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THE WISEST MAN.

The wisest man could ask no more of Fate
Than to be simple, modest, manly, true,
Safe from the Many—honored by the Few;
To count as naught in World or Church or State,
But inwardly in secret to be great.—Lowell

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1937

Service To Kentucky And To Humanity.

In discussing "Kentucky's Greatest Problem," the over-crowding of our charitable and penal institutions, our hospitals for the mentally ill, we wrote in the issue of The Mercury for December 5, 1935:

But what will be done granting the earnest desire of the administration—of which we are sure—to be of real service to the Commonwealth? It is a difficult problem, financially speaking; it is a dangerous problem, from a political angle, in that it involves the expenditure of large sums of money. It will call for superlative courage upon the part of any Governor and Legislature and a keen understanding of the intolerable conditions that exist in our prisons and eleemosynary institutions. Perhaps a start will be made, at least. The administration that begins these needed reforms may meet with opposition from some quarters, but will prove, beyond cavil, its sincerity of purpose to be of real service to Kentucky; real service to humanity.

A little more than eighteen months since that was written and a modern prison building is being rushed to completion on a large prison farm in Oldham county. The antiquated hell-hole at Frankfort is abandoned. Land near the shores of Herrington Lake has been purchased for the erection of a modern hospital for the mentally ill. Truly that is an ...

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Why Let It Die?

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AN EDITOR'S RANDOM THOUGHTS

Back in the days of plush albums and antimacassars and waxen artificial flowers in glass cases; when parlors were cool and dark and musty (which I would have you know is not so many years ago after all) we remember that one of the favorite indoor sports, vying with Jackstraws and Old Maid, was the sedate enjoyment of peering through the lenses of a hooded contraption at pictures of the Grand Canyon and the Crucifixion and of John L. Sullivan—the latter if your paternal ancestor happened to be a bit devilish, or sportively inclined.

We remember looking through one of these doodads into the heart of a luscious blossom which embellished pictures of the Manger and the Wise Men, the latter by a somewhat generous stretch of the imagination; yes, of almost catching a whiff of heavy perfume from the waxen depths of the night-blooming Cereus. One's eyes became crossed or got out of focus somehow after looking through one of these hooded things. But it was a wonder, folks said, of a rapidly moving age for which Nancy Hanks set a dizzy equine pace and there were to be found foolish dreamers who continued to talk about "horseless carriages," despite guffaws from sensible people. At least it served, did this thingumajig—"stereoscope," that's the word—when Mary's beau grew a bit too playful or began to slip boldly forward along the horsehair sofa. "Oh, have you seen the night-blooming Cereus through the stereoscope, Mr. Terwilliger?" If he hadn't and showed no interest, but continued to slide—well, deponent sayeth not, being at that time of an age to hide beneath the sofa, rather than sit primly at one end thereof. One imagines that Nature took her course, although "necking" was unknown (by that name) of course, when Mary "entertained" her male caller, or discouraged any sign of intrepidity by clapping this hooded box over his eyes and letting him peep at Niagara Falls in Winter, Niagara Falls in Summer, or gaze into the scented depths of A Night-Blooming Cereus. But ask mom—she ought to know.

Strange that the memory lingers. Of all these wondrous "views," only that of the night-blooming Cereus stands out as it did when one achieved the magic focus by sliding the ... pictures on their usually warped cardboard backs to and fro on the stick. ... Strange that this offshoot of the Torch Thistle, this cactus, should bear a bloom so exquisite and that it alone, of all the flowers and scenes of natural beauty which brought exclamations of polite wonder in the days of horsehair sofas and antimacassars and waxen flowers under glass cases on the marble-top tables of parlors cool and musty, should have the power to wave the wand of necromancy over sleeping memories—unless Whittier explains it in a line: "Beauty seen is never lost;" or a greater poet, when he sang:

A thing of beauty is a joy forever,
Its loveliness increases; it will never
Pass into nothingness.

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Last week I republished a eulogistic essay that I wrote some years ago on the delights of blackberry ...

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A Vote For Meredith Means—

(The Maysville Independent)

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But It's True

Because she has gained 130 pounds since 1899, Miss Winston reports that she probably couldn't duplicate the feat today. She was women's bicycle champion of Cornwall at every distance from 100 yards to one mile for seven years. She retired in 1907.

50 Years Ago

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Editor's Note: The issue of July 28, 1887, is missing from our files. Publication of "50 Years Ago" will be resumed next week.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, July 26, 1917

A. B. Tilton ... postmaster at Carlisle ...

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Local draft board receives notice to furnish 65 men from Nicholas county in first draft which is expected to be made early in September.

Married—Miss Ada Woodall and Mr. James W. Smith both of the county, on the 18th.—Miss Wilme M. Hollar and Mr. Clarence Hermon, both of the county, on ...

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FROM OTHER EDITORIAL PAGES

AN INN AT BLUELICKS?

(Louisville Times)

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VACATION STAY-AT-HOMES

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NEW ELECTRIC DEVICE FOR FARMS

(Kansas City Star)

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LOAFING TIME

(Ashland Independent)

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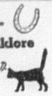

Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore

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HOG-CALLERS I HAVE KNOWN

Long before county fairs and the radio emphasized the music in the calling of hogs, I knew masters in this art that could have made any country famous. Most of them died without even a local reputation, since hog-calling was a necessary thing that might only accidentally become artistic. A few of these artists became well known locally. Across many years I hear some of them now. Hog-calling when properly done, and with the proper setting, is as melodious as any of the other folk sounds that have found their way into music. The greatest hog-caller I ever knew bore the name of Green Adams, that was his actual name, and this is a tribute to him, if he still lives, or to his descendants, if any of them read this. Mr. Adams lived at the edge of the Mississippi River bottom in Fulton county, just south of Bayou du Chien Creek. He owned large numbers of hogs that ranged back into the big bottoms, which then were very largely in timber. Though I boarded a mile or more away from the home of Mr. Adams I could distinctly hear his daily calling of his hogs. But there was something more than volume in the sound, a deep music, as if the ...

... fed and to be shut up in the pens. It must have been a hard-hearted hog that did not prick up his ears when he heard that sonorous, greatly prolonged call of the master.

If I were a musician, I would try to put into a fantasy of evening life on the farm that call, a recurrent keynote to the poetry of coming home at eventide that the poets of the world have known and expressed since the days of Sappho. Other sounds of the barnyard could be used to give it background and local significance; but, through it all, swelling into mighty harmonies would come that masculine voice, tying together the whole fantasy. Hog-calling has nothing of impatience about it, nothing of a feeling of limitation; the master wants his hogs and calls them in a time-honored way, unconscious of the ... he illustrates. His hogs, trained from earliest life to respond to that call, come home, home to the protection and homeliness of the barnyard, home to master and shelter, to the center of their little dumb world. I have heard great music, great sounds ... great voices pleading for the good and the beautiful; but I can truly say that no aria ... so long and ... as the long-drawn-out call ... ringing out ...

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KATYDIDS AS REGULAR AS CATBIRD

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SOUTHWEST MORNING

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C. C. C. FATTENS 'EM

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DR. B. F. REYNOLDS

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NEWS OF KENTUCKY

The Paris high school band is playing for Harrodsburg fair this week.

The Odd Fellows Grand Lodge meeting will be held in Lexington October 18, 19 and 20.

Seventeen cases of infantile paralysis were reported in Graves and Calloway counties last week.

All public gatherings of children have been banned in Campbell county because of infantile paralysis.

Ambrose Pennington, 60, shot and killed his son-in-law, John Cole, 40, at the Pennington home in Perry county.

Samuel Howard, 22, was accidentally shot and killed by Charles Haddix, 21, at a ball game in Jackson Sunday.

Thieves took jewelry valued at more than $400 from the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. McClintock in Richmond Friday night.

Joe Rose, 42, was shot and killed by Goebel Greer, 43, on a farm near Jeffersonville, Montgomery county, Monday.

The Public Works Administration has approved a project for remodeling the Clark county court house at a cost of $35,000.

John F. Norfleet, Burkesville patrolman, was shot and killed as he stood in a school yard at a political meeting Friday night.

Clarence Blevins, 31, of Mt. Sterling, died Thursday from a fractured skull sustained when he fell on a street in Mt. Sterling.

Covington residents will vote in November on a proposal to move the county seat of Kenton county from Independence to Covington.

Harold Mullins, 22, of Magoffin county, was killed Thursday when he was struck by a falling tree while engaged in cutting down trees.

John Kelly, 35, Morgan county truck driver, was injured seriously Monday when his truck overturned in Troublesome Creek near Jackson.

O. F. Bond and Dr. W. B. Neely, of Franklin county, last week sold 118 head of export white face Hereford cattle at 15 cents per pound.

Sixteen Mason county Future Farmers of America, accompanied by Charles Mathis, vocational agriculture teacher at Lewisburg, left Monday for a 3,500 mile trip through the East.

Wilma Carter, 15, and Alma Bray, 16, both of Corbin, were killed instantly Saturday afternoon when a car in which they were riding to a Sunday school picnic was sideswiped by a truck.

E. T. Kirk, of Maysville, has been placed in charge of the leaf division of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in six states, to fill the position caused by the resignation of his cousin, Theo Kirk.

Harvey Hardin, mining engineer sought on a murder indictment in connection with the mysterious death 24 years ago of James A. Watterson, in Martin county, surrendered to authorities at Inez Monday.

Mrs. Beatrice Perkins, 14, who said she was married on July 21, 1936, Thursday became the mother of a daughter weighing six pounds four ounces at a Louisville hospital. Her husband is Dallas Perkins, 23.

The horse population of Kentucky declined from 244,320 in 1930 to 209,641 in January of 1935, according to the federal farm census report. The decrease in the number of mules is very much less noticeable.

Mrs. Jouett Connell, 57, of Bagdad, was killed and her sister, Mrs. Cynthia Snook, 48, Bagdad, was seriously injured Friday when their automobile collided with another car near Middletown, Jefferson county.

Otis Brown, 22, of Letcher county, was indicted for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Edith Brown, 21, who was found on a road near their home. Witnesses testified that Brown beat his wife and left her lying on the road.

A 24-hour strike of 150 employes of the Union Transfer Company at Lexington was settled Saturday in a compromise under the terms of which the strikers will receive wage increases of approximately $3 per week.

A. Howard Stamper, 72, former County Attorney of Wolfe county and prominent Democratic politician, died at a Lexington hospital Monday from injuries sustained several weeks ago in an ...

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CCC BOYS SEEKING WORK

(Lexington Herald)

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RESIGNED

Old Lady (to little boy standing on his head)—"Don't you know that if you do that, you'll never get to be president?"

Little Boy—"That's all right, lady. I'm a Republican."

Magazine Story Tells Of State's Industrial Growth

Kentucky's tremendous industrial expansion, particularly in the last three decades, and the almost limitless industrial opportunities offered by its natural resources is the subject of the article "Kentucky Progress," by Arthur Coleman, in the current issue of Holland's, "The Magazine of the South."

Pointing to the achievements Kentucky has made in the past, since the first industry founded in Louisville in 1782, Coleman declares that "since 1915 Kentucky industry has taken the bits in its teeth and started down the high-road! Industries of all kinds and sizes and shapes and aromas. Small and large and middle-size, durable stuffs and fancy stuffs and foodstuffs and liquid stuffs. A list of the variety of manufactures in Kentucky would practically duplicate a manufacturing directory. ... Kentucky is making, at one place and another, everything from shoe laces to x-ray machines, and from hickory handles to radio tubes."

Going into more detail, Coleman mentions specifically the whisky, beer, tobacco, meat-packing, spinning and weaving, racehorse, farm machinery, pottery, shoe, garment, and numerous other industries, ranging from fields in which Kentucky predominates to those in which it has made healthy starts but still offers enormous possibilities.

"Kentucky farms," Coleman declares, "produce enough milk cows to rank the state third in the South, while in dairying it ranks twelfth—surely sufficient room for more dairies, cheese plants, and associated industries. Only one other Southern state grows more sheep than does Kentucky—a perfect opportunity for the washing and weaving of wool, and the resulting manufacture of clothing. Three other Southern states exceed Kentucky's production of furniture.

"And add to these the facts that Kentucky produces more than twice as much natural gas as it consumes, that it has 605 miles of navigable streams within its borders, plus 655 miles of the Ohio and the stretch of the Mississippi along those borders, that it has twelve railroads, and that 12,000 miles of primary highways thread its acres, and you have a picture well-nigh perfect for industrial development."

Discussing the minerals of the Blue Grass State, Coleman points out that Kentucky produces more than 40,000,000 tons of coal a year (exceeded by only one other Southern state) from two fields, and that this coal is of excellent quality.

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TIMELY TOPICS

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FOOD COSTS

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U. K. Adding $1,200,000 In New Buildings

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WE OWN HALF THE GOLD

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State Officials Endorse Candidacy Of Meredith

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A. B. Chandler, Governor
John E. Buckingham, State Treasurer
H. W. Peters, Superintendent Of Public Instruction
Chas. D. Arnett, Secretary of State
E. E. Shannon, Auditor Of Kentucky
Keen Johnson, Lieutenant Governor
Charles K. O'Connell, Clerk of the Court of Appeals

FAMILY CASH

(Ashland Independent)

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No doubt modern conditions have created new causes for domestic strife and divorces, but the good old reliable home-wrecker is the inadequate domestic budget and the "provider" who demands choice cuts on pin money.

Mixing ginger ale with iced tea produces a different and pleasing drink.

Overcooking of jams, jellies and butters not only impairs their natural flavor, but makes them too thick.

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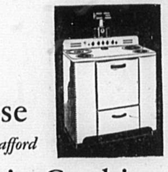

Of course you can afford Electric Cooking .... even if you do have to live on a modest income

A MAJORITY of the American housewives (now more than 1,250,000) who use electric cooking are folks in moderate circumstances who do their own housework.

They use electric cooking because it is in every way better than old-fashioned methods ... and not because they want to ape a fashionable fad of the wealthy.

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