

NEWS HAPPENINGS OF TWENTY YEARS AGO (1903)

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 19 April 1923

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(From Herald of 25 March 1903)

Last Thursday Harvey H. Hannah took the oath and was inducted into the office of adjutant general of Tennessee.

John E. Wall has moved his family into the Puckett house just vacated by John G. Duke.

Sparta knocked whiskey into a cocked hat at the election last Friday, and the mixers of cocktails and other beverages of hell will retire from business in our neighbor town after April 30. The vote was 180 to 0, zero, naught, nothing, nit.

Henry P. Davis died at his home in the city last Sunday afternoon from a complication of diseases, his fatal illness being brought on from exposure and getting wet while attending the funeral of Capt. Walton Smith two weeks ago.

The dread reaper claimed another mortal like in Cookeville on Sunday when J. E. Copeland breathed his last. He had been in failing health for several months but our people were hardly prepared to hear of his death so soon after that of Henry P. Davis, who had passed away about an hour before.

(From Herald of April 1, 1903)

Whitson Bros. at their opening last Tuesday made by far the most elaborate display of any since they began business here about four years ago.

The law firm of Holladay & Bockman has been dissolved by mutual consent.

H. M. Jared and Herbert Shanks have a soda fountain and line of cigars and tobacco in the Greenwood building next to the depot.

The hopes of our gardeners have been again blighted by a cold rain. 'Tis winter lingering in the lap of spring.

Whitson Bros. had a page advertisement in this issue, the first one ever printed in the Herald. They advertised that "Every day is a bargain day with us." Miss Sallie Apple had charge of their millinery department.

(From Herald of April 8, 1903)

Judge H. D. Whitson makes a model presiding officer, and the way he put business through at quarterly court was a caution. And Clerk D. C. Gossage handled the rush in a very efficient manner.

Prospects for a new hall seem to be brighter now and it is both possible and probable that a new superb and up-to-date hall will be built this summer – I.O.O. F. Items.

The Peekville correspondent say: “I would like to hear from someone on the subject of cutting down the number of free schools so as to have only one in each district and make a nine months school, employ first class teachers and improve the schools generally.”

The Morgan Produce Co. and Hunt & Judd will shop three cars of hens, two from Cookeville and one from Algood. Thursday of this week.

ITEMS FROM HERALD OF TWENTY YEARS AGO

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 30 April 1923

(Herald April 15, 1903)

Just before noon today, Wednesday, private messages were received from Nashville stating that the bill incorporating the town of Cookeville had passed both branches of the legislature and only lacked the signature of the governor to become a law.

The election held last Saturday to chose a town justice of the peace resulted in the election of J. P. Douglass. It was a quiet affair and a light vote was polled, 130 citizens exercising their constitutional privilege. The Herald doffs its tile to Esquire Douglass, predicts he will make a competent and popular official and wishes his honor all manner of good things and the perquisites thereto pertaining.

(In looking through these files of 20 years ago we find the names of Olga Byrne, Irby Hudgens, Goffton, Venia, Quiz, Pine Fork, Burton, Void, St. Luke. Peekville and other postoffices in Putnam county. Wonder how many of us can correctly locate even the list above’ – Editor).

(Herald April 22, 1903)

J. L. Ensor of Pine Fork, ex-county court clerk, and as clever a man as one often meets was in town Saturday long enough to push his smiling face in to the door of our sanctum and say howdy.

Last Saturday Gov. Frazier appointed Hon. Cordell Hull of Gainesboro judge of the circuit court of this district. Vice W. I. Smith resigned.

(Herald April 29, 1903)

J. C. Barnes has purchased the H. Shepardson residence.

Last Saturday saw the closing of Putnam county's only saloon and we hope for a better condition of affairs as a result.

Capt. S. G. Slaughter an old and highly esteemed resident of Cookeville died on Wednesday of last week.

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