

# BIG SANDY NEWS.

*Aut inveniam viam, aut faciam.*

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## ASHLAND GOES DRY

### But Catlettsburg Clings to Her Idol and Votes Wet.

### Resenting the Appeals from Big Sandy People as Unwarranted Interference.

The people of Big Sandy, Louisiana among them, responded nobly to the call of the temperance element of Catlettsburg for help in their fight against liquor. About 300 from Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Paintsville and this place went down last Saturday morning and remained all day, helping in every honorable way to make the result "dry". The Louisa delegation numbered about 40, carrying banners and wearing the colors of the W. C. T. U. The Paintsville band made good music for the occasion. The visitors were met by a band and hundreds of citizens and were made to feel that their presence was welcome and helpful. The liquor supporters were not all cordial however. The News deeply regrets to note that so far as Catlettsburg is concerned, the laudable work of the day was in vain.

The election was held on Monday last and was the hottest ever held for local option. Much bitter feeling was engendered, especially in Catlettsburg. No acts of violence occurred, however, in either city. The county went "dry" by a majority of 1245, Ashland "dry" by a majority of 107, and Catlettsburg "wet" by a majority of 22.

## LAWRENCE FISCAL COURT.

### Levy Laid for Special School Tax Required by the New Law.

E. E. Shannon was elected County Treasurer, being the only candidate.

J. W. Shannon was appointed commissioner to dispose of the hickory lumber on the county infirmary farm.

The attention of the Court was called to a claim that Lawrence county has against the United States for damage done to the Court House during the civil war. The building was occupied by U. S. soldiers and was badly mistreated. Jay A. Vinson proposed to get up the evidence and prosecute the claim at his own expense, and if anything is recovered the amount is to be divided equally between him and the county. The Court accepted the proposition.

Permission was given Brock Holbrook to keep the mules without expense to the county until July 1st, when a special session of the Court will be held.

25000 of jail bonds were paid off with money from the sinking fund.

A levy of ten cents on each \$100 worth of property outside of the town was laid as required by the new school law. This money is to go toward to be used in providing school board to be used in providing school houses where worst needed in country districts.

The number of people, including relatives and friends, who attended the funeral of Mrs. C. C. Sullivan on Thursday last was very large.

Ashland, Ironton, Catlettsburg and some other places were well represented by those who desired to show by their presence the deep regard they felt for so noble a character. It was greatly regretted that Rev. F. F. Shannon, a much loved grandson of the deceased, was not able to attend the obsequies. He started from Brooklyn in time to reach Louisa before the burial of his honored relative, but unfortunately a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad caused such a delay that it was impossible for him to get here until after the burial. When Mr. Shannon ascertained this fact he returned to his home.

## Important to Teachers.

Under the new school law, which is known as the county unit school law, the county becomes the unit. The present school districts are called sub-districts and have one trustee each, who was elected last August, when the first election under the new law was held.

For the guidance of those who desire to teach in the public schools, we append the following information: On the last Saturday in June of each year, the teacher's are placed by the trustees of the educational division in which the application of the teacher is placed.

The teacher's application for a school must be in writing, stating plainly salary, length of term (not less than six months), juniorship, etc., enclosing certificate of qualification with application. If applicant has no living certificate and expects to be qualified in the July or August examination, provisions can be made accordingly.

All applications must be filed with the secretary of the educational division in which the school is located previous to the last Saturday in June.

Contracts for the service of all teachers shall be in writing, signed in duplicate by the teacher and by the chairman and secretary of the division board in which the teacher is employed.

## KENTUCKY CONVICTS

### Should be Put Work on the Roads, Warden Mudd Thinks.

Warden Mudd of the Frankfort Penitentiary, has under consideration a prison reform which, it is thought, he will soon endeavor to have enacted into a law. His plan is to have all prisoners sentenced to two years at least put to work on the roads, while the long termers are kept at work inside the prison walls. He would have them distributed in camps to counties and work upon hours. He thinks that under this plan Kentucky would soon have the finest roads in the country.

Warden Mudd has also abolished the whipping of prisoners. His plan is to inflict the punishment with the prisoner's hands and feet free so that he may defend himself if he cares to do so.

## Ratcliff.

There was preaching at this place Sunday by Rev. Rice.

Mrs. Nora Reeves of this place, was visiting at Denton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Thomas were on Catlettsburg.

Can Sam Callup was visiting at this place recently.

Bentley girls attended Sunday School at Brammer Gap Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Riffe has been quite sick for a few days.

Several Bell's Trace people attended church at Willard Sunday evening.

Willie and Mont Cooksey of Glenwood were visiting in Johnson county recently.

Ada Pink of Jaffie was visiting her grand-parents Saturday and Sunday.

Jay O'Daniel passed up our creek Monday.

Joe Bentley was on Twin Branch Saturday.

Mirtie Cobern of East fork was visiting at this place a few days ago.

Millard Bentley and Howard Wilson, who have been working at Logan, W. Va., for some time have returned home.

Ed. Smith of Cooks Creek was here Sunday.

Martha Wheeler of Johnson county attended church at this place Sunday.

## PANSY.

After an absence of several years Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Moore have returned to Louisa to live. They are occupying the residence bought by Dr. Farley Mr. Moore's son-in-law, from Tobe Rule.

Z. Taylor Vinson, formerly of Louisa but now of Huntington, has been appointed a Regent of the West Virginia University. Mr. Vinson is very prominent in West Virginia politics and is a Republican. The appointment was made by Governor Glascock.

## DEMOCRATS MEET. PRIMARY ELECTION

### Candidates Take Ironclad Oath to Spend No Money.

### Primary to be Held on April 17th will Also Nominate Magisterial Candidates.

Meeting of Democratic committee-men and candidates was held at the court house April 1st for the purpose of completing arrangements for the primary election to be held on April 17th.

All candidates formally entered their names and made the required deposit of money to cover expenses of the primary. This amounted to ten dollars each for candidates for county offices and five dollars for magistrates and constables.

An oath was made and signed by all candidates to the effect that they would use no money, liquor, or other thing of value to influence voters in the primary.

The question of whether or not the candidates for magistrate and constables should be nominated on April 17 was thoroughly discussed. All candidates favored this arrangement and the committee agreed to it, the interested parties having waived all right of notice, etc.

The vote for county officers will be taken in the 18 old precincts. This will not be practicable in the magistrates' races in the two Louisa precincts because of the creation of Busseyville precinct. It has been arranged that all living in the new Busseyville precinct shall go there to vote in the magisterial contest, but for county offices they must go where they voted last November.

Lots were cast for position on the ballots, each candidate apparently favoring the first place under the heading of his office.

## EMBEZZLEMENT

### Charged Again Roy M. Wright, a Native of Big Sandy.

A recent dispatch from Washington to the daily papers is as follows:

Roy M. Wright, formerly of Prestonsburg, Ky., a railway mail clerk, was arrested here this morning as he stepped from a train in the Union Station. The action was taken by the Washington police upon the request of the authorities at Boise City, Idaho, who telegraphed that Wright was wanted on a charge of embezzlement, and officers are on their way to Washington with requisition papers for him. Wright, who is a distant relative of Representative Langley, of Kentucky, is confined in the Sixth precinct station. Counsel has been engaged for him and efforts will be made to secure his release on bail.

It is stated in the dispatch from an officer at Boise City that Wright obtained about \$6,000 by alleged false pretenses in a hay deal in Idaho, where he was living last year. He was in the brokerage business and was said to have made considerable money, which he lost. Wright says he does not know the nature of the charges against him, but believes it is simply the echo of a suit involving \$600. He says he is guiltless of any wrong doing.

He was appointed a railway mail clerk only about six weeks ago. Wright was at Louisa quite often last winter.

## Widows' House Burned.

The residence of Mrs. Wellman widow of Wm. Wellman was destroyed by fire yesterday morning on Daniels creek, this county. The fire caught from a defective kitchen stove. Mr. Wellman died several months ago.

### Pulled Off Saturday With Some Very Interesting Races.

### Republicans of Lawrence Made Nominations for Fall County Ticket to be Voted for in November.

The Republicans of Lawrence county, held their primary election last Saturday to nominate a county ticket to be voted for next November. Many of them quite close. The returns brought surprises to a good many, as things happened in several precincts that can not be philosophically accounted for.

Following is a list of the successful candidates and their majorities:

- County Judge, David Boggs, 379.
- County Attorney, W. T. Cain, 47.
- County Clerk, Mont Holt, 251.
- Circuit Clerk, Rice McClure, 106.
- Sheriff, John H. Carter, 267.
- Supt. of Schools, J. H. Thompson, 107.
- Jailer, Z. C. Wheeler, 254.
- Assessor, Chas. Rice, 124.
- Surveyor, M. B. Elliott, 1170.
- The total vote cast was 3799.

## A Narrow Escape.

On last Friday Mrs. Nannie Chapman and Mrs. Z. T. Frazier attempted to cross Tug river near Salt-peter in a small boat. The boat was being paddled by a boy who was apparently unaccustomed to the business. He let the boat drift down stream and into a recently fallen tree top. Mrs. Chapman jumped into the river and clung to the branches. Mrs. Frazier with her babe, was knocked into the water and was rapidly sinking when Mrs. Chapman heroically clung to her until she could pull herself ashore by the branches of the tree. Meanwhile the baby was rescued by the boy, and all returned home none the worse bearing a good ducking.

## CITY COUNCIL

### Met in Regular Monthly Session on Tuesday Night.

The City Council met in regular monthly session last Tuesday night.

Mayor Snyder presided, and all the members except William Justice were present. The proceedings of the March meeting were read and approved. The reports from the Police Judge, Treasurer and Marshal were read and ordered filed. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$32.38. An order was made, paying his monthly salary, \$35, to Marshal Wellman. The claims of Clerk Bromley for making out financial statement for the city \$5, and J. L. Richmond for surveying, \$6, were presented and referred.

The improvement committee showed that it was awake to the pressing need of cleaning up and bettering the condition of the streets, and declared that something was going to be done at once.

The water furnished the city and the condition of the reservoir was discussed at length. The result of this discussion was that it was by order made the duty of the improvement committee to have the reservoir examined and put into such condition that the water from it would be healthful, and kept so. Some water drawn from a hydrant is to be sent to the College for a quantitative and qualitative analysis. The College will do this free of charge.

People who indulge in the luxury of keeping dogs will take notice that the marshal was ordered to at once begin the enforcement of the dog tax. The city is sadly in need of revenue, and dog owners are to be made to help replenish the exchequer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tolbert, of Matowan, came down yesterday, and went to Mrs. Tolbert's former home at Georges Creek. She will enter Riverview hospital for an operation on her leg, to be performed by Drs. York and Burgess.

## Death of Mrs. Stant Clayton.

Last Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock Mrs. Stanton Clayton, of East Central avenue, died very suddenly. Mrs. Clayton had gone to a nearby store, and was returning home, when she grew tired and stopped at the home of a neighbor to rest. While sitting in her chair she was suddenly seized with an attack of heart trouble, and the neighbor observing her condition, said she would send for a doctor at once. "No," said Mrs. Clayton, "it is too late, I am about gone," and with that she expired.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton came here from Louisa. Mr. Clayton is the son of Judge Clayton, of Lawrence county, and is the brother of Ex-Sheriff Clayton, also of Lawrence county.

Mrs. Clayton was 55 years of age, and a woman who was the picture of health. She was robust, and was always bright and cheerful. Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters—Mrs. Timothy Hanev, of this city; Mrs. Lillian Hyden, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. John Chinn, of New York. Also one brother, Jas. O. Bryan, of Cassville, W. Va.; also two granddaughters.—Independent.

Interment occurred on Saturday last and was attended by relatives from this place and neighborhood.

## AGED MAN BADLY BURNED.

### Leander Bloss an Aged Gentleman Falls Into Fire.

A most horrid affair occurred near Ardell, Wayne county, on Wednesday last which it is feared will result in the death of one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of that county.

Leander Bloss, an aged farmer who resides on Twelve Pole, was the victim of the accident, the details of which are horrifying. Mr. Bloss, who is about 70 years old had been somewhat ill for sometime, but his condition was not regarded as being serious by any means, by his friends, as he was yet able to go about his room. On Wednesday he arose from his bed and soon fell quite sick and faint. He got a camphor bottle and while in the act of returning to his seat before the fire he fell in falling his feet went into the fire which was of wood in an old time wood fire place.

The unfortunate man lay in this position for several minutes until he was discovered by a little boy whose parent resided in the house. The child gave the alarm to her mother who by a desperate effort succeeded in pulling the man from his perilous situation.

It was found that the feet of the aged farmer had been burned to a crisp the injury extending almost to his knees. A physician was hurriedly summoned and decided that the amputation of one of the members would be necessary in order to save his life.

The advanced age of Mr. Bloss is said to be such that he would likely be unable to undergo such an operation, hence there is said to be but the slightest hopes for his recovery.

Mr. Bloss has several relatives in this county.

## School Census.

The time has arrived for taking the annual school census. This school census, the enumeration of children of school age, is taken each April and on it depends what the county receives of the State's school money. The enumerators are due to begin their work on April 1 and the reports must be in by the first of May. This year, for the first time, the census takers in the county will be paid for their work and will receive five cents for each name enrolled.

Gov. Willson granted a pardon to Nelson Bishop, of Morgan county, who was sent to the penitentiary in June 1908, to serve two years for voluntary manslaughter.

The executive refused to act favorably upon the application of Logan Sizemore sent up for twenty-one years for manslaughter. He says there are no grounds to justify his interference.

## JURY DISAGREED

### In Case of Eugene Gardner, of Magoffin County.

### Another Trial Already Under Way at San Francisco on Charges of Manslaughter.

The following from San Francisco is of great interest to relatives and friends of young Eugene Gardner, who was born in Magoffin county and is related to very many prominent people.

The trial of Eugene Gardner, the young Kentuckian charged with the murder of a negro named Cardozo on the whaling ship Bowhead last August, resulted to-day in a disagreement of the jury. Eight jurors were for acquittal, while the others stood firm for manslaughter. The question of murder was completely eliminated.

Judge Van Fleet endeavored to get the jurors to reconsider their decision, but all remained obdurate, and were dismissed by the court. The bench announced that a new trial would proceed at once, and the witnesses in the case were subpoenaed to appear in court to-morrow morning, and the retrial will be rushed through with all possible speed.

Attorney W. A. Young, of Morehead, who, with Attorney H. R. Prewitt, were associated with the defense and made a special trip from Kentucky for the purpose, may be obliged to return to-night, but the case will be left in the hands of Attorney Parker Maddux, Jr., of San Francisco.

Gardner who is a handsome youth took the matter coolly, and betrayed no perturbation during the suspense. The action of the jury is generally believed here to be the result of United States Attorney Delvin's closing argument to the jury, wherein he cautioned the jurors to refrain from being influenced by the eloquence and attraction of Attorney Young's address for the defense. He paid a glowing tribute to the Kentucky attorney's power of speech and portrayal of evidence for the defense, and hinted that both might strongly tend to divert even if hard headed jury from the proper sense of justice in bringing in a verdict.

Delvin presented a strong argument for the prosecution, and used his long study of the case to advantage. In this he has the advantage of the defense, which entered the trial with facilities to probe so deeply into the adverse side. In spite of the disagreement of the jury, it is generally believed here that he will be acquitted and Attorney Young's defense of Gardner has transformed prejudice to sympathy.

## ASSESSMENTS RAISED

### By State Board of Equalization on Several Counties in This Section.

The State Board of Equalization, now in session at Frankfort has taken preliminary action on a number of counties, raising their assessment as follows: Elliott, 2 per cent on land and lots. Lawrence, 8 per cent on land and lots. Boyd, 2 per cent on land and lots. Floyd, 35 per cent on land and lots. Morgan, 10 per cent on land and lots. Magoffin, 35 per cent on land and lots. The local assessment of Johnson, Knott and Martin Counties was accepted.

## Williamson Goes Wet.

The election for municipal officers in Williamson was a landslide for the Democratic candidates in every ward and the city at large. They polled on an average four to six votes. Alonzo Pinson was elected mayor for his third term. The city also voted "wet" by a large majority. W. B. Morrison editor of the Williamson Enterprise was elected Recorder, and H. I. Williamson, C. B. Roach, Robert Livingston, John Riley, Alex Bishop, and John Warnock, formerly of Richardson, this county, Aldermen.

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