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## GOV. BOB TAYLOR

### Is Now in the Big Sandy Valley.

### Those Who Doubted His Coming No Longer Have Any Fears of Another Disappointment.

United States Senator and ex-Governor Bob Taylor, Tennessee's most famous son, is in our midst. He went up the Big Sandy Valley Thursday morning to Pikeville, where he had an appointment to speak at night. On Friday he will be at Paintsville, lecturing at night. Saturday he will come to Louisa and speak in the auditorium of the college building. The address will begin at 7:30 p. m., and possibly a few minutes later.

It seems that on account of the former disappointment there are a few people who feared that Mr. Taylor would not reach here this time. Now that this doubt has been removed, let everybody go to Nash and Herr's store and procure tickets. Mr. Taylor's cancellation of the former date was absolutely unavoidable. It is a very rare thing for him to do.

Our people should do all their shopping during the day. Saturday and our business men should close their places of business and close by this act and by their presence at the lecture that they appreciate the generosity of Senator Taylor.

Is there a citizen of Louisa who feels less interest in the success of our worthy college than that shown by Senator Taylor of Tennessee? He is making a greater sacrifice than any of us in behalf of this worthy school not because of any special interest, but on account of his zeal for the cause of education. He wants to help an institution that is doing such a great work for the mountain boys and girls who are not able to go where the expenses are great and the progress is slow in obtaining an education. The K. N. C. gives each student the opportunity to advance as rapidly as his capabilities and industry will permit. No loss of time allowed. It is a working school. No side benches, no talkativeness, no skimming over no graduates without merit. These are the features that Gov. Taylor is endorsing.

A travelling salesman was here recently and told us he would be at Louisa to hear Bob Taylor, regardless of the fact that it would break up his regular route of travel. He has heard him two or three times in the past, and says he will go miles to hear him every time he comes within his reach.

The cost of hearing Gov. Taylor lecture at almost every appointment made for him is one dollar. At Louisa the price will be only half that amount and every cent of it goes to a most worthy cause. Gov. Taylor will not accept any portion of the receipts, having generously donated all to the Kentucky Normal College. We should regret to learn that any citizen of this community would be so unappreciative and so disloyal to our pretty and beloved town as to withhold his or her patronage on Saturday night of this week.

This may be the only visit this great man will ever make to this place. No one should miss hearing him.

### Brakeman Killed.

Charles Vaughan, a C & O brakeman, was fatally injured by a train at Mt. Sterling last Saturday and died in Lexington the next day. Burial occurred at Ashland Tuesday. Mr. Vaughan's wife was Miss Martha Shepard of Estep, this county. He was little, if any, kin to the Vaughans of Lawrence county. Mr. Vaughan frequently ran over this division as extra passenger brakeman.

Miss Lizzie Hatten, of Buchanan, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace, Jr., Monday.

### Nat Bloom Reported Dying.

News reached Louisa Thursday morning that Nat Bloom, the well known and popular traveling salesman is dying in a Charleston hospital. A few years ago Mr. Bloom suffered a stroke of paralysis and at that time it was feared he would die. He made a partial recovery, and resumed his work on the road. He was in this city last week, and while sitting in the office of the hotel Brunawick was seized with an intense pain in his sound leg. He left for his home in Point Pleasant as soon as possible. He rapidly grew worse and was taken to a hospital in Charleston for treatment. Here it was discovered that the leg was gangrenous and amputation was resorted to as the only hope for saving his life.

Mr. Bloom was one of the best known men on the road. He had a jolly genial disposition which made hosts of friends wherever he went. He was well known in this city, where he had been coming for nearly a quarter of a century.

### The Stork at Pikeville.

Dr. Z. A. Thompson reports the arrival of a pretty daughter, which he says is a fine specimen of humanity at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Madison A. Dunlap, on Upper Second avenue, and who made her arrival Tuesday morning. This, with the arrival on Sunday night a fine girl each at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harbitz, John Compton, Frank Williams, J. Morrell Morris and a boy the same night at the home of James Pinson, and a boy on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Proctor K. Damron, puts Pikeville, though quite small on the map, in the front ranks as to rapidity in the increase of population.

## HON. W. J. FIELDS

### Spoke at Louisa Monday in Interest of his Candidacy for Congress.

Not less than a thousand people were here on Monday, and a large number of them heard William J. Fields, the Democratic candidate for Congress from this district, define his principles and position in a good speech at the Court House. Mr. Fields makes no claim to orators, neither does he profess to rank at a spellbinder, but what he said to his audience showed him to be a clear-headed, practical man, one who understands the political situation fully and has the good business sense which will enable him to legislate wisely and properly for the great common people. Mr. Fields belongs to this body himself. His dealings are with the people and they admire and respect him and will vote for him. His life is clean, always has been, with out the shadow of stain or reproach. Mr. Fields remained all day in Louisa, mixing with the people and making friends wherever he went. He made a fine impression and will grow stronger as the campaign advances.

Mr. Bennett, the Republican nominee, was here but made no speech.

### Judge Marcum's Residence Damaged.

Speaking of a fire which recently destroyed the Wilson House, Cerdo, the Advance says:

The residence of Judge W. W. Marcum adjoining the Wilson House was also damaged considerably. A hole was burned in the roof of that building and for a time it seemed that the residence would also go up in smoke. But the firemen while battling with the flames on the Wilson House also kept their eyes on the judge's home and played streams of water on it alternately.

Many of the effects of Mr. Marcum were carried out and those that were not damaged by rough handling received a spray of water occasionally.

The last quarterly meeting for the Conference year was held at the M. E. church, South, last Saturday and Sunday. The Presiding Elder of this church, Rev. B. F. Gosling, was present and preached fine sermons to good congregations.

### Pardon Refused.

In spite of the persistent and vigorous efforts on the part of friends, William Bowling, sent to the penitentiary for life from Elliott county, will have to remain in prison, probably for the remainder of his life. He has been turned down by the Prison Commission, which refused to grant him a parole and Acting Gov. W. H. Cox refused to grant a pardon to the convict. Bowling was charged with the murder of his grandfather and grandmother, it being charged that he killed them to inherit some property. He was indicted and tried on the charge of killing his grandfather. He was given a life sentence and has never been tried on the other murder charge, but the officials of that county say that they will have Bowling tried on the charge of killing his grandmother in case he should ever be relieved from the penitentiary.

### Wayne Court.

The circuit court has been doing a deal of business. Up to the present time nine persons have been sentenced to the penitentiary, two for life terms, two for two years, each, and five for one year each, as follows:

Sam Endicott for life. He burned a dwelling which was occupied, level blankenship for same offense, for life.

James Muey for five years for shooting D. Mead.

For one year: Frank Justice and Walter Wellman for shooting G. H. Fuller, an N & W brakeman.

Tobe Gilkerson and Frank Gilkerson for assault.

Joe Isaacs and Wm. Isaacs for shooting Joshua Endicott. \*Wayne News.

### Result of the Contest.

The prize contest which was conducted by the Ashland Independent closed on Saturday last. The number of votes cast was enormous, amounting in the aggregate to several million. The grand prize, a fine automobile, was won by Miss Anna Howard, of Ashland, her vote being 2,667,239. The successful ones in this district are: Ruth Davidson, Prestonsburg, \$350 Piano; Lurline England, Pikeville, vacation trip; Mrs. C. P. Hamilton, Louisa, scholarship; Lucille Sullivan, Louisa, gold watch.

### Names Examiners.

Dr. Ben L. Bruner has announced the names of the five business men and bankers who are to pass upon the qualifications, experience and adaptability of the State bank examiners. The committee is composed of three Democrats and two Republicans. The member for this section is Charles Russell, of Ashland.

## BISHOP MORRISON

### Of the M. E. Church South Will Visit Paintsville and Louisa.

Bishop Morrison, of the M. E. church, South, will make a visit to the Big Sandy Valley next week. He will preach at Paintsville on Thursday evening, Sept. 1st. On the 2nd he will come to Louisa, where a church reception will be held, but it is not yet announced whether or not he will preach here.

Bishop Morrison will preside over the Western Virginia annual conference which will meet at New Martinsville, W. Va., on Sept. 7th. He is making a trip over as much of the territory included in this conference as possible, gathering information that will be beneficial in the discharge of his duties.

Bishop Morrison is a very strong man and his visit here is looked forward to with pleasure.

### More Oil Prospecting.

A deep well is to be drilled for oil or gas at Ratcliff, which is in this county, but near the Carter county line. The machinery is now on the ground. The leases are held by a Pittsburg firm.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

### Large Attendance, and a Busy Term Expected.

### Misdemeanor Cases Have Occupied the Time of the Court up to this Time.

The fall term of the Lawrence Circuit Court began on Monday, August 22, Judge J. B. Hannah presiding with his usual ability. John M. Waugh, the efficient Commonwealth Attorney, is at his place in court, vigilant and active in the discharge of his onerous duties.

As usual the first business of the court was the imposing of the grand jury—the dreaded Big Dozen. The jury consists of the following:

Charles Ross, Scott Castle, John R. Travis, Owen Gambell, Thomas Asche, G. E. Roberts, G. D. Williamson, J. W. Hall, South Dixon, H. W. Blackburn, Roscoe Baker, John T. Moore.

The charge given to them by Judge Hannah was all that such a deliberation should be clear and comprehensive. G. D. Williamson was made foreman, and then the jury retired and began its work.

The following comprise the regular panel of the petit jury:

Lindsay Lane, James Rice, J. K. Chadwick, Lam Moore, J. S. Turman, Matthew Bates, E. D. Frasier, W. P. Byington, Covy Adams, Labe Sparks, J. W. Akers, A. J. Conley, Hugh Sparks, R. M. Curran, David Harris, J. P. Garlin, Arthur Borders, W. D. Roffe, E. L. Wellman, Andy Thompson, William O'Brien, John Morris, John G. Burns.

Up to the hour of going to press the time of the court has been taken up in the trial of the usual misdemeanors. The docket was crowded with this class of offenses and a large number was tried. The end of such violations of the law is not yet, many cases going over for Friday.

The most important case on the penal docket is the Commonwealth against Dr. F. D. Marcum. Thursday was the day set for its trial. It was called in its order, but no disposition had been made of it at a late hour. A Floyd Byrd, of Winchester, and John Hopkins, of Prestonsburg, for the prosecution, are here, and Judge W. W. Marcum, of Huntington, and John S. Marcum, of Huntington, representing the defense, are also present. Mr. Frank Hopkins, who has been in the case for the prosecution, from the beginning, is reported sick at his home in Prestonsburg.

As usual the illicit dealer in liquor is finding the way of the transgressor a hard road to travel, and the difficulties in his path will not be lessened so long as Judge Hannah is Judge of this court.

Since some witnesses who failed to appear before the grand jury were fined and sent to jail for their failure the door of the Terrible Twelve has been crowded by witnesses, anxious to escape a similar dose.

The familiar cry of the sheriff as he calls three times for an absent witness or lawyer is conspicuous by its absence. All classes having business in the court are required to be present.

LATER—Both sides answered ready in the case against F. D. Marcum charged with the murder of John Whittaker, and the work of selecting a jury is now in progress. This work will not be very easy, and will require considerable time.

### Public School Opens Monday.

Get ready for the opening of the public school on Monday, August 29. All the teachers have been chosen and all are good ones. The school is a department of the K. N. C., but the tuition is free. To neglect this opportunity, for acquiring a good education is nothing short of criminal on part of those who are responsible for it. See that your children are present next Monday and every day throughout the term.

### Made a Splendid Impression.

William J. Fields, the Democratic nominee for Congress in this district is a traveling salesman who, it is declared by his friends, knows every by-path in the district and has no superior as a vote getter. His race is considered the most remarkable in Ninth district politics, in that he selected the counties he needed, made the fight in only those and carried every one of them. Supporters of the other candidates unhesitatingly declared that if he could not carry Democratic banner to victory this fall, it was useless for any one else to try. Nominee Fields made an eloquent speech of acceptance, in which he made it plain that he knew no such thing as fail. This was his first appearance before the convention, and the first sight many of the delegates had of him. He made a splendid impression. —Maysville Bulletin.

### Steamer Geraldine Burned.

The burning of Dr. York's steamer Geraldine occurred at Parkersburg on Saturday afternoon, resulting, it is said in a total loss of the craft, excepting a portion of her machinery. The boat was worth about five thousand dollars. Others besides Mr. York are said to have a small amount of stock in the craft, but the doctor will be the chief loser by the accident. It is said that the fire was started by the explosion of a signal lantern that had been placed on the stern of the boat, and the fire had gotten such headway before it was discovered by the watchman that it was impossible to save the boat.

Dr. York, of Huntington, is referred to in the foregoing.

## RETRIBUTION TO JOHN ABNER

### Breathitt County Outlaw Assassinated in Jackson.

Jackson, Ky., Aug. 23—Three shots shortly after 9 o'clock last night ended the life of John Abner, well known throughout mountains of Kentucky and notorious on account of his alleged connection with the murders of Dr. D. B. Cox, J. B. Marcum and Town Marshal James Cockrell.

Abner had only come to Jackson from his home during the afternoon, and was walking down the street toward the river bridge between the store of M. S. Crain and the "malt mead" stand of Govan Smith accompanied by Barron Miller, one of his friends, when he was called by two men from the gate of an adjoining yard.

Abner started to the men leaving Miller some twenty feet away, and when in about ten feet of the gate he was told by the men they had come to kill him, and they fired three shots into Abner's body. Abner fell into the street and died instantly.

One of the shots took effect in the right lung and two in the left thigh. No one was about or near the place of the shooting except Miller and the men who did the shooting and made their escape without being observed by anyone. Miller did not recognize either of the men.

### Island Creek Land Deal.

Pikeville, Ky., Aug. 16—The Ohio & Kentucky Land Association has just closed a deal with some of our people on Island creek, from three to five miles above Pikeville, whereby it has purchased the coal and mineral rights, and privileges to operate same, for more than 3,000 acres, paying \$10 to \$15 per acre. The deal has been fully closed up, deed executed and money paid. The company is now taking steps to put in a large operation costing more than \$150,000. Steps are now being taken to construct a branch road from the C. and O. at the mouth of Island creek up to the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wellman have returned from Cincinnati and H. G. W. is again on duty in the C. and O. office.

### Spelling, Figuring.

The editor is neither an educator nor educated, but if the schools of this section are not missing the mark, we've missed our guess. For instance, the manager of an important business in P—ville tells us that recently he had in his employ a young man who knew all about grammar and latin but was absolutely blank on mathematics and spelling. It so happened that grammar and latin were not as useful as a little knowledge in figures and spelling and the young man lost his job. We know of a splendid girl losing a nice position because she could not correctly spell simple words, Latin and German and grammar and such may be all right, but spelling and mathematics and muscle and energy and common sense are the things needed most in this strenuous age.

The foregoing is a plaint recently uttered by an up the river contemporary, and it is a sad but truthful commentary upon some modern schools and modern educators.

There are young men and women to whom logarithms and latin are as child's play, and to whom English spelling and the rule of proportion are foolishness and stumbling blocks. They can glorily decline "Amo,"—few girls do, however,—but the mental strain involved in finding out what 17 eggs would cost at 18 and three-quarter cents a dozen would kill every rat in her hair or bust the band on his No 6 bat.

Fortunately, we do things better in the K. N. C. They teach all manner of useful things there, and before a pupil is advanced to higher grades he must—"must" is the word—be thoroughly up in the essentials of a practical education.

### Fifth West Virginia Infantry.

The annual reunion of the survivors of the Fifth West Virginia infantry regiment, of the civil war, will be held at Ironton on September 22 and 23. Last year the meeting was held at Charleston and there were not many present. This regiment was organized at Cerdo, with Col. Ziegler, of Catlettsburg, as its Colonel and a number of commissioned officers from Cerdo and that immediate section. The regiment made a great record during the years of 62 and 63, having been engaged in all the fighting in the Shenandoah Valley during these years of the war. A large majority of the men enlisted as veterans and engaged in the great struggle that was witnessed between the Confederate forces, commanded by General Jubal Early, and the Federal forces, under General Sheridan during the year sixty-four. They will be joined in their reunion at Ironton by the survivors of the First Ohio heavy artillery regiment, originally the 117th Ohio Infantry regiment, and possibly some other commands.

## K. N. C. NEXT MONDAY.

### College and Public School Will Open August 29th.

As heretofore announced in these columns the Kentucky Normal College will open its doors for the session of 1910-11 next Monday, August 29. The roster of the faculty embraces some of the best professional teaching talent to be found in any school in the country, and the course of study embraces every branch a knowledge of which is useful or essential in the education of a man or a woman. The ability of the faculty as instructors is so well known throughout this section that it is needless to speak of it now. Let us say, however, that no able corps of teachers is to be found in any school in this State.

As a college town Louisa has no superior in any respect—easy to reach, moral, beautiful, hospitable and healthy. The college building is large and eminently adapted to its purpose. Finely located and admirably arranged it presents a commanding and attractive appearance. The prospect for a prosperous year is fine. The attendance will be very large at the opening, and it will steadily increase.