

GENERAL NEWS FOR ALL SECTIONS OF KENTUCKY

ASSESSMENT IN PIKE COUNTY CUT

Board of Equalization Cites Poor Condition of Coal Trade.

RECOVERY ALSO MADE

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Pikeville, Ky., March 17.—The assessed valuation of property in Pike County, as compiled by the assessor, was reduced approximately \$1,500,000 by the County Board of Equalization, which ended its session Saturday. It was disclosed today, however, by adding to the assessment about \$1,000,000 not previously listed, the board was able to offset a major portion of the reduction. In round numbers, the assessment stands at \$28,000,000, compared with \$29,500,000 before the board acted.

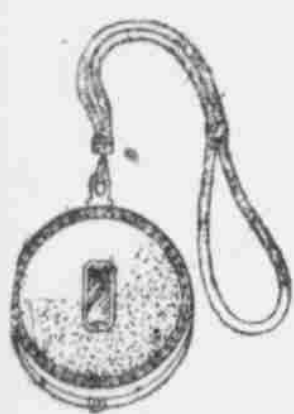
The action of the board was prompted, according to resolutions adopted by the body, by the condition of the coal industry in the county, which is declared to be "practically paralyzed." To illustrate more clearly this point the board listed in the resolutions sixteen coal companies which were

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McCracken Road Fund Allowed

Fiscal Court Appropriates \$6,300 for Upkeep of Highway.

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Paducah, Ky., March 17.—Provision for McCracken County Road Improvement this year was made by appropriation of funds totaling \$6,300 by the McCracken County Fiscal Court in regular session today. The funds set aside will be applied to twenty-one roads. The amounts apportioned to the various roads range from \$200 to \$500 each.

The Fiscal Court, after prolonged argument on the question, voted the purchase of a "general utility car" to be used by the county speed patrolman and the other members of the county patrol. The car in present use will be disposed of and the new one purchased at a figure not to exceed \$1,000. The court turned down a motion to buy a motorcycle for the use of the speed patrolman.

declared to have gone through bankruptcy or receivership and added "and many of the plants will not open again, unless a greatly improved demand for coal arises, for which the future holds no immediate promise."

Pike County, the resolutions declare, is almost entirely dependent upon the coal industry, not only in the towns and cities but also in the country, as "very few farms are self-supporting."

The farmers rely on the markets in the coal camps and most of them seek periodical employment in the mines.

"We find that such classes of property, viz., real estate, mineral rights and coal lands and town lots have depreciated fully 50 per cent since the assessment of 1924 and while our assessment made for 1924 is far above the fair cash taxable value of the said properties, we are constrained to let the present assessment stand, having in mind the State and county demand for available funds."

Members of the board were J. A. Scott, chairman; Thomas Devenny, J. S. Cline, Nelson O. Justice, E. E. Bailey and J. M. Trivette, tax commissioners.

STATE MEET OF W. O. W. ELECTS

Bowling Green Gets 1927 Convention of Order in Kentucky.

IS DECIDED AT MEETING

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Bowling Green, Ky., March 17.—Dawson Springs greeted with colors and hearty welcome 360 guests at the ninth biennial convention of the Woodmen of the World in Kentucky Monday and Tuesday. Meeting with the fraternal order is the woman's auxiliary, the Woodmen's Circle.

The convention of the Woodmen elected officers this morning naming: president, Judge V. G. Gregory, head consultant, J. H. Frazier, Louisville, camp delegate, W. J. Spillman, Bowling Green, head adviser, J. George Miller, head clerk, Lonnie Bailey, Madisonville, head banker, C. Calhoun, Owensboro, head escort, Hugh Miller, Golden Pond, head secretary, Homer Taylor, Benton, head watchman, and Roy Cary, Hendersonville, J. Glasgow, Murray, M. W. Schever, Jr., Ashland; Ernest Price, Livermore, and H. H. Lamberth, Auburn, head nominating committee.

Bowling Green was selected as the meeting place in 1927.

The ladies of the Woodmen's Circle elected as officers: Grand president, Jessie Houston; grand adviser, Tulsa Weldon; grand clerk, Frances Edgington; grand banker, Lorraine Barton; grand secretary, Mary McDonald; chaplain, Clara Anderson; assistant attendant, Callie Freeman; inter sentinel, Roy Bradshaw; outer sentinel, Theresa Zellus; and managers, Martha Smith, Emma Bell, Zera Robertson, Zera Cuyper, Maggie Bassam; State captain, Clyde Cumins; supreme delegate, Anna L. Jones; alternate, Jessie Houston; past guardian, Mary V. Bruik. Officers were installed at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Owensboro, Ky., March 17.—Joe Phelon and William Hartford, Owensboro tobacco men, have decided to take a lease on the Sand Cave property where Floyd Collins' body was buried in a subterranean cavity. Phelon and Hartford say their lease will include an option for purchase of the twenty acres of land when the title is cleared.

Recently their attorney, Miller Holland, spent several days in Hart and Edmonson Counties, tracing the title to the property and found there two infant heirs who were not included in the settlement when the sale was made to the present owners by a Master Commissioner.

Phelon and Hartford will establish tourist camp this summer and when title is obtained to the land they intend to excavate for an opening to the cavern Floyd Collins is believed to have discovered before he was imprisoned in the narrow entrance where he died.

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Cincinnati, March 17 (AP)—Parksburg, 14.0, falling; rain. Point Pleasant, 10.1, falling; cloudy. Huntington, 18.0, falling; cloudy. Portsmouth, 21.0, stationary; rain. Cincinnati, 26.8, stationary; cloudy.

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Cairo, Ill., March 17.—Stage of river at 4 o'clock. Gauge reads 22.7 feet, a rise of 8 in twenty-four hours.

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Cincinnati, March 17.—The stage of the river at Cincinnati at 6 o'clock tonight was 25.7 feet and falling. The John W. Hubbard arrived from Louisville this morning at 10 o'clock. She left for Louisville tonight at 3 o'clock.

The Falls City Boat Company has completed the construction of fifteen small boats which will be used at the Big Dam. Three of the boats have already been shipped and Charles Cline has contracted to tow the remainder with the cash boat, Spot.

The Altimpa is expected to pass Louisville Wednesday on the return trip from Memphis. It will be towed by Pittsburgh.

When the Margaret returned to Pittsburgh Monday it towed a hull of a man-of-war boat to be delivered to the United States Engineers Department at Marietta, Ohio. Remains to the lowest point of the river, have been completed and it is returned to service. The Commodore was tied up for repairs at the C. Heavill & Co. shipyard at New Albany because of damages to the engine resulting from an accident a week ago.

Kentucky, from Cincinnati, at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Southland, to Evansville, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Kentucky, from Cincinnati, at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Pittsburgh, March 17 (AP)—Pittsburgh, 11.2, falling; clear.

Wheeling, 12.1, falling; stationary; cloudy.

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CLERKS TOLD TO REFUND PENALTY

Thirty Days Allowed Board to File Application for Re-hearing.

RESULT OF COURT ACTION

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Frankfort, Ky., March 17.—Attorney General Frank E. Daugherty today instructed L. H. Holland, clerk of Graves County, to refund any 20 per cent penalty collected from automobile owners unless a petition for a rehearing is filed with the Court of Appeals within thirty days.

The Court of Appeals last Friday decided that Dr. Milton Board, State Revenue Agent, cannot legally collect, through county clerks, a penalty of 20 per cent on all automobile licenses obtained after January 16. Dr. Board is an employee of the State Tax Commission.

Dr. Board, through an attorney, instructed county clerks to charge automobile owners, seeking licenses after January 16, an additional money so collected. One-quarter of the penalties would have gone to the State, the balance to the county. At the instance of W. H. Atterbury, Hart County clerk, a test suit was filed by W. E. Waldeck, Waldeck sought to prevent Atterbury from collecting the 20 per cent penalty, and Judge Spaulding of the Hart Circuit Court ruled against the collection. His decision was sustained by the Court of Appeals.

Fields Is Urged To Retain Tachau

Churchwoman's Federation Asks Reappointment of Chairman.

At the March meeting of the Executive Committee of the Churchwoman's Federation resolutions were passed commending E. S. Tachau's work as a member of the State Board of Charities and Correction, and the following was sent to Gov. William J. Fields:

Gov. William J. Fields, Frankfort, Ky.

The women of Louisville, as well as the entire State of Kentucky have appreciated very much the efficient and untiring work given by Mr. Tachau on the Board of Charities and Correction.

As it has been necessary for you to make so many changes, we can not but feel that the work will suffer if he is not reappointed.

The Churchwoman's Federation of Louisville is deeply interested in the reappointment of Mr. Tachau.

Most respectfully,
(Signed)
MRS. ROBERT PRYOR, President.

Moss Tipped for New U. S. Position

Kentuckian Would Refuse Offer to Be Alien Property Custodian, View.

The Courier-Journal Washington Bureau, Washington, March 17.—Judge McKendree Moss, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, is one of several men whose names were thrust forward today in Administration circles with the post of Alien Property Custodian.

Though Judge Moss is not an active candidate for the place, a spirited contest has developed in other quarters in view of the retirement to private life of Thomas W. Miller, who has over at the instance of the late President Harding the job of administering the vast Government holdings of property seized from Germans at the outbreak of the World War.

Senator Richard P. Ernst has not endorsed the Bowling Green man, but is understood to be willing to do so if Judge Moss indicates a desire for the appointment. The post pays \$7,500 a year, the same salary attached to the place Judge Moss now holds under Secretary Mellon.

SIXTH ARREST MADE IN TAYLOR RUM CASE

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Frankfort, Ky., March 17.—Charles Colston today was served with a Federal warrant charging him with transportation of liquor in connection with theft of large quantities of whiskey from the L. E. Taylor, Jr., Sons' distillery, Glen's Creek.

He is the sixth to be arrested of thirteen indicted by the Federal Grand Jury. The others, Charles Woolums, Nat Mays, Floyd Harrod, Ed White and Walter Rice, were released under \$5,000 bond. Colston now is serving a jail sentence on another Federal charge.

TOLU BANK CASHIER GETS 2-YEAR TERM

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Marion, Ky., March 17.—J. H. Grimes, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, of Tolu, Ky., which was destroyed by fire August 3, 1923, pleaded guilty today to charges of receiving deposits when he knew the institution was insolvent. He was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

P. B. Croft, reputed to have been one of the wealthiest men in the county when the bank, of which he was president, burned, has been tried twice on charges of receiving deposits in an insolvent bank. He was acquitted at the first trial. When the second trial was called that case was thrown out of court.

Other cases against Croft and Grimes in connection with the burning of the bank are set for trial March 25.

STOCK SALE PERMIT GIVEN.
The Courier-Journal Frankfort Bureau, Frankfort, Ky., March 17.—The State Manufacturing Company, Louisville, has been granted a permit to sell \$24,000 in common stock by the Blue Sky Department of the State Banking Commissioner's office.

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Pastor Misquoted On Feud, He Says

Pineville Man Denies Statement Credited Him In Chicago Dispatches.

The Rev. L. C. Kelly, Baptist minister of Pineville, Ky., quoted in news dispatches from Chicago Monday as telling a meeting of ministers there that six members of his congregation had been killed in feuds in two years, today said he had either been misunderstood or misquoted.

"In my address in Chicago," Mr. Kelly said yesterday when he stopped in Louisville on his way home, "I told the meeting an old farmer pastor of a church on Yellow Creek, in Stony Fork Hollow, related to me that fifty-six of his congregation, who had taken part on one side of a feud, were buried in one graveyard. But that all happened thirty-five or forty years ago. I did not say one woman lost four husbands in the feuds. I baptised a girl who told me her mother had two husbands killed in feuds and another in a mountain shooting."

"I said that for feud killings there never had been but one man hanged for murder in the mountains since 1860. The day of the feud has just about passed, and the day of moonshining is passing, I told the meeting," the Rev. Mr. Kelly said.

FREIGHT RATES PROBE ORDERED

I. C. C. Sets On Foot Inquiry Planned Primarily to Aid Farmers.

Washington, March 17 (AP)—In conformity with the resolution adopted at the last session of Congress, the Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered an investigation into the existing freight rate structure of all the railroads in the country.

In proceedings of recent years it has been claimed that railroad rates on crude raw materials have become too high as compared with the rates on finished goods. President Coolidge in a message to Congress a year ago last December dwelt upon the connection of the rate structure with the prosperity of farmers generally. The notice today said the commission would consider this phase of the subject and seek as well to find and report on geographical areas and in districts.

"In discharge of this duty," it said, "the commission will not enter at once upon extensive hearings."

"Necessary or appropriate decisions and orders may be made in the progress of the investigation. The commission is required to effect with the least practicable delay such lawful changes in the rate structure of the country as will promote the freedom of movement by common carriers of the products of agriculture affected by the existing depression declared in said resolution, including livestock, at the lowest possible lawful rates compatible with the maintenance of adequate transportation service."

Notice was given that representatives of all carriers, State, Federal and local, or statements as to the proposed to be followed or complaints, on local authorities, and shippers or organizations of shippers might file affidavits of discrimination. These will be received until May 15 and answers to them, in case answers are necessary, until June 15.

LOUISVILLE PASTOR TO GO TO MERCER

Harrodsburg, Ky., March 17.—The Rev. C. L. Hargrove, Louisville, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Bruner's Chapel, near this place, and will preach his first sermon Sunday.

A five-franc piece, found by Dr. R. Worthington on the farm of John Buser five miles from here, bears the image of Napoleon and the date 1811.

TOOTHACHE WINS MAN'S FREEDOM

Accused In Slaying Says Drug Given Him Put Him Out of Head.

WANTED TO 'CLEAN JAIL'

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struck him on the jaw with his fist and knocked him down.

Then, it is alleged, Turner tried to disarm the killer, and in the struggle Mr. Lovely's pistol was discharged, a bullet striking Grigsby in the abdomen. The victim died the next day at a hospital here.

Grigsby was one of a large number of prisoners in jail in connection with the recent term of Federal Court in Jackson.

Turner, a World War veteran, said he had been raised in France, and his health had been delicate ever since. Two physicians testified the effect of the drug on him might have been such as he described, while his pastor gave him an excellent reputation for property and good citizen ship.

Trials of six men on charges of murder are docketed for tomorrow before Judge Gardner. Two of the defendants, however, are fugitives from justice and are certain not to answer when their names are called.

The other four are John L. and Burns Pitts, brothers, who killed Jack Howard January 10, and Sam Grigsby and Pearl Fugate, alleged slayers of Jesse Noble on Lost Creek in 1920.

One of the fugitives is Marc Pitts, a brother of John L. and Burns Pitts, and he is wanted for the killing of Sylvester Howard, a brother of Jack Howard, their victim. Sylvester Howard was slain in 1921.

Ed and Ben Fugate, Charley Noble, is alleged to have killed Charley Spicer in 1919 and since that time to have disappeared.

Efforts were being made today to summon all witnesses in the case against John L. and Burns Pitts and Grigsby and Fugate so that a trial may be held tomorrow in one or the other of them.

The Pitts brothers who are accused of what officers describe as an exceptionally brutal killing, have been in jail ever since they surrendered to the authorities late in January, although their attorneys have striven to obtain their release on bail.

It is charged that Howard was shot several times in the chest and abdomen and thrown in a creek. His body was found almost completely by a knife.

The cases of Grigsby and Fugate for the killing of Jesse Noble were first tried three times. He received a two-year prison sentence at first but the verdict was set aside and a new trial granted by the presiding judge. The second trial ended in a hung jury and the third in a life sentence, which verdict was reversed by the Court of Appeals.

Today's docket included only comparatively minor cases, except for that of Turner which attracted considerable interest.

Lonnie Whitt was acquitted of the charge of shooting and killing a mare belonging to J. M. E. Davis. A prosecution witness claimed Whitt had threatened to "shoot his heart out" if he testified against him. Whitt denied this. He said he had only asked the witness to tell the truth on the stand.

NINE KENTUCKIANS GRANTED PATENTS

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Washington, March 16.—Kentuckians who received patents here during the last week include the following: Charles W. Cuddeff of Owensboro, assignor to Owensboro Ditcher and Grader Company, ditching and grading machinery; Timothy Ford and V. Q. Flinn of Lexington, illuminating means for liquid levels; Louis Klump of Newport and E. F. Gates of Cincinnati, Ohio, combination tail-light and license carrier; Michael J. Mohan of Covington, shipping can; John V. Pilcher and J. F. Babitt of Louisville, separable button; George H. Simon of Covington, self-centering jig; and John R. Wyatt of Princeton, railway switch.

GROVER FUGATE'S 2D TRIAL CALLED

Hearing Passed Until Saturday to Obtain Witnesses and Record.

HAD BEEN PARDONED

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Booneville, Ky., March 17.—The second trial of Grover Fugate for the murder of Sol Noble, on Grape Vine Creek, in Perry County, was called today in the Owsley Circuit Court here before Judge Sam Hurst and passed until Saturday in order that some witnesses might be summoned and the record of the former trial obtained from the Court of Appeals.

Fugate was pardoned by Gov. Edwin P. Morrow while serving a term in the reformatory at Frankfort for the slaying of Green Noble, a son of Sol Noble, in Breathitt County, where the Noble and Fugate families live.

After his pardon, Fugate fatally shot Sol Noble and for this slaying was given the death penalty at his first trial before Judge Rufus B. Roberts in the Perry Circuit Court. The Perry court was reversed by the Court of Appeals and a new trial ordered. The case then was transferred to the Owsley circuit on a change of venue.

Since the first trial Jake Fugate, a brother of Grover Fugate, and jointly indicted with him for the slaying of Sol Noble, has been killed. Pothier Napier, also a defendant in the present case, has forfeited his bond. Napier feared for his life and fled.

The quarrel between the Fugate and Noble families had its origin in a political difference years ago. It is said, Grover Fugate's aged father, John M. Fugate, of Leatherwood, Breathitt County, here with his son today, H. C. Faulkner, J. G. Begley and Capt. E. E. Dixon of Hazard, composed the defense counsel. J. Mott McDaniel, Commonwealth's Attorney, is conducting the prosecution.

McCLAIN ANNOUNCES FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Special to The Courier-Journal.
West Liberty, Ky., March 17.—Harry McClain of Lenox, Ky., has announced his candidacy for State Representative from this district. Mr. McClain is a farmer, a Democrat and a member of one of the strongest Democratic families in Morgan County. Three Democratic candidates for the place previously had announced. They are C. C. May, Bas Morris and Joseph McClure.

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