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## LO, THE FOOL DEMOCRATS

Lo, the fool Democrats! Sitting on top of the world, so to speak, following the November election, with control of the Legislature assured and the path to party harmony and public favor clearly marked, they can't wait for the assembling at Frankfort to begin snarling at each other, to begin muddling. They go out of their way to make tactical blunders, to arouse enmities and to cast suspicion upon innocent and highly deserving members of their own party.

The Mercury knows real Democrats who have been willing to wager since last November, despite the Democratic majority in the House and in the Senate, that eventually the hyphenated crew, the Sampson-Democrats, would name the Speaker and rule the roost at Frankfort this winter. Unless the political asininity, now being evidenced by charge and counter-charge in the race for Speaker of the House, ceases, that is just what will happen next month at Frankfort.

That men schooled in politics should be guilty of such a blunder as that "steering committee" has made is amazing; that this moment should be chosen, when Democratic party harmony in the Legislature is as necessary to the welfare of Kentucky as to the well-being of the party, to precipitate a fight on "Cannonism" shows, in the opinion of this newspaper, an attitude upon the part of Mr. Gilbert to accomplish a rules reform that may be needed, but to accomplish it willy-nilly; to set this little legislative body at Frankfort right in the matter of its parliamentary procedure—and dev'l take party harmony, hopes and plans.

Not the least unfortunate aspect of the sorry muddle is the fact that so splendid and unselfish a Democrat as Mr. Ardery is embarrassed even momentarily by the suspicion that he is amenable to control. Mr. Ardery's answer to the published statement of Mr. Andrew Nichols, also a candidate for Speaker, that he, Mr. Nichols, refused the support of the "steering committee," proffered if he would agree to allow the committee to name all House committees, came promptly, stating that Mr. Ardery had declined a similar proposal and further that he had advised Mr. Nichols to decline it. But a day elapsed between the charge made by Mr. Nichols and Mr. Ardery's answer and the printed insinuation travels fast and is difficult to overtake and refute. Even so astute an observer as Keen Johnson comments rather quickly and bitterly in his Richmond Register a day before Mr. Ardery's answer appeared:

> We have always had a high regard for Mr. Ardery, believed him to be a gentleman of considerable ability, unquestioned integrity. Yet if he desires to serve Kentucky as speaker of the house it is most unfortunate that the steering committee has damned him with its recommendation. . . . If they desire a speaker that will not be subservient, will stand on his own feet, be master of his soul, if they are sincere in the belief that an uncontrolled speaker is desirable, they should be for Nichols.

There you are. If a trained newspaper man, an astute observer of things political accepts, without waiting for a possible refutation, a charge, or an insinuation such as the published statement of Mr. Nichols contained, what may one expect of the lay reader?

That's the shame of the whole blundering mess in which the Democratic leaders are managing to get themselves and the party. This writer knows Will Ardery; has known him for years. He knows that he would rather sacrifice the office of Speaker—any office—than wear the collar of any man or group of men. We know that he has not sought the office of Speaker; we know he is not a spot-light seeker; we know that the glamor of the "honors of office" will never turn his head. Far from being a man that follows or is led, he has always been somewhat of a rebel. He is a genuine Democrat, a devoted Kentuckian, his own master and the logical man to carry into effect the clearly expressed mandate of the people that Sampsonism must end in Kentucky.

Here is a man willing to serve his State for the love of his State, willing to serve his party, because he believes in his party, with no lurking ambition to which such service is a stepping stone and he is being played by nitwit political tactics straight into the hands of the man, who although Governor of the State, left his office to come into Bourbon county and fight him in his race for re-election. And by the same token, the same dunderhead politics the Democratic majority in the House is hog-tying itself in advance for delivery into the waiting hands of Flem D. Sampson.

As to politics in Kentucky, and doubtless the reference was to politics as practiced by the Democrats, the late Judge Mulligan was incontrovertibly right.

## TO EVERYTHING A SEASON

"Mr. Ardery," says a statement made by Mr. Ralph Gilbert to the press last week, "agreed that such arbitrary power in the speaker and committee on rules was undemocratic, while Mr. Nichols insisted that the speaker retain that power."

That Mr. Ardery should agree that arbitrary control by a Speaker of the House is undemocratic is not strange. He might, as many of us would, agree that such power, so frequently misused, could well be withdrawn and yet at the same time refuse in a pre-election agreement to deliver this appointive power to a committee as the price of his election to office.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." The ancient wisdom of Ecclesiastes applies in this matter of abolishing "Cannonism" in the Kentucky House.

The Mercury will doubtless be accused of a willingness to compromise with an evil. Though such a compromise may be theoretically indefensible, practically one may be forced to accept an intolerable situation for the time being, in order to avoid a greater evil.

As The Mercury sees it, this importunate haste to accomplish a rules reform, which with more practicalness and more hope of success, might have been undertaken after the organization of the House of Representatives, will result in defeat for those who fight the political dictatorship that controlled the last Legislature and end with Sampsonism and Cannonism both in the saddle.

Democrats, never so hopeful as following the election last November, now seeing chances of party accomplishment being thrown to the winds, will remember the line, "There's a time to weep," also found in Ecclesiastes.

## JOHN AND FLEM HOLD THE FIELD

President Hoover has appointed Senator Frederic M. Sackett as Ambassador to Germany and clarified, presumably, a Kentucky political situation that has been causing some uneasiness among party leaders at Washington. For that Governor Sampson or Mr. Robsion would cross blades with Mr. Sackett for the senatorial nomination, with the resultant wounds of internecine warfare, has long been accepted as a political certainty. As the result of a bitterly contested convention or primary a precious Senate seat might be lost to the party. Hence the "clarification," in the words of the Washington correspondents.

Presidents, of course, are supposed to be actuated by other than political motives in the appointment of Ambassadors. Yet they sometimes kill two birds with one stone. The appointee is honored and safely berthed, far from the madding scramble for political office.

Mr. Sackett is honored, deservedly so, no doubt, and Mr. Sackett is removed gracefully and permanently as a factor in a perplexing Republican senatorial situation in Kentucky. Mr. Robsion and Governor Sampson are now the only Richmonds in the field.

> "Which shall it be? Which shall it be?
> I looked at John, John looked at me."

Naturally it must be John, or another, as the Governor holds the power of appointment and can't appoint himself. So, John it will be probably, for the unexpired term—and then? Well, one guess is as good as another and John will have the advantage in a way, having served, but Flem is "for progress" and particularly for Flem's political progress and with John and Flem it may come to be a case of each for himself and devil take the hindmost. Stranger things have happened.

## NO "PINK EYNE" BACCHUS HERE

> Many Kentucky weekly editors did not publish their papers last week on the theory that nobody cared about reading during the Christmas holidays. They will resume publication this week; evidently the rural Kentucky bacchanalian product does not cause permanent blindness. — Courier-Journal.

The keenness of certain reading public with which we are intimately acquainted in detecting errors in an edition of The Mercury rushed out just before Christmas strengthens the belief that the "bacchanalian product" was prime in these parts.

The Republican weather prognostication in Kentucky just now may be "warmer," but hardly "fair," says the Courier-Journal, apropos of the Sackett appointment and the certain choosing of his successor by the chief apostle of the anti-Sackett faction. And that prognostication, if you ask us, is "fair enough," so far as we are concerned.

## ARDERY REPLIES TO NICHOLS

Last week Andrew Nichols, candidate for Speaker of the House, issued a statement in which he charged that he had been proffered the support of a "steering committee" in his race, provided he would permit the appointment by that committee of all House committees. Mr. Nichols stated he refused this offer. As the steering committee announced its support of Mr. Ardery, the latter, it was to be inferred from Mr. Nichols' statement, had agreed to be shackled in his committee appointments.

Mr. Ardery's friends, who know him to be a man who would not sacrifice his independence to secure any office, will be interested in Mr. Ardery's reply to Mr. Nichols' implied charge.

The statement of Representative Ardery follows:

"Hon. Andrew Nichols, of Bardstown, in a recent statement says the committee on organization, appointed by Judge Charles A. Hardin, proposed that he agree in writing to turn over the "appointment of the house committees to the present committee on organization. That is true.

"Mr. Nichols further intimates that I entered into such an agreement as the price of that same committee's support. His intimation is untrue.

"This is what happened: On Sunday, December 15, the committee on organization was called by Hon. Frank Strange, the chairman, to meet in Louisville on that day. Mr. Strange, Judge Denny Smith, Judge Edwards and myself were present. The committee stated to me that the meeting had been called to discuss the speakership. Mr. Nichols was expected to arrive at any moment.

"I told the committee as long as I had been regarded as a potential candidate for speaker, and in view of the fact that my name might come before the committee, I would not attend the meeting, so the committee could discuss the whole matter with utter frankness. Whether Mr. Nichols remained at the meeting, as an announced candidate, was solely a matter for Mr. Nichols to decide.

"The committee met without me, and I learned later Mr. Nichols did not arrive. The next thing I heard from the committee I was called at my room and told the committee wanted to come up to see me. The committee came to my room and Mr. Strange, the chairman, delivered a report for the committee.

"Mr. Strange reported to me, in the presence of Judge Smith and Judge Edwards, that the members of the committee present at the meeting had unanimously agreed to support me for speaker and recommend me to the other members of the house for that position. The report of Mr. Strange was rather lengthy, during which time the other members of the committee said nothing.

"In answer, I told Mr. Strange the decision of the committee was highly unfair to Mr. Nichols on account of his absence, although I had not been present at the meeting. On reflection, the other members agreed with me. Thereupon Mr. Strange called a meeting of the committee for the following Saturday, at Louisville, and one or two of the committee said they would see that Mr. Nichols was notified of the meeting agreed on.

"One other thing happened while Mr. Strange was delivering to me the report of his committee. Mr. Strange said he 'took it for granted' that the committee of which he was chairman would have the naming of the committees and filling the house offices. I immediately told Mr. Strange, in the presence of Judge Edwards and Judge Smith, that I would not have the speakership as a gracious gift under those circumstances, or any part of such circumstances. Mr. Strange dropped the matter there, and it has not been mentioned to me since.

"On the following Saturday the committee reconvened at Louisville. Legal business detained Mr. Nichols, and he did not arrive in Louisville until late in the afternoon. The committee met that night, and I presume, for I was not present, had a full discussion with Mr. Nichols about the speakership. Mr. Strange was not present.

"About 12 o'clock that same night the committee and Mr. Nichols came to my room. Those present were Judge Gilbert, Judge Edwards and Judge Smith, Mr. Nichols and myself.

"The thing that troubled the members of the committee and also troubled me, was whether the friends of Governor Sampson in the Democratic party were seeking to use Mr. Nichols as an innocent tool to continue their bi-partisan control of the Democratic party. I believed then, and I believe now, that Mr. Nichols' intentions, as far as his personal attitude was concerned, were of the highest, yet Mr. Nichols did not satisfy the committee that if he, Nichols, was speaker, the house would not be controlled by the same forces which have controlled both the organization of the house and the action of the house for the past several terms.

"Thereupon some member of the committee (I do not recall which one) told Nichols that, having received the assurances of loyalty to which they were entitled, they must ask him to agree in writing to allow the organization committee to name the house committees. Before Mr. Nichols answered this demand I told Nichols I did not see how any man could agree to do that. Mr. Nichols will recall my statement clearly. He was present with all of the three above named members of the committee.

"Immediately following my statement I had a private conference with Mr. Nichols in which I told him, in my opinion, as far as he could go to satisfy the two factions, and still keep his self-respect would be to allow each faction to name half of the rules committee, giving, of course, the speaker the deciding vote. He came back in my presence and made that proposal which the committee refused.

"The next day the committee came out with thir statement asking that I be a candidate for speaker. I learned later that Judge Hardin gave his approval to the statement. Today I answered that statement by saying I would be a candidate for that office.

"I carefully considered my answer and could see no other way to carry out the will of the people as expressed at the last election. I know I am not tied in any way and so does Mr. Nichols, as well as Judge Smith, Judge Edwards, Mr. Strange and Judge Gilbert."

## TULAREMIA DANGEROUS

(Lexington Leader)

The Lexington Leader upon the appearance of tularemia, a serious malady communicated by rabbits in the handling of which with bare hands the disease is spread, wrote a number of editorials warning hunters and those who clean and dress rabbits against the infection. In spite of the news that has been printed and the admonitions that have been given by the press, more than fifty cases of the disease have been reported in this general region, and four deaths from it have been reported in the State.

But as a matter of fact, the disease being new and not easy to diagnose the probability is that the number of cases of it reported represent but a small part of the total. Many physicians have not so far had an opportunity to study the disease and the symptoms are confused with those of other diseases, such as typhoid and common infections of the skin or the blood. It is becoming better known, however, though no cure has been found and there is no preventive treatment.

While not fatal in a large number of cases, the disease is a serious one because it is prolonged, prostrating, and painful. It often incapacitates for many months, sometimes for a year, or even more. It is of such a virulent nature that the poison gets into the system through the unbroken skin of the hands and face. It breaks out in running sores, is accompanied by high temperature, and often by various systemic disturbances, affecting the intestines and other organs.

It has spread from a single county in California, where its presence was first noted, or at least first carefully noted, and where it was first studied by the United States health authorities, over the entire country, and has appeared in other countries. Thorough cooking of rabbit meat destroys the organism of infection, but extreme care must be observed in handling the rabbits in preparation for cooking. A large number of those who have studied the disease in the laboratories, in spite of every precaution taken, have contracted it and have suffered greatly from its effects. Rubber gloves furnish the only certain safeguard, and even with their use too great prudence cannot be practiced.

The rabbit season is about over, but the people should remember next year what they have learned about tularemia and act accordingly. If rabbits become too numerous they will have to be killed, but a great many hunters already have determined to have nothing to do with the carcasses after they have shot their game.

## POPULAR IS RIGHT

"Is your daughter popular?"
"Popular! Why, I can't park within three blocks of my house!"—Iowa Frivol.

## POEMS THAT WE LIKE

### WOODLAND MAGIC

(S. Omar Barker)

Step silently if you would hear
The snow-crunch walking of the deer.
Watch keenly if you care to see
Gray grouse up in a white fir tree.
Move soundlessly along the brinks
Of lime cliffs would you spy a lynx.
Breathe deeply if you hope to climb
The snow-clad hills in wintertime.
To see, as every man-heart should,
The wonders of the wordless wood.
Come calmly to the hillock's edge,
Where rabbits play below the ledge.
Speak softly if you speak at all,
And make yourself both still and small,
For forest folk fear every sound
That is not native to their ground.
And so tread softly as you go
To learn the wood-things boys should know.

Breathe deeply and watch keenly, too;
Perhaps when years have come to you
These lessons of the woods may be
Clean trails to life's philosophy.

### WINDS OF THE DESERT

(Clara Greening Creager)

Winds of the desert, speak to me,
Tell me the things you know—
Was this a land of roses and palms
Once in the Long Ago?
Did caravans come with jewels and silks
For ladies of high degree?
Did barges with sails of purple and gold
Drift by on a sapphire sea?
Did cities with towers and minarets
Rise white in their stately pride,
Where the lonely Joshua tree now stands
And the skulking coyotes hide?
Winds of the desert, speak to me,
Tell me the things you know—
You and the palms and the Joshua trees,
Out of the Long Ago.

## SEEING COLOR

Once on a December evening the clouds were in three distinct layers of colour, each moving independently, blown by a different wind. First came ebony; beyond that, moving more slowly, a long, straight cloud of geranium; above that again, a soft stratum of brown; and through one tremendous gash in all three shone the kingfisher-blue sky. Low in the west, safe and far from the tempestuous masses, stood Hesperus; around him, ivory and crocus splashed the blue, and just above the distant hills lay a line of green.—Mary Webb, in "The Spring of Joy."

# 30 Years Ago

Thursday, January 4, 1900

Thirty cases of smallpox reported in Mt. Olivet and the town is quarantined.

John Spain purchases drug store of John O'Connell and takes charge of the business.

William Goebel Tuesday files contest suit against William S. Taylor in the Governor's election.

Died—Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Guthrie, at their home in the county on the 2nd.

Walter King, son of R. C. King, leaves for Lexington to take a position with the Milward Hardware Company.

Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cannon, of Concord, burned to death when she falls into open fire at her home Friday.

B. P. Congleton, of Carlisle, receives highest price of season on Cincinnati tobacco market when hogshead of extra fine bright leaf brings $19 per hundred.

Dougherty Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M., elects the following officers for the ensuing year: W. M., S. K. Veach; S. W., R. R. Rossell; J. W., James Collins; Treas., James Dooley; Sec., Solomon Robertson; Chaplain, John Firth; S. D., Lucien Mann; J. D., Thomas I. McCann; Stewards, J. W. Dalzell and W. I. Dorsey; Tyler, E. E. Gillispie.

Married—Miss Katie Alexander and Mr. William Parker, both of the county, on December 29th.—Miss Belle McKee and Mr. James Crawford, both of the county, on the 3rd.—Miss Ida Sugg and Mr. George B. Sampson, both of the county, on the 3rd.—Miss Pearl Anderson, of this county, and Mr. Ollie Finch, of Bethel, on the 4th.

New city council, composed of A. Laubley, John G. Powell, James George Sr., W. I. Dorsey, C. G. Dallas and Alois Peters, takes office. Following officers named by County: City Attorney, B. H. Robinson; City Clerk, John W. Powling; City Treasurer, James Hillock; Marshal, C. C. Dunn; Street Superintendent, L. W. Campbell City Physician, Dr. H. Munger; City Assessor, Foster V. Cox.

## 42 YEARS AGO

Thursday, January 4, 1888

James McCracken, of East Union, granted a pension as Mexican War veteran.

Graeter Bros. and Will Dorsey fill their ice houses during the cold weather last week.

Elsie Hawkins leases the LaRue House, Spring and store room at Blue Licks for $1,600 per year.

F. M. Peale buys lumber yard and business of J. J. Shackelford & Co., and takes charge of the business.

Board of Supervisors, composed of Samuel Colville, W. J. Myers, Riley Long, R. T. Carter and Neal Wagoner in session this week.

While on his way home Friday night, an unknown person attacked Lell Fuller near Headquarters, shot him in the leg and cut his clothing with a knife.

Ben Johnson, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is but 29 years old and the youngest man ever to hold this place. G. R. Keller, editor of the Mercury, elected Clerk of the House and Harry Glenn, of Carlisle, elected Clerk of the Senate.

Married—Miss Adelaid Snapp and Mr. Joseph P. Wagoner, both of the county, on December 28th.—Miss Lizzie Hackler and Mr. Curtis Clark, both of the county, on December 28th.—Miss Elizabeth Morris and Mr. John B. Barlow, both of the county, on January 4th.

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Died—Infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kennedy at their home near Carlisle on December 30th.—Mr. John Crockett, aged resident of Moorefield, on January 2nd.—Mr. David Johnson, 62, at his home in the county on January 2nd.—Mrs. Kittie A. Hamilton, at the home of Dr. G. W. Grimes in Carlisle on December 29th.

I met her in the garden;
The night was still as death,
But I knew she knew her onions—
I could smell 'em on her breath.

## WALKERS

We have produced some good walkers and saunterers, and some noted climbers; but as a staple recreation, as a daily practice, the mass of the people dislike and despise walking. Thoreau said he was a good horse, but a poor roadster. I chant the virtues of the roadster as well. I sing of the sweetness of gravel, good sharp quartz-grit. . . . A man cannot live on grass alone. If one has been a lotus-eater all summer, he must turn gravel-eater in the fall and winter. Those who have tried it know that gravel possesses an equal though an opposite charm. It spurs to action. The foot tastes it and henceforth rests not. The joy of moving and surmounting, of attrition and progression, the thirst for space, for miles and leagues of distance, for sights and prospects, to cross mountains and thread rivers, and defy frost, heat, snow, danger, difficulties seizes it; and from that day forth its possessor is enrolled in the noble army of walkers.—From "Winter Sunshine" by John Burroughs.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Nicholas County Building and Saving Association will pay, January 2, 1930, at its office in Veach's Store the following Dividend—

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The Association will open new series for sale of stock January 4, 1930 at the same office.

I. B. ROSS, President
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W. H. FREY
AETNA-IZE IN 1930

Mink is becoming so scarce that a fur corporation has worked out a process for turning Louisiana muskrat into synthetic mink.

John Stout, who has been a prospector for 35 years, recently discovered paying gold ore near Pritchard, Idaho.

# NEWS OF KENTUCKY

Fire starting in the kitchen gutted the Greenland cafe in Mt. Sterling, causing $5,000 damage.

The Scott county fiscal court last week increased the salary of the county judge from $1,200 to $2,400 per year.

Contemplated public construction in Louisville during the year 1930 involves an estimated expenditure of $21,000,000.

Joe Baber, 54, was killed instantly at Winchester Saturday afternoon when he fell from a truck and broke his neck.

Four cases of smallpox were discovered Monday among prisoners in the Madison county jail at Richmond.

The Fayette fiscal court, at a meeting Monday, fixed the salary of County Judge Adams at $5,000 per year.

The Lawrence county jail was empty Saturday for the first time in 30 years, the lone prisoner having escaped Friday night.

The Farmers Union Cooperative Stockyards in Lexington was sold last Friday at public auction for a total of $24,825.

During the year 1929 the Kentucky Court of Appeals disposed of 1,097 cases, in which 935 opinions were delivered.

Valentine Wenderoth, Dayton, Ky., butcher, died at a hospital last week from tularemia, caused by skinning a rabbit.

Mrs. Hiram Smith, 55, mother of 20 children, of whom 17 are living, died at her home at Kirksey, Calloway county, Friday.

Jesse Barnett, blind proprietor of a store at Jackson, was shot and killed in his store by Taney Cassiler following a quarrel.

James A. Hulett, 71, retired farmer, bank director and capitalist, of Lexington, died at a hospital in Baltimore Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison Manning, 47, wife of W. C. Manning, well known prohibition agent, died at her home in Maysville last week.

William McKellup, 55, editor of the Lewis County Herald, died at his home in Vanceburg Thursday following an illness of a year.

Harmon Smith, 57, Pike county farmer, was shot and killed by his son, George Smith, 18, following a quarrel Monday.

Clothing valued at $12,300 was stolen from a store in Newport Friday night by thieves who loaded it into a truck and drove away.

Thomas Young 65, was killed instantly by a passenger train as he was walking along the railroad tracks near Frankfort Sunday.

Despondent because of the death of his horse, Daniel Porter, 75, negro, ended his life with a shotgun at his home at Madisonville.

Daniel F. Ballman, 36 years old, indicted for absconding with $8,000 from a Louisville bank eight years ago, surrendered to police last week.

Silas E. Bedford has retired as president of the Peoples Deposit Bank and Trust Company at Paris to become deputy sheriff of Bourbon county.

Dudley B. Veal, who becomes Fayette county jailer today, was retired from the Lexington detective department on half salary after serving for 26 years.

Following its annual custom, the Lexington W. C. T. U. distributed sacks of candy, apples and cakes to the prisoners in the Frankfort reformatory.

Albert S. Thompson, publisher of the Paris Kentuckian-Citizen, and Mrs. Ida McLean Padgett, of Mobile, Ala., were married Thursday at Indianapolis.

Rev. George K. Hundley 41 years old, a Holiness preacher, was married to Miss Stella Jones, 15, at Covington Monday after a courtship of ten days.

Clark county officers, called to Ford by the pastor of the Pentecostal church, arrested three young men who were engaged in a dice game in the church.

Despondent because he has been out of work for several weeks, Matthew Hunt, 21, drank poison and collapsed on the porch of his home at Paducah Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Webb, of Lexington, suffered painful scratches and lacerations Saturday when a pet cat at their home suddenly became mad and attacked them.

In a fight over the division of moonshine whisky, Bert Stanley, 45, cut the throat of Ralph Black, 22, at Morehead Saturday night. Stanley is in jail on a charge of murder.

The dry goods store conducted by Mrs. David [illegible] and Mrs. Albert Perling in Paris was robbed Saturday night and merchandise valued at several hundred dollars taken.

Brady Severs, teacher in the Kentucky House of Reform at Greendale, was struck over the head by several boys at the institution who made their escape Sunday.

Circuit Judge Chester A. Bach Friday called a special session of the Breathitt circuit court for January 6 to investigate the mobbing of Chester Fugate, who was taken from the Jackson jail and killed. Five men are in custody charged with being ringleaders in the mob.

J. S. Watkins, former state highway engineer, has entered the University of Kentucky to finish his course in engineering, halted when he left college to participate in the world war.

A man hunt that has lasted two years ended Saturday when Thomas Knowles, 30, negro, wanted in Harlan for the murder of his wife, was arrested in West Palm Beach, Fla.

While crazed with liquor Saturday night, Everett Carpenter, 47, fired into a crowd of 40 persons in a store at Preston, Bath county, and seriously wounded Belden Whistman, 17.

Charles Gill, 7-year-old negro boy, was shot and killed at Lexington Sunday by James Jackson, 6-year-old boy, while the two were playing with an old shotgun believed to be unloaded.

James Connaughton, 48, detective at a Louisville bank, was robbed and thrown from an automobile by several men at Louisville Thursday, suffering injuries which caused his death.

McClellan Hatten, 65, of Owingsville, died at a hospital in Mt. Sterling Friday of injuries sustained several days before when he was struck by an automobile driven by Isaac Crouch, of Owingsville.

E. C. Rowland, 52, misjudged the distance of a passenger train Thursday as he stood watching the train enter the station at Vanceburg and was struck and killed instantly by the locomotive.

The will of Maurice C. Kirk, who died last week at Maysville from an accidental gunshot wound, was probated at Maysville last week. Mr. Kirk left an estate of $100,000 to his wife and daughter.

Ray Bradshaw, who escaped from the Russell county jail at Jamestown a year ago while under life sentence for murder, was arrested last week in Wewoka, Okla., and will be returned to Kentucky.

Virgil Otis, 20, was cut and probably fatally injured at Mt. Sterling Thursday by Wildy Curtis, 72. Otis and Ace Raymond, son-in-law of Curtis, were engaged in a fight when the older man intervened.

Christine James, 7 years old, was shot and killed at her home in Louisville Thursday by her 5-year-old brother, Albert. The little boy, while playing, siezed a rifle, pointed it at his sister and fired.

Mrs. Luther Hendrick was seriously injured and her husband suffered minor injuries when they were knocked down by an automobile while walking along the Harrodsburg pike five miles from Lexington.

During the month of December there were 85 arrests and 76 convictions for violations of the game and fish laws in Kentucky. Fines assessed totaled $1,325 and 18 pieces of contraband were siezed during the month.

Woodson Morrison, 30 of Cynthiana, was shot in the abdomen and seriously wounded at Covington Sunday. Mrs. Pearl Roberts, proprietor of a rooming house where he stayed, is in jail charged with the shooting.

Fire believed to have been caused from defective wiring destroyed the main offices, warehouse and loading department of the Gulf Refining Company in Lexington Wednesday night, causing a loss of $75,000.

The County Judges Association of Kentucky meeting in Frankfort last week, adopted a resolution calling for the return to the counties, in 120 equal parts, one-fifth of the gasoline tax now being paid into the state road fund.

Taylor Johnson, 29, died at a hospital at Hazard Friday from gunshot wounds inflicted a few hours before by Rufus Sizemore, 23, son of the Jailer of Leslie county. The shooting took place in a room in a hotel where the men were gambling.

The Lexington city commissioners last week adopted an ordinance designed to place Lexington policemen and firemen on a civil service basis and another ordinance which curbs the authority of W. R. Anderson, safety commissioner.

About all that robbers left of the G. W. Stamper general store at Vanceburg last week was the building. They drove up to the store, loaded practically the entire stock of goods in trucks and drove away. The stolen goods were valued at $15,000.

Five hours after he had held up a grocery in Louisville and shot and seriously wounded a clerk, Walter Cox, 25, negro bandit, was shot and killed in the Tenth street depot at Louisville Saturday by a police detective when the negro resisted arrest.

Lawrence Lucas, 25, his 17-year-old sister and Mrs. Roy May, 17, all of Lewis county, were arrested Saturday and lodged in jail at Vanceburg on charges of stealing $1,500 worth of merchandise from a Vanceburg store on the night of December 23.

Two men giving the names of Fred Jones and Willie Dean were arrested in Paris Monday on a charge of robbing the Leader store in Paris Saturday night. The two men are said to have confessed and most of the merchandise has been recovered.

A quarrel over a game of pool at Evarts, Harlan county, led to a pistol battle in which one man was killed, another critically wounded. About the same time, Cawood Brewer, 36, was accidentally shot and killed by his stepson while the men were hunting nearby.

Edna Mae Sims, 5 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oryille Sims, was burned to death when fire destroyed her home near Rectorville, Mason county, Christmas eve.

Jesse Barnett, 13, was shot and fatally wounded at the home of her grandparents in Powell county Thursday by her cousin, Rayburn Barnett, 16, when a shotgun with which he had just returned from hunting, fell out of his hands and was discharged as he entered the home.

Attired only in a bathrobe and pajamas, Carl Burns, 21, was taken into custody at the bus station in Lexington Monday. Burns told officers he had been a patient in a hospital in Covington, from which he escaped and was enroute to his home at Lynch.

Charging gross negligence and carelessness in operation of a ferry at Henderson, administrators for Bennett McGhee, his wife and daughter, all of Louisville, who were drowned when their machine went through the ferry December 6, filed suit last week for $100,000 damages.

Col Benjamin Statman, of Cincinnati president of a manufacturing Company, has offered the city of Lexington $100,000 for the old market house porperty, which includes Jackson hall. If sold the building will be converted into a garment factory employing between 55 and 75 persons.

John W. Langley, former Congressman from the Eleventh district, Friday sent a telegram to Vice President Curtis protesting against confirmation by the Senate of Sawyer Smith as federal district appointment "would be most unfortunate for the senate and the country at large."

The Hickman Bank & Trust Company at Hickman, Hickman county, closed its doors Monday after a meeting of the board of directors, who decided to turn the bank over to the State Banking Commission. Frozen assets was given as the reason for closing the bank, the only one in Hickman.

## SUCCESS IN THRIFT AN INDICATES SOUND ATTITUDE

S. W. Straus, President American Society For Thrift

It may be said in all truth that, with the vast majority of persons, those who cannot practice thrift are destined to failure in life. Circumstances may be kind to some and they may, through good fortune, be able to escape the logical outcome of thriftless habits. But it is not safe to rely on the caprices of luck for one's happiness and security in life, particularly after on has reached the years of old age.

It is not entirely a problem of finance. It is quite as much a problem of moral stamina.

With the rank and file of men and women, ability to save money is an indication of will power and ambition. People who fail to save money do not neglect this practice because they cannot save. They do it because they will not.

It is not that the saving of money in itself is of supreme importance. The point is that the habit of saving is an indication of a sound attitude toward life. It indicates clear thinking, ambition, force of character. Failing to save indicates indifference in one's well being—a failure to grasp the deep problems involved in individual progress.

Broadly speaking, it might be said that the person who cannot save money is destined to failure in life because he does not care enough about success to fight for it.

We should learn to look upon saving, therefore, as a test of ambition. Those who are willing to fritter away their earnings from day to day without provision for the future show a fatal indifference to their own fate.

It is well to remember at all times the solidifying effect of thrift. It gives substantiability to one's plans and direction and purpose to all individual progress.

## BURLEY IN MORE NORMAL CONDITION THAN IN 13 YEARS

Supply and demand conditions for burley tobacco probably are more normal than they have been in any year since 1916, says a monthly review of the agricultural situation, issued by the department of markets and rural finance of the College of Agriculture of the University of Kentucky. October 1 stocks were 15 percent greater than disappearance during the past year, which is close to the average relationship of the last 17 years. The 1929 crop is estimated to be within 5 per cent of annual requirements; so the quality of the crop appears to be an important factor in determining prices. Stocks are lower than a year ago but the crop is larger and the quality is decidedly lower than that of 1928.

The current crop of Kentucky and Tennessee dark-fired tobacco is estimated to be about 21 million pounds greater than present annual requirements. This fact seems to be reflected in opening dark-fired prices, even though stocks are normal and quality seems better than last year.

The present crop of Henderson stemming tobacco seems to be nearly in line with disappearance, but stocks on October 1 were extremely low.

The total supply of one-sucker tobacco is about the same as a year ago. The current crop is estimated to be larger than that of last year, but stocks are lower. This shift in the position of the supply probably tends to weaken the statistical position of this type and may be having some effect upon the market.

A similar shift has taken place in Green River tobacco. Production has increased from 19 million pounds in 1928 to an estimated crop of 28 million this year. Stocks have been reduced by a corresponding amount, however, and the total supply remains practically unchanged. Somewhat better quality this year probably tends to offset the effect of this shift in position of supply.

France will spend about $100,000,000 for naval armament in 1930.

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