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THE WISE

(Arthur Wallace Peach)

A pool by the roadside
May hold the midnight sky;
Why ask the vastness of the sea
To prophesy?

A mountain may listen
And hear the starry throng;
A little hill can hear a thrush
Make dusk a song.

If years brought us wisdom,
How wise the old would be;
A moment's truth may even teach
Eternity!

A DAY OF MEMORIES

Today is set aside in our national life as sacred to the memory of the valiant dead, who gave up life for a cause, a belief, the defense of home and country. It is fitting that their memories be honored with observances.

More important to the living perhaps than to those who sleep beneath pine and hemlock are the memorial rites of the day. For the living have need of the encouragment of noble precept, of the courage that possessed by one man may be possessed by another. We who live have need of contact with the nobilities in the lives of those who sleep and are at rest.

Here the day has become a peaceful, quiet holiday, a day of rest, quiet and blossoms placed tenderly about grassy mounds. It is for some a day of poignant memories, of grief raw and bitter and for others Time, the healer, has softened the pang of the suffering heart.

On the velvety turf of the hill today, among the flowers, memories will come to the living who pay honor to the dead—sad memories, sweet memories—and perchance courage; God grant, Hope.

"Life," writes one who walked toward the great mystery of the unknown with faltering feet, "is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud—and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word. But in the night of Death Hope sees a star and listening Love can hear the rustling of a wing."

A FRIENDLY WARNING

At Ashland the father of a boy caught shooting song birds has been convicted. The Boyd County Fish and Game Protective Association has issued an announcement that the parent of any boy caught killing song birds will be arraigned and held responsible for the offense.

A heavily wooded tract of fifty acres in the center of the city of Ashland has taught the value of bird protection. Feeding in this tract has brought thousands of song birds, making easy targets for thoughtless boys with sling shot, air guns and small calibre rifles. The Boyd county association takes the best means to stop this heedless slaughter by beginning with the parents of youthful offenders.

Persons caught killing song birds in Kentucky may be charged under the law with hunting out of season as well as with killing songsters, a double offense, for which a heavy penalty is provided.

Local lads, thoughtlessly, The Mercury is sure, have been robbing nests and shooting at song birds in the Carlisle cemetery. Parents may avoid the experience of the Ashland man by a timely warning to their sons. The game warden in this section is alert and anxious to enforce the law. He is in Carlisle frequently. The Mercury hopes that no prosecution may be necessary here to protect these feathered friends of man.

WANTS "OUT FROM UNDER!"

The Glasgow Times thinks "Professor" Sampson is well pleased with the suit questioning the legality of the free text-book act. It will, thinks the Times, give him a chance to "get out from under. And the Lord knows he will welcome it, too, with a prayer." Well, perhaps he will. He should. Think of the thunder it will furnish him—"I tried to give the barefoot boy and the bare-kneed girl free school books, my countrymen, but the 'powers of darkness' wouldn't let me!" Hooray for progress! Fine stuff. But at that, it is our opinion that he'd rather see those contracts signed and take his chances at getting out from under. Our Flim Flam is, to use an inelegant phrase, too "hell bent" on closing the deal. He just nachelly wants those contracts signed.

"CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME!"

"Il Duce" Sampson, at a flag and Bible presentation by a fraternal order in Fayette county Sunday, defends his text-book selections on the grounds that the texts are the same as the texts adopted by the State of California, first, according to the Governor, in education in the United States.

Granted that the Governor knows his California adoption, that California tops the list in educational standards how does the fact make texts adopted in California suitable for the children of Kentucky? It does not follow in this instance that what is good for one is good for t'other. California and Kentucky differ in many ways, aside from climate, size and geographical location. That the mental pabulum of Kentucky children should be that of California children, because the latter thrive on it, seems illogical to The Mercury. One had as well standardize little moustaches for men because John Gilbert looks well wearing such hirsute adornment on his upper lip.

At least the history texts can't be identical, surely, though one wouldn't be much surprised if our freak text books expanded on the wonderful climate of California, the superiority of the "native son," the comparative populations of San Francisco and Los Angeles and the fact that no earthquake has ever been knowingly admitted west of the Great Divide. California has climbed to the top of the literacy ladder, says "Professor" Sampson, and what's good enough for California should make the Kentucky young idea shoot, what?

One wonders if they advertise on the covers in California. Probably not. San Francisco and Los Angeles would be bidding for space when the term ended.

But Kentucky is for progress. Yes, sir! she is, comin' and gwine, front and rear, and California has progressed. So give us them thar books and watch our dust! Look out, California, here we come!

AND FROM MR. HOOVER'S STATE!

The Cynthiana Democrat is our authority for the first and doubtless the best fish story of a season that is opened this year by a Red Bluff, California, fisherman:

Two fishermen were having poor luck whipping Battle Creek when one suggested that their bait be soaked in "jackass" brandy. This was done and at the first cast the rod bent double and it took the combined efforts of the two sportsmen to reel in the prize. Then, they discovered the worm had seized a big trout by the throat and was choking it.

And the most eminent angler in the country, hailing from the same State, but now abiding in Washington, came back from his week end trout expedition with a black eye and an empty creel. The President should send back home for some of that bait-soaker.

THE WOMEN—BLESS 'EM!

The Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs was not stampeded into a reversal of its policy of conservation at Ashland. Despite the subtle and determined campaign of those who would present Cumberland Falls to the power interests, a resolution condemning the exploitation of this natural wonder for commercial purposes was passed by an overwhelming vote.

To the power protagonists their quick and utter rout was doubtless a surprise, for the campaign had been thorough. In a recent issue of the Kentucky Club Woman had appeared the following resolution among those to be considered at Ashland:

"Whereas, Hydro-electric power has a direct bearing on human welfare, as well as upon the industrial and economic life of the country.

"Whereas, the question of the development, the ownership, and the control of hydro-electric power is one of vital interest to every citizen;

"Be It Resolved: That these questions involved in hydro-electric development become the subject of study by the member Clubs of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs."

This resolution was introduced, no doubt, in good faith. That it was introduced as the result of subtle suggestion is a reasonable conclusion. The power folk move in mysterious ways and that resolution contained potential "dynamite."

Then, under date of May 16, letters went out from Williamsburg to presidents of Kentucky women's clubs. They were signed, "Womans Club of Williamsburg." The letter charged "gross misrepresentation or lack of understanding of the true situation" by those who favor the acceptance of the gift of Senator du Pont and the preservation of the Falls region in all its primitive beauty. This letter contained the amazing statement that "we, who are acquainted with the facts, know that without the proposed development (the dam) we can not hope to get the park or any hard surfaced roads leading to this isolated section."

Perhaps the absurdity of that statement alone was enough. At any rate, despite the fact that the Chairman of Governor Sampson's "Anti-Park" Commission presented the cause of the dam advocates, the women of Kentucky were not hoodwinked into condoning a policy that would give to Chicago capitalists a resource and natural wonder, God-given, beautiful, and in its primitive loveliness potentially invaluable to its particular section, to the Commonwealth and to future generations of Kentuckians.

One may be thankful for the knowledge that the club women of Kentucky refuse to be exploited, whatever the outcome of the struggle of a State to protect a resource that belongs to Kentuckians of today and tomorrow—a resource so endowed with attributes of the untouched beauty the pioneer knew, that it becomes, in addition, an asset of the Nation.

CAP THE CHIROTONSOR

The Story of the 800 Kopek Flivver

"I see," said Cap, the Chirotonsor, as he placed the teeth of his comb in the tender part of the victim's head and leaned on it while he used the clippers on his neck, "where the mail order houses are going to put out a car that sells for two or three hundred dollars—a little bitty car."

"Where'd you see that?" asked the victim, slapping at the comb.

"Right there in the doggone paper," replied Cap. "No, not today's paper—some paper. Shore as God made little apples I saw it."

"Who said you didn't?" replied the victim, "pulling the comb out of his scalp.

"Well, you looked sorty doubtful," said Cap.

"It was the pain," said the victim. "They've had little cars like that in England for years."

"Yeah, I know that," said Cap.

"Ever see one?" asked the victim, slipping down in the chair to get away from the comb.

"No, but I know about 'em," said Cap. Fella in England wrote me all about it."

"Was he a barber?"

"Lordamercy, no, son! Who'd believe a doggone barber?" This fella—what's matter, razor hurtin' you? You doggone tootin' he wrote me. Eight hundred dollars they sold for; they think that's cheap in England—only they don't call 'em dollars."

"No? What do they call 'em?"

"Yeah. Powder on your face? Layback, holdback, stayback?"

"What did you say they called dollars in England?

"Yeah. Next victim! Ain't you got any change? Gimme match, cap'n; gimme match—"

"Was it kopeks?"

"Yeah, that's the doggone word—cold pecks. Ha! Ha! Ha! Old cold pecks! Call again. Next victim!"

SOMEWHAT RARE

"Stanley, in his speech here Monday looked and sounded more like a United States Senator than ever before in his life. And how he'd shine in that assemblage of timid, ordinary men—Glasgow Times."

"A prophet is not without humor, save in his own country." Owsley Stanley, much abused, is not only able and courageous, but honest. And that, my children, can't be said of many politicians.

LETTERS TO THE MERCURY

To the Editor of the Mercury.

Practically every school man in Kentucky, regardless of politics, will support State Superintendent of Public Instruction W. C. Bell in his refusal to be a mere "rubber stamp" at the behest of the honest-to-goodness Governor of the State. "Go on and sign; I want you to understand that you are merely the servant of this commission," (meaning the State Textbook Commission) the Governor is reported to have said to Mr. Bell.

"I recognize that I am the servant of this commission," Mr. Bell is reported to have said in reply; "but I want YOU to understand that I am not the slave of the commission's master."

Now Mr. Bell comes out in a manly, straightforward letter to the public and cites attempts on the part of the Governor to take over duties belonging strictly to Mr. Bell's office. Mr. Bell reviews the action of the commission in designing an "acting secretary" to sign the contracts after Mr. Bell had refused to do so, until he had had time, at least, to read them. "The commission is vested with no such authority by the constitution or the statutes," Mr. Bell wrote. The "acting secretary" signed one of the contracts, Mr. Bell said; but the firm which received the contract since has written to him that it cannot accept the contract.

Mr. Bell's letter relates that, during the second adoption period, educators on the commission, after studying and analyzing textbooks for many days, matured preferential lists of textbooks for various subject fields. For illustration, he declares, they (the members of the commission) by straw vote selected from sixteen spellers submitted for consideration a preferential list of five, the implication being that one of the preferred list later would be adopted. Mr. Bell goes on: "When the chairman announced the nominations were in order for speller for adoption, the secretary of the commission was amazed to hear another member of the commission nominate a speller that had not previously received a single vote in all the straw balloting done by the commission. After the nomination of this book, ballot was spread, collected and the result announced, it indicated that the speller that had not previously received a single vote of approval by any educator on the commission had received ELEVEN VOTES, whereas the speller ranked highest in the straw balloting by the commission received ONE vote."

Thus, little by little, Mr. Bell is permitting the parents of school children of Kentucky to see the inner workings of one of the Governor's "honest-to-God," or "honest-to-goodness" commissions with which the Governor so gleefully tells Kentucky he has surrounded himself. It is not too much to say that the Governor "bit off too big a chew," when he attempted to put his collar around Mr. Bell's neck.

There is one way to correct the evils attending the so-called "adoptions" being made at Frankfort and that is to repeal the entire Howard textbook law when the Legislature meets again and put the adoptions of real and honest school books in the hands of educators, where they rightfully belong. Previous State Textbook Commissions have been, for the most part, made up of educators, or at least those who knew something about the operation and needs of the public school system. If the purpose of the present law is to vest in the hands of the Governor the entire selection notwithstanding his announced purpose of placing the selections in the hands of a personnel of ten or twelve counselors, —then the question must be asked: Why appoint a commission, at all, if they must vote as the Kentucky Mussolini directs and dictates?

The Governor of Kentucky seems to be in for a fine grilling when the Legislature is convened next January; and some of the more representative members of the Assembly may make the Governor wish he had never dabbled in skunks, polecats, 'possums—or school books. The sympathy of the State is with Mr. Bell—especially when he declares that, although changes in books are limited to 20 percent in any one year by the Howard law, the Governor has changed 100 percent of the elementary books and 75 percent of those intended for use in high school. Parents of school children will not tolerate this arrogance or extravagance.

PEDAGOG

30 Years Ago

Thursday, June 1, 1899

Sam Huff leases stables at Blue Lick Springs for summer.

M. Kilkison, of Keene, Ky., leases store room of John W. Myers and will open grocery and bakery.

Real estate agent James A. Fisher sells Moses Setters residence in Dorsiana to I. E. Ritchie for $400.

One of the largest crowds ever seen in Carlisle attends Memorial Day services held by Confederate and G. A. R. veterans.

W. F. Ramey, president of Nicholas County Sunday School Union, announces program for annual meeting to be held at Parks Hill June 10.

At primary held Saturday, Thomas M. Sharp defeats E. D. Baxter and E. T. Mann for the Democratic nomination for Representative from Nicholas and Robertson counties.

At commencement exercises held here last week, Emerson Ramey and William Hamilton were awarded scholarships in Kentucky State College for highest standing in school work.

Prof. Floyd Long, son of J. R. Long, of Hocktown, leaves for New York, from where he will sail for Europe to spend the summer. Prof. Long is an instructor in Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Plummer on May 25, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles McVey, Jr., of the county, on May 22, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Arnold, of Jackstown, on May 2, twin daughters.

Died—Mrs. Nelson Florence, 72, at her home near Morning Glory on May 25th.—Mr. Robert Huddleson, 65, at his home near Carlisle on May 30th.—Mr. C. B. Potts, 52, a native of Nicholas county at his home at Murray Mo., on May 27th.

Deposit Bank committee awards contracts to following Carlisle contractors for new building at corner of Main and Locust streets. Brick work, James George, Sr.; cut stone work, Max Metzger; carpenter work, I. N. Hanley; roofing, John Firth.

42 YEARS AGO

(The issue of The Mercury for June 2, 1887, is missing from our files. The 42 years ago column will be resumed in our next issue.)

STRAWS IN THE WIND

(Courier-Journal)

Unless Superintendent Bell is egregiously in error, Governor Sampson has ruthlessly shattered a sedulously cultivated school confidence in the infallibility of straw votes. The Governor, as chairman of the State Textbook Commission, began deliberations on the merits of competing texts by having each member submit a preferential list of five in the order of his preference. But when it came to the final adoption in one subject, the State Superintendent says, a book which had not figured in any preference list was nominated and adopted by a vote of 11 to 1 for the book which had topped a composite list. Only one book in the entire elementary field which led in the straw vote was adopted.

Superintendent Bell was struck by the unanimity of sentiment among his associates in the commission, composed of the Governor and his appointees. "It has been apparent," in his opinion "that the other eleven members have, as a rule, agreed in caucus in advance about what was to be done at any particular meeting."

Caucus action prevailed over the straw vote. The latter appears to have been merely a means by which the Governor tested the individual judgment of his commissioners and found it undependable. Their preferences were discarded in caucus. Why and how, are conjectural. All that is clear is that they voted against the textbooks which most of them had expressed a preference for.

That no heed was given to the cities or to the provisions of the Howard act, ostensibly limiting changes to 20 per cent of the books in use, is self-evident. The adoption changes 100 per cent of the elementary books and 75 per cent of those in high school. The State Superintendent as ex-officio secretary curtly was informed by the Governor that he was only the "servant" of the commission to execute its will by affixing his signature to contracts without studying them. Fortunately for Kentucky in this instance, the axiom, "like master, like man," doesn't apply. He is trying to acquaint himself with the terms of the contracts, about which he wasn't consulted as secretary, and get the schools open on time, and he requires no defense. The curious repudiation of that straw ballot at last showed which way the wind was blowing.

POEMS THAT WE LIKE

ANOTHER DAY

(George Lawson)

I walked along a swamp one rainy day
And saw a thing of mud and stagnant pools
Above whose brooding silence, hordes of frogs
Croaked raucously. I hurried by and thought:
"On this way I will never pass again."
And yet it happened that I did return
One brighter day and lo, I found a moor,
Where sedge and tule and the iris grew
And tiny Hylas piped a symphony—
Where southern breezes crooned a melody,
And Red Wing sang above his nesting mate.
While, loath to go, I tarried by the bank
And thought: "I soon must pass this way again."

SHADBUSH

(Ada Frances Almy)

When throbbing drums of Spring's parade
Are heard through forest, field and glade,
By plant and bush and tree;
Each snatches up her handiest wraps,
A cap or scarf or shawl perhaps,
And rushes out to see.

For Springtime passes with such haste
There is no precious time to waste
In choosing one's attire.
Then Maple grabs her gay red shawl,
She does not heed the swamp at all,
But splashes through the mire.

And small-boy, Brook, runs by and talks
To Willow, who beside him walks
And stoops to hear his glee,
And as she bends her lovely head,
To lose no word he may have said,
Her soft green veils float free.

But who is this in lacy cap
And snow-white gown, as from a nap
Awakened hastily?
My heart holds Shadbush in high place
Such youthful unselfconscious grace
Seems Spring's epitome.

EMILY

She had a garden full of herbs,
And many another pleasant thing,
Like pink round asters in the fall,
Blue flags, white flags a week in spring.

Housewives ran in each hour or so,
For sprigs of thyme, mint, parsley, too;
For pans to borrow, or some meal;
She was the kindliest thing they knew.

Tall, and half slender, slightly grey,
With gay, thin lips, eyes flower-clear
She bragged her stock was Puritan;
Her usual mood was Cavalier.
—Lizette Woodworth Reese, in "Wild Cherry."

INDIAN SLUMBER SONG

(T. Morris Longstreth)

Sleep thy first sleep little hunter,
While the lake still burns,
Home flit the winking fireflies now,
The clucking loon returns,
The young moon cradles dim his sire
In arms that will not fall.
And "Go-to-sleep-all" I hear an owl
Call, and call.

Sleep soft in thy moss, little hunter,
And grow thee strong to run.
A night wind ruffles now the stars,
The peepers' watch is done.
Dawn soon will beckon the dreamers in,
So slumber deep, before
Thy sleepy mother rocks the nest
No more, no more.

HUMAN LIFE IS CHEAP.

(Exchange)

Since the beginning of history, human life has been held more cheaply than any thing else in the world. It is so held to-day.

A large percentage of the human race has always met death through the criminality, ignorance or carelessness of fellow men.

Could the minds of all men be directed to the preservation of human life, what a difference it would make! No more wars, no more murders, no more preventable deaths through automobile accidents, no more lives lost in fires started through carelessness—how changed would be the front pages of our daily papers!

To mention only three causes of violent death, the best authorities estimate that in the United States each year 10,000 are murdered, 25,000 are killed in automobile accidents and 15,000 are burned to death.

The total number of persons killed in accidents now reaches more than 75,000 a year.

While giving our attention to a multitude of other reforms and isms, would it not be well to devote more serious thought and action towards reducing this appalling and unnecessary waste of human life.

A VIRTUOUS TREE

What a great heart-an apple-tree must have! What generous work it makes of blossoming! It is not content with a single bloom for each apple that is to be; but a profusion, a prodigality of blossoms there must be. The tree is but a huge bouquet. It gives you twenty times as much as there is need for, and evidently because it loves to blossom. We will praise this virtuous tree. Not beautiful in form, often clumpy, cragged, and rude; but it is glorious in beauty when efflorescent. Nor is it beauty only at a distance and in the mass. Pluck down a twig and examine it as closely as you will; it will bear the nearest looking. . . . It is all the better for being common. I love a flower that all may have; that belongs to the whole, and not to a select and chosen few. Common, for sooth!—Henry Ward Beecher, in "Star Papers."

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KENTUCKY

An ordinance annexing Eastland to Maysville was approved by the Maysville city council at its first reading last week.

Under the revised tariff bill being considered by Congress the duty on blue grass seed is increased two cents per pound.

Elijah Kerr, 86-year-old Union veteran of the Civil War, was burned to death last week at his home near Williamsburg.

Senator Alben W. Barkley will be one of the principal speakers at the commencement exercises of Berea College on June 3.

Fayette county Democrats, at meetings last week, united two opposing factions and named a complete ticket for county offices.

At Whitesburg last week, Willard Collier shot and killed Coy Smith, 19, because he objected to the boy's attentions to his daughter.

Weasels Monday night killed 150 chickens belonging to Mrs. Austin Boaz who resides on the Mt. Sterling pike, two miles from Owingsville.

Fifty prisoners in the Eddyville penitentiary were granted paroles by the state board of charities and corrections at a meeting Saturday.

Fifty-four graduates from five states will receive diplomas from Kentucky Wesleyan College at Winchester at the commencement exercises June 4.

Thomas T. Templin, 77, former well known Paris lumber dealer, died at the Good Samaritan hospital in Lexington Sunday following a long illness.

Will Bush, negro, was killed instantly and two firemen were injured when a Lexington fire truck, answering an alarm, collided with Bush's automobile.

Thieves were blamed in a fire which last week destroyed the station and two box cars of the C. & O. Railroad at Leon, Carter county, causing a loss of $25,000.

Mrs. Angie Hensley, 30 years old, shot and killed her husband, George Hensley, 36, at their home in Catlettsburg last week. Mrs. Hensley claimed self defense.

David Gurley Taylor, 69, one of the most extensive landowners and tobacco raisers in Bourbon county, died at his home near Paris Friday following a month's illness.

The $200,000 memorial building at the University of Kentucky, erected in honor of the world war dead of the state, will be formally dedicated May 30 at 3:30 p. m.

Porter Hornback, 17, assistant postmaster at Sonora, Hardin county, was almost instantly killed last week when struck by a passenger train in front of the postoffice.

William Holder, 50, farmer of Ford, Clark county, was hit by a freight train near Riverside Saturday night and his left leg mangled so badly that amputation was necessary.

518 seniors, the largest class in the history of the institution, will be graduated from the University of Kentucky this year. Commencement exercises will be held next Monday.

David Estes, sentenced to death in the Estill circuit court on a charge of murdering A. J. Brookshire, Sheriff of Estill county, was granted a new trial by the court of appeals last week.

Forty-two students at the Kentucky Female Orphan School at Midway at commencement exercises held yesterday. Miss Floris Fitzpatrick, of this county, was one of the graduates.

Seven offers of sites for the proposed new federal building at Lexington were opened by the Treasury Department at Washington last Thursday. Prices for the sites ranged from $60,000 to $176,000.

Former United States Senator A. O. Stanley is making a campaign in the interest of John W. Moore, Democratic nominee for Congress in the First District. A special election will be held June 1.

An operation for the removal of a tumor from the brain of Margaret Ray Looney, six-year-old daughter of Leo Looney, of Lexington, was performd successfully by a specialist in Louisville last week.

Raymond Rhoads, pitching star of the University of Kentucky, has signed a contract with the Detroit Tigers of the American League and will join the Detroit team following his graduation in 1930.

Ernest Marlow, 16 years old, shot and killed J. E. Thomas, 50, in Bell county Friday after Thomas is said to have slapped Marlow's little sister. The Marlow children and Thomas children had had a quarrel.

Edward Fithian, 10 years old, suffered a fractured skull and other injuries when he ran into the path of an automobile while trying to catch a ball in front of the Y. M. C. A. building in Paris Friday.

The strawberry shipping season has opened in Henderson, Warren, McCracken and other counties in Western Kentucky. The crop is said to be below normal in production, but of unusually fine quality.

Authorities at Lebanon have started an investigation into the death of Leo Mattingly, whose charred body was found in the ashes of a barn on the farm of Mrs. Mattie Mattingly, a relative. The boy died in the blaze, although several head of stock escaped.

Indictments were returned by the federal grand jury at Bowling Green last week against William M. Graham former United States commissioner, charging him with accepting a bribe to procure a federal appointment.

George Curtis, 56, of Levee, Montgomery county, sustained a fractured collar bone and other injuries at Frankfort Saturday when he stepped into the path of an automobile driven by Ford Nunnelley, of Georgetown.

W. B. Dampier, native of Nicholas county, principal of the Lewisburg consolidated schools in Mason county, has been appointed grader of teachers' examination papers by W. C. Bell, State Superintendnt of Public Instruction.

J. F. Hardiman, of Maysville, with a bid of $266,290, was given a contract to erect the new 1,000,000 volume library at the University of Kentucky at a special meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees at Lexington last week.

Dr. Thomas Macartney, who since last May has been acting head of Transylvania College, will not resume the work of that office he announced Saturday following his return from several months stay in Florida for the benefit of his health.

As there are now 40 to 50 per cent more school teachers in the state than positions, "there is no need for the law providing for the issual of provisional elementary certificates to teach school" according to John N. Ashcraft, state inspector and examiner.

Russell Dyche, 48, editor of the London Sentinel Echo, was stabbed in the left lung and seriously injured at London Friday by Green Denton, proprietor of a grocery, following an argument over an account. Dyche is in a serious condition.

Hayes Howell, 45, charged with murder; his son, Willie Howell and Tivis Cole, charged with accessory to murder, were lodged in jail at Prestonburg Monday in connection with the killing Sunday night of Marcus Hall, 30, son of a Baptist preacher.

The first hearing of the suit recently filed in the Franklin circuit court by J. Clarence Kenney, of Paris, who sought to enjoin the State Board of Education from letting contracts under the 1928 free textbook law, will be heard in the Franklin circuit court June 1.

A jury in the Fayette circuit court last Thursday upheld the will by which the late Henry A. White left the bulk of his estate, valued at $100,000, to his second wife. Nephews and nieces have sued to have the will set aside, claiming undue influence was used.

Refusal of a majority of the members of the Harrison fiscal court to vote for appropriation for the continuance of a public health nurse is being made one of the principal political issues in the campaign for offices of Magistrate in that county.

Dr. A. M. Peter, who for more than 40 years has served the University of Kentucky at the Experiment Station, will retire from active duty in July of this year and become professor emeritus of soil technology and chemist emeritus at the Experiment Station.

Mrs. Annie Atrzog, 70, native of a foreign country, ended her life at her home near Stanford Monday by taking Paris green. The aged woman, who lived alone since the death of her husband five years ago, is believed to have killed herself because her barn burned.

Owen McBrayer, 15 years old, was buried alive Monday morning in the collapse of a cave he and companions dug in a sand hill at the grounds of a country club at Ashland. He was dead when dug out. A playmate, Hiram Borders, was rescued before he was suffocated.

The State Highway Commission last week entered into contract with Stifel, Nicolaus and Company, St. Louis, and C. W. McNear and Company, Chicago, for the purchase of toll bridge bonds totaling $10,767,000. The successful bidders were awarded the contract two weeks ago.

Louis Victor Eyting, 52, vice president of a Pittsburg manufacturirng concern, received injuries which necessitated the amputation of his left arm near Richmond Saturday. Mr. Eyting was driving with his arm out the window when another automobile sideswiped him.

At a receiver's sale at Whitesburg last Friday, W. S. Dudley, of Lexington head of the Kentucky River Coal Corporation, purchased the plant, mines and equipment of the Consolidated Fuel Company for $25,000. The plant is said to have been equipped at a cost of $1,000,000.

Four suits agaainst A. H. Hargis and the Hargis Bank and Trust Company, Jackson, for a total of $500,000 damages as a result of the fire that destroyed the Combs hotel at Hazard last winter in which several persons lost their lives, were called for trial in the Perry circuit court Monday.

A boy and girl who married each other on a dare last July a few hours after they had been introduced, obtaind an annulment Saturday in circuit court at Lexington. They were Charles Donavan, Jr., and his wife, 16, who was restored to her maiden name, Miss Gwendolyn Eversole, both of Lexington.

Guy Thurman, grocer, was arrested at Louisville Friday on a charge of circulating a rumor that Ben Synder, owner of a Louisville department store, is a leprosy victim. Several weeks ago a Louisville paper published a report that a prominent Louisville man was suffering with leprosy and a report was circulated that Ben Snyder was the victim. Physicians who have examined him declare he is free of the disease.

THRIFT PRACTICE BEST RULE TO BE FOLLOWED

By S. W. Straus, Presidnt American Society for Thrift

This season of the year marks a new epoch in the lives of a large portion of our population. It is the time when thousands of our young people are leaving institutions of learning and going into the world of practical affairs. It is in keeping with the spirit of the day, therefore, that thought be given to some of the problems that will confront these young people as they move forward in the journey of life.

If it were possible to lay down a general rule for the benefit of everyone such a rule would be along the lines of encouraging thrift practices. We all have different ambitions and points of view. The philosophy of life with each of us necessarily varies somewhat. It is these differences in sentiment and thought that underlie the great drama of life. But we all may be sure that there is no one whose interests cannot be served through thrift.

No matter what may be our environment we can hope for no progress in life if we are wasteful of our time, energies, health and material possessions. Thrift habits are a safeguard against practices that lead only to failure.

We may differ on questions of ethics and morality but all will agree that idleness, lack of ambition and dissipation cannot go with thrift. Those who are thrifty will always be found in the march of progress. Some will be more successful than others—the factors of circumstance and ability will tell—but where there is thrift there always will be progress. Where there is lack of thrift there always will be retrogression either present or potential.

Those who are at this time leaving our schools and colleges no doubt find themselves the recipients of ample counsel but no matter what may be said to them along these lines nothing will prove of more lasting, practical value than the admonition to bear in mind at all times that success, prosperity and happiness are the rewards only of those who practice thrift.

DISEASE GERMS

State Board of Health Bulletin

Last Thursday Dr. J. L. Jones, Director, Bureau of Epidemiology of the State Board of Health discussed "Disease Germs and Disease" in the weekly Health Talk over WHAS.

Dr. Jones said: "The old adage, 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,' is the basic law of good health. Efforts to prevent disease can be traced in our earliest historical records. Moses and his followers appreciated the importance of cleanliness, pure water and sanitation, and care was taken to bury body wastes to prevent the contamination of streams and the spread of disease.

Communicable diseases are caused by minute living bodies, called "germs," which gain entrance to the body, mulitply in it, and produce poisons which cause the symptoms characteristic of the diffrent diseases. Such diseases are frequently spoken of as "catching," or, as infectious or contagious and sometimes are referred to as infections or contagions.

During the course of many diseases the germs are set free from the body in its discharges, and thus through ignorance or carelessness, may be conveyed or communicated from the sick to the well. It is actually not the disease, but the germs or seeds of the disease, which are communicated.

The first principle of disease prevention, then, is that no germs shall enter the body. The most effective measure for accomplishing this is to destroy them at their sources. This means the control or destruction of discharges and wastes of persons affected with these maladies. This is one of the most important of the duties of physicians, nurses, health officials and also of parents and teachers, who may have the sole responsibility for such diseases in the early stages. It is of utmost importance to avoid contact with persons who are sick or who are coughing and sneezing.

Be sure and listen-in to the Health Talk on Thursday May 30, at 4:30 p. m. over WHAS.

Most farmers think that May sweet clover is a better soil improver than the July crop. As a matter of fact, it makes little difference. Unless the clover is plowed under in early May, however, it is better to wait until July. Plowing under in July should be started before the clover is dead ripe.

Owen Cook, 22 years old, of Somerset was killed instantly at Science Hill, Pulaski county, Sunday afternoon and his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Cook, 19, was seriously injured when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Southern railway freight train at a crossing. Four other persons in the car jumped to safety.

Owners, operators and managers of fourteen livestock markets in Kentucky, which sell each year approximately $25,000,000 worth of stock, met at Lexington Saturday and organized the Kentucky Livestock Auction Company. Senator H. S. Caywood, prominent Bourbon county salesman stockman and farmer, was elected president.

John Claunch and Bert Franklin linemen for a telephone company at Somerset, were lodged in the Pulaski county jail last week on charges of murder in connection with the death of West Page, 40, a fellow worker, whose mangled body was found on a railroad track. The body had been struck by a train, but an examination revealed that he had been shot.

Francis Carpenter, 19, is in jail at New Castle charged with the murder of Broaddus Tingle, 19, just outside the Port Royal school building in Henry county last Wednesday night while commencement exercises were being held. Carpenter is said to have been drunk and was ejected from the building. In the yard Carpenter and Tingle, a student, got into an argument and Carpenter is said to have stabbed Tingle to death.

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A mule, six sheep, several head of hogs, several tons of hay and some farming implements were consumed in a fire which destroyed a barn on the farm of Ed Gaitskill in Clark county early last Thursday morning.

Years of service in MODEL T FORDS

THE Model T was so strongly and sturdily built that it is still rendering reliable, economical service to motorists in every section of the country. Millions of these cars can be put in shape for two, three and five more years of use at very small cost.

So that you may have this work done economically and satisfactorily, the Ford Motor Company is still devoting a considerable section of its plants to the manufacture of Model T parts. It will continue to do so as long as they are needed by Model T owners. The following list gives the approximate labor charges for reconditioning the Model T Ford:—

Engine	
Tune motor (including replacement of commutator case, brush and vibrator points if necessary)	$1.00
Grind valves and clean carbon	$3.75 to 4.00
Overhaul carburetor	1.50
Reline detachable car transmission bands	1.50
Install new pistons or connecting rods	6.00
Tighten all main bearings	6.00
Overhaul motor and transmission	$20.00 to 25.00
Rear System	
Replace rear axle assembly	2.50
Install universal joint	3.00
Reline brake shoes	1.50
Replace rear axle shaft, drive shaft pinion, or drive gear	5.00
Overhaul complete rear axle assembly	$5.75 to 7.00
Rebush spring and perches	1.75
Oil and graphite springs	3.00
Front System	
Overhaul front axle	$4.00 to 5.00
Rebush spindle bodies and arms (both sides)	2.50
Replace or straighten spindle connecting rod	.75
Tighten radius rod or steering ball cap	.60
Tighten all sockets and joints of front end	1.50
Replace front spring tie bolt or new leaf	2.50
Straighten front axle	3.00
Chassis	
Replace rear fender	1.75
Overhaul steering gear	3.50
Repair muffler	1.00
Overhaul radiator	7.50
Repaint Coupe	25.00
Repaint Sedan	25.00
Repaint Touring Car	20.00
Reupholster Runabout	8.00
Reupholster Touring Car	15.00
Replace top deck (Coupe or Sedan)	4.00
Overhaul starting motor	3.00
Overhaul generator	2.60

These prices are approximate and are for labor only, because the need and number of new parts depend on the condition of each car. The charge for these parts is low, however, because of the established Ford policy of manufacturing and selling at a small margin of profit.

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