boyd county farmer, got frozen to death in a field near his home Saturday.

Stanley, 76, representative from Warren county, died at Bowling Green Monday.

Kansas City fraternity house in Fayette was destroyed by fire last Thursday night, loss estimated at $15,000.

The commissary building at Greenville Reform was partially destroyed by fire last Thursday night, loss estimated at $2,000.

Cynthiana has abolished the license fee of $15 on live insurance agents.

George Kennedy, 54 years old, shot and killed his son-in-law, Joseph L. Owens, 28, after Owens is alleged to have attacked Mrs. Owens at their home in Louisville last Friday.

Forcing the rear window of the Porter Motor Car store at Berea, thieves took about $600 worth of hat, including jewelry, silverware, fountain pens and several dollars in cash.

Miss Bessie Margaret Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rucker Lewis, suffered painful burns when her clothing ignited while standing before an open grate at her home in Winchester.

Lee Burgess, 45, section hand, suffered the loss of his leg and other injuries which will probably cause his death when he stepped in front of a C. & O. passenger train at Mt. Sterling.

Fire thought to have been caused from the church, destroyed the famous Old Union church, 11 miles from Lexington in Fayette county, last week. The church was established in 1152.

Citizens of Perryville, Boyle county, are asking for a Carnegie medal for Dallas Sharp, school boy of that place, who, during a school parade went off a mad dog which attacked several children.

N. U. Bond, Republican, of Berea, defeated W. T. Moore, Democrat, also of Berea, for Senator in the 25th Senatorial district to succeed W. O. Mays, at a special election held Saturday.

Royce Gleason, 14, is in a critical condition in his home at Richmond as the result of mistaking a torpedo for a piece of Christmas candy. He hit the torpedo and it exploded, shattering his jaw bone.

In the Harrison county court last week two men registering as William Lamb and Lorene Reed were married in a Cincinnati building and nothing Emery Grey on Christmas eve was left under $500 bond.

S. A. Glover, of Lexington, was seriously harmed when the radiator of his automobile exploded after he had attempted to thaw out the frozen water by heating the engine and placing denatured alcohol in the container.

The body of a man identified as James Whalen, 57, of Lexington, was found floating under a bridge here at the Lexington trunk Monday. Two broken bottles of alcohol labels were found near the body.

Fred A. Ames, of Owensboro, one of the leading manufacturers of this state, suicided by shooting himself through the head with a revolver at a gun shop in Owensboro last week, a short time after he had bought the gun.

Within a short time after Acry Bailey had purchased shotgun shells for a hunting trip, residents living near Lodge Ky., found his body at the foot of a bluff. It is believed he was accidentally discharged by him.

John B. Riddle, 57, died in the garage at his home near Lancaster from the effects of the efforts carbon monoxide gas from the exhaust of his automobile, which he was warming up in the garage the door of the building closed.

Mrs. Harry McCarty, of Nicholasville, publisher of the Jessamine Journal and president of the Kentucky Daughters of the Confederacy, has been named by Governor Foster as a member of the board of trustees of the Confederate Home at Pewee Valley.

The congregation of the Mt. Lebanon church in Woodford county is having a bad time. Recently the lower pulpit Bible was stolen, and a few nights ago thieves broke into the edifice and stole a five gallon can of coal oil, used for the church's lighting system.

Charles J. Smith, a cripple, who walked with two crutches, walked into a shooting gallery in Louisville Saturday, had down a mekin shot once at a target and with the exclamation, "Well, I'd be," fired the remaining bullet into his head, dying a few minutes later.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Phipps were frozen to death in Green river near Calhoun, Sunday. Missing a ferry boat called Betts to Evansville, they borrowed a skiff to row to the boat in midstream. Mrs. Phipps fell into the water and Mr. Phipps plunged in after her, both being frozen.

CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL LET

David Alexander Awarded Contract For Rebuilding Cassiday School

David Alexander, of the Upper Licks township, this county, was awarded the contract for the construction of a one-room school building at Cassiday Creek to replace the building destroyed by fire, at a meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education last week. Mr. Alexander's bid was $1,337.75, which it is said, was almost $200 lower than the next lowest bid.

Work on the building will be pushed as rapidly as the weather will permit.

EXPLOSION IN WINCHESTER

May Lead To Arrest Of Yeggs Who Tried To Blow Two Safes

Shattering windows in six houses and tearing away fences and trees, an explosion of nitroglycerine in Winchester Sunday afternoon was expected by police to lead to the arrest of yeggmen who Saturday night attempted to blow two safes in that place.

The explosion occurred at the home of Mrs. Lilly Richardson, but Mrs. Richardson insisted that someone threw the explosive over the fence in the rear of her home. Investigation by officers led to the present of Bill Curnon, alias Country Jones, wanted on a charge of transporting whisky. Jones, said to be a close friend of Mrs. Richardson, and several other persons were in the house.

Several attempts at safe-blowing have been made in Winchester lately.

YOUTH SLAYS FRIEND

Shooting Follows Remark Made During Quarrel

Two young men, pals for a long time, enacted a tragedy at Leitchfield last Friday when Earley Hagan, 17, angered at a remark by Ercel Grant, 18, his friend, whipped out a pistol and shot Grant dead. Hayprath escaped after the shooting.

The two men, who had been visiting together earlier in the day, had been on good terms. While walking toward town later in the day, Grant is said to have made an offensive remark during a trivial quarrel and Hayprath jerked a pistol, weapon and said: "I'm going to shoot you."

COMPLETE NOVELETTE

"Shadows Of The City" Published In This Issue Of Mercury

A novel feature is given Mercury readers this week in the publication of a complete novelette beginning on an installment of a serial story. The story this week is one of a series by Edwin Balmer and Gerr Mackay, an "Shadows of the City," the this week's story being "A Night Call."

The Mercury is rather "fussy" in the matter of selecting stories during and during the next two or three weeks, while we are showing a serial which we believe will meet with the approval of our readers, we will run complete stories in each issue.

MAKES FORTUNE IN LIQUOR

Bardstown Man, Doing Business On "Shoestring," Reaps Harvest

William O. Stiles, of Bardstown, who started on the proverbial shoestring, last week sold his whole holdings, totaling 3,200 barrels, to Schwartzhaupt, Chicago, for $400,000.

Stiles was an insurance adjuster when he learned that James B. Beam wanted to sell his Clear Springs Distillery, with contracts. He borrowed capital, took in as partners, Ben Field Hanner and Lambert Willett, who had been bootleggers in Chicago, respectively, for Beam, and acquired all whisky receipts and bonded whisky and bought all of the liquor in storage at the plant. They began bottling and sold more than 100,000 cases when the government ordered extensive seizures of all whisky. The whisky is now in the E. H. Taylor Distillery, Frankfort.

ACCIDENTS MAR JOY ON HOLIDAYS

Almost Score Killed In Series Of Christmas Tragedies

Christmas day carried with it a number of accidents that turned what left in its wake a heartrobbe instead of joy. Nearly a score of persons were injured and two reported.

Fred Van Sweeren, a foreman of near Norfolk, Neb., his wife and three children were killed in a Pullman grade crossing accident.

In Chicago the toll taken by automobiles and trains during the day was six.

Two were killed at Vandi Calif. when the automobile in which they were driving by a Christmas tree, into a auto near Columbus, when it skidded across a trunkline highway and injuries in an ensuing crash. Incident accidents swelled the total.

John McWilliams, 21, Fort Worth, 21, and Ward Burch, 26, were killed instantly when an interurban struck their automobile near Scottsburg, Ind., a few minutes after they had started on a hunting trip.

Two tragedies of contrasting note were brought forth.

Independent over the fact that there were no children in her family on whom to lavish Christmas cheer, Mrs. Nellie Curren committed suicide.

At El Paso, Texas, seven children were suddenly left motherless when Juan Aguilar shot and killed Mrs. Carmen Mejeda, 30, at whose house he roomed, following an argument over who would buy presents for the Sunday dinner.

BALD HILL HONOR ROLL

First Grade—Honor, Luther Ray Jackson.

Second Grade—Special honor, Jessie Mae Miller; honor, Bessie and Luther Roy Cassell.

Third Grade—Honor, Julian Cassell, Marshall Miller.

Eighth Grade—Honor, Leslie Mc-Vey.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT KENTUCKY

Interesting Facts About State Which Are Not Generally Known

An average of a carload of high grade bedroom furniture is shipped every day in the year from Corinth, Miss., to points in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, South America, the West Indies and the East Indies furnishing a market. About 200 men are employed the year round by the Corinth Furniture Company in producing the product that helps to make Kentucky industrially famous. The company will enlarge its factory in Corinth next year.

The Baker Bros. Manufacturing Co., of Henderson, started in 1883 making harness. The business grew until the plant became one of the leading manufacturers of horse collars in the country. Then come the time when the horse retired from the vehicle-drawing game, but Baker Bros. turned their attention largely to factory collars and production and sales shortly for various shoes at the Co. by buggy building business.

Sweetbread and plate worth $1,000,000 are produced in the factory of the Fowler-Wolfe Co., of Paducah, which has just chosen a new factory on the Illinois side of the Ohio river. The company has been a builder of factory buildings for 25 years. Its ares are reported as favorable to Paducah as to other cities in western Kentucky metropolis.

Ninety per cent of all of any in the United States destined to thoroughly to the manufacture of sheet and engine boilers is credited to the Ewald Iron Co., of Louisville, the plant employing about 250 men. The company had good business in the boiler processes and is joined to be a growing concern. The company is about entirely in the manufacture of boilers for locomotives.

Lexington capitalists have formed a company for the Kentucky Commission to set up a Rolling Mill in Lexington. The new plant will be built on Lexington's Manufacturing District, in Wolfe county, the Lexington Herald.

Danville will have a new industry when the Danville Leather Belt. The Kentucky Company is capitalized at $200,000.

If men in various enough dog from whence comes the phrase, "Dog-gone," the Kentucky Dog Company, Inc., of Louisville, is ready to supply the information. Its business, by the way, will be the manufacture of dog food.

Mayfield Manufacturing Co. is making a specialty of mattresses and excelsior, the latter being used in the manufacture of furniture and automobiles are turned out by the company. The company is capitalized at $100,000.

Plans for moving the world of Ashland, Ky., to Louisville, or clipping the city of the best of the Ohio Valley, which is the city of Ashland, Ky., is the latest development in the Ashland-Louisville rivalry.

A survey recently made gives Ashland a population of 29,000 as of December 1, according to the Ashland Daily Independent. The population of Louisville is 305,000.

FARMERS DOING BETTER

Conditions Most Favorable Since 1920, Says Farmers Home Journal

According to the Farmers Home Journal, the end of 1925 finds the farmers of the country more favorable since 1920. The heavy movement from farm to town during the post-war prosperity period has been made in the liquidation of inflated farming factors; purchases of equipment and supplies for farm use have been lessened on a large scale. Agricultural production for 1925 has been well balanced; the successive surpluses of cattle, corn, hogs, potatoes and various minor crops, which depressed the markets during the following 1920 have been largely worked off and as a consequence prices for farm products have risen to higher levels. Farmers are receiving higher prices for their products than at any time during the past five years. The average of all farm prices for October was 161 per cent of the pre-war average as compared with 138 in October, 1924. The economic position of agriculture as a whole promises to be at least equal to, if not slightly better than that of last year. All farm prices in 1925 are 10 per cent above the average of seven per cent. It looks like agriculture has completed its period of swinging back to better times.

GETTING MONEY'S WORTH

Mercury Subscribers Will Get Fifty-Three Issues Instead Of Fifty-Two

Fifty-three issues of The Mercury will be received by subscribers this year, instead of fifty-two, as is the rule and usual for a leap year.

With this issue The Mercury closes its eighth year under the present ownership and management. Many of our subscribers have paid their subscriptions in advance, but there are still quite a few who owe us for their family, through all of these years.

FORTUNE FROM CORN HULKS

W. F. Blair, of Wathita, Kan., is over a million dollars ahead of his stage trading in corn husks.

Mr. Blair, in 1898, paid a dollar for the shucks, since then he sold 1,000,000 pounds of husks, which represents half of his profit, the other half being made in stamping millions of hot tamales.

During the five years he has been in the husk business, Mr. Blair says, the money that the average successful farmer gets for his corn crop, he can't make more in husks.

Mr. Blair says he has no husks. Those who wish to them to Blair can make $1 a day, and if they can't make $1 a day with husks, and a whole home, Mr. Blair's best experience, he says, I wish I could get more shucks.

WAR PENSIONERS

The last widow pensioner of a war of 1812 died in Ohio on December 11, 1906, at the age of 92, the last survivor of the war of 1812 died in 1904, at the age of 106, the last survivor of the war of 1812 with 15 widows of the War of 1812 died in Ohio in 1906. The widows of soldiers of the war of 1812 were entitled to pensions by act of Congress of February 14, 1871, and every 31 years after that, based on the date of the war, the widows were entitled to pensions. The widows of the Civil War are now receiving pensions, and the widows of the manufacturers are receiving pensions, based on the economic contribution to the industrial life of the country, the widows receiving pensions of equal amounts.

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WHAT MY NEIGHBOR SAYS

Is of Interest to Carlisle Folks

When one has had the misfortune to have a bad case of Kidney Trouble, Gravel, urinary disorders and other ailments of the kidneys, and has suffered from the sickness and suffering, they are in a position to know what they think about it and neighbors. The following case is only one of many in Carlisle and is that of a Carlisle resident. Who could ask for a better recommendation?

Mrs. Belle Stone, 229 Dorsey Ave., Mt. Sterling, says: "I was troubled through my mouth. My sight was so bad I could not read the type in the before my eyes. My kidneys were weak and my back was lame enough. After using Doan's Pills, I was cured of the ailments and have experienced no return of them since. I recommend Doan's Pills to anyone in need of a kidney medicine."

For sale by all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or two, the best treatment, is, prepare, for fluenza, some threat of tonsilitis, pneumonia and dropsy are now recognized as dangerous sequelae of the "flu" and "cold." Doctors now prescribe Sal-Hepatica for the "cold" and "flu" because it relieves the cold quickly, without the unpleasant effects of yellow.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a glass of hot water and a dose of Sal-Hepatica in the morning prevent inconvenience with your outing, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly cleansed and you feel like a million. Sal-Hepatica acts on the slightest