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DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For Governor—J. C. W. Beckham
For Lieutenant Governor—James Breathitt
For Secretary of State—Miss Ella Lewis
For Auditor—Clell Coleman
For Commissioner of Agriculture—Newton Bright
For Treasurer—Mrs. Emma Guy Cromwell
For Clerk of Court of Appeals—W. B. O'Connell
For Attorney General—J. W. Cammack
For Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. R. Bell
For Circuit Judge—J. C. Dedman
For Commonwealth's Attorney—T. E. King
For Circuit Clerk—L. S. Hughes
For Representative—Wil McBehan

POLITICS

When Robert H. Loees arrived "unexpectedly" as Judge John H. Sampson was sounding his "trumpet call" at a meeting of Republican workers in Louisville Saturday night, and clasped hands with the Judge, the crowd "went wild," says the Lexington Leader. We'll bet it did. An original stunt like that somebody makes even a country editor "go wild." But if Mr. Loees is so enthusiastic for the ticket, how does it happen he was "unexpected" Saturday night?

—Cynthiana Democrat

Well, we 'lowed a few weeks ago that this clasping of hands would come about. Republicans just naturally don't "holt." They have a higher regard for "clinginess" than do—the Democrats. One might almost say they are "better trained," except that the term carries the implication of jumping through hoops and over tables (not to mention convictions) at the crack of the ringmaster's whip. And of course, this newspaper does not mean to imply any such thing. The weather's too infernal hot to stir up any come-backs from our Republican friends.

But what we do mean to say is that the Democrat who expects any aid or comfort from the Republicans in the balloting this fall, may as well dismiss that pleasing fancy right now. If Mr. Beckham is elected, it will be by Democratic votes, of which there are a-plenty. The goal-line is going to be, as it always is in Kentucky, to get them to come out, to do some balloting.

Now Mr. Beckham is a vote getter; we think there can be no question of that. But he did well he frank. It is going to take work and interest in every county, in complement his ability as a vote-getter.

Mr. Beckham is an able gentleman. He would make a good governor. He is away above the ordinary run of politicians and he appeals to a vote that does not show its preference from the housetops, but of which there are not a few who regard politics as a necessary nuisance and are prone to "let the politicians have their way." Get these to the polls; get out the Democratic vote!

• If this is done we believe Mr. Beckham and the ticket behind him can and will be elected.

WHATEVER 15, IS RIGHT?

As this is written, trees comfort the sweet, sympathic odor of welcome shower, after days of August-in-September. One hopes that it will be more than a shower, just a downpour like our wonderful in the regard of the old preacher—"tied-beaver, a gully washer; no title piddlin' rain, O Lord!"

For the farmer, always the sport of the elements, has been suffering during these outbaked days of a summer that just behaved like it's been here before. Nothing seem has been unfavorable and it may be suffering when this is read. Mark Twain said of the New England weather: it "is always doing something there." Well, it seems to us that it is always doing something to the farmer everywhere.

Often we believe we can see that it is for his own good in the end. When he chooses to ignore the law of supply and demand, the weather does it for him. One realizes that such an attitude is dangerously near to an acceptance of the doctrine that "whatever is right." We don't accept it, that is when the weather interferes with our plans, but it is rather easy to believe in it, as applied to the other fellow.

It would be a comforting belief, so far as weather is concerned, for all of us to hold. For we can't do anything about it—except talk about it and swear at it—that is, not yet. Perhaps in another fifty years we may be "regulating" the weather. But until that time comes we had as well be fatalists and hold with a ragtag ditty of last year, in which it wake-affirmed that

"Whether it's cold, or whether
It's hot,
We're gonna have weather,
whether or not."

"IT ALWAYS HAS COME OUT."

The life of a country newspaper man has many compensations. It has to have; for those who devote their time and energies to the unmingled cares of printers ink and gasoline. This time she chose as a medium the person of a descendant of Ham, who attempted to fool some hundred or more sheets of newsprint paper through a rapidly revolving cylinder press, driven by a five horse-power motor.

She did her best, did this mother of a Moshle and her staunch frame, built when ambitions were workmen and steel was cheap, withstood the shock of this sudden ration of paper. But her "innards" rebelled, her lights and liver and gizzard and whatnot, and ignoring the palpitating juice-ester that urged her on and defying all the lightning of the Kentucky Utilities Company to make her budge an inch, she spat out a dozen or s beats, stopped and called it a day. And that was that. To a badly scared Afroun press confeder, whose name looked like a couple of ink spots on a white-washed fence, it was something else. To those of us who faced "press day" with no press it was—well, we have a wholesome respect for the poetri laws. Doubtless you have loafed around printing offices at some time in your life. Use your imagination—generously.

And now for one of those compensations. A telephone appeal; an instant and cordial response, locked up on a Ford truck and as the street lights winked on in the pretty little city that in pioneer days was named for a Piney-clad beauty, petspot Cynthia and her equally lovely sister, Anna. The Mercury "went to press" as the guest of the Log Cabin, back on cordial and considerate as ever "three out the lifeline" to a brother publisher in distress. And so, after all, misfortune was not without its recompense. It brought one realize, as never before, what fine fellows there are among those who labor amid the clatter of linotypes and the roar of presses in Kentucky. And in every State, we have no doubt.

So, it was that The Mercury "made the mails" last week; and so the last paper came out of the Mountain town hours before midnight our thoughts went to the "old Mercury office" on Main street, to the old "handet days," nights of stress, when midnight called with items yet to be locked and a centuklerous old "Cincinnati Cylinder" to be humored along and lured into smudgy performance when we did "get on." And we thought with a smile of dear old "Bones," Allen, the best philosopher and the most lovable darky we ever knew, and of his unfailing remark at such times. "It always has come out," he would say.

One has need of such quiet confidence in a country newspaper office. We suppose it comes, as do all things, with the march inexorable of the years.

THIS MUST NOT FAIL

The weather is hot, at least it is as this is written; money is scarce and "drives" are plentiful. So it is but natural that even worthy names and appeals for funds should be ignored.

However, to loyal Kentuckian and to every ex-citizen Oldsbip county, which will benefit more than any other county, perhaps, if the plan is successfully carried out, will come as a contribution at least one dollar to the fund for the purchase of a State Park at Blue Licks.

Mr. Jesse Elam, who is secretary of the Blue Licks Battlefield Memorial Commission, mailed the following letter last week:

Sept. 12th, 1927

"Dear Friends—

On behalf of the Blue Licks Memorial Commission, I beg leave to make an earnest appeal to you, and other good citizens, to aid us in raising a fund with which to buy enough ground at Blue Licks Battlefield to make its acceptable Public Park.

"We have contracted for a beautiful Monument to be paid for by the State. We have had donated to us Two Acres of ground upon which to place it; and have an option upon some ground around it, to include the place on the battlefield where the soldiers were buried. This option expires the first part of October, and we need $2,500.00 and must have it before the option expires, in order to be able to purchase enough land for the Park. We feel that if the good citizens of the several counties will contribute a small amount, we can easily raise this sum.

"It is our purpose to include in the monument, in a list prepared for that purpose, a list of all the subscribers to this fund; and we inclose a self-addressed stamped envelope, together with a small envelope, in which we beg of you to place at least One Dollar, or more if possible, and write your name and address across the small envelope, so we may include it in the box to be placed in the Monument, and mail the envelope to the undersigned.

"We simply must have a Park around the Monument, if the Memorial we have designed shall be worthy of our Revolutionary heroes.

"Do not lay this letter aside, but please answer it at once.

"Yours sincerely,
S. B. Ross, Treasurer."

The option on this land expires on the sixth of October and delay may mean the abandonment of a plan to surround the memorial with an appropriate park. Such a park as the Blue Licks is our opinion, will be worth thousands of dollar, to this county and thousands of dollars to the famous old springs, now facing, for the first time in many years, an opportunity of rebirth to former glories as a nationally advertised resort.

Aside from the appeal this plan for a State Park at Blue Licks should strike the sentiment and loyalty of Kentuckians, its success will prove valuable in dollars and cents to Nicholas county. So if sentiment does not move you to answer the appeal, make your contribution as an investment in Nicholas county's future.

In any event, answer the letter sent you by Mr. Ross.

"SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY."

The following are excerpts from "Spoon River Anthology," that remarkable book of poetry by Lee Masters, in which those who once lived in a country town speak their own epitaphs, stripped of all pretense, from where they lie, "sleeping, sleeping on the hill."

HARE DRUMMER

Oh the boys and girls still go to Siever's
For cider, after school, in late September,
Or gather hazel nuts among the thickets
Oh Aaron Hatfield's farm when the frosts begin!
For many times with the laughing girls and boys
Played I along the road and over the meadow.
When the sun was low and the air smoke.
Now, the smell of the autumn reminds me
And the dropping acorns,
And the echoes about the vales
Bring dreams of life. They hover over me.

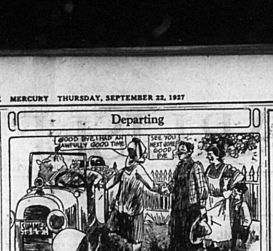
The moment me:
Where are those laughing comrades?
How many are with me, how many
In the old orchard, home the way
to Siever's,
And in the woods that overlook
The quiet water?

RALPH RHODES

All they said was true;
I wrecked my father's bank with
my loans
To dabble in wheat, but this was
true—
I was buying wheat for him as well.
Who couldn't margin the deal by
his name
Because of his church relationship.
And while George Reece was serving his term
I chased the will-o'-the-wisp of
wheat
And the mockery of wine in New
York.
It's deathly to sicken of wine and
women
When aching else is left in life.
But suppose your head is gray,
and bowed
On a table covered with aerial niche
Of cigarettes and sooty glasses,
And a voice in your ear and you
know it's the knock
Of the Reaper, and you
Thrift,
Who waited until your head was
gray
And your heart shipped beats to
spare,
You gasp on Broadway and be run
over,
They'll ship you back to Spoon
River.

EDMUND POLLARD

I would I had thrust my hands of flesh
Into the disk-flowers bee-infested,



Into the mirror-like core of fire
Of the light of life, the sun of delight.
For what are anthers worth or petals
Or halo-rays? Mockeries, shadows
Of the heart of the flower, the central flame!
All is yours, young passer-by;
Enter the banquet room with the thought;
Don't sidle in as if you were doubtful
Whether you're welcome—the feast is yours!
Nor take but a little refusing more
With a bashful "Thank you," when you're hungry.
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I'm growing deeper in my sighs;
I'm growing careless of my dress;
I'm growing frugal of my gold;
I'm growing wise; I'm growing—yes,—
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—John Godfrey Saxe

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30 Years Ago

Thursday, Sept. 23, 1897

Killing frosts visit this section during the past week.

Ben H. Robinson begins construction of new home on Chestnut street.

Company organized to establish telephone system in Carlisle and will be now assured of telephone service.

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The PUBLIC Is Making Money Out Of The Railroads

Efficiency of operation and the constant vigilance on the part of the steam railroads of the United States in improving every branch of their service has brought about great monetary returns to the American people. Here are some of the ways in which the public is profited by improved railroad service:

In 1926 the railroads moved one ton one mile for just a trifle more than the public was receiving $1,000,000 in freight charges compared with the year 1921. During the year 1926 an increase of $2,000,000,000 was paid to the railroads for doing the same work which the public received for $1,000,000,000 in 1921. In other words, the public received the benefit of approximately $1,000,000,000 in one year by increasing the cost 100% with an increase in earnings, after taxes, of only 44%. In 1926 the railroads paid 27.5% more in taxes than in 1921, and the increase in the purchase of commodities and supplies for current operations, and other miscellaneous expenses was 28.5%.

In short, the benefits accruing to the public, and the increase in the cost of railroad service, in 1926 as compared with 1921, were as follows: $1,000,000,000, of which the public received 44, the employees received 28.5, the railroads received 27.5. The railroads are delivering the best railroad service in the world, and at the lowest cost.

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STATE NEWS BRIEFS

The Kentucky fall trots opened at Lexington Monday for a season of eleven days.

John J. Cobb, 69 years old, of Maysville, was drowned Sunday afternoon while fishing in a creek near Aberdeen.

Fire destroyed the Whipp hotel, a brick structure of 50 rooms, at Liberty, Boyle county, Saturday, causing damage of $50,000.

Williamstown will vote on the question of a bond issue for the establishment of a water works system at the November election.

The new bridge on the Kiwanis Trail between Corbin and Cumberland Falls will be dedicated with a celebration today at 3 o'clock.

Two frame dwellin houses in Millersburg belonging to Mrs. Blanche Vimont were destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon, causing damage of $3,000.

The State Highway Commission last week awarded road contracts and a contract for a bridge near Hazard which will total approximately $1,000,000.

Fire prisoners made their escape from the Bath county jail at Sharpsburg Saturday night by sawing the bars of a window in the cell on the second floor.

Robert E. Lusk, for ten years a member of the Paris police department, submitted his resignation to Mayor E. H. January last week and will engage in business.

Rev. J. M. Ward, 57 years old, of Lawrence county, was killed instantly Saturday when he fell from a wagon load of lumber, the wagon passing over his body.

Thieves raided the farm of Mrs. Thompson Farr near Paris one night the past week, loaded a number of choice animals on a truck and drove away.

Jerry Woodson, editor of the Owensboro Messenger, was appointed last week by Governor Fields as a member of the commission to study crime in Kentucky.

Jerry Hopper, 35, a tenant on the farm of William Campbell, near Falmouth, was killed instantly when he was struck by a bolt of lightning while stacking hay.

Suffering from loss of memory Mrs. Ruth Bryant, 45, of Jess, Ky., was found driving her automobile into Owensboro last Thursday and was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Two men were killed, another woman and two men were badly burned last Friday as the result of the explosion of a barrel of moonshine whiskey in a home at Louisville.

Frank Medley, 52 years old, was stabbed to death by Harry Wells, 37, in the Wells home at Owensboro when Wells is alleged to have found Medley in company with his wife.

A fusillade of bullets was fired into the Lee dormitory of Berea college last Friday night by an unknown person, endangering the lives of several students, none of whom was injured.

A cigarette thrown into some rubbish is thought to have caused a fire which last Friday night destroyed a part of the business section of Somerset, causing damage of $35,000.

The seventeen months old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Smith, of Owensboro, died last week a short time after she had swallowed some aluminum tablets found in a cabinet at her home.

A death sentence given Robert Conrad, negro, charged with the murder of Dixie Hall, another negro, at Wheatburg, was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Fields last week.

Skeletons believed to be those of three convicts killed by guards during the construction of a railroad in 1880, were unearthed last week on a new turnpike in Madison county last week.

Diamonds valued at $2,000 and $200 in cash was the loot of robbers who forced their way into the apartment of Mrs. Anna Belle Hodges in Lexington Sunday while Mrs. Dehoney was away.

The identity of the man who is believed to have been murdered Friday morning and thrown off a bridge at Ludlow, was established by Lexington authorities as John A. Gumm, Lexington laborer.

Mrs. R. W. Whitfield, 80, was killed, and her husband, R. W. Whitfield, Sr., president of a mine in Harlan county, was seriously injured when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a train.

FERTILE SOIL MEANS PROSPERITY

(By Edgar W. Cooley Agricultural Extension Department, International Harvester Company.)

Walking over it all our lives, the soil has become of little importance to many of us. Some people think the land we are tilling today is the same it was a hundred years ago. We do not realize that the soil is constantly changing just as people are changing from day to day.

The soil is not an inert mass; it is the scene of life and activity. Soil that is inactive is unproductive. Circulation of air and water, solution of plant foods, evaporation, decay of plants and soil particles countless minute organisms—all these are the signs of fertility.

The fertility of the land is the power to produce crops. It is determined chiefly by three things:

The texture of the soil.
Its richness in available plant food.
Its moisture.

The texture of the soil is its physical condition. It may be rich, slow, cloddy or hard. Plants cannot get a start in hard, lumpy soil. Fine mellow soil, containing enough clay to hold water and humus to make it porous, is called a good seed bed. It is favorable to the growth of bacteria, prevents leaching and baking and makes the soil productive.

Soils that have little humus are unproductive. They may be rich in phosphorus, potash and other plant foods but they will still be unproductive. Much of this great store of plant food is locked up, else it would be leached from the soil or been used up long ago.

By intelligent farming, a little of it is made available year after year. The longer plants are grown on any land and plowed under to add to the soil, the richer the soil becomes. In building the soil, nature has certain laws that man has but a few years. He must work rapidly and intelligently. He cannot afford to make mistakes.

The soil must be made to continuously grow profitable crops. It may be seriously impaired for the growing of any crop if the humus is allowed to burn out of it. It then becomes leachy and quickly loses its fertility.

Roots and stubble, green crops and barn manure—these supply humus to the soil. If humus is to be maintained in the soil, we must rotate our crops. We must have the meadow and the pasture a part of the rotation. The roots and the stubble and manure applied with one of the crops in the rotation will supply the land with the needed vegetable matter.

It is better to feed the crop to stock and return the manure to the land than it is to plow the crop under. It is better farm management to sell the hay than to plow the crop under. It is better farm management to sell the hay than to plow the crop under. It is better farm management to sell the hay than to plow the crop under.

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A LITTLE TALK ON THRIFT

(By S. W. Straus, President American Society for Thrift.)

It can not be denied that the practices of thrift make permanent prosperity at times. They mean that the truly-thrifty man or woman must sometimes surrender the soft comforts and alluring pastimes which mean so much to many.

But it is much better to give up a few of these things during the years when we are strong and in health than to face poverty and distress when our old years are upon us.

Thrift is an investment in happiness that pays large dividends.

Present pastimes last for a day and are forgotten but the joys of thrift abide with us as long as we live.

Thrift is an insurance policy against failure.

Those who practice it consistently and truly may not gain the great heights of success but they will always hold an honored, respected place in the affairs of men.

One of life's greatest tragedies is to become dependent in the autumn of life. Life's most poignant source of worry to many is the fear that when they shall have reached old age they shall be dependent on the charity of others.

Conversely, there is constant happiness and contentment of mind to those who practise thrift because they know that the serene days of old age will be lived in financial independence.

There is a world of difference between the outlook of those who are making no provision for the future and those who are slowly, steadily building up their personal resources. The difference is so great that one wonders how it is possible for any sensible person to risk failure by failure when a comparatively small effort and sacrifice will place them on the roadway to independence.

URGES GOOD WINTER CARE FOR PULLETS

Good care of pullets in order that eggs may be obtained during the winter is urged by Prof. J. R. Smyth of the Kentucky College of Agriculture.

"It will be advisable to get pullets into the laying houses early and plenty of room be given out. "If they are beginning to lay they should be put into permanent laying houses at once. This will allow one to shift to a laying ration and to fatten the pullets a little if they need it.

"If they are not laying, the laying houses should be made ready so they can be placed in them as soon as the weather becomes unfavorable. Leaving pullets on range, roosting either in trees or in small trees, may result in colds or roup, if the weather should get rainy and the nights cool.

"After pullets are housed they should be kept confined to the house a few days until they become accustomed to their new quarters and then allowed out. It is a good plan to keep pullets confined to the house until about noon each day, as this will encourage them to eat more mash and also to give them exercise. If all feed is given in the house the pullets will go to bed early in the afternoon.

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CYCLOPS JAILED

G. W. Robbins, Exalted Cyclops of the Elk Klux Klan of Bell county, was fined $180 and sentenced to 180 days in jail by Judge Hugh Riddle at Pineville last week for refusal to answer questions in the Johns, Leabold and Forester election contest for circuit judge.

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Philip Begg, Administrator.
Foster V. Cox, attorney.
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