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WEST VIRGINIA'S PRIMARY ELECTION

RESULTS OF THE FIRST STATE-WIDE PRIMARY IN OUR SISTER STATE.

The State primary in West Virginia Tuesday resulted in the Republican nomination for Governor going to Robertson by a small majority. W. F. Hite, of Huntington, wins the nomination for United States Senate by a safe plurality.

J. J. Cornwell was nominated for Governor by the Democrats, with French running second and Hog third. Charles R. Wilson, a Huntington man is the Democratic nominee for Secretary of State.

Wayne County Results.

A plurality ranging from 800 to 1,000 is reported to have been accorded to Senator D. E. French, of Mercer-co., by the Democratic voters of Wayne-co. Indications are from Wayne to the effect that A. A. Lilly, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, had carried the county by 250 votes.

This report stated that Col. W. F. Hite has a majority of 250 or more over Albert B. White, who proved to be his most formidable opponent in Wayne county.

There was a good deal of interest in the Democratic primary in the county, which resulted in the nomination of the following:

- For Prosecuting Attorney—C. A. Ferguson.
- For Sheriff—M. H. Cyrus.
- For Assessor—J. T. Lambert.
- For County Commissioner—B. J. Prichard.
- For House of Delegates—F. W. Carroll and W. K. Ferguson.

LATER:—The race for Prosecuting Attorney is said to be very close between C. A. Ferguson and Fisher Skaggs.

Mingo County Democrats.

The primary vote was very light all over the county and the result is still uncertain as to anything like definite figures.

Democratic Nominations in Mingo-co. For Sheriff—G. T. Blankenship. For Prosecuting Attorney—W. H. Bronson.

For Assessor, uncertain. For County Court—Alex Bishop, L. E. Armstrong and H. G. Wilburn.

For Legislators—Joseph B. Stratton. Many Democratic voters were prevented from voting on account of early closing polls and there was hardly two-thirds who voted at all.

Mingo Republicans.

For Sheriff—Wayne Dameron. For Legislators—J. Walter Copley. For Prosecuting Attorney—A. B. York.

For Assessor—Wall Hatfield. For County Court—Wallace Chaffin, Evan Thomas, L. E. Staten.

Cabell County—Republican.

Sheriff—Ira J. Harshbarger. Prosecuting Attorney—D. B. Daugherty. Assessor—Homer Melross. County Commissioner—A. L. Baumgardner.

County Surveyor—R. W. Breese. House of Delegates—E. E. Adkins, A. B. Brode, J. Bruff Carter and S. W. Ingham.

Cabell County—Democratic.

Sheriff—H. E. Love. Prosecuting Attorney—R. L. Blackwood. County Commissioner—Amos Adkins.

County Surveyor—J. M. Oliver, Jr. House of Delegates—A. J. Baxter, John L. Conner, W. N. Clay, and W. C. W. Reushaw.

VALUABLE BUILDING IN CATLETTSBURG CHANGES HANDS.

Avery Leffingwell, of Ashland, has purchased of Mrs. A. Mimms, the fine large building on Louisa-st., Catlettsburg, now occupied by the Mimms hardware and furniture store. The price paid was \$18,000 cash.

The building contains 27,000 square feet of floor space and is one of the finest in Catlettsburg.

Part of the building will be occupied by the Big Sandy Grocery Co., in which Mr. Leffingwell is heavily interested, and which is now located in the Meeks building.

The following announcements have been received in Louisa: Mr. and Mrs. John Cheap announce the marriage of their daughter, Hattie Esther, to Mr. Robert Garnett Huey on Wednesday, June seventh.

One thousand nine hundred and sixteen Salt Lick, Kentucky. At home after August first Middleburg, Kentucky.

The bride is a daughter of Rev. John Cheap, who was pastor of the M. E. Church at this place a few years ago, and who married Miss Sue Holt, of Bunseville, this county.

PLANS FOR NEW SOUTH METHODIST CHURCH ADOPTED

The building committee of the M. E. Church South held a meeting Tuesday evening with Mr. J. H. Knapp, an architect. The plans submitted by him were adopted and an order made to ask for bids. It is hoped to have the bids in by the 17th of this month.

A set of plans has been sent to Rev. W. M. Given, at Ashland, another to Watts & Castle at Huntington, one to Higginbotham & Knapp at Charleston.

A set is in the office of Augustus Snyder at Louisa, and any contractor desiring a set is advised to write to M. S. Burns at Louisa. The concrete foundation and the concrete floor in the basement will be put in by J. H. Preston and Augustus Snyder and bids to be received will not include this work.

Bids will be received on a job complete with that exception. Also, bids are wanted on doing the work of construction with all material furnished by the church authorities. Bids on brick work, carpenter work, plumbing, etc., may be made separately by those desiring to do the work only and not furnish material.

4TH OF JULY WILL BE CELEBRATED AT LOUISA.

The 4th of July will be observed in Louisa this year. The committee is now at work on preparations and program. They expect to have a good old fashioned time.

This is a year that should call forth all the dormant patriotism in the people. The world is engaged war. We have narrowly escaped becoming involved and are now being forced by threatening conditions to make gigantic preparations for defense.

The citizenship of Lawrence and adjoining counties is invited to meet with us on that day to revive patriotism and inspire it in our youthful sons and daughters.

W. H. Gussler, age 25, and Miss Mary Jones, 25, both of Torchlight, were married Monday.

KENTUCKY OIL FIELDS PROVING PROFITABLE

ENJOYING THE GREATEST ACTIVITY IN MANY YEARS—DRILLERS SCARCE.

Barbourville, Ky., June 4.—The advent of the mid-summer season finds an unusually large amount of development work under way in Kentucky's petroleum fields. There has been a rush of the drill in all the fields, the only delay being a scarcity of drillers, tool dressers and machines.

The week's operations were featured by one strike of unusually large capacity in the Cow creek district, Estill-co. A puncture on the Marcum lease, within the proven area, yielded a genuine gusher, the first 24 hours flow registering 200 barrels. This is perhaps the best strike yet made in that county, where big wells have been featuring the situation for several months.

The week's returns show the usual number of fair-sized producers in Estill-co., six completions, all in the productive class, being shown in addition to the 300-barrel strike. One completion in the north end of the field, started out at 100 barrels. Three new wells made 25 barrels each. Due to scarcity of drilling material progress in advance work has been somewhat slow. It is next to impossible to get material moved to locations much in advance of the active area because of scarcity of teams.

From the Cow creek district northward 12 miles to Clay City, Powell-co., everything is under lease, but few wells are being started. Several tests are drilling around Clay City and in the intervening area, a few scattered rigs are at work. One completion in Powell-co. showed a yield of 20 barrels at 800 feet, this being the only strike reported from the Powell-co. end of the field.

Pipe line connection will be furnished Estill and tributary fields within the next ten days, the line from Wolfe-co. being almost completed. Operators who have to depend on tank car transportation will welcome the advent of the pipe line.

INCORPORATION ARTICLES APPROVED BY J. P. LEWIS.

Frankfort, Ky., June 3.—Secretary of State J. P. Lewis has approved the following articles of incorporation: Hotel Jones, Barbourville, capital \$10,000. Incorporators, Kitty Jones, W. M. Jones and Roy Jones.

Harlan Motor Car Company, Harlan; capital \$8000. Incorporators, W. W. Lewis, C. E. Bell and J. W. Farmer.

Weeksbury Amusement Company, Weeksburg; capital \$2,000. Incorporators, E. M. Brown, S. V. Haworth and G. A. Lund.

CITY COUNCIL.

The city council met Tuesday night, and adjourned until next Monday evening to receive the Marshal's bond. The salary of \$25 heretofore paid the marshal was discontinued, Dan Stansbury was hired to work steadily on the streets at \$25 per month. It will be his duty to put in full time at keeping ditches open, mud-holes filled, rubbish cleaned up, etc.

BEACH HARGIS PAROLED FROM PRISON

YOUNG MAN WHO KILLED HIS FATHER, THE FAMOUS FUED LEADER.

On Tuesday of this week the Board of Prison Commissioners paroled Beach Hargis, who killed his father, Judge James Hargis, of Breathitt-co., in February, 1908. A condition is written in his parole that he shall not use intoxicating liquor in any degree or manner.

Beach is now 30 years old. He is a handsome, gentlemanly fellow, who evidently suffers strong and constant remorse for the awful crime which he committed while under the influence of whiskey and morphine. His father, generally cruel and violent, also was beating and choking the young man at the time he fired the fatal shot. The first trial resulted in a hung jury, the final vote standing 9 for acquittal and 3 for conviction. About two years time was spent in jail. During the second trial Beach was out on bond and got drunk and shot off a pistol promiscuously in the town. The jury gave him a life sentence, doubtless being largely influenced by his conduct at that time. This was in March, 1910. His mother has never relaxed her efforts in all that time to secure a pardon or parole, and her appeals have been heard to resist. Beach is her only son. She argued that, unlike other cases, his crime had brought no suffering to any except his own family, and that to be deprived of his presence and help only doubled her heavy burden. Since last November her health has been so bad that she was forced to discontinue her trips to Frankfort. A few weeks ago she was taken to a hospital at Lexington and is yet there in quite a feeble condition. She was overjoyed at the news which reached her by telephone about five o'clock Tuesday evening. Beach went to Lexington at 8:45 that evening and went immediately to the hospital.

For four years Beach was assigned to duty in the hospital, where he became quite proficient as a nurse and assistant to the physician. He learned to do many minor surgical operations, and in the absence of the physician performed such operations as amputating an injured finger, etc. In the drug room he had access to intoxicants, but never tasted them.

After his conviction on his second trial he appealed, and Judge H. S. Barker, now president of State University, dissented from the majority opinion of the Court of Appeals, which affirmed the life sentence. Judge Barker in a letter to the Prison Board said he did not believe Beach Hargis had a fair trial and still thinks so. At the bottom of this letter is a pencil notation signed by former Appellate Judge J. S. Nunn, who also sat in the case, stating that he agrees in the main with what Judge Barker said. Letters also are on file from Judges John M. Lassinger and E. C. O'Rear, who said they recall that there were grave doubts in the minds of some of the judges as to whether young Hargis received justice, and one from Judge J. P. Hobson, who wrote the opinion. Judge Hobson said that drink apparently was at the bottom of Beach's offense and if the authorities thought he had conquered the habit he would be in favor of giving him a chance.

Attorney General James Breathitt, who briefed the case on appeal for the Commonwealth, recommended a conditional pardon; but Gov. Willson, while recognizing mitigating circumstances, did not feel justified in extending clemency so soon after conviction.

Beach grew up in the worst possible environment. He lived in the atmosphere of assassination and murder from the age of 15 to 21. His father was a born leader, but he turned his talents in the wrong direction. He was a violent, dangerous man and was charged with being the leader and instigator of the terrible reign of lawlessness that gave Breathitt such a bad name. He was indicted for complicity in the assassinations. Beach associated with the desperadoes, drank and gambled with them, and always had a big pistol strapped on him. What chance had he to escape the penitentiary?

He now declares he will devote his efforts to caring for and comforting his mother, thus making amends, as far as possible, for his misdeeds.

FUGITIVE TO SERVE LIFE TERM IN REFORMATORY.

Lexington, Ky., June 1.—Reports from Winchester, Ky., to-day say Fletcher Deaton, 17-year-old Breathitt county feud leader, will be taken to the State Reformatory to serve a life sentence following a conviction on a charge of complicity in the assassination of Sheriff Ed Callahan of Jackson several years ago.

Deaton's case has been carried thru all of the State courts and into the Supreme Court of the United States, where his appeal was refused.

Deaton is said to be the last of the leaders of the celebrated Deaton-Callahan feud that raged for years in Breathitt county.

DEATH OF MONT JACKSON.

Mont Jackson, aged 56, a prominent citizen of Catlettsburg died Wednesday after a lingering illness caused by heart trouble. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sons. Also, three sisters, Mrs. West, of Buchanan, this county, Mrs. Lark, of Catlettsburg, and Mrs. Jas. McCoy, of Pikeville.

JORDAN TRIAL TO BE STARTED JUNE 27.

Ironton, June 3.—Roy Jordan, Flat Woods farmer, who is now confined in the county jail, will be tried upon a first degree murder charge Tuesday, June 27. A special jury panel of thirty-six members has been drawn. Jordan is charged with murdering his wife, Mrs. Pamela Jordan, at her home, Flat Woods, near Lucasville, Tuesday, May 2nd.

Following the finding of the woman's body, Jordan was arrested by the authorities. The husband denied any knowledge of the crime and the officials were perplexed.

A few days later George Jordan, the 8-year-old son, confessed to the authorities that his father had shot his mother with a shot gun. Coroner Deahler held an inquest at which the lad testified and returned a verdict finding Jordan guilty of homicide.

Jordan was then given a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty. He was bound over to the grand jury.

George Jordan then confused the officials by declaring, a few days later, that he had accidentally shot his mother while playing with the shot gun.

The April term of grand jury returned two indictments against Jordan, each charging him with murder in the first degree. Wednesday he was arraigned, and again pleaded not guilty.

It is said that some sensational evidence was unearthed by the state in examining witnesses before the grand jury.

BRAKEMAN VINCENT WAS HIT BY TRAIN.

“What might have been a very serious accident but which proved to be of small consequence, occurred in the yard of the Big Sandy division when C. H. Vincent, of Grayson, an employe of the Big Sandy division stepped off his engine in the yards onto the main line track in front of a road engine. He was knocked off the right of way and painfully bruised but his injuries were not serious. He was given treatment at the Russell Y. M. C. A. and later was brought to Ashland. Vincent is a brakeman.—Ashland Independent.

ROAD WORKING DAYS JULY 20TH AND 21ST

PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY CALLING FOR VOLUNTARY WORK.

In the interest of better roads in this commonwealth, I now issue this, my proclamation, calling upon the people of every county of the State of Kentucky to work on the roads in their respective counties, on Monday and Tuesday, June the 12th and 13th, commencing at eight o'clock in the morning, each day, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

The County Judge and Engineer of each county are directed to aid the people in complying with this request and in circulating the proper notices; and they are authorized to select such persons as may be needed to assist. In every county where there is no Engineer, or where they fail to act, the Sheriff or other persons are authorized to organize and comply with this proclamation.

This proclamation refers to dirt roads, turnpike and gravel roads, and, as Kentucky always takes the lead in every movement and as the Kentuckians desire the betterment of our highways, they must come forward with enthusiasm and energy, and show the people of other States that they can equal or surpass them in the improvement of their roads. A. O. STANLEY, Governor of Kentucky.

Lawrence County's Dates.

Falling in with the spirit of the above proclamation, but finding it impractical to use the same dates, the officials and citizens of Lawrence county have decided to observe Thursday and Friday, July 20th and 21st, as road-working days.

The proclamation was issued on such short notice that it was impossible to get it to all parts of Lawrence county in time for next Monday and Tuesday. Also, the farmers are behind with their work and very busy. The July dates are after farm work is mostly done and all can lend a hand without so much sacrifice.

Now, let everybody talk this matter up and get ready to give two days service to the thing that means more to public welfare than anything else within our reach.

There is time to organize, to lay out changes in the roads, to pick out the places where work is worst needed, so that the best possible results may be obtained. Material for culverts should be secured in advance, and all possible preliminary arrangements be perfected.

Citizens from every neighborhood are invited to send the Big Sandy News suggestions about work needed in their immediate localities. Name the places, state the character of work required, whether culverts are needed, teams required, etc. We especially want to know where the worst places are, so as to help concentrate efforts on them.

If the people will enter into this matter in the right spirit there will be more real good accomplished than has ever been done for the roads in one season.

Remember the dates, July 20th and 21st.

LOOKS LIKE HUGHES WILL BE NOMINATED

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL TURN ROOSEVELT VELT DOWN.

The Republican National Convention is in full blast at Chicago as we go to press. Likewise the Progressives are in session at a different place in Chicago. For three days the Roosevelt supporters and the standard Republicans have been struggling for the mastery. Roosevelt wants the Republican nomination for President, but latest indications are that Justice Hughes, of the U. S. Supreme Court, will be nominated by the Republicans and Roosevelt by the Progressives. There is bitter feeling between the two factions.

Latest Bulletin. At 2:30 Thursday afternoon the Big Sandy News received a long distance message saying the convention had taken a recess until 4 o'clock. The platform will stand for a bigger army and navy and for rural credits. A prohibition plank was voted down. The fate of woman suffrage is yet undecided. Roosevelt wired that he would go to the Republican convention and make a speech if sufficiently urged by the convention. The body declined to invite him.

Rev. L. E. McEldowney preached to penitentiary inmates.

Rev. L. E. McEldowney went to Frankfort last Saturday and preached on Sunday morning to the 1500 inmates of the State prison. This was in response to an invitation extended to him by officials of the institution. Miss Fairlee Davis and Miss Elizabeth Conley also made the trip and furnished a part of the musical program on Sunday morning. All returned home Sunday, making the trip from Ashland by automobile. This was the only way to get through in a day because of the recent accident to the Big Sandy time table.

It is hardly necessary to tell Louisa people that Rev. McEldowney awakened in those prisoners a lively interest. Smiles and tears alternately moved them. They responded instantly to the sentiments so forcefully and eloquently expressed by the preacher. Hundreds of hands went up on the proposition finally made to live better lives, and the expression on the faces of the men told that they had been touched.

Miss Davis' singing was encored and was evidently a rare treat for these unfortunate men.

CHAS. KITCHEN, SR. BUYS THE LOCKWOOD FARM.

Chas. Kitchen, Sr., of Ashland purchased the Lockwood farm at Lockwood station about eight miles above Catlettsburg, paying \$60,000 for same, last Thursday.

The farm is said to be the finest in Kentucky and includes over one hundred and fifty acres of bottom land, which overflows every year and which produces wonderful crops of corn.

The farm is valued at \$100,000, but was sold for less, owing to the death of Frank Lockwood, who had charge of it.

Mrs. Lucy Lockwood, owner of the farm, is a sister of Mrs. Eliza O'Brien, whose death occurred a few weeks ago at this place, and has visited in Louisa often.

ONE KILLED, TWO WOUNDED IN BIRTHDAY PARTY FIGHT.

Jackson, Ky., June 5.—One man was shot dead and two other participants severely wounded as the result of a free-for-all fight Saturday at a family birthday celebration, at the home of Oscar Neal on Leatherwood creek, fifteen miles from here. The dead man is Green Noble, son of Solomon Noble, and the wounded Luther Noble, shot in the thigh, and Nathan Fugate, shot in the shoulder. It is not believed either is fatally hurt. The battle was precipitated by an attempt to arrest two intoxicated men.

BREATHITT COUNTY TRYING TO SUSTAIN HER REPUTATION.

Jackson, Ky., June 5.—Green Noble was killed, Booser Fugate was wounded fatally and six other men were shot during a fight Sunday at a church on Leatherwood creek, 10 miles from Jackson.

According to accounts of the affair which reached here to-day, a number of men opened fire when Noble and an officer attempted to arrest them. Noble and Fugate, a bystander, fell at the first volley. Meanwhile women fainted and the congregation was in an uproar. The men members rushed to the aid of the officer, and when they appeared a general fight ensued.

Eventually the disturbers were driven into the mountains.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

CATTLE KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

A very unusual accident took place on the farm of Dr. John C. Hall and French Hall, of Estep, this county, on Friday night when they suffered the loss of ten head of fine cattle which were killed by lightning. The cattle had lain down close to each other in the pasture field and the next morning they were all found dead. The loss will be at least \$600, with no insurance.

The hides of the cattle were taken to Ashland and sold.

THREE KILLED, SCORES HURT BY TERRIFIC OHIO STORM.

Columbus, O., June 3.—Three are dead, scores are injured and heavy property damage has been done in Southwestern Ohio as a result of a terrific wind and electrical storm during the night. Complete reports are expected to increase the list of dead.

Moscow, twenty-five miles from Cincinnati, was the center of the disturbance. The hills were swept in this vicinity and practically all structures were razed or badly damaged. The storm missed the village.

An 8-year-old son in a family named Pegard was crushed to death when the Pegard home was lifted from its foundation and carried a quarter of a mile. The father, mother, and three other members of the family were badly injured. Every member of a family named Claypole were injured when the father was killed as the wind drove the roof of the home down upon the foundation.

A path a mile wide and several miles long was cut by the storm in Greene county. The 7-year-old son of John Harness, of Jamestown, was killed when a shed in which he sought refuge collapsed. Practically all buildings in the district are razed or damaged. Loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Warren Dice was struck by lightning while seated under an umbrella under a tree, but will probably live. Storm damage estimated at \$50,000 was done in Dayton and vicinity during the night.

TWO REPORTED DEAD AS RESULT OF TORNADO.

Augusta, Ky., June 3.—Cedron, a small village in Brown-co., O., was almost wiped off the map last night when it was visited by a tornado traveling ninety miles an hour. The storm struck the town about 9 o'clock, demolishing a number of brick and several frame houses, as well as a large number of tobacco barns. It is reported that a man named King and his son, who lived west of Augusta, lost their lives. Cedron is about three miles from Augusta, directly across the Ohio river.

LAWRENCE COUNTY'S 26TH ANNUAL S. S. CONVENTION

ASSOCIATION WILL MEET AT BLAINE, JUNE 24TH AND 25TH, 1916.

Programme. 10:00—Call to order by President M. S. Burns. 10:05—Devotional Service. 10:20—A welcome to the convention. 10:40—Response and annual address by Vice President, A. O. Carter. 11:00—A message from the Field Worker, W. J. Vaughan. 11:30—Enrollment of delegates and appointment of committees. Adjournment.

2:00—Song service. Invocation. 2:15—Echoes from the Department officers. 3:00—The Secretary's report, Wm. H. Vaughan. 3:10—Echoes from District Officers and delegates. 3:30—The Sunday school, its place and power in the Kingdom Movement. 4:00—Adjournment. 7:30—Devotional Service. 7:45—Address. 8:20—Spiritualizing the work.

Second Day.

9:00—The Lesson Taught—Prayer. 9:25—Report of the Nominating Committee. 9:30—The World Wide Movement, W. J. Vaughan. 10:00—Everybody can have a part. 10:10—The Plain Duties. 1. Of the Superintendent, Augustus Snyder. 2. Of the Secretary, E. J. Calloway and Mr. Marcum. 3. Of the Teacher, Isaac Cunningham. 4. Of the Department Officers. 11:00—The Half Worked Field. 11:30—Convention impressions and resolutions—by many. 12:00—Adjourn.

WOMAN'S HEAD TO BE EVIDENCE.

Gruesome Feature Prepared for Trial of Roy Jordan.

Portsmouth, O., June 5.—The head of his wife's body will be introduced in court as evidence against Roy Jordan, charged with killing her at their home near here by blowing the top of her head off with a shot gun. The body of the woman was exhumed to-day and the head severed to be kept as evidence. Authorities face a complex problem in the killing, as an eight-year-old son in his first confession accused the father of killing the woman and later made a confession saying he himself had accidentally shot her. The trial will open June 27.—Times Star.

NEW DEPOT WILL COST HALF A MILLION.

Portsmouth, O.—The new Norfolk & Western depot for the city of Portsmouth, which will be located in the northwestern part of the city near the Portsmouth paving brick company, Chillicothe-st., is to entail an expenditure of \$450,000. Work on the depot proper will not begin before next spring, as there are a great many details such as changing the tracks, etc., to be worked out first.