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BALD HEADED CLUB.

Stormy Meeting With Ex-President McKee in the Chair.

Col. Bamberger Precipitates a Row By Making a Speech a Year Too Soon.



After a vacation of several months, the Bald Headed Club held its regular annual session for the election of officers Saturday night at low midnight.

In the absence of both the President and Vice President, Col. Leavel H. McKee was by general consent called to preside, as the senior ex-President present.

Col. McKee acknowledged the compliment with one of those winning smiles of his, that began at the dimple between his double-chins and spread itself all over his jolly countenance.

He lost no time in calling the meeting to order, and at once recognized Col. Bill Bamberger, who appeared to be suffering from an unspoken speech.

Col. Bamberger arose and said: "Mr. President, as I stand here in this august presence..."

"Better shut up if you don't know August from December," broke in Col. Bob Woodriddle, who carries Col. Bamberger's personal pouch.

The President rapped with a rapid rap and ordered the secretary to fine Col. Woodriddle a bag of pop-corn, to be eaten by the chair at once, in his representative capacity, as a horrid example of swift punishment.

The corn was procured and eaten with little delay, Col. Bamberger in the meanwhile proceeding with his speech.

"As I stand here in this august presence (bestowing upon Col. Woodriddle who sat dazed in his seat a look of pity) in the solemn hush of the century's dying hours, watching the sands of time in the hour-glass of eternity mark the death of a century and the dawn of a new cycle of time, I am impressed with..."

At this point in the eloquent orator's address, the venerable Col. J. O. Cooper arose to a question of personal privilege.

"Mr. President," he said, "I desire to be perfectly respectful to every member of this club, but the gentleman's funeral oration over the nineteenth century is ill-timed and premature. We are here to-night for business and pleasure combined and not to listen to a panegyric over the death of a century that still has a year to live. I move that Col. Bamberger postpone the remainder of his speech until next December, when it will be in season."

Before Col. Bamberger could utter a word in reply, Col. Chess Pyle took Col. Cooper off his feet with a motion to appoint a committee to investigate his sanity, adding:

"No man in his right mind can doubt for a moment that the nineteenth century will come to an end to-morrow night at midnight."

Then ensued an undecipherable uproar. In every part of the room members began a series of noisy controversies over the problem so unexpectedly raised. Above the storm in one corner of the room, over by the water-bucket, Col. Bill Cooper was sawing the air and explaining that pa was wrong and 1900 would be the first year of the new century, because the 8 found he changed into a 9 and he had al-

ready changed it on his letter heads. Over by the stove Col. Dan Stewart was declaring that Col. Cooper was right, because his century plant showed no signs of blooming within the next 24 hours.

Back by the door, another excited group, with Col. Green Champlin as the central figure, was trying to figure it out on the wall with a piece of chalk.

Seeing that the meeting was liable to break up in a row, Col. Joe Twyman got the care of the chair long enough to move that a committee of three be appointed to investigate and report in fifteen minutes when the 20th century would begin.

President McKee put the motion and declared it carried and he once appointed for this responsible duty three of the oldest Colonels present—Col. J. C. Woodriddle, Col. W. T. Boate and Col. D. G. Wiley.

The committee retired long enough to ring up the KENTUCKIAN office, by telephone and returned to make their report as follows: Col. Woodriddle acting as chairman:

"Mr. President, and Colonels of the Hopkinsville Bald Headed Club No. 1, Knights of the Shining Face, in meeting assembled:

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have consulted the most reliable authority accessible and have decided unanimously that the 19th century will end and the 20th century begin at midnight Dec. 31, 1900. This being the case, the present century yet has a year to run. The Christian era began 1899 years ago and divided into centuries there have been 18 centuries and 99 years on another. It takes 100 years to make a century. One more year must be added to the 99 to make the 19th century. This will bring us up to the close and set to the beginning of 1900. If a man has 100 miles to travel his journey is not completed at the end of the 99th mile, but at the end of the 100th. If you owe a man \$100 you cannot pay the debt with 99.

So it is with time, the first century began at the year 1 and it ended at the close of the year 100. The 19th began 1800 years later, or in 1801 and it will end at the close of 1900. President McKee thanked the chairman of the committee for making it so plain, and ordered the Secretary to enter a fine of \$1400 against any member who failed to agree with the colonels who had caucused on the question. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the election of officers had to be postponed for one week.

NEW OFFICERS

Elected By Church Hill Grange Friday.

The following officers for Church Hill Grange were elected Friday for the ensuing year: A. H. Wallace, W. M.; S. F. Holloway, W. O.; M. A. Owen, Steward; J. A. Browning, Jr., Asst. Steward; Miss Carrie King, Secretary; J. M. Adams, Treasurer; Miss Rosa Lee Adams, Flora; Mattie Sue Browning, Ceres; Elsie Kimberling, Librarian; Jas. Gary, Gate Keeper.

SIX MONTHS

is all That Claude Wadlington Will Serve.

Acting Gov. Taylor Saturday commuted the sentence of Claude Wadlington, of Gracey, from two years to six months, in the latter part of the year.

Wadlington shot and killed Parks Wilson January 6, 1898. The first trial resulted in a hung jury, Wadlington was convicted on a charge of manslaughter. Many leaving citizens signed a petition asking for a pardon.

Judge Jas. Breathitt, one of the young men's attorney's, went to Frankfort and secured the favorable action. The sentence will be completed about March.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Anderson entertained the Carbons Club Friday evening. The attendance was large and the evening's entertainment was most pleasant. Refreshments were served.

WAT HARDIN

Goals at Frankfort to Run Against Blackburn.

The Papers Announce That He Will be a Candidate, But It May Depend on the Caucus.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 1.—The anti-Blackburn members of the Legislature are looking for a candidate to make the Republicans and Brown men upon in debate Blackburn. The Louisville papers for day all intimated strongly that Gen. P. W. Hardin would sell to this purpose. The associated press correspondent sent out the news as a fact last night.

Gen. Hardin is in Frankfort and is expected to announce to-day. The chief object of the opposition will be to prevent a quorum from attending the caucuses to-night. This does not seem likely, though the bolters claim to have 31 Democrats with them.

OPEN SEASON GET

And "Bob White" Can Now Take a Rest.

The open season for quail shooting has expired and the few birds left can now take a much needed rest. In some sections quail were plentiful at the opening of the season, Nov. 15, while in others very few birds were found. A large number of partridges were slaughtered over the county, however, and many were sold on the market here. Towards the close of the season many birds from Webster, Hopkins and Todd were shipped to this market and found a ready sale.

FIVE COUPLES

Eloped From Kentucky Points and Married in Tennessee.

Five marriages of runaways took place in Clarksville last Thursday. They were M. J. Marquess and Ella J. Jones, who traveled overland from Caldwell county; T. J. Smith, of Lewisburg, and Nora Blain, of Hopkins County; R. B. Boyman and Katie Younts, both of Muhlenberg county; Laurence Morris and Pearl Cooke, both of Trigg county; R. S. Purvis and Iria Browning, and J. W. Anderson and Sallie Browning, all four of near Russellville. The last two brides are sisters.

CONGESTION OF BRAIN.

Cause Death of a Leading South Christian Citizen.

Mr. Douglas Meriwether, one of the leading citizens of South Christian, died at his home here Friday, aged 57 years. Mr. Meriwether had been ill only about twenty-four hours, and died of congestion of the brain. The remains were interred at the old Meriwether homestead Saturday. He leaves a widow and four children.

ONE A DAY

The Past Year Was a Good One For Marrying.

During the year 1899 the county clerk issued marriage licenses to 369 couples, or more than one a day. Of these 187 were white and 182 colored.

TO OPEN AT GRACEY.

Will Engage in Grocery Business About Jan. 1.

Mr. J. Wheeler Coyce has purchased property at Gracey, and moved to that place to live. He will on or about Jan. 15, open up a full line of staple and fancy groceries, hardware, cutlery, etc., and will occupy the Francis store house.

one of his eyes was injured. Mr. Clayton was badly injured and being a merchant in reputation and wide popularity, while about command a full...

FAMILY FATALITIES

Two of Family Meet Death Within Three Weeks.

Thomas Martin, an Illinois Central flagman, was so badly mangled in an accident at River, Tenn., last Wednesday that death resulted the following day. Martin was a brother-in-law of Nat Hart, who was killed at Guthrie three weeks ago, his wife being a niece of Mr. W. T. Hart of this city.

At River, where the accident occurred, a truck car was ordered attached to the engine and it was while passing from the broken car to the caboose that flagman Martin fell between and sustained injuries which resulted in his untimely death.

Both arms were horribly mangled and mangled off. He was taken to Paducah, his home, where his injuries were being dressed, when death relieved the sufferer.

His wife was here on a visit to Mr. W. T. Hart's family when she received a message to come.

Mr. Martin was about 25 years of age. The remains were shipped to Bowling Green last night. Mrs. Martin's parents reside there. The father of the victim of the terrible accident resides in Texas.

GRACEY CLEANINGS

Important Arrangements for Season—Brief Personal Mention.

Gracey, Ky., Jan. 1.—100 gatherings in order and many houses have already been filled with large tubs.

Mr. T. W. Wiley, has moved to Fulton, where he will open a black-smith shop.

Mrs. Helen, of Princeton, spent Christmas week with her parents, Edw. H. Clark and wife, returned home Sunday.

Mr. Albert Clark went over to Henderson Saturday and returned Sunday.

The new iron bridge over Little River, near Jolien, has been completed and travel over that road has been resumed.

Marshal Dillard arrested Addison Payne, of here Saturday night and delivered him to John Williamson. Payne is charged with shooting at another man on a farm.

OPERATOR SHOT DEAD

Douglas Coffman Killed by Will Morrison Saturday.

Douglas Coffman, night operator for the L. & N. at Cedar Hill, Tenn., and whose home was at Glasgow, Ky., was shot and instantly killed at Springfield, Tenn., Saturday by Will Morrison, of the latter place. His slayer was arrested and there was considerable talk of a mob, but the prisoner was safely landed safely in jail.

Coffman's remains were taken to Webster county for interment Sunday.

Coffman was well known here and had been in the railroad company's employ for several years.

TEAZLEY-FRANCIS

Bainbridge Wedding Added to List Christmas Celebrations.

Bainbridge adds another wedding to the list of Christmas celebrations. The contracting parties were Mr. Nathan T. Teasley and Miss Eva Lee, the daughter of Mr. Joseph Teasley, of here. Rev. Brown, of Christian church, officiated at the ceremony.

Wm. Teasley, of here, bought the W. H. Francis store house at the latter place.