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## CIRCUIT COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

### CASE AGAINST WEBB HOLT OCCUPYING THE COURT AT PRESENT.

The April term of the Lawrence Circuit Court began Monday, Judge A. N. Cisco presiding and attorney John M. Waugh, representing the commonwealth. The first act of the Judge was to call the Sheriff and his deputies before him and administer the oath which requires them, without fear or favor, to summon sober and discreet men as jurors and in other ways conduct themselves properly as officers of the court. The next step was the impaneling of the grand jury which was followed by delivering his charge. This was very forcibly and well delivered, addressed to the big twelve and was listened to by them and all inside the court room with profound attention. Judge Cisco's first charge to the grand jury of this county was a very able one and the one given to the present grand jury was no less plain and forcible. The Judge did not deal in generalities, but took up the several offenses which constitute felonies, one by one, telling the jurors in plain language what constituted these various crimes. Of course, he directed their attention to the crime of murder. He said they knew what constituted murder and that he was glad to know that since his first visit to this county that heinous offense, to his knowledge, had not been committed within the borders of this county. He alluded, however, and that very distinctly, to the offense of shooting and wounding with intent to kill or striking with a deadly weapon with the same deadly intent. He said to the jury to sift these cases, if any there were, and when found beyond a reasonable doubt that any of these offenses had been committed, to bring the perpetrators before him and he would see that they were duly tried.

Judge Cisco then said that there were other crimes fully as dark which were against society and womanhood and he called special attention to the jury to the investigation of such cases if with- in their knowledge or hearing such offenses had been committed. In this manner, one by one, he took up the felonies and urged a thorough investigation of any such violation of the law. He held before them, in a very strong manner, the necessity of the punishment of men who were too lazy to work and had not visible means of support, but would in the dark hour of the night break into a man's house or store and take that which the owner had acquired by honest toil. He urged that the jury pay no attention to the requests of those who had lost property like that and who had gotten it again or had been paid for the loss, nor heed the request that because of such restitution the perpetrator of the crime should not be indicted, but that if they found sufficient grounds to indict any one for stealing to promptly indict him.

The grand jury is a body of more than usual intelligence, some of them being men of much experience as grand jurors and who know how to ferret out offenses and bring the offenders into the court. The following constitute the jury:

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| K. F. Short        | Hugh Robbins      |
| Granville Thompson | E. W. Griffith    |
| James Boggs        | James W. Thompson |
| D. W. Elswick      | J. W. Yates       |
| Charley Travis     | Geo. Mincey       |
| Thomas Boggs       | R. H. Cordle      |
| D. W. Elswick      | was made foreman. |

The crowd attending court is very large, a large number had been summoned before the grand jury and throughout the entire week much business will be done. The criminal docket is dark with felonies, some of them being of the gravest nature.

The following were selected from the names of those drawn from the wheel to serve as regular jurors as they were wanted:

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| Tom Chadwick         | Ervin Williams  |
| Jess Young           | S. Z. Frazier   |
| Elmer Billups        | Geo. McReynolds |
| Charley Moore        | S. F. Reynolds  |
| John Chapman         | Lum Moore       |
| Peter Sparks         | Sam Maynard     |
| Rice McClure         | Jno. J. Skaggs  |
| Lewis Sparks         | T. T. Thompson  |
| James Stewart        | E. B. Ferguson  |
| Lafe Kinler          | John McClure    |
| Isaac Adams          | Louis Savage    |
| Strother Fitzpatrick | J. S. Judd      |

On Tuesday morning the grand jury returned eight or ten indictments some of which were for felonies and some of the cases were set for trial on the fifth day of the present term. Among these were Sam Frazier charged with shooting and wounding Jas. Dobbins. Andy See charged with striking and wounding Jas. Childers. The latter case has been told of at length in a previous issue of the NEWS. Childers whose life at one time was despaired of on account of the extent of the injury and the fracture of the skull which he sustained, has recovered sufficient to be able to leave the hospital which he did on Friday last and went to his home at Torchlight.

On Tuesday morning when the Judge called the case of the commonwealth vs. John Walden, a forlorn looking youth came around and stood before the court. He was charged with the offense of carrying concealed deadly weapons and when asked his age he gave the mature age of 13 years. He must have begun early in the ways of wrong doing and probably took his first

step as a pistol toter by purchasing and carrying a toy pistol. Judge Cisco and commonwealth's attorney declared the commonwealth was ready and the Judge asked the boy if he had employed an attorney and on his answer in the negative and saying that he was not able to employ one his Honor told him to look at the lawyers present and pick out one and he would appoint him to defend him. The boy looked around rather sheepishly and then cast his eyes to the floor in a despairing sort of way. The question of his age here came up and the Judge said the case had better be referred to the county court. He then began to question the boy further and after getting several satisfactory replies he told him that he was going to put him on his honor to be a good boy in the future, commit no wrong, particularly to abstain from carrying concealed weapons. The court said further that he would let him go for the present but that if he was ever brought before him again he would "jump all over him," and those who know the Judge are satisfied that he would do as he promised. He then gave the boy some further admonition and let him go.

The court made "a full hand" the first three days of court in disposing of the various misdemeanors. Many were tried and many were continued. On Wednesday morning the grand jury returned another batch of indictments which like those returned on the previous day contained some for felonies. Among these was an indictment against Dave Wellman, charging him with breaking into the barn of M. A. Hay, and one against Wm. Hughes charging him with unlawful detaining. There will be much business for the court to transact next week, possibly longer.

Among some misdemeanors that were tried was a case against Birch Blankenship for illicit retailing. He was found guilty, fined and sent to jail for thirty days. On Wednesday afternoon the case of the commonwealth vs. Webb Holt and Henry Bussey, jointly indicted for the murder of Wm. Davis, was called. Commonwealth was announced ready but the defendants made a motion and filed grounds asking a continuance. This motion was overruled and the selection of a jury began. Only a few jurors were taken when the regular panel became exhausted. The Judge ordered another lot of names to be drawn from the wheel and a recess was taken until Thursday morning. All the cases due for trial, except the present one, were continued until Tuesday next.

The following jury has been selected to try Webb Holt. It was made up by noon Thursday and the hearing of evidence began at the afternoon session:

Reuben Ferguson, M. T. Nickel, Rowland Moore, John George, Will George, Fee Edwards, T. T. Thompson, Harry Phillips, Sherman Chandler, Garfield Adams, Claude Young, Charles Wheeler.

## HUNTINGTON GAS COMPANY'S BIG DEAL

### TERRITORY LARGELY INCREASED AND STOCKHOLDERS GET BIG RETURNS.

Fat cash profits for the shareholders of the Huntington Development & Gas company; enlargement of its gas-bearing territory to 235,000 acres; assurance of funds for liberal trade expansion; together with the guarantee that the Chamber of Commerce can continue to bring factories to this city thru the inducement of cheap manufacturing fuel, are high points in a reorganization and combination of nine gas, oil and coal companies, which last night received the full and unanimous approval of the trustees, directors and officials of the Huntington Development & Gas company.

In the merger are to be included: The Huntington Development & Gas company, the Guyandot Land Association, Lincoln County Land Association, Interval Oil & Gas company, Four-Mile Oil company, Duval Oil company, Irvine Coal company, Mingo Coal company, and the Virginia Investment company.

From this merger, the Huntington Development & Gas company will emerge a \$5,000,000 company, with an authorized bond issue of \$20,000,000.

Concretely, from the viewpoint of the Huntington Development & Gas company, the merger means that its shareholders, who brought it into existence in 1912 in the most sensationally successful civic enterprise Huntington ever knew, all receive in addition to full value for value shares in the new company, a cash profit of approximately \$300,000.

The Huntington man, who three years ago put up \$100 in cash for a share of Huntington Development & Gas stock, thinking not of profit, but to boost the city, will get: In cash, \$165; in new common stock, \$100; in new preferred stock, \$50.—Herald-Dispatch.

### LOST A FOOT.

A. R. Haight, an oil well driller, who had been employed in the Lawrence county field, left Ft. Gay on No. 4 last Sunday night on his way to Kermit. He went to Nautandick and boarded a freight car to go back to Kermit. Before reaching this point air was suddenly applied to the brakes and the sudden stop threw the man to the ground and the train passed over his left foot. He was brought to the Louisa hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the injured member which was done at the ankle joint. Mr. Haight is doing very well.

## BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD'S SURVEY

### ENGINEERS SLOWLY WORKING THEIR WAY DOWN LEVISA FORK.

Not much is being said just now about the Baltimore & Ohio railroad on Big Sandy, except that the line up one fork of Beaver creek will be built. It was reported a few days ago that the contract for this line had already been set, without advertising. No confirmation of this report has yet been received.

The engineering corps working down the Levisa fork from Shelby is still engaged, making a cross-section survey. The progress is necessarily very slow on this kind of work, which is said to be a final survey. It will probably be late in the summer when the party reaches Louisa.

As to whether or not this line will be built is mere conjecture, but there are some facts well known that seem to support the report that the line will be built.

### DEMOCRATS WILL WIN SAYS SENATOR CHILTON.

Charleston, W. Va., April 12.—United States Senator William E. Chilton in a speech here tonight announced that he would be a candidate for reelection. His term of office expires next spring. The speech marked the opening of the Democratic campaign in Charleston. Judge C. W. Campbell, of Huntington presided. A delegation numbering nearly 200 persons came here in a special train from Huntington.

### BRIDGE TALK AGAIN HEARD IN ASHLAND.

Activities of the Detroit, Toledo and Iron company in buying real estate along the river at Ashland indicate to business men of that city the probabilities of a railroad bridge over the Ohio river.

In the project business men see a big industrial boom in the eastern Kentucky city in a few years.

### L. E. JACKSON, OF HUNTINGTON, SENTENCED FOR THEFT.

Gallipolis, O., April 8.—Mayor Houck fined L. E. Jackson, a traveling man of Huntington, W. Va., \$25 and costs and sentenced him to 30 days in the Zanesville work-house today for stealing a suit of clothes from Barber Mulholland of Wilkesville, O., in a rooming house last night. Jackson had 10 stolen suits when arrested.

### CARTER COUNTY SELLS \$150,000 IN BONDS.

Carter has sold \$150,000 in bonds at a premium of \$1000. The bonds bear five per cent interest. \$100,000 will be issued under authority of the vote taken last year for improved roads and the fifty thousand to pay up old indebtedness.

The road money will be spent on an inter-county road from the Boyd county line to the Rowan line, running through Grayson and Olive Hill.

### CONTEST IN THE COURTS ON NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT ACT.

It seems certain that the constitutionality of the new judicial district act will be tested in the courts. Judge Cisco and Commonwealth's Attorney Waugh will be active in the fight, as both are seriously affected by the indefensible action of the Legislature. If the new law stands, Judge Cisco will be forced to move from his established home, which is not a pleasant or profitable thing to do. In the case of the Commonwealth's Attorney, which office is dependent almost wholly upon fees, the loss of Morgan county very materially reduces the income.

In the opinion of many good lawyers the act is unconstitutional.

### CECIL GETS FIVE YEARS.

Colbert Cecil, the employee in a Catlettsburg bank who was found short in his books less than two weeks ago, pleaded guilty in United States Court at Covington on Thursday of last week and received a sentence of five years in the penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., to which place he was taken immediately. The shortage is said to be much larger than at first reported.

### NEW BAPTIST PREACHER.

The Rev. W. A. Gaugh, of Memphis, Tenn., preached acceptable sermons to good audiences at the Baptist church, this city, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. His call to the pastorate of the Louisa church is being considered.

### DEATH OF MRS. HANNAH RIFFE.

The remains of Mrs. Hannah Riffe, aged seventy-five years, who died Friday at her home in Ashland were taken to her old home on Bolts Fork, where they were buried Sunday.

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE FAR BELOW POPULATION.

In view of the near approach of Sunday, May the 7th, which has been designated and set apart for observance as Go-To-Sunday-School-Day, the NEWS feels justified in saying a word or two about going to church. It is a lamentable fact and, at the same time a sad commentary on the moral tone of our people, that of the, let us say, 1600 inhabitants of Louisa, not 20 per cent of them are regular in their attendance at any church. Admitting that this 20 per cent goes more or less regularly to one of the four churches in Louisa, we are sorry to say that there are some people in this community, and some of these are of the gentler sex who from year's end to year's end never go to church unless possibly on the rare instance of a funeral. Why this is so it is hard to say. No man, no woman was ever made worse by attending evangelical services in any church. On the contrary it is impossible to attend such services in the right frame of mind without a decided improvement in one's mental and moral nature. Such attendance is uplifting, beneficial, and edifying. Not to go to church in this day and age of the world is wrong. The NEWS does not say that people who do not ever go to church are not good, but it does say, be they ever so good, attendance at church will make the best of us better. Parents should go, if for nothing else to set a good example for their children. No boy who passes the forenoon or an hour or two of it in the house of the Lord was ever made worse by this employment of his time. A town where the sound of the call to church is heard and obeyed by a majority of its citizens, young and old, never became notorious for its wickedness. On the contrary it is safe to say that a town of full churches and full Sunday schools will become noted as a desirable place for residence. Let us therefore heed the call to go to church and Sunday school on the 7th of May next, letting that be the first step in the Get-the-habit direction and keep in the way.

## WAYNE COUNTY TO LET ROAD CONTRACT SATURDAY.

Contract for extending the Piedmont road in Wayne county from the bridge across Twelvepole creek to Main-st., Ceredo, will be let Saturday by the county court, pursuant to a conference with the new Ceredo council. Negotiations leading to award of the contract have been in progress for some time between the court and the municipal authorities.

To build the road from the bridge to connect it with a Ceredo street, it will be necessary to make a considerable fill.

It is part of the road leading from Huntington to Ashland, and will ultimately be a part of the Ashland-Charleston pike through Huntington.

## MR. VANSANT WILL NOT ENTER THE RACE

### HAS RETIRED FROM ACTIVE POLITICS AND IS NOT CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN.

Ashland, Ky., April 10.—Colonel Rufus H. Vansant to-day stated that the report that he would be a candidate for re-election for Chairman of the Democratic State and Executive Committees was erroneous.

Colonel Vansant was emphatic in his assertions. He said that, while he greatly appreciates the many requests from Democrats from all over the state that he make the race, he must decline because of his health and for business reasons.

The decision not to make the race is in conformity with Colonel Vansant's declaration made before the last election that he had retired from active politics.

### FALSE REPORT ABOUT A MARTIN COUNTY OIL WELL.

A report has been going the rounds of the press recently that a valuable oil well was drilled in by a company searching for gas in Martin co., our next door neighbor. We regret that the truth forces us to dispel the very pleasing story sent out by some newspaper correspondent in need of a topic live enough to make an acceptable item for the daily press. The well referred to was absolutely dry—no oil, no gas.

### POWDER EXPLOSIONS CAUSE DEATH.

Bluefield, W. Va., April 12.—One man and two children were killed and at least twenty-five persons injured in three explosions following in quick succession at the powder grinding mill of the Dupont company at Nemours today. Collapse of their homes caused the death of the children and most of the injuries of the others.

### COAL OPERATORS PREPARING A PROTEST.

Louisville, Ky., April 10.—A committee, representing coal mine operators of Eastern Kentucky, is in Louisville preparing objections to be made before the Interstate Commerce Commission to a proposed freight rate increase announced by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The Eastern Kentucky shippers will offer a comparison of the rates from Eastern Kentucky to points in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan with rates from competitive fields.

## CHEMICAL PLANT AT TORCHLIGHT READY

### NEW ENTERPRISE COMPLETED AND SOME OF THE PRODUCT TURNED OUT.

The new chemical plant at Torchlight, five miles south of Louisa, is now in operation and the first of the product came through within the past week. The firm is known as the Louisa Chemical company. The plant is on the property of the Eastern Kentucky Coal company and the electric power is furnished by that company's fine generating plant. Several months have been required for the construction of the chemical buildings and plant. The products are much in demand just now and bring high prices. It is said \$100,000 has been spent to build and equip the plant and the owners are very hopeful of profitable returns. We all hope their expectations may be fully realized.

## REPORT OF EASTERN KENTUCKY OIL DEVELOPMENT.

Barbourville, Ky., April 9.—Some of the best strikes of the year are reported from Kentucky petroleum fields for the week, seven wells showing in excess of fifty barrels each out of a total of twelve new completions. Principal results were credited to the shallow sand districts, the largest new production being credited to Estill county. The feature strike in that field started out at seventy barrels. Two completions made fifty barrels each. One started out at forty barrels while four producers yielding ten to fifteen barrels each were reported. Allen county ran a close second in the week's returns, production being boosted by the drilling of two new wells making fifty barrels each.

In Southern Kentucky the Wayne county field contributed three new completions to the week's showing, with a new production of fifteen barrels. One strike of ten barrels capacity was made in Lawrence county, in the north-eastern district. A dry hole was the only result in Morgan county.

The number of drilling rigs in operation now total more than fifty, scattered over fourteen districts. The Estill and Allen districts contain the greatest number of rigs, twenty being in commission in Estill and twelve in Allen.

Following the completion in Martin county last month of a wildcat well showing a production of fifty barrels many leases are being taken up in that end of the State, and a number of wells will be drilled at once. This development will take place in a region rich in gas production, but the recent petroleum well is the first to be drilled.

### WHAT MEANS THE SURVEY?

A strange crew of civil engineers were at work this morning in Ashland, passing down Front-st. They declined to give any explanation of what is the cause of the survey.

It is known, however, that the B. & O. railway company is doing considerable surveying in this vicinity, and that they are very anxious to get into Ashland and to the bridge site. Rumor has it that they are also anxious to secure the ownership of the A. C. & I. railroad.—Ashland Independent.

### GEO. CLARK PARALYZED.

A. J. Pennington, of Denton, received a telegram from his sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Clark stating that Mr. Clark had suffered a stroke of paralysis while on his farm near Columbus. Mr. Clark will be brought to Denton, where he and Mr. Pennington are engaged in business.—Ashland Independent.

### DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The NEWS has information that the large barn of Mr. J. M. Borders, of Patrick, was a few nights ago with all its contents, destroyed by fire. With it were burned three cows, corn, hay and feed of all kinds, causing a very heavy loss. Patrick is the postoffice name for Graves-Shoals.

### HIS FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

On Monday evening, April 10th, about thirty of Russell Sammons' young friends of both sexes were guests at his home, the occasion being the 15th anniversary of his birth. They and their host had a very enjoyable time, with games and delicious cream and cake. Russell was the pleased recipient of many suitable presents in memory of the happy affair.

### CHICAGO LIVESTOCK.

Chicago, April 12.—Hogs, receipts 18,000; strong; bulk 95¢@97¢; light 92¢@98¢; mixed 93¢@98¢; heavy 92¢@98¢; rough 92¢@93¢; pigs 72¢@98¢. Cattle, receipts 12,000; firm; native beef steers 80¢@100¢; stockers and feeders 50¢@55¢; cows and heifers 41¢@91¢; calves 72¢@102¢. Sheep, receipts 14,000; steady; wethers 70¢@104¢; ewes 51¢@90¢; lambs 75¢@110¢.

### M. E. CHURCH REVIVAL.

The protracted meeting which began at this church last Sunday a week ago is still going on. There have been many convictions and many penitents have been at the altar. Large crowds attend nightly. The quarterly meeting services will be held Saturday and Sunday and the protracted services will be continued at least over that time.

## HUNTINGTON CHURCH SITE BRINGS FABULOUS PRICE.

The Herald-Dispatch tells of an interesting sale of church property in Huntington.

Even of the most sanguine of the members in the hands of which was placed the business of marketing the holdings of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, at the corner of Fifth avenue and Tenth street, were pleasantly surprised yesterday when the property, sold in parcels, brought the aggregate sum of \$32,800. It is an open secret that the property could have been secured at private sale before the auction was advertised at not more than \$75,000. As it was when it was offered there was spirited competition for the parcels and the price brought was such a one that no one could be found who would bid against it when the property was offered as a whole.

The property has a frontage of 90 feet on Fifth avenue and 200 feet on Tenth street, with a restriction in the deed preventing the extension of any building quite to the property line.

The property was offered in parcels there being nine of these, eight 20x90 feet, fronting on Tenth street and one 40x90 feet at the corner of Fifth avenue and Tenth street. The parcels were numbered consecutively beginning with the one on the alley and running toward Fifth avenue. They were sold as follows:

Lot No. 1—20 feet, G. A. Northcott, \$10,500.  
Lot No. 2—20 feet, G. A. Northcott, \$10,500.  
Lot No. 3—20 feet, Blair P. Wilson, \$10,500.  
Lot No. 4—20 feet, C. R. Wilson, \$8,500.  
Lot No. 5—20 feet, B. P. Wilson, \$8,500.  
Lot No. 6—20 feet, A. Solof, \$8,000.  
Lot No. 7—20 feet, B. P. Wilson, \$8,400.  
Lot No. 8—20 feet, A. W. Werninger, \$8,500.  
Lot No. 9—40 feet, A. Solof, \$20,000.

### C. & O. GRANTS INCREASES TO 9,000 EMPLOYES.

Richmond, Va., April 8.—The Chesapeake & Ohio railroad announced from its general offices here today a 6 per cent increase to 9,000 machinists, telegraph operators and laborers on all divisions in settlement of their wage controversy. The increase, which will total \$400,000 a year, is to go into effect for the operators January 4, 1917, for the others March 1, 1917.

## W. D. PIERCE SELL STORE TO W. H. ADAMS

### TRANSFER OF LARGE DEPARTMENT STORE TO TAKE PLACE SOON.

W. D. Pierce has sold his store to W. H. Adams, and the new owner will take charge after Easter.

This is the department store occupying the handsome and well-appointed building at the corner of Main and Main Cross streets. It is the largest of its kind in Louisa and is in every particular an up-to-date store.

Mr. Pierce has been here several years and has made a marked success in the merchandising line. He is a first class business man who uses correct methods and pays strict attention to his affairs. He spent the winter in Florida and while there decided to sell out his Louisa store and move to Florida. The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce will be regretted by many friends.

Mr. Adams is well known throughout this territory, having been an active member of the wholesale grocery firm of Dixon, Moore & Co., for several years. He sold his interests there only recently. Mr. Adams stands high in the estimation of the people and will no doubt succeed in his new venture. He is a merchant of long experience.

### EASTER BAZAAR.

April 14 and 15 is the time and the Slinger office the place for holding the Easter Bazaar by the ladies of the M. E. Church South. The display of useful and fancy articles will be unusually large and beautiful, varied and attractive. On each day there will be seasonable and appetizing refreshments. Patronize the Bazaar.

### VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR PASSES AWAY AT DANLEYTON.

John Douglas, veteran of the Civil war, died at his home at Danleyton, Greenup co., Monday morning. He was 82 years of age. He is survived by a family of grown children, seven boys and six girls.

### TYPHOID IN MILK.

Seventy-six out of eighty-seven cases of typhoid fever which occurred in a recent outbreak have been traced by the United States Public Health Service to infected milk. Had the first cases been reported to a trained health officer the outbreak could have been stamped out promptly. When will we learn that disease prevention is sure and cheap?