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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

- FOR GOVERNOR—Augustus E. Wilson, of Louisville, Jefferson County. FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR—William H. Cox, of Jefferson County.

'The Onlooker'

JUDGE PARKER'S STATEMENT TO THE GRAND JURY.

"Of all communities in the State of Kentucky, I believe there is a more general disregard for the law in this very County of Fayette than any other." Such was the statement made to the grand jury by the honorable Judge of the Fayette Circuit Court Monday morning.

other hand, to combat the official records, and to prove by the true incidents of the Buford trial and the unhappy death of Buford how farcical is the testimony of the professional "expert" and, especially, to place on record the fact that Buford did not die of an insane man, and not a sane man, as the friends of Judge Lewis would have the public believe.

In the Lexington Herald of July 7, appeared the following criticism of The Onlooker's communication: "The Onlooker" whose comments have for some time been the feature of that paper, in an account of the trial of Thomas Buford for the murder of Judge Lewis.

"An appeal was taken. Upon the ground that the testimony of the expert witness should have been admitted, the Court of Appeals reversed the action of the lower court and granted a new trial. In the new trial the 'famous' expert witness was permitted to testify. The accused was declared insane, and was committed to the Eastern Kentucky Lunatic Asylum, where, a few months later, a ravine mangled, he committed suicide."

The Onlooker's comments in the LEADER have been quite interesting and it is believed that the statements made about this fellow inmate of the Eastern Kentucky Lunatic Asylum: It was committed to the insane asylum at Lakeland, for a number of years, by order of the Eastern Kentucky Lunatic Asylum, Kentucky.

In reply to this criticism, The Onlooker desires to state that the mention of Eastern Kentucky Lunatic Asylum instead of the Lakeland Asylum was a mere inadvertence. Also, that immediately upon the publication of the comments in the LEADER of July 4, the writer was called up over the telephone by one of those from whom he had received his impressions regarding the Buford trial, and was informed that Buford did not commit suicide, but that he did die of softening of the brain, and that he was a raving lunatic at the time of and prior to his death.

As a matter of collateral interest, it will be recalled by those who remember the circumstances that General Abe Buford, a brother of Tom Buford, was committed insane shortly before the death of the latter. During the trial of Tom Buford, after the Bourbon county physician had testified as to the insanity of Tom Buford, General Abe Buford questioned the sincerity of the physician in testifying as he did. In reply the physician said:

"Certainly, Abe, Tom is crazy, but not half as crazy as you are. Moreover, if you live a short time longer you will be committed to the asylum yourself!"

Comment upon the official records, the trial of Tom Buford and his subsequent death would have left no grounds for argument, and would have made reading as uninteresting, as commonplace, and as conventional as the usual reports of such incidents. The very fact that the friends of Judge Lewis did attempt to prove the sanity of Buford and that the authority of the Eastern Kentucky Lunatic Asylum did attempt to assist them in this deception are the very reasons for the contribution by The Onlooker.

As to the accuracy of the statements made in this connection by The Onlooker as compared to the official records of an insane asylum let us consider the following facts, so fresh in the minds of all of us that there is no reason for misunderstanding:

On June 22, 1906, Fred Ketterer, according to the official records of the Eastern Kentucky Lunatic Asylum, died of exhaustion incident to acute mania. Competent and honest physicians who examined the body of Ketterer declare that the deceased had died twenty-four hours when these "official records" took cognizance of his death. This, however, is immaterial. Coincidentally, Dr. Louis H. Mulligan, now Superintendent of the Lakeland Asylum, from whom the Herald received its information as to the official records of the Lakeland Asylum in the Buford case, was acting superintendent of the Eastern Kentucky Lunatic Asylum when Ketterer died there, and was also one of Ketterer's attending physicians. Presumably Dr. Mulligan knew his business when he permitted the records of the asylum to state that Ketterer died a natural death, and presumably such an official statement is worth quite as much as the statement of the superintendent of the Lakeland Asylum twenty years ago who permitted the records there to relate that Tom Buford died of chronic diarrhoea.

Now, according to the records of the Fayette County Circuit Court, Ketterer did not die a natural death; did not die of acute mania, nor of exhaustion, but, in fact, was murdered by some one or more of the attendants of the Eastern Kentucky Lunatic Asylum. In evidence of this fact two men are now serving terms of imprisonment for the crime, one in the Frankfort Penitentiary for five years, another in the Fayette County Jail for one year.

Dr. Mulligan's telegram to the Herald, undoubtedly quotes correctly the record of the Lakeland Asylum showing that Tom Buford died of chronic diarrhoea, but that record is not conclusive proof that he was not also afflicted with softening of the brain and a raving lunatic.

In conclusion, The Onlooker would go on record in the fact that he recognizes sources of information which are oftentimes more reliable than any official records. The official records of courts, asylums, and other public institutions rarely tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. There is a demand upon the part of the public generally to learn the truth. In the past The Onlooker has endeavored to learn the truth, and in the future he hopes to be able to do so.

CURT SAMPLE

Was Full of Issues and Tired and Stood on Railway Train. Was Struck by Train.

Curt Sample, aged 24 years, was struck by a train near Benton Monday that the car struck him on the head and struck him while traveling at the rate of 15 miles an hour. He was killed by a train near Benton Monday that the car struck him on the head and struck him while traveling at the rate of 15 miles an hour.

DYNAMITE SHAKES TURFMAN'S HOME.

Bomb Placed on Window Sill by Men Who Evidently Sought to Kill John Condon.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 8.—An attempt was made Monday night to dynamite the home of John Condon, a prominent gambler, head of the Western Club, who was a frequent traveler and the reported dictator of the Chicago gambling situation.

Whether the attack upon the mansion of the gambling boss was made through motives of revenge or robbery is not known. The police are working on the case.

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Condon lives at No. 102 Michigan avenue, a large, well-known and well-kept mansion. It contains many new and valuable pieces of furniture. The living room of the mansion, which contains a billiard table, is on the second floor. On the same floor is a large study, in which the gambling king is reported to keep a large number of books.

After dinner Monday night Condon and his wife were in the study. They returned before 8 o'clock and retired to their apartments on the second floor. At 11:30 there was a terrific explosion and a death from the explosion.

Police officers immediately arrested a man who was seen near the window of the study. The man said that the attempt was made to dynamite the study.

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SOLDIERS OF KENTUCKY HEAT-STRICKEN

First Regiment Men Become Delirious and Die. Many of the Men Died.

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SCRUGHAM Files a Demurrer and Demits Charges of Conspiracy

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