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The Yearly Meeting of the Presbyterian Churches in Monroe, White, Morgan and Breathitt Counties will be held in Frenchburg on Thursday, Aug. 27th, and continue over Sunday.

Rev. J. S. McHenry, of Mt. Sterling will preach the opening sermon on Thursday night.

Revs. Eugene F. Mikel, Robert A. Walton, Wm. K. Cooper, James M. Little, and probably Rev. Edward O. Geuzant are expected to be present and take part in the exercises.

All brethren of all denominations are cordially invited to attend all the services. The brethren and friends of Frenchburg have generously offered to entertain all the delegates.

Remember the time, Thursday night, August 25th and over the 4th Sabbath.

On September 1st, 1887, there will be a Session of the Mexican War Veterans at this place, Frenchburg, Ky. Able Speakers are expected to be present, and the session will be one of great interest. Other papers please copy.

A train on the T. R. & W. R. R. near Clatsworth, Ill., derailed at full speed into a burning bridge which gave way, as the train was in the center of the bridge, there were nearly one hundred people killed and four hundred injured.

Let up, eh? Well, not yet. We want to see Menelee County stand at the head of the modern county. We want to see Frenchburg throw off its legatry and get out of the old ruts that it has been running in for the past twelve years. Let us do a meeting to give business a "lift" and put the town and county on the wheels of progress, and run them to the front. Merchants does it pay you to sell goods the way it is at present selling perhaps five dollars worth a day? Farmers, does it pay you to buy goods which are selling at 50 per cent profit when you

could get them at 40 per cent cheaper? You say: "How can we get them cheaper?" Very easily, build a turnpike to the Bath and line, than we can get goods shipped cheaper. We can get our timber out cheaper, and Menelee will be a county that will not have to depend on other counties for every thing.

Some say that it will benefit only a part of the county to build the Bath turnpike. That is a mistaken idea, it will benefit all parts of the county about equally, and benefit all parts greatly. The time has come when we have to act, and act speedily, for there is a probability of a railroad going to Hazel Green, from Mt. Sterling, passing us about three miles to the south. If we don't do something before then, we will be cut off entirely, if we build the turnpike we will catch the railroad.

If we don't get it we will be in a position that it will not affect us in the least. This thing ought to be weighed in the minds of the people, and they ought to see that the turnpike is built. We believe that there are enough sensible men in the county to carry it into effect.

The Election

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The returns are about all in, and the result is that the Democratic Ticket is between 17,000 and 22,000 ahead. A shame for a State with a standing majority of 40,000, for the Democrats. It is the result of so many staying at home, and saying: "There's enough without me." There are as many true Democrats in the State as there ever was, '88 will show.

I. T. HOBBS
L. W. CARROLL
EDITORS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1887

THE BROKEN HANDCUFF OF OLD CAP LEE

Reflecting a minute, the detective said:

"I would like to take hold of it, because it is not of the common run if for no other reason. But, it would require more than passing attention. A man would need to give the case the whole of his time if he expected to be successful."

"Well, I will make it worth your while to give it your undivided attention. What do you say?"

"The L. like the case might be unimportant," said the reply.

"I will risk that."

"Well, all right."

"You may be sure that I did not want for you to be disappointed, or without having heard something of you. You will agree that you have actually solved one of the largest cases for different railroads, and have gained the respect of the directors of the railroad detective."

"All right," said the detective. "But I could not possibly take hold of the case without first having obtained the permission of my superior."

"That will not be difficult."

"It may be."

"I am aware to the contrary, for I have already mentioned the matter and received his assurance that if I could gain your consent he would be forthcoming."

"That will not be difficult."

"I say. As a rule, I will permit you to see thousands of cases straight or, will if you prefer, give you a like position as a detective for the road."

"About that I will tell you later."

"But your chief's permission being secured, and I depend on you to get to work at an early day."

"You can. I shall be at work before night."

"When can I expect a report of progress?"

"When I have made some."

Giving this off-hand reply, the detective arose to take his leave. He went out with a careless jaunty step, followed by a pair of horrified eyes—those of the man at the desk in the corner.

CHAPTER III

THE MURKIN OF CASE BEGINS

As a detective, Joe Grimm bore a reputation second to none.

It was not necessary for him to try and enhance the value of his services by wise shakings of the head or coy play of any trick.

He could afford to be frank and honest, and he did not hesitate to tell the railroad president that the case was one it would please him to work on.

He was a born detective; if man ever was.

When he left the office his brows were contracted thoughtfully.

Already his mind was at work on the problem.

His first effort was an endeavor to find some tangible theory on which to account for the robbery, and he presently said to himself:

"It seems to me that somebody was in the car or in the coach were tampered with. As there was no evidence to be found that the coach had been broken into, it seems that there must be a special case."

His next thought was a subject of responsibility.

This would take away the driving responsibility. The coach having been broken, the officers behind themselves and then stretched upon the ground.

Having reached a certain street corner, the detective paused abruptly. A brief exclamation escaped his lips, such as a sign of things when he suddenly recalls something that he has permitted to escape his memory. And he said:

"Before I do another thing I must go and see Mr. Osborn. He will be expecting me; it is already beyond the hour appointed for meeting him."

Not much later he ran up the steps of a house and rang the bell.

The summons was answered by a negro.

He was a very stout-looking fellow, and grinned all over his face at sight of the detective.

The interrogator inquired: "Is Mr. Osborn at home?"

"He is, sah. He's done expectin' of you, sah, he told me dat if you come I was to let you in."

Very well, that had the way and he followed. As he went in, Hannibal, that you took pretty sharp notice of me the one time I was in this house to remember me to distinctly.

So I did, sah, as he closed the door with a bang. I don't took particular notice of you.

Why did you do so?"

I expect it was 'cause you looked at me and spoke to me so sharp.

You thought me a pretty savage customer, did you?"

Indeed dat way, sah. But here you am, dis is Mr. Osborn's room.

As he swung open the door of the sitting-room of the house the detective entered.

A man rose to meet him.

He was a man past the meridian of life but in a good state of preservation; that is to say, he was strong and vigorous for his age.

Glancing first at the clock on the mantel, he then said, with some little superiority of tone:

you are somewhat overdue, Mr. Grimm.

I regret to say that I am. I will not attempt to offer any lame excuse, but will frankly say that deeper interest in other matters led me to forgetting for the time being my engagement with you.

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L. T. HOVERDEALE AND

J. W. VANARDELL,

EDITORS.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1887.

Local News.

[We will be glad to publish any news, of an acceptable nature, from any of our subscribers in their vicinity.]

We are indebted to J. T. Coons, of Spencer Station for quite a large list of subscribers, send in a few more lists Mr. Coons and get the book, twenty-five names will get it.

A big time is expected at Frankfort, August 30th, at Buckner's inauguration.

The Fleming county Jury acquitted Z. T. & Allie Young and Green Manoin.

The Young Men's Prayer Meeting met the second time Friday night, it is in point of interest eclipsing the regular Prayer Meeting.

A subscription being taken up for the purpose of completing the Christian church at this place, resulted in \$12.00 being made up.

Our friend, B. F. Pierrell, of Vail, Ball county, Ky., handed us his card last week, on the back was: "July 4th, sober."

The Institute opened at this place, Monday under the able management of Prof. Saunders. Nearly all the teachers were present at the opening, Prof. Saunders made a very pretty speech in the method of teaching, he seems to be a very able man. He has taught Institutes in adjoining counties for many years but this is his first in this county.

There were readings Monday night, by Misses Mary Welch, Lucy French, Victoria Giddison and Siddle Clark, also by James H. Walls, E. G. Wright and John Combs. The Institute this year is composed largely of young teachers who seem to take great interest in the proceedings. A number of good teachers this year.

Rev. D. L. Williams preached at this place Saturday night and Sunday.

The Sunday School organ reached here last week in good trim.

J. M. Spencer, living on the Branchy Fork of Beaver had quite an accident to happen last week. Mr. Spencer lived about 300 yards below a large cliff, immediately at the foot of the mountain, for the past week the family had been hearing crackling noises and were at loss to account for it, until last Sunday (Aug 14th) they all went to church, they were not very far when they heard a loud crashing noise, and on going back found that about 200 yards of the cliff had broken off and rolled down the mountain, mashing trees and every thing in its way—it rolled directly over the house completely demolishing both house and furniture.

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We have delayed the publication of the Meteor this week on account of the Institute.

Born—On the 19th of August, to Thomas Greer and wife, a boy.

Married—On the 17th of August, W. W. Phipps to Miss Mary Davis, Elder J. M. Adams officiating.

School Board Examiner—"Johnnie, where is the North Pole?"

"I don't know, sir."
"Aren't you ashamed to own that?"
"Why, how should I know where it is when our John Franklin, Dr. Kane and Mackenzie failed to find it."

It was not long since.

Rich Corwell, Saturday, Boonville, Ky. and John Henry were fishing with a string of muskellunge. It was a fine day and the boys were taking off the fish.

Spencer, Ky.

Miss Eva Stephens, of Lexington, who has been visiting Mrs. Beva Redmon has returned home.

Miss Lizzie Sutton, of Winchester, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Beva Redmon.

Miss Ella Howe of Missouri, who has been visiting relatives at Cynthia is now visiting at this point.

A croquet party was given to Misses Lizzie Sutton and Eva Stephens at Thomson Redmon's last Wednesday, and was enjoyed very much by the attendants, Clark was at hand.

Musk and water melons at this point are like chickens after a Methodist Conference, very scarce. The candidates are generally very hungry.

A protracted meeting is expected to begin at Antioch church the first Sunday in September.

Coons.

Spreading, Ky.

There was quite a crowd of our young folks, attended the district conference at Campton, which closed Sunday, the 14th inst. There were more people in Campton than ever has since the hanging. There were seventy-five preachers present and much good was accomplished.

The Bethel Sabbath School, which was organized a few Sundays ago, is still increasing in number.

G. W. Fulks, while fixing a water gap the other day found a blackberry briar that measured 22 feet in length, some one beat Fulks for raising briars, if you can.

Dunn

East Fork Items.

There has been a very good attendance from here to the protracted meeting held at Corwell by Bro. Coffman.

The dry weather still continues, but we had very good rains last week, enough to settle the dust.

Our school is being taught by E. G. Wright, and is getting along fine, the best attendance for three or four years.

Notwithstanding the dry time every day is getting along alright and there is but little sickness in the neighborhood.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1889

With such a situation as Frenchburg has we see no reason why, with a little energy on the part of her citizens, should not become one of the foremost towns in Eastern Kentucky, situated in the valley of Beaver Creek, with road grades that would do for turnpikes on three sides, and with water falling in such a position that magnificent water works could be made, six large springs within easy reach, capable of supplying a six inch water pipe, the year round at an elevation of eighty feet above the town, plenty of coal and wood within one mile of town, and the healthiest climate in Kentucky, a turnpike or two and a railroad, all we need. Let us have them.

"It fills me with horror to think of what might have happened Monday night shooting, if local option had prevailed two weeks ago."

"Why, how is that?" said a curious listener.

"Well, you see, if all those men had been sober when the shooting took place, some one would have been killed certain." —(Sentinel-Democrat.

The Meteor is on the boom now, we are receiving new subscribers every day. We have just received a list from May's Station, Edgar County, Ill., and during the last two weeks we have received lists from the following States:

West Virginia, Texas, Indiana, Missouri, and Kansas. We still say that we will have a thousand subscribers before the first of October, let everybody try to get the book, a nice cloth bound book that retails at \$1.25, the one who sends us the most cash subscribers gets it. The Meteor reaches nearly everybody in Menelee County, and has a respectable circulation in other counties, we see no reason why it would not pay you to advertise in the Meteor.

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