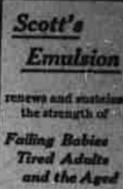




# BIG SANDY NEWS.



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## McCREARY WINS.

### Made Temporary Chairman of State Convention.

### Rufus Vansant Chosen Chairman of the State Committee by an Overwhelming Majority.

James B. McCreary, before the State Democratic Convention, opposing Senator-elect Ollie M. James for temporary chairman, won his fight by a vote of 658 to 557. When the vote was announced Mr. James moved to make election by acclamation and escorted Gov. McCreary to the chair on his arm.

Mr. James made a short speech introducing him. Gov. McCreary said he regarded his election as a vindication and a recognition that the people felt satisfied in his administration. He said he had no ill will for those who worked and voted against him. He said it was up to Kentucky to do her part in the election of a Democratic President and predicted that Champ Clark would be the successful candidate. Gov. McCreary said he did not want to get into the fight, but felt that his administration was at stake, and that, through the urging of friends, he decided to enter the contest.

Gov. McCreary was nominated by Commissioner of Agriculture James Newman. Mr. Newman spoke of the unfair attacks on Gov. McCreary and the administration. He reviewed the life and political career of Gov. McCreary, and said he had faithfully executed every public trust. The supporters of Gov. McCreary gave him an ovation after his name had been placed in nomination.

At the conclusion of Mr. Newman's speech Ollie James appeared on the platform. Everybody thought he had recognized the fact that he was defeated and that he was going to withdraw from the fight and going to move to make the Governor's election unanimous. Instead of doing this graceful act, however, he put himself in nomination, a thing unprecedented in the political history of Kentucky. The big Senator-elect had the opportunity of his life for covering himself all over with glory, but he failed to embrace it.

Rufus Vansant, for State Chairman, won out by a big majority.

Mr. James' campaign and its close are fittingly described in four words:

- Flume.
- Doom.
- Gloom!

### Ice Cream Supper.

The Young People's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South will give an ice cream supper Saturday evening on Mrs. Guy Atkinson's porch. Japanese decorations will be used and the young ladies who serve will be dressed in Japanese costume. Ice cream and cake, herbal and fruit drinks will be served. Every penny you spend Saturday evening will go to the most worthy cause of a church—the spread of the gospel. Come and bring your friends. The serving will begin at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

### SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

On Sunday last Dr. L. H. York went to Little East Fork, this county, and operated upon Mrs. Ed. Peen, a widow, for the relief of a fatal and serious trouble. It was caused by an inflammation of the ribcage or covering of the left thoracic bone. Mrs. Peen had been ill for nearly three weeks and suffered great pain. Drs. Prichard and Hall were present and assisted in the operation.

Unless the city council does something to regulate or stop the obstruction of the sidewalks by children's wagons somebody is going to get hurt. Several persons have narrowly escaped injury by the reckless way some of these vehicles are run. They are an unmitigated nuisance.

### A Recent Marriage

On last Monday evening, May 27, at the residence of the officiating minister, Miss Tina Stansberry and Mr. Chris Lawrence were united in marriage by the Rev. S. F. Reynolds. The bride, a young and very handsome girl, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stansberry, of Louisa. She is an attractive young woman, very popular in her circle of friends. Mr. Lawrence came to this county about three years ago. He is a Pennsylvanian, and is an expert in the oil business. His first work was with the Venora people and he has the confidence and esteem of his associates. He is a driller and contractor, having the contract for putting down five new wells in this field. His friends are congratulating him on his latest venture.

### One of the Olden Time.

An old time, old fashioned "class meeting" was held at the M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon, conducted by Capt. Frank Freese. It was largely attended, and the interest and feeling manifested was great. At the South Methodist Sunday school the captain spoke encouragingly of his work among the miners and in the Sunday school at Tunnel City.

## BIG SANDY HONORED

### John C. C. Mayo, of Paintsville, Elected National Committeeman.

By wire received at noon Thursday the NEWS learned that J. C. C. Mayo was elected National Committeeman. The eight delegates at large are Mayo, Gov. McCreary, former Governor J. C. W. Beckham, Ollie James, A. O. Stanley, Ollie Young, Justus Goebel, a brother of the late Gov. William Goebel, and Congressman Ben Johnson. The convention adjourned at one o'clock Thursday morning.

### Acquitted Himself Well.

Brad Chaffin, a Louisian, who has until recently been a student at Valparaiso, Ind., has finished his school work and gone to East Chicago, Indiana. He attained enviable grades in all his studies, winning the praise and commendation of the faculty.

It will be seen by the following from the East Chicago Globe that the former machine operator on the NEWS is again engaged in similar work:

Brad Chaffin has accepted a position with the Globe printing and publishing house on Chicago avenue and took up his duties last Monday. He will operate the linotype machine and assist in the job departments. He has been a student at the Valparaiso University since October and was a classmate with the editor's son, Francis Brown. It is hoped by those concerned that he will like his job. He comes from Kentucky, but desires to remain near the university where he hopes to continue his studies some time in the future.

### D. O. S. R.

There are some premonitory symptoms indicating an early meeting of the Dependent Order Sons of Rest. The lodge "room" has been mowed, and several of the resident members have told their wives where to find the hoe.

### Children's Day Next Sunday.

The children of the M. E. Church South have prepared an interesting and appropriate programme for the celebration of Children's Day next Sunday evening. The exercises will begin at 7:30.

### NEW DEPUTY.

At a special session of the Lawrence County Court last Monday D. D. McGuire, of Webbville, was appointed a deputy sheriff.

### GALLUP QUARTERLY MEETING.

Quarterly Meeting June 2nd, 3rd, at Gallup M. E. Church. A cordial invitation is extended to one and all.

### Attend The Association.

The Kentucky Educational Association which will hold its next annual session at Louisville on June 25, 26, and 27, 1912, was never more prosperous. There was never a time when so many of the progressive teachers of the State were interested in its work. It has had a phenomenal growth and now has a permanent membership of more than 1,200 members. Live educational topics are discussed by men and women who know. Aside from the splendid program, the fine music and the many other advantages, the privilege of seeing old friends and making new ones, and, in fact, the privilege of being a part of such a meeting stirs the enthusiasm and sends the teacher back to his work with many a new idea and many a resolution that the stay-at-home never feels.

The fact that an opportunity for attending the Association is presented on very attractive terms should appeal to every teacher in Lawrence county. The successful teacher is he or she who keeps up with the procession; keeps abreast of the times, and up-to-date in all that's new and good in the calling of teaching. You can attain and keep this position only by mixing with the lights of the profession and taking part, in your mind, at least, in the discussions usual in these annual meetings. The knowledge thus derived is one of the tools of your vocation, and good tools are essential to good workmanship. Begin to arrange now to go to Louisville.

### Pretty Evening Dinner.

Miss Felicia Patton entertained at a sumptuous dinner party last evening, her guest of honor being Miss Lucille Sullivan, a very attractive and popular young lady of Louisa, who is a guest at the home of G. F. Gallup and family at Gallup Knoll. The table decorations were especially attractive and a tempting menu served in courses was partaken of by the guests among whom were Misses Lettia Prichard, Elizabeth Wittenberg and Lucille Sullivan.—Cattlettsburg Cor. Ashland Independent.

### C. W. B. M.

The NEWS has been requested to say that the first session of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions will be held in the Christian Church Friday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The subsequent sessions will be held in the Court House.

## LAWRENCE CO. CONVENTION

### Democrats Instruct for Clark, Vansant, McCreary, Carter and Mayo.

Pursuant to the call of the County Chairman A. O. Carter, the Democrats of Lawrence county met in convention at the court house on Saturday, May 25th. The convention was called to order by Mr. Carter who, in a neat speech, stated the object of the meeting. The convention was organized by the election of Mr. John M. Rice chairman and J. L. Carey secretary.

Upon motion a committee of nine was appointed on resolutions. After a short absence the committee reported a series of resolutions approving of the call for the convention and instructing for Champ Clark for President, for A. O. Carter, of Louisa, for District delegate to the National Convention, for Rufus Vansant for Chairman of the State Executive Committee, for Governor McCreary for chairman of the State Convention at Louisville and for John C. C. Mayo as delegate for the State at large to the Democratic National Convention.

After an amendment making all good Democrats in Lawrence county delegates to the State Convention at Louisville, the report of the committee was adopted and the convention adjourned.

A heavy rain, accompanied by much thunder and lightning and rain, visited this section Monday afternoon. In about two hours as much of rain fell.

## CONTRACT LET

### To Build Clinchfield Extension of C. C. & O. Railway.

### Strategic Road from Dante, Va., to Elkhorn City to be Completed in Eighteen Months.

President Mark W. Fetter of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway authorizes the Manufacturers Record to announce that the company is now letting contracts for its Elkhorn extension, the work to begin immediately. It will take 18 months to complete, and will cost about \$5,000,000.

The general contract will be awarded to the Ricehart & Dennis Company of Charlottesville, Va., and covers the entire extension northward from Dante, Va., to Elkhorn City, Ky., 35 miles. The work will begin as soon as possible under the direction and supervision of Ward Crosby, chief engineer, whose headquarters are at Johnson City Tenn.

The route of the extension is along the McClure and Russell forks of the Big Sandy River, and the approach to Elkhorn City will be through the Breaks of Sandy, a pass in the mountains on the boundary line of Virginia and Kentucky. All the way the line is through rough country, and, as has been heretofore remarked, the work will be as heavy as any done upon the great line of the Clinchfield through the North Carolina mountains, amid the peaks of which a route of easy grades was found down to Spartanburg, S. C. There will be 13 tunnels on the new extension, one of them, at Sandy Ridge, 1 1/2 miles long, while the 18 others will range in length from 300 to 1500 feet. Bridging will consist of six crossings of main streams, the longest requiring one deck truss of 270 feet span and the others being plate girder spans of from 50 to 100 feet long. Most of the construction will be in Dickenson county, Virginia, but there will be a small amount of it in Pike county, Kentucky.

The new line will bridge the gap existing between the Clinchfield Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio, and in connection with the latter will afford a through route all the way from Chicago to Charleston, because the Clinchfield more than a year ago made arrangements with the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line to handle traffic from it to the South Carolina seaport. Either of these roads can provide a route from Spartanburg to Charleston or they could handle the traffic by a combination of portions of their two routes.

While the construction of the new link will give an outlet to the west for the great stores of coal existing in the Clinchfield region of Virginia, it will also furnish a southern outlet for the coal from the Consolidation Coal Co.'s big new development at Jenkins, Ky. It will carry out the Consolidation coal over the C. and O. up via Ashland to be transferred to the B. and O. Thus it will be seen the new Dante-Elkhorn link will also give access to the B. and O. and other railroads in addition to the C. and O. The Louisville and Nashville may likewise be advantageously connected with the new line, for there has been rumor that the L. and N. would build over the mountain from Virginia to its Letcher county coal extension.

The line of the L. & N. like the Consolidation Coal Co.'s road is also approaching completion, and will probably be put in operation in several months. At any rate, the L. and N. already touches the Clinchfield at St. Paul, Va., and will reap more or less immediate benefit from the extension which the latter will build.

Now that the Clinchfield has decided to construct its long-proposed line to Elkhorn, it may also be expected that the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line will make some improvements and their roads, between Spartanburg and Charleston by laying heavier rails

and easing curves and grades so as to permit the hauling of longer and heavier trains. The most direct route between the two cities is over the Southern to Columbia, and thence over the Coast Line via Sumter and Lane. Between Charleston and Lane, on its main route, the Atlantic Coast line is already doing extensive reconstruction, including double-tracking and bridging. As yet the Southern has not undertaken any improvement work between Spartanburg and Charleston, but a report from Augusta, Ga., says that the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway of the Atlantic Coast Line is laying heavier rails for the Clinchfield business.

There are manifold possibilities which may follow the building of this new line by the Clinchfield. It will provide means of transportation available for two mammoth coal regions, the Clinchfield and the Elkhorn. Every railroad in the South Atlantic States is therefore interested in the new conditions which will be created by its completion. To the Seaboard system the Clinchfield already means much, because it can provide it with supplies of coal for its engines over a direct route controlled by financiers, some of whom are also in the Seaboard, while the same coal used to reach the Seaboard over other lines and

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## HOMICIDE AT WILLIAMSON.

### Edward Huff Shot and Killed by Compton Stafford.

Williamson was startled Thursday evening by a homicide committed in the heart of town, shortly after 7 o'clock. Compton Stafford, assistant mine foreman at the Williamson Coal company, and Edward Huff, contractor in the mines, were the actors in the tragedy and Huff was almost instantly killed.

Huff, who was known as a dangerous man, had threatened to kill Stafford for several days. He had been drinking and for some reason discharged one of the motormen in the mines. Stafford had the motorman reinstated and this angered Huff.

After this incident it is alleged that Huff continually threatened Stafford. Huff had a pistol at the home of Mr. Kelley and several days ago demanded it and carried the weapon in his pocket. Thursday evening both were in the company's store and Huff called Stafford outside.

The two went around the corner of the building and Huff at once began shooting. He fired only once, the ball grazing Stafford's abdomen, when Stafford got his own gun in action. Evidently Stafford's first shot was fatal as Huff fell to the ground. Stafford fired several times more. Sidney Huff a son of Edward, took his father's pistol but later turned it over to the police.

Huff's body was carried into the company store, where it was examined by Dr. William Burgess. He had been shot three times, once through the left breast, through the left arm and through the head, the latter ball entering on the right side of the face and coming out at the back of the neck.

Stafford gave himself up to Squire John B. Maynard and was taken to jail. He made no effort to escape and as the witnesses all state that he was compelled to act in self defense it is probable that he will be admitted to bail pending action of the grand jury.

There were several eye witnesses to the shooting and all agree that Huff was the aggressor and fired first shot. Stafford bears an excellent reputation for a quiet, peaceable, industrious man. Huff was married and leaves a wife and a number of children.

About three years ago Huff shot Mr. Ed Tabor at Chattahoochee and was sent to the penitentiary for two years.

Stafford was given a preliminary hearing Friday before Magistrate Maynard. All of the eye witnesses were examined and the evidence of self defense that Stafford was acquitted. He was represented by Attorney James Damron while Assistant Prosecutor Stafford looked after the interests of the state.—Mingo Republican.

### Penitentiary Night School.

A night school for the convicts employed in the hospital at the penitentiary has been established by Dr. E. H. Maggard, prison physician, with O. H. Hurley, hospital steward, as principal. As soon as the men have had their supper and have finished with their work, Hurley lines them up and starts the school. The men are taught how to read and write and more advanced pupils are given lessons in arithmetic. The school has been proven a good thing and some of the convicts have learned more in the last few months than they had gathered in all their lives previously.

Burley, the principal of the schools is a banker, who was convicted of making false returns. He was cashier of the State Bank at Willard, and was sentenced to serve from one to ten years, the offense with which he was charged being a violation of the State banking laws. Burley has been there six months. He took the place that was recently held by Raymond Byland, another convict banker. Burley was well known in this county.

### Watch The Dynamiters.

The NEWS has reliable information that fish in large quantities have recently been killed in some of the creeks of this county. Blaine has suffered more than the others. One man was seen coming across the Fort Gay bridge with his saddle pockets full of sticks of dynamite. Having possession of dynamite should be held as prima facie evidence of unlawful use unless the holder was engaged in a business which required it.

### Death Calls Good Woman.

Mrs. Willie Vinson died at her late residence on Tug river a few miles from this place on Friday last and was buried the following Sunday. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. John Vinson of the Liberty street Southern Methodist church, Parkersburg, and the Rev. Mr. Thornburg, of the M. E. Church South, Russell, Ky.

Mrs. Vinson's death, caused by tuberculosis, is regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends.

### Hour Changed.

The various churches in this city have changed the time of beginning the evening services from 7 o'clock to 7:30. The change applies to preaching, prayer meeting and choir practice.

## GRADUATES IN JUNE.

### Miss Margaret Lackey a Member of 1912 Class of Wells College.

The Trustees and Faculty of Wells College Request the honour of your presence at the Exercises of Commencement Week June Ninth to June Twelfth Nineteen Hundred and Twelve Aurora-on-Cayuga

Many invitations like the foregoing have been received in Louisa, accompanied by the card of Miss Margaret Moore Lackey, of this city. Wells College is one of the most noted of the schools of the East, famous as places where young women receive a mental and moral training of the highest type. The requirements of Wells are very exacting, and the NEWS is glad to know that the Louisa member of the graduating class of 1912 has met every demand of the school and comes from its classic walls a credit to herself and an honor to her Alma Mater.

Miss Lackey had been so thoroughly prepared for college that she was able to enter the senior class of Wells, and to complete its exacting curriculum in two years. For this ability Miss Lackey modestly disclaims any extraordinary personal merit, but acknowledges with phrasing her debt of gratitude to home instructor, Professor B. Kennison.

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