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SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Through th' steady roar of an April shower come the liquid love notes of the purple martin. The rain dripped from the eaves of the tiny pattern of his house, yet he sang cheerfully bravely, secure in his belief in the sunshine that follows the rain.

"Singin' in the rain?" You betcha! we have the faith which is sure of the sunshine behind the clouds. How painful, after all, is the faith of him who arrogates to himself alone of all animals the possession of an immortal soul. The feathered friend, so infinitely faithful, which has no place in man's Heaven, yet sets wonders if in compensation there is not vouchsafed to them eyes to read clearly that mirror of life in which we see, "as through a glass darkly."

Singing in the rain? What a lesson in faith for him who boasts of an immortal soul.

"OF, BY AND FOR THE GROWERS"

Elizabethtown News is a believer in the Burley Association and in an editorial last week it states the case of the continued existence of the Association so admirably that Tax Mercury is republishing it here. Says the News:

Every argument made against the operation of the Burley Association has been made, every criticism, some verging on slander, has been refuted. The story that its officers were based extravagant salaries was answered by the statement that the averages from the tobacco from which hereafter were to be loosened loosen, pay the officers. The childish contention that the growers do not receive "all their money at once" is met by the fact that the advance payment, made upon the delivery of the crop, is more than they got for their while crop under the loosened system. An argument even more absurd is that the pool ought to be dissolved because the selfish outsiders are sharing in its benefits. That is true but it would be just as plausible to wreck the churches because some sinners go to them without paying the preacher. There are men in every activity of life like the "outsiders" in the Burley belt in Kentucky—men who seek all the benefits of life without assuming any of the responsibilities, but on a rule their selfishness gains for them only a few miserable dollars, and at the sacrifice of the friendship and respect of their fellow-men, and efaes of their own self-respect.

The most important campaign in Kentucky is not a political campaign, however carried some of our office-holding and office-seeking friends may become over an election. It is the campaign which the Burley Association is to make for another "sign-up." It is not to be a campaign of stiffness, because it is in the interest of the growers themselves. It is a campaign of, by and for the growers, and they are the advocates and the jury.

"TOO ALL"

Where the bluegrass lands are nodding
To the blue skies overhead,
And the bluegrass valleys lying
In their lovely emerald bed.
Live the folks God gave to strongest
Who with charming southern drawl,
Make the strangers into comrades
With their friendly words "y'aul."

Oh! they may not speak correctly
As some other people do,
But the kindly way they say it,
Makes it seem all right to you.
If they're "gettingup" a party
They insist upon you "coming"
With the words "we want yo'aul."

When I travel down the valley
To the land of endless day,
I will ask for that fair corner
Where the good Kentuckians stay,
And, perchance, they'll come to meet me,
And in Heavenly tones will drawl,
"We were waiting for your coming,
We're glad to see you-all!"

—H. D. Chair in the Kentucky Kernel.

WIPE OUT THE SURPLUS

(Courier-Journal)

Again the Burley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association declares a big dividend. Among their growers of twenty-nine grades of the 1924 crop sold and paid for, $16,000,000 is distributed. This should go a long way toward consoling the farmers that orderly marketing is best.

But President Stone again warns the members of the co-operative against over-production. There still remain in the association's hands 42,000 hogsheads of the 1923 crop, 28,000 hogsheads of the 1924 crop and 62,000 hogsheads of the 1925 crop. And the 1926 crop is nearly ready to set out.

The annual consumption of Burley tobacco, President Stone reminds the members, is around 260,000,000 pounds. There already is on hand in the association's warehouses and storage plants 155,000,000 pounds, left over from the last three years. This surplus is due to the fact that in the last five years, as Mr. Stone points out, the average yearly production has been considerably above the annual requirements of the manufacturers. The moral is plain.

"If the yearly production continues to be more than the actual consumption," Mr. Stone says, "it simply means lower prices for Burley tobacco." That is perfectly obvious.

This is a situation which every Burley tobacco grower must face. He must understand that giving up a substantial part of his planted tobacco acreage will not mean a sacrifice. Fewer acres, with the attention that invariably is given a smaller crop, means better quality. Better quality always means a better price. And devoting a large portion of one's land to general farming, to feed for man and beast, available for use on the farm or readily convertible into cash, surely proves the part of wisdom for the tobacco farmer.

For the sake of maintaining the Burley Association, the "intelligent organization," to quote Mr. Stone, through which "the price level of Burley tobacco has been raised and maintained over a period of five years"—something never done before in the history of Burley tobacco—growing—the "pooler" will do well to consider thoughtfully this matter of crop reduction. A new contract shortly will be presented to the members of the association and growers ought not to send off "just another one-year contract period with a surplus crop as a starter.

UP TO BUSINESS MEN NOW

(Cynthiana Democrat)

Last week The Democrat published the text of the "raid check" law which goes into effect in Kentucky June 21 and has "teeth" in it. As set forth, a party who gives a worthless check for two dollars or less is subject to a fine of $100 or imprisonment of 30 days, and if he gives a worthless check for more than two dollars is given, the party is subject to a penitentiary sentence of five years or less.

Now, the Richmond Register has well said, the severity of punishment provided by law is not so much a deterrent of crime as the certainty that punishment will be inflicted. If, for instance, the murderer were sure to meet the death penalty, as in England, there would be considerably less murder in the United States. If the violators of traffic laws were sure of meeting the penalty provided by law, there would be less violation of traffic laws. So, if the person who issues a worthless check knew that he would go to prison for it, not nearly so many "raid checks" would be issued.

It is "up to" business men, now that the law has been provided, to see that it is enforced. There should be no hesitancy about accusing the arrest of any person who resorts to such petty and despicable thieving. The man's station in life, his family connections and "influence," should have nothing to do with it. He has violated the law. If he escapes others will be encouraged to resort to the same practice, and the business man will find himself in the same unenviable position he has been suffering from for many years. The "raid check" nuisance is widespread and seems to be worse than ever before. A way to stop it is available. If business men do not invoke the law to protect themselves they cannot well claim to deserve protection.

SPRING IN THE SQUARE

This has been a lovely day—
Bright with honey light,
Little girls were skipping rope,
Intent to puffy white

Little boys were playing ball,
Romping on the walk.
Mothers on the benches sat
Lazily to talk.

Robins nested with sweet content;
Pigeons took a wing flight fun,
Rolling on the dusty ground,
Stretching in the sun.

Lovers, climbing up a lea,
Dared no all to look;
And beyond the Arch a man
Strolled there in a book.

Sparrows twittered in the grass,
Fluttering their wings,
Busily engaged with coats
Made of twigs and strings.

Yesterday was very dull
Sitting in the Square,
But today, when Spring had come,
It was lovely there!

Sonia Ruthele Novak.

THE BRIDGE OF SIGHS

(Thomas Hood)

One more Unfortunate
Weary of breath
Rashly importunate
Gone to her death!

Take her up tenderly,
Lift her with care;
Fashion'd so slenderly,
Young, and so fair!

Look at her garments
Clinging like cerements;
Whilst the wave constantly
Drips from her clothing;
Take her up instantly,
Loving, not loathing.

Touch her not scornfully;
Think of her mournfully,
Gently and humanely;
Not the stains of her—
All that remains of her
Now is pure womanly.

Make no deep scrutiny
Into her mutiny
Rash and unadvised;
Past all dishonour,
Death has left on her
Only the beautiful.

Still, for all slips of hers,
One of Eve's family—
Wipe those poor lips of hers
Oozing so clammily.

Loop up her tresses
Escaped from the comb,
Her dank hair smoothing,
Whilst wonderment guesses
Where was her home?

Who was her father?
Who was her mother?
Had she a sister?
Had she a brother?
Or was there a dearer one
Still, and a nearer one
Yet, than all other?

Alas! for the rarity
Of Christian charity
Under the sun!
Oh! it was pitiful!
Near a whole city full,
Home she had none.

Sisterly, brotherly,
Fatherly, motherly
Feelings had changed:
Love, by harsh evidence,
Thrown from its eminence;
Even God's providence
Seeming estranged.

Where the lamps quiver
So far in the river,
With many a light
From window and casement,
From garret to basement,
She stood, with amazement,
Houseless by night.

The bleak wind of March
Made her tremble and shiver;
But not the dark arch,
Or the black flowing river:
Mad from life's history,
Glad to death's mystery
Swift to be hurl'd—
Any where, any where
Out of the world!

In she plunged boldly,
No matter how coldly
The rough river ran,
Over the brink of it—
Picture it, think of it,
Dissolute Man!
Lave in it, drink of it,
Then, if you can!

Take her up tenderly,
Lift her with care;
Fashion'd so slenderly,
Young, and so fair!

Ere her limbs frigidly
Stiffen too rigidly,
Decently, kindly,
Smooth and compose them;
And her eyes close them,
Staring so blindly!

Dreadfully staring
Thro' wooden unsparing,
As when with the daring
Last look of despairing
Fix'd on futurity.

Perishing gloomily,
Spurn'd by contumely,
Cold inhumanity,
Burning insanity,
Into her rest.—

Cross her hands humbly
As if praying dumbly,
Over her breast!

Owning her weakness,
Her evil behaviour,
And leaving, with meekness,
Her sins to her Saviour.

CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES

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30 YEARS AGO

Thursday, May 7, 1896

Mrs. W. H. Fritts leaves for Chattanooga, Tenn., to attend the General Baptist Association.

H. C. Metcalfe sells his stock of goods to James T. Hurst, who will take possession of the store June 1.

George W. Henry takes position as prescription clerk in drug store of S. P. Burch.

Dan Mitchell leaves for New York this morning with car load of fine horses.

Knights of Pythias lodge moved to Dinsmore building on Locust street, near the postoffice.

May term of Nicholas circuit court convened Monday with Judge W. W. Kimbrough presiding. W. S. Pulte appointed foreman of grand jury.

James D. Burnam wrote to his grandmom in the East End, which he recently purchased from W. S. Pulte.

At the regular monthly meeting of the city council Monday night, Dr. N. H. McNew was granted a permit to erect two cottages on Elm street.

City School Board, composed of S. K. Veach, H. C. Metcalfe, Willis Mathews, W. W. Howard, Cal Darnall and G. B. Keller, published card asking residents of district to vote for bond issue at special election to be held June 6, for the erection of a new school house.

Died—Infant of Mr and Mrs. Henry Vicker, at their home near town on April 30. Rev. Hugh Wagoner, man, at his home near Johnsville. Chaped on May 1. Mrs. Mary J. Hamm, 73, at her home in Carlisle on May 3—G. B. Lockridge, president of the Carlisle Deposit Bank in 1870-71, at his home in Mt. Sterling.

42 YEARS AGO

Thursday, May 8, 1884

Maude Collins, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Collins, falls from fence and suffers serious injuries.

Carlisle postoffice made government office and appointment of N. D. Fritts confirmed by Senate.

Died—Mrs. I. H. Wrenn, a native, of this county, at her home in Boone county on April 26.

Rev. A. W. McGuire, who recently accepted call to the pastorate of the Carlisle Baptist church, to begin active duties Sunday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hopkins, of the county, on May 4, a son—To Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Howe, near Headquarters, on April 7, a daughter.

Married—Miss Nannie Crouch and Mr Abner Henry, both of the county, on May 4, Rev. Thomas Wagner, officiating. Miss Mary Bell, formerly of this county, and Mr. R. P. Piper, in Boone county.

The aggregate agree of three women, residing within a radius of five miles of Carlisle, totals 210 years. They are: Mrs. Catherine Wagoner, 100; Mrs. Hughes Wagoner, 107, and Mrs. James Kinkaddon, 104.

In the primary election Saturday, L. E. Baxter defeats R. B. Taylor for the Democratic nomination for sheriff by a majority of 1347 votes. Robert McVey wins nomination for deputy sheriff over R. E. Brown by a majority of 264 votes. The following were nominated: Headquarters, H. G. Taylor; Ellisville, James Wright; John Harvey; East Union, Al Myers.

NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT

The Federal Land Bank of Louisville ..... Plaintiff

vs. Advertisement of Sale

J. Will Sharp, etc. ..... Defendant

Pursuant to an order in the Nicholas Circuit Court in the above styled action rendered at the Term 1926, I shall proceed offer for sale on Thursday, May 20th, 1926, at 2 o'clock P. M. or thereabouts, at the Court House Door, in Carlisle, Kentucky, upon a credit of six and twelve months, the following described property to wit:

Said land is described as follows:

Situated in Nicholas and Bath counties, Kentucky.

"Containing of 109.83 acre. Beginning at a stone in Long Branch in line with Sam Sharp's; thence the division line of Sharpe and Hawkins North 30 East 1752 feet to a fence post in line with B. H. Sharpe; thence with B. H. Sharpe's line 1199 feet to a fence post in line of same; thence S 10 East 1125 feet to a fence post corner to B. H. Sharpe and Fannie Sharpe's; thence with Fannie Sharpe's line North 85¾ West 1058 feet to a fence post corner to same; thence South 4 West 1005 feet to a fence post corner to same; thence South 75 West 962 feet to a stone in center line of Bell Lane or road in the line with other land of said Ollie Sharpe; thence with the center line of said lane or road South 2 East 160 feet to a stone; thence South 9 West 958 feet to a stone on the north margin of the lane or road a corner to the other land of said Ollie Sharpe; thence to Wade Sharpe and Walter Sharpe South 86 East 2014 feet to a stone in Long Branch; thence with Wade Sharpe and Joe Scott; thence in the branch with Scott's line South 55½ East 129 feet to a stone; thence South 41 east 240 feet to a stone at the place of beginning, containing 109.83 acres."

Also a certain lot or parcel of land in Nicholas county, Kentucky, thereon lying in Nicholas county, Ky., on the waters of Long Branch, bounded and abutted by the lands of John R. Sharpe, Ollie Sharpe and W. H. Scott, the Ollie Robert land now being part of the premises herein described, containing 1 Acre, more or less.

There is excepted from the tract of land first above described about 2 acres of same that the said Ollie L. Sharp has conveyed to Walter Sharp, and excepted lies across the road from said body of tract, and not hereby conveyed.

Being the same conveyed to Ollie L. Sharpe by Charles L. Sharpe, a single man, by deed dated Sept. 20th, 1921, 1922, of record in the office of the Clerk of the Nicholas County Court in Deed Book 36, page 187.

This sale is made for the purpose of recovering the sum of $4476.56, with 5% per cent interest from Sept. 1, 1925, also $149.56, with 6 per cent interest from March 1, 1926, which said sum are due The Federal Land Bank of Louisville, Ky. Also the sum of $1241.10, with 6 per cent interest from Dec. 17, 1924, and the further sum of $500.00, with interest from Dec. 17, 1924. The last two sums being due Insurance Realtiff, and is an inferior lien to that of The Federal Land Bank of Louisville, Ky. also the sum of $192.50 costs.

The successful bidder will be required to execute bond bearing interest from date of sale at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

Said bonds to have the force and effect of a judgment, upon which an execution may issue.

This sale will be prepared to comply with these terms promptly.

U. M. Swinford, R. C. N. C. C.
I. B. Ross, Atty. for Plaintiff

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KENTUCKY FARM FACTS

(Farm facts from county agent reports)

County Agent J. O. Herring reports great improvements in poultry raising methods in Barren county.

Dr. L. G. Wahl, president of the First State Bank at Livingston, recently organized a "soybean and alfalfa club" with 22 members. Each member will grow a half acre of soybeans and one acre of alfalfa. Dr. Wahl has been appointed county chairman of the soybean and alfalfa club. Mr. Herring says the soybean and alfalfa seed will be furnished by the bank. Farmers who have been engaged in growing soybeans and alfalfa seed for several years are now being contacted by the bank to join the club. Twelve county banks in Taylor county farmers