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I do not know what I may appear to the world; but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the sea-shore and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me—Isaac Newton.

"DOWN THE RINGING GROOVES OF CHANGE."

". . . Forward, forward let us range,
Let the great world spin for ever
down the ringing grooves of change."

Prof. Walker to give entertainment with his Magnascope, a device for the projection of pictures on a screen and a concert with Edison's phonograph at Mozart Hall tonight.—From The Mercury's "30 Years Ago" column.

Doubtless many who will read these lines today toiled up the stairway of Mozart Hall to see the Professor's "magic lantern" show and to be more or less thrilled by the tinpanny squawkings of the old wax-cylinder phonograph, the "talking-machine" of the late nineties. One may easily imagine the conversations of the departing audience:

"Pretty good, wasn't it?"

"Yes, I reckon. Too squeaky though. Never be anything but a kind of toy I guess. Sounded like a saw hittin' a nail."

"But seeing that train moving along so life-like was wonderful."

"Yeah. Hard way of makin' a livin,' though, draggin' that old gas bag affair around. Never amount to much, I reckon, this movin' picture invention. Dangerous too, if that old gas bag caught fire."

Today the phonograph, brought to such perfection that one may not tell whether it is the voice of the prima donna one hears, as she stands beside the mahogany cabinet, or that voice reproduced on the disk, is fighting to hold its own against an invention which transmits the human voice thousands of miles without wires. Tonight and every night millions will pay millions to see finished actors enact drams upon the moving picture screen. The side-show attractions of the nineties were the faltering first steps of gigantic industries. None of the audience in our Mozart Hall had the vision to forsee the perfection of the phonograph, the triumph of the "magic lantern." Few anywhere had.

One wonders if most of us are not like that audience in our skepticism of the new, the unusual, the marvelous, the surely coming inventions and discoveries of tomorrow? Moving pictures that speak, radio receivers that show the face of the broadcaster hundred and thousands of miles away, disease conquered by the power hidden in the atom—hints all of these dropped by dreamers who toil toward a vision realized.

Yesterday men talked to each other across the Atlantic. Today pictures of the happening, transmitted from New York by telephone, appear in Kentucky papers. Another day soon we may communicate with other worlds. Not until elephants roost in trees, you say?

That's not putting it nearly so vigorously as would any member of that Mozart Hall audience, thirty years ago, had you announced that you would, in less than thirty years, sit by your own fireside and hear a band play La Paloma in distant Mexico City. In fact they would have held a lunacy inquest next day for you.

"BEAUTIFUL SNOW."

Claiming the authorship of "Beautiful Snow" was one of the favorite indoor sports in the days of albums and antimacassars, bustles and burnsides. Some modest violet of a poet was always being dragged into the spotlight as the perpetrator of this somewhat saccharine and tearful lay. As a general rule he or she did not trouble to enter a denial and there were some who boldly and without urging plead guilty.

This old favorite, which is reprinted in another column, bobs up again in a current number of the Pathfinder, with the relation of a most interesting bit of tradition, by way of introduction, in which authorship is credited to a member of the fallen sisterhood. Though it is generally conceded that "Beautiful Snow" was written by James W. Watson, we prefer to accept the tradition. If the lines speak the hopeless heartbreak which is the portion of those whose lots are cast with the oldest profession, one may forgive much of its melodramatic sadness, a sadness that must have been dolorous enough, even in those lachrymose days when little ladies sat primly on horsehair sofas and cried decorously over the novels of Bertha M. Clay.

CIMEX LECTULARIS.

To many Cimex Lectularis have caused a damage suit to be filed in Harrison county. (See news columns.) Now the cimex lectularis is that voracious, perserving and pernicious little insect that has no wings at all, but "gets there just the same."

Evidently his bugship got there with a vengeance in the case of Harney vs. Clough, for rent, and Clough right back at Harney for shattered nerves and loss of sleep incident to the alleged nocturnal depredations of Cimex Lectularis and his family. In fact said Clough sets out that the marauders were "so numerous and vigorous in their parasitical and blood-sucking rampages upon the body of the defendant and his family, they (the family) were driven into frenzy fighting for sleep." Result: shattered nerves, impaired health 'neverything, "for which defendant prays," and so forth.

Now that's what we call a real Cimex! He's a bug that is a bug a real old hemale, this Harrison county product, a veritable race of Cro-Magnon chinces—and dangerous! A bounty should be paid for the heads of these mattress-hawks, for they may attack quail next, or wander over into our county after rabbits.

Could it be, we wonder, a Cimex Lectularis Harrisoniensis that carried off Jim Allen's "umbrella with the crown of gold," left standing in a Cynthiana bank during the spring of '95?

"PROPUTTY, PROPUTTY, PROPUTTY."

"Doesn't thou 'ear my 'erse's legs,
as they canters away?
Proputty, proputty, proputty—that's
what I 'ears 'em say."

Our interference in Nicaragua is "a sordid and brutal invasion," says Senator Borah.

"Factional fights in Nicaragua, where American lives and property exist," counters Secretary Kellogg, "must be stopped as the best way of protecting these interests."

Where American lives "exist," mind you, not where American lives are threatened. Lives that are lives at all exist. It seems to us. A captious criticism, but it strikes this newspaper that "property" and not lives was so dominant in the mind of the honorable Secretary, that property hogged the verb.

Our meddling in the affairs of a South American neighbor, our prohibition of factional fights and revolutions in a country where civil war is the leading outdoor sport is, then, when the truth is told, excused by the Administration, because dollars and not lives are at stake. The Courier-Journal wonders if this be the Coolidge Doctrine. Undoubtedly it is. At least it is not the Monroe Doctrine.

FEEDING FEATHERED FRIENDS

The Lexington Leader calls the attention of its readers to the fact that feeding birds in winter is a valuable conservation measure. Especially is this true in the case of quail. The briar grown angles of the old worm fence furnished excellent cover for game birds, but these picturesque old fences are fast disappearing. The quail exists with difficulty when the fields are blanketed with snow three days.

The farmer should leave a bit of cover in some of his fields and scatter grain at these places. Nearly all birds will more than pay their board in the destruction of insect pests and as the Leader points out, winter feeding is the "stitch in time" that proves of more value in the conservation of game birds than restocking measures.

And aside from the value of winter feeding of birds to the farmer in dollars and cents and to the sportsman in the conservation of game, it is a hobby well worth while to anyone. The visitors that come to a window feeding shelf will amply repay you for your trouble.

OPTIMISM OR IRONY.

"It's really a prosperous country we live in and the prosperity has only commenced," writes Arthur Brisbane.

"1927 will be as prosperous a year for the farmer as was 1926," says secretary Jardine.

Optimism or irony, depending upon whether you are the "highest paid editor," or a member of the national administration or simply a farmer who wallowed in the wonderful prosperity of 1926.

FARM BOOK KEEPING.

Two years of bookkeeping in six Kansas counties have proven the value to farmers of a system of accounting and the summary and analysis of farm books at the end of the year. The average increase in returns of poultry on the 176 farms co-operating during 1924 and 1925 was 47 cents per head. The number of crop acres per work horse increased 8.6 acres per head. The returns showed that in every instance except one, there was a profit over the feed cost under the system of farm bookkeeping and in that one case the operator just broke even.

In discussing the keeping of accounts by farmers, Mr. I. N. Chapman, Farm Management Demonstrator of the Kansas State Agricultural College, says:

After all, the keeping of accounts is a habit, and the summarizing and analyzing of the accounts is likewise a habit that must be developed if the accounts mean what they should. This fact has been proven over and over again in the development of the farm account project. We have met men who were the best and most progressive farmers in their community and yet, when their records for a year were returned to them showing that one or two of their livestock enterprises, especially, were not paying the expense of the feed used, these men invariably remarked, "I didn't know that," or "Well I certainly am going to make some change in that enterprise next year."

A comparison of the returns from any enterprise with the cost of maintaining it may show that the enterprise is really a paying one and one that it might be profitable to develop to a larger extent. Here again the summary and analysis plays an important part, for it shows just what it is necessary to know before investigating more money in the work.

There is only one answer to the question, "What do accounts mean?" and that is that, summarized and analyzed as they should be, they mean an increase in the farm income, especially if the facts they demonstrate are applied to the farm business.

In the column of the County Agent in this issue, farmers of Nicholas county are urged to adopt a system of farm accounting. The account books may be had at the office of Mr. Anderson. They are free.

22,300,000 motor vehicles are registered in the United States. You will find at least a third of these parked on Lexington's main thoroughfare. Try chauffering your feminine relatives from store to store sometime, if you don't believe it.

An exchange says that some take their cases to court and others take them to the cellar. Still others sell 'em to the taker and are dragged into court.

"FAITH WITHOUT WORKS."

Said Farmer Jones, in a whining tone,
To his good old neighbor Gray,
"I've worn my old knees through to the bone,
But it ain't no use to pray."

"I've prayed to the Lord a thousand times
For to make this 'ere corn grow;
An' why your'n beats it so and climbs,
I'd give a deal to know.

Said farmer Gray to his neighbor Jones,
In his easy, quiet way,
"When prayers get mixed with lazy bones,
They don't make farming pay.

"Your weeds I notice are good an' tall,
In spite of all your prayers;
You may pray for corn till the heavens fall
If you don't dig up the tares.

"I mix my prayers with a little toil,
Along in every row,
An' I work this mixture into the soil
Quite vigorous with a hoe.

"So, while I'm praying I use the hoe,
An' do my level best,
To keep down the weeds along each row
An' the Lord, he does the rest.

"It's well to pray both night and morn,
As every farmer knows;
But the place to pray for thrifty corn
Is right between the rows."
—Selected.

Conspiracy

30 Years Ago

Thursday, Jan. 14, 1897

Bryson & Neal start huckster wagon in connection with their general store.

G. M. Brooks takes position as traveling salesman for a New York Millinery house.

Northwestern Kentucky Medical Association to hold annual meeting in Carlisle today.

Married—Miss Katie L. Wilson and Mr. H. S. Weaver, both of Moorefield, on the 13th.

George Erion, of Paris, awarded contract to build residence for Mrs. Julia Anderson next to James Hillock's.

Mr. and Mrs. James Scobee celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Carlisle on December 31.

Died—Mr. John Allison, 50, at his home near Headquarters on the 9th.—Mr. Josiah Coons, 66, at his home in the county on the 2nd.

French Knox, who has just completed a five months term of school at Blue Licks, leaves for Morehead to take a position in the normal school.

Little child of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dayton badly burned when its clothing catches fire before an open fire place at home near Licking, but will recover.

Prof. Walker to give entertainment with his Magnascope, a device for the projection of pictures on a screen, and a concert with Edison's phonograph at Mozart Hall tonight.

42 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Jan. 8, 1885

M. A. Glenn opens coal yard in the lot in the rear of the freight depot.

S. F. Stone ships carload of horses and carload of mules to Richmond, Va.

Large barn belonging to W. H. Martin in the Barterville vicinity destroyed by fire.

Wolfe & Trost's band, of Lexington, furnishes music for first hop of Mozart Dancing Club.

Dr. W. N. Tracey, temperance lecturer, to deliver lectures in every section of the county this month.

Walter Potts elected superintendent and John Hamilton secretary of the Christian church Sunday school.

Married—Miss Mary L. Brayfield, of this county, and Mr. John J. Bentley, of Robertson, to be married today.

Law firm of Kennedy & Kennedy dissolved by mutual consent and Hansen Kennedy moves office to room adjoining Deposit Bank.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kiser, of Carlisle, on the 5th, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. James L. Dennell, of the county, on the 1st, a daughter.

Died—Lillian, little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Harkins, at her home in Carlisle on the 2nd.—Mr. John Logan, at his home in the Taylor's Creek section on the 6th.

TAKING NO CHANCES

The doctor's assistant came in, and the darky told her he wanted to be vaccinated.

"All right," said the assistant, "but it will have to be done in the laboratory."

"No, Ma'am," said the excited negro, "it am gonna be done in mah arm or it ain't gonna be done n' tall!"—Eye-opener.

The California state penitentiary at San Quentin is the largest penal institution in the world.

BEAUTIFUL SNOW

O, the snow, the beautiful snow,
Filling the sky and the earth below,
Over the housetops, over the street,
Over the heads of the people you meet,
Dancing, flirting, skipping along,
Beautiful snow, it can do no wrong.
Flying to kiss a fair lady's cheek,
Clinging to lips in a frolicsome freak,
Beautiful snow from the heavens above,
Pure as an angel and gentle as love
O, the snow, the beautiful snow!
How the flakes gather and laugh as they go!
Whirling about in their maddening fun,
It plays in its glee with everyone.
Chasing, laughing, hurrying by,
It lights on the face and it sparkles the eye;
And playful dogs with a bark and a bound,
Snap at the crystals that eddy around.
The town is alive, and its heart is aglow,
To welcome the coming of beautiful snow,
How wildly the crowd goes swaying along,
Hailing each other with humor and song!
How the gay sleds like meteors flash by,
Bright for the moment, then lost to the eye!
Ringing, swinging, dashing they go,
Over the crust of the beautiful snow;
Snow so pure when it falls from the sky
As to make one regret to see it lie,
To be trampled and tracked by the thousand feet,
Till it blends with the filth in the horrible street.
Once I was pure as the snow; but I fell—
Fell like the snowflakes, from heaven to hell;
Fell to be trampled as filth in the street;
Fell to be scoffed; to be spit on and beat;
Pleading, cursing, dreading to die;
Selling my soul to whoever would buy.
Dealing in shame for a morsel of bread;
Hating the living, and fearing the dead.
Merciful God! have I fallen so low?
And yet I was once like the beautiful snow.
Once I was fair as the beautiful snow,
With an eye like a crystal; a heart like its glow.
Once I was loved for my innocent grace,
Flattered and sought for the charm of the face.
Father, mother, sister, all.
God and myself I have lost by my fall.
The veriest wretch that goes shivering by,
Will make a wide sweep lest I wander too nigh.
For all that is on or about me I know,
There's nothing as pure as the beautiful snow.
How strange it should be that this beautiful snow
Should fall on a sinner with no where to go!
How strange it would be ere the night comes again,
If the snow and ice struck my desperate brain;
Fainting, freezing, dying alone,
Too wicked for prayer, too weak for a moan
To be heard in the streets of the crazy town;
Gone mad in the joy of the snow coming down,
To be and to die in my terrible woe,
With a bed and a shroud of the beautiful snow.
Helpless and foul as the trampled snow,
Sinner, despair not, Christ stoopeth low
To rescue the soul that is lost in its sin,
To raise it to life and enjoyment again.
Groaning, bleeding, dying for thee.
The Crucified hung on the accursed tree;
His accents of mercy fell soft on thine ear;
Is there mercy for me? Will He heed my prayer?
O God! in the stream that for sinners did flow,
Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

WILL ROGERS

Will Rogers, the "Poet Lariat" gives his concert at Woodland Auditorium, Lexington, next Saturday night, January 15, at 8:15 o'clock. He will be assisted by the DeReszke Quartet Singers, a quartet of American men who were trained by the late Jean DeReszke. This is the second season that these artists have toured together in United States, and their reception has been even greater this season than last, if such a thing is possible. They have been greeted by capacity houses everywhere.

Tickets are on sale at the Lexington College of Music until Thursday morning when it will be conducted in the Ben Ali Theatre Lobby. No one need miss the extraordinary event on account of price as there are good seats at $1.10, $1.65, $2.20, $2.75 and $3.30 including war tax. Seats on the lower floor at all prices save the $1.10s. Big advance sale. Order tickets now for choice locations, but those who decide late to come can be sure of admittance.

Gypsies are believed to have come originally from India, real Romany language containing Sanskrit words.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Deposit Bank

doing business at the town of Carlisle, County of Nicholas, State of Kentucky, at the close of business on 31st day of December, 1926

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and discounts	429,571.53	Capital stock paid in, in cash	75,000.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	302.99	Surplus fund	46,000.00
Stocks, bonds and other securities	48,250.00	Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	626.26
Due from banks	143,715.81	Deposits subject to check 478,501.56	
Cash on hand	12,894.74	Time deposit 56,250.00	
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	14,500.00	Certified checks 245.00	534,996.56
Other real estate	7,387.75		
Total	656,622.82	Total	656,622.82

State of Kentucky, County of Nicholas, sct.

We, Jno. N. Ross and Henry M. Potts, President and Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

JNO. N. ROSS, President
HENRY M. POTTS, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1927.
Jimmie Henry, Notary Public (My commission expires January 7, 1930.)

CHARTER NO. 5959 RESERVE DISTRICT NO. 4

Report of the Condition of the

First National Bank

at Carlisle, in the State of Kentucky, at the close of business on December 31st, 1926.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and discounts	140,337.72	Capital stock paid in	25,000.00
Overdrafts, unsecured	365.87	Surplus fund	30,000.00
U. S. Government securities owned	38,100.00	Undivided profits	5,063.29
Other, bonds, stocks, securities, etc, owned	212,796.54	Individual deposits subject to check	413,414.93
Banking house, 4,500; furniture and fixtures 500;	5,000.00		
Real estate owned other than banking house	100.00		
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	29,003.64		
Cash in vault and amt. due from national banks	45,322.68		
Amt due from state banks, bankers, trust companies	1,314.07		
Exchanges for clearing house	1,137.70		
Total	473,478.22	Total	473,478.22

State of Kentucky, County of Nicholas, ss.

I, Henry L. Carter, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Henry L. Carter, Cashier

Correct—Attest: I. Pickrell King, H. T. Letton, B. F. Reynolds, directors

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1927.
John P. Ross, Notary Public (My commission expires July 10, 1928.)

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Moorefield Deposit Bank

Doing business at the town of Moorefield, County, of Nicholas, State of Kentucky, at the close of business on 31st day of December, 1926

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and discounts	123,292.02	Capital stock paid in, in cash	15,000.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	208.887	Surplus fund	18,500.00
Due from banks	37,689.73	Deposits subject to check 85,392.49	
Cash on hand	1,644.79	Time deposits 44,388.30	129,780.79
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	1,500.00	Due banks and trust companies	431.16
		Reserve for interest	723.46
Total	164,435.41	Total	164,435.41

State of Kentucky, County of Nicholas, ss:

We, M. D. Judge and J. H. Wilson President and Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

M. D. JUDGE, President
J. H. WILSON, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1927.
Clarine Seamond, Notary Public. (My commission expires Dec. 14, 1927.)

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Farmers Bank

Doing business at the town of Carlisle, County of Nicholas, State of Kentucky, at the close of business on 31st day of December, 1926

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and discounts	190,583.04	Capital stock paid in, cash	41,600.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,204.60	Surplus fund	15,000.00
Stocks, bonds and other securities	83,501.00	Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,322.42
Due from banks	32,755.13	Deposits subject to check 154,440.14	
Cash on hand	10,135.89	Time deposits 112,420.10	266,760.24
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	8,500.00		
Total	326,682.66	Total	326,682.66

State of Kentucky, County of Nicholas, sct.

We, C. W. Mathers and Harry Kennedy, Vice President and Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. W. MATHERS, Vice President
HARRY KENNEDY, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1927.
Henry L Carter, Notary Public (My commission expires Jan. 7, 1930.)

KENTUCKY NEWS BRIEFS

Mercer county will vote on a $250,000 road bond issue this spring.

A monument to John Fitch, steamboat inventor, was unveiled last week at Bardstown.

A large number of barns in Montgomery county have been invaded by thieves who hauled off tobacco.

Richard Arnspiger, 76, prominent Lexington insurance man, died at his home in Lexington last week.

Judge A. M. J. Cochran Monday convened federal court at Lexington with an unusually heavy docket.

P. L. Knoedoler, of Chicago, has announced his intention of presenting Augusta with a public library.

James Clarkson, 53, was instantly killed at Ashland Saturday night when he was struck by a passenger train.

The new $300,000 gymnasium of the Clark county high school at Winchester was dedicated Friday night.

William Dixon, 55 years old, was shot and seriously wounded by George Fry, 50, constable, in Lewis county Friday.

Dr. W. R. Jillson, State Geologist, is reported as planning to complete the topographic mapping of Kentucky in 1927.

R. P. Scobee, 80, prominent Winchester business man and Confederate veteran, died at his home in Winchester last week.

Capt. A. G. Dejarnette, 85, last surviving veteran of the civil war in Grant county, died at his home in Williamstown Sunday.

Judge John J. Perrine, 90 years old, prominent resident of Mason county, died at the home of his sister in Maysville Sunday.

The Pikeville National Bank has purchased 81 purebred pigs which will be distributed among members of a junior agricultural club.

Thomas J. Sparks, Greenville, last week was appointed United States District Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky.

Bids for the construction of 117.5 miles of road in fourteen Kentucky counties were opened by the State Highway Commission at Frankfort last Friday.

John Frazier, of Shelby county, lost his right hand while cutting fodder when his hand became fastened in the power cutting box.

Elzy Dale, 22, an employe of the state highway maintenance department, was killed at Elizabethtown last Friday when an oil tank exploded.

Judge W. Rogers Clay, of Lexington, was sworn in last week as chief justice of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, succeeding Judge Gus Thomas.

The Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs, meeting at Lexington last week, passed resolutions protesting against the despoilation of Cumberland Falls.

James Hammons, of Hazard, has been recommended by Senator Ernst for the position of United States Marshal for the Eastern district of Kentucky.

Eulis Sanders, 21, was sentenced to life iprisonment by a jury at Paducah last week on a charge of murdering Ewell Smith, garage proprietor, a year ago.

Edward Rash, Maysville, was seriously injured last Friday night when he was struck by an automobile in Maysville said to have been driven by J. M. Marshall.

No trace has been found of the persons believed to have set fire to a large barn of Clarence Lebus in Cynthiana last week. The loss was more than $75,000.

Kentucky motorists paid a per capita gasoline tax of $17.20 and bought $89.44 worth of gasoline last year, figures compiled by the State Tax Commission indicate.

Jack Coleman, 27, fifth of the six sons of Commissioner of Agriculture Clell Coleman, died at his home at Harrodsburg last Friday following an illness of a week.

A large barn containing about 6,000 pounds of tobacco, two milk cows and several tons of dairy feed was destroyed on the farm of C. I. Wilhoit near Lexington last Friday.

Two paper companies charged the state $20,000 more than contract prices for paper during the past four years, State Inspector and Examiner T. Scott Mayes declared Saturday in a report to the State Purchasing Commission.

Colonel Robert William Nelson, 82, one of the most famous lawyers in Kentucky, died at his home at Newport Sunday. Col. Nelson was one of the prosecutors of Alonzo Walling and Scott Jackson, who were hanged for the murder of Pearl Bryant.

H. C. Chappell, publisher of the Middlesboro Three States, has entered the race for the Republican nomination for Railroad Commissioner in the Third Railroad district.

George Harrison, Jackson county farmer, died last week from accidental gunshot wounds in his leg. The gun accidentally discharged and Mr. Harrison bled to death from the wound.

Dr. D. C. Hull, president of Kentucky Wesleyan College at Winchester, has been appointed secretary of the Methodist Christian Education movement of the Kentucky conference.

The fifth annual "mule day" will be held at Mayfield on February 21, when hundreds of mules will be brought to town and offered for sale. The movement is sponsored by the Mayfield Lion's club.

"Lettonian" stock farm, former home of the late J. H. Letton, trotting horse breeder, located in Bourbon county, was sold last week to J. H. Markland, of Montgomery county, for $185 per acre.

A petition is being circulated in Henderson county asking the fiscal court to call an election for the purpose of issuing one million dollars worth of road bonds to reconstruct the roads of that county.

A wound caused by a toy pistol caused the death last week of Charles A. Herndon, 16, at his home in Bowling Green. The boy accidentally shot himself in the hand with the pstol during Christmas week.

A reward of 50 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who accidentally or otherwise set fire to the Richmond school building has been offered by the Richmond board of education.

D. T. Smith, Hardin county farmer, was painfully injured when he was attacked and gored by an infuriated bull on his farm last week. Mrs. Smith succeeded in fighting the animal off after it had knocked her husband down.

Physicians have announced that William Carrick, of Georgetown, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Owingsville, will recover. Carrick's back was not broken as was at first believed.

In a statement last week, Governor Fields branded as false and malicious a story that is being circulated in the press of several states to the effect that tourist cars entering Kentucky are required to procure Kentucky automobile license tags.

The Lexington fire department was severely criticised by the Kentucky Actuarial Bureau last week as the result of an investigation of the fire which destroyed the Jefferson Davis high school.

Five persons were indicted at Pineville last week in connection with the death of Dr. R. L. Lattimore, who was shot and killed when constables attempted to arrest him on charges of having liquor in his possession.

CO. AGENT'S COLUMN

(By S. W. Anderson)

Inventory Time.

The big factories shut down their shops the other day to take inventory. The shops were closed for several days until every piece of machinery, every piece of stock, and every piece of equipment could be accounted for and valued.

Every year these factories go through such a performance. And this is by no means the only place where this is done. Every business man everywhere, that amounts to anything, takes an annual inventory.

The shops may lay off their men and get behind with their orders at the factory, but that makes no difference. It is imperative that they know how they stand with the world. Inventory time has arrived for the factories. It has arrived for the farms. The best time to take farm inventory is generally between January first and when the spring work starts. For the farm inventory make a complete list of the value of all that you own and all that you owe. The difference between these figures represents net worth or true financial standing. Farming is a business and it should be regarded as such. To conduct farming as a business it is necessary to keep some form of record in order that you may know whether you have gained or lost through your activities of the year.

I have now some very good farm accounts books on hand that are yours for the asking, in these books there are spaces for the inventory, farm expenses and income. It takes but a little time to keep such a record and at the end of the year, after it is completed you can see exactly where you stand, and determine exactly those practices on your farm from which you receive the greatest profit. Surely no successful farmer will attempt to go through the coming year without keeping some record of his business. Remember I have a farm account book for you, secure it now, take your inventory and continue to keep a record of your business throughout the year.

Increase The Income By Keeping Poultry.

Too many farmers think the keeping of poultry too small a business to merit their attention. Poultry keeping is a small business and so is farming of any kind. The producer of four or five acres of tobacco is also in a small business. Any kind of farming is a small business considered from the point of the amount of money handled. The average man producing five acres of tobacco would be inclined to look with contempt on the man who would spend all his time in caring for three or four hundred laying hens. Yet five acres of tobacco valued at one hundred and fifty dollars, and to produce that amount of money at thirty cents a dozen, three hundred hens would only have to produce an average of one hundred eggs each.

I do not wish to put the hen up against tobacco as a producer of farm income. I would not advise the man who is producing five acres of tobacco to quit tobacco and depend on three hundred hens to supply his farm income; but I do advise that the average man who has been producing five acres of tobacco plan for only two or three acres in the future. The area released from tobacco may be put into feed crops for two hundred hens and the time saved from the care of the tobacco crop devoted to the intelligent care of the hens. Then I would have every small farmer consider seriously which is likely to prove easier, to produce an extra acre of tobacco or five hundred dozen eggs? The eggs at thirty cents a dozen will bring as much as the tobacco valued at one hundred and fifty dollars. Fifty hens ought to produce five hundred dozen eggs.

The average man producing five acres of tobacco is in a small business and he would still be in a small business if he produced fifty acres of tobacco compared with merchandising or manufacturing; therefore he need have no pride regarding the size of his business, whether he produces ten acres of tobacco or takes care of five or six cows and two hundred hens. A man taking care of six cows, two brood sows and their pigs, and two hundred hens would think he was in a small business, and he would think right, but he would be in a larger business than if he produced ten acres of tobacco, and would not only handle more money but would also have more net profit.

Again I have no thought that dairy cows and hens should be substituted for tobacco. What I would advise is that one fourth less tobacco be raised and twice as many cows and poultry be kept. I simply mean that more cows and more poultry be added to the production of tobacco, by doing this you will not only receive more for the tobacco that you produce but will have the additional income from the cows and hens. If you want more money you can not get it by producing more tobacco but you can feel sure of your profit if you will add a few more cows and hens to your farm then grow legume and grain crops that can be marketed through them.

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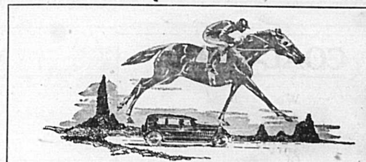

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