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BIG SANDY ASKS FOR HER RIGHTS

Nothing More is Wanted, Nothing Less Will Satisfy, in the State Normal Matter.

The proposed Eastern Kentucky State Normal School rightfully belongs to the Big Sandy Valley. The Survey Commission of 1920-21 recommended that it be located in the Big Sandy Valley, because here it will best serve the greatest number of people. The State will lose a gift of \$250,000.00, and probably half a million, if the school is placed elsewhere. Let Big Sandy stand up for her rights to the last!

The Survey Commission provided for by the Legislature of 1919 urged the establishment of two more State Normal Schools and recommended the Big Sandy Valley as the site for the eastern school. Therefore, the people of the Big Sandy Valley feel that they have the right to expect the new school to be located in this valley.

That survey commission and the disinterested experts engaged from other states spent fifteen months and \$25,000 in making a thorough investigation of Kentucky's educational situation. Their report makes a book of 226 pages and a most interesting book it is.

From that book we print herewith some facts that have a vital bearing on the situation now arousing so much interest in Kentucky—the location of the State Normal schools. We desire to show how this movement for more training schools was started, how it was worked out, and why in good faith the present commission must locate the eastern school in the Big Sandy valley. Surely, the people of Kentucky want to co-operate in any large movement that will improve our educational facilities, and co-operation in this instance means carrying out the recommendations of a great body of experts who have made a minute survey and an impartial report.

The "General Education Board of New York City" is none other than that established by an enormous gift of money made by John D. Rockefeller, and is commonly referred to as the Rockefeller Foundation. Its purpose is to assist meritorious and needy educational enterprises in the United States. After its part in making this survey in Kentucky the situation appealed to the Board so strongly that an offer was made to donate \$250,000 to the new eastern State Normal (and the same amount to the new western school) which was recommended in the survey report. When the break came in the plan through the unexpected action of the Legislature and the report was broadcasted that Morehead would be named as the result of a deal the General Board of Education withdrew its offer of the magnificent gift of \$250,000.00. The matter has been taken up with the Board again and we are assured that the only chance to have the offer revived is to carry out the recommendation of the survey commission.

Thus it is seen that to locate the school outside of the Big Sandy valley means the loss of a quarter of a million dollars, a sum that would set the new institution ten years or more ahead of what it would be left to depend entirely upon our pauperized State school funds. In fact, if we are to judge by the miserably support given other State schools it would take twenty years to catch up with what this \$250,000.00 would do. And not only that, but there was a very broad hint given that the gift would probably be doubled a little later on if plans were satisfactorily carried out. Those who know the history of that Board know that when once really interested in an educational enterprise it follows with support and encouragement right along. So there is no way to estimate the extent of the loss that finally will result to Kentucky if a location in the Big Sandy Valley is not chosen for this new normal school.

In view of these facts it is deemed to be timely and justifiable to emphasize them and to call attention to an inevitable result of bad faith in the matter. We believe that every man in any degree responsible for it will be held accountable by the people of Kentucky.

The Law and the Report.

It is under that all may more fully understand the history of this important matter we take the following from the General Board's published report: The Legislature of Kentucky in 1920 enacted a law providing for a state educational survey. This law is as follows:

1. That the Governor be, and is hereby authorized and empowered, to appoint a commission of five persons, to make a survey of the public educational system of the State, including all schools and educational institutions supported in whole or in part by public taxation, for the sake of determining

the efficiency of their work, and to report its findings, with recommendations for improvement, to the Governor.

2. It shall be the duty of said commission to employ experts, not residents of Kentucky, to make a thorough survey of the school system, co-ordination, administration and general efficiency, and to conduct such survey in accordance with approved scientific standards of educational research.

3. That the members of said commission shall serve without pay, except actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. Said commission is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase such supplies and employ such clerical help in addition to the expert service hereinbefore provided, as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its duty within the limitation herein prescribed.

In accord with the provisions of this law, the Governor appointed an Educational Survey Commission composed of the following five members: W. A. Ganfield, President of Centre College, Danville; Alex. G. Barrett, lawyer, member of the Louisville Board of Education; J. L. Harman, President of Bowling Green University, Bowling Green; C. J. Haydon, President of the Springfield Board of Education, Springfield; Miss Katie McDaniel, Insurance, formerly County Superintendent of Christian County, Hopkinsville. The Commission organized May 11, 1920, electing Dr. Ganfield chairman, and Mr. Barrett secretary.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of the enactment, the Commission secured the assistance of the General Education Board of New York City in making the survey. The General Education Board furnished to the Commission the services of the following staff: Dr. Frank P. Bachman, local director, Frank L. Shaw, statistician, and Miss Anna C. Thornburn, secretary. Dean M. E. Hagerly, College of Education, University of Minnesota, advised on the testing program. The State of Kentucky appropriated the sum of \$10,000, of which \$8,000 was used in part payment of the expenses of field work, and \$1,000 in part payment of printing the report. In addition to providing the survey staff, the General Education Board contributed the sum of \$15,000.

Fifteen months were devoted to the survey. During this time Dr. Bachman visited sixty-six counties and made a careful study of the conditions in thirty-three of them, and also studied conditions in about half of the principal cities of the state. He had the active co-operation of the educational authorities of the State, including representatives from the faculties of the colleges, normal schools, and the University of Kentucky, members of the state department of education, and county and city superintendents.

Standard tests or examinations were given to the school children in nine representative counties and in fifteen cities. Fifteen thousand seven hundred pupils were examined in the fifth, seventh, and eighth grades, and nearly 59,000 test papers were marked and the results tabulated. Data on pupil progress were collected from these same nine counties, and from 22 graded school districts and 47 cities, or from a total of 136,823 children. Information was collected on the training of 11,712 of the 13,261 teachers, or 86 per cent. of the total number.

Questionnaires were sent to all city superintendents, graded schools, principals, and county superintendents, asking for information on school finances, length of school day and term, consolidated schools, provisions for supervision, attendance officers, medical inspection, school nurses, office equipment, and clerical assistance. Information of many kinds was also collected from the records of the State Department of Education, school laws, and other sources.

The Commission desires to acknowledge with sincere appreciation and gratitude the generous professional and financial assistance of the General Education Board. We further record our grateful acknowledgment of the helpful counsel and advice of Dr. Wallace Buttrick, President of the General Education Board, and of Dr. Abraham Flexner, Secretary of the Board. Dr. Flexner also gave liberally of his time in perfecting the report, and made several visits to the state to counsel with the survey staff and the Commission. We would further express appreciation of the splendid co-operation and helpful service rendered by the Hon. George Colvin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, John W. Carr, Director of Health Education, and Members of the Commission have served without pay, being reimbursed only for the actual expenses involved in the discharge of their duties. The \$1,000 reserved for this purpose will

more than provide for their expenses. The Commission has not outlined plans or recommendations that are impossible of attainment. The suggestions and recommendations offered are practicable and within reach. We venture to hope that the findings of this survey will aid the citizens and the legislature of the Commonwealth in providing a school system that will ultimately afford to all the children of the state "the power that knowledge gives."

Very respectfully,
(Signed) W. A. GANFIELD, Ch'n.
ALEX. G. BARRETT
J. L. HARMAN
C. J. HAYDON
KATIE McDANIEL

After describing at length the work of the two State Normal schools already established at Richmond and Bowling Green, the report says:

"But these two normal schools, when fully developed, will together probably not graduate, in any one year, more than 400 well-trained teachers. At that rate, it would take the output of seven such fully developed normal schools merely to fill the places of teachers who annually leave the service. To establish five new state normal schools at one stroke would be ill advised, but the next general assembly should make a beginning by establishing at least one, and preferably two.

The new schools should be put where they will do the most good. One should probably be located in the Big Sandy Valley, the other in the western part of the state, east of the Tennessee River."

FALL OF SLATE IN MINE ENDS LIFE OF MR. JOHN G. SMYTH

Was the Founder of Jenkins and Well Known in the Big Sandy Valley.

John G. Smyth, General Manager of Jenkins Division of the Consolidation Coal Company, was instantly killed at the mine of the Buckfield Coal Co. on Shelby creek last Thursday morning at eleven o'clock, by falling slate. Accompanied by A. B. Brooke, superintendent of the mine, and G. W. Hay, of McRoberts, Mr. Smyth had just completed a tour of inspection of the mine, and the party were proceeding along the main entry, near the face, when a slab of slate about six feet long fell from the top without warning, and struck Mr. Smyth on the head, fracturing his skull. Death was instantaneous.

The remains were conveyed to Jenkins by special train. Funeral services were held Friday morning, after which the remains were taken to Fairmont, W. Va., for burial Monday.

John Gordon Smyth was born Jan. 9, 1880, at Pottsville, Pa., and educated as a civil and mining engineer. He began his career with The Consolidation Coal Company at Fairmont, W. Va. About 1909 he was sent to Johnson county to take charge of the construction of the town of Van Lear, and the opening of the mines at that place. Having completed his work, he was sent to Letcher county in 1911, where he took charge of the construction of the towns of Jenkins and McRoberts, and the opening of the mines there. At that time the site of the present town of Jenkins was a mountain wilderness twenty miles distant from the railroad, over almost impassable roads. Notwithstanding almost insurmountable difficulties, the work of construction proceeded to a successful conclusion, until today Jenkins is a model mining town, and in many respects unequalled anywhere.

At the outbreak of the war Mr. Smyth entered the service of the government and was assigned to the ordnance division in the manufacture of TNT and was stationed during that work in a California plant.

K. OF P. EXPOSITION AT FORT GAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED

The K. of P. Farm Festival and Exposition which was to have been held in Fort Gay, W. Va., during the present week, has been postponed until October 9 to 14.

This was made necessary on account of Smith's Greater Shows forfeiting their contract by failing to come when the committee sent J. W. Borders' boat to Chincoteague, Ky., after them. Other arrangements will be made for good features and the committee is determined that the affair shall be a big success.

Aged Woman Dies at Richardson, Ky.

Mrs. Jane Warnick died Wednesday at her home at Richardson, this county, from the infirmities of extreme old age. She was nearly 90 years old. The funeral will be preached Friday morning by Rev. H. B. Hewlett. Mrs. Warnick was a sister of McDonald Preston and was a faithful wife and mother. She is survived by sons John, McClelland and Willie Warnick, and daughters Mrs. Sam Vaughan, Mrs. Will Vaughan, Mrs. Tom Layne, Mrs. Robt. Brown and Miss Mattie Warnick.

BIGGS CASE OF CARTER COUNTY ON TRIAL HERE

Charged With Hiring Italian to Kill Charles Duvall of Olive Hill.

The case of the Commonwealth against Jack Biggs and others, which was venued from Carter county, is now engaging the attention of the court. The selection of the jury was begun Tuesday morning following a day's delay in the starting of trial. The jury selected is as follows: Wylie Hall, A. J. Young, Charley Derelind, J. F. Young, A. W. Blackburn, A. H. Caperton, Wm. Barnett, J. T. Griffith, W. D. Chapman, Levi P. Miller, Lys Carey and Wm. Weichers.

A prayer of the defendants for separate trial was granted by Judge Woods and it was decided to try the case of the Commonwealth vs. Jack Biggs first. A motion to continue the trial was overruled by the court, as was a demurrer to the indictment, filed by the defense.

Fifty thousand dollars was the price he was to receive for killing Charles F. Duvall, Benjamin Giardina, 27, Gary, Ind., claimed on the witness stand here.

The Italian is the state's chief witness in the trial of Jack Biggs, Carter county, charged, together with his brother and sister and nephew with conspiring to kill Charles F. Duvall.

He told a sordid story of the alleged conspiracy conceived in Gary, Ind., and given birth in Carter county June 22, 1922, when he and an Italian companion fired several shots at Duvall. Giardina was arrested near Grayson the morning following the shooting. He was convicted of ambushing and sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary. His companion escaped and has never been captured.

Following his conviction Giardina went before the Carter county grand jury and told the story which resulted in the indictment of the four Biggs. He was brought here from the state penitentiary at Frankfort to testify in behalf of the Commonwealth.

Dr. Harvey L. Biggs, a brother of the Biggs on trial here, was shot and killed on the streets of Olive Hill last November by Charles F. Duvall because of alleged relations with Duvall's daughter.

Duvall was acquitted at the trial. The killing of his brother and uncle is the motive causing the alleged conspiracy, the state claims.

Giardina was the first witness placed on the stand by the Commonwealth. He was garbed in the regulation blue of the penal institution. His countenance was unperturbed and his testimony was unshaken by cross-examination.

The Italian said that he conducted a soft drink and spaghetti stand at Gary, Indiana. He said that Jack and Bob Biggs accompanied by L. T. (Troop) James came into his establishment on March 31, 1922.

Reward Offered.
We went into the back room and (Continued on page five)

Cincinnati Reds May Play Louisa Oct. 7th

Dr. Proctor Sparks is negotiating with the Cincinnati National League baseball team to play at Louisa Saturday of next week. They play at Welch Friday and Chillicothe Sunday. They can easily stop over at Louisa Saturday.

AUTOMOBILE GOES OVER EMBANKMENT ON CHARLEY ROAD

Dr. C. W. Dixon and Others Narrowly Escape Death When Car Turns Over.

While en route to Charley, this county, to visit relatives, Dr. C. W. Dixon, of Charleston, W. Va., had a narrow escape from death, when his Hudson touring car plunged over an embankment last Monday night on the Georges Creek-Charley road.

In the car with Dr. Dixon at the time of the accident were Miss Effie Chandler, of Lovmansville, office girl of Dr. Dixon, C. M. and South Dixon, brothers of Dr. Dixon.

The accident occurred about 11 o'clock at night. When making a sharp turn, the heavy car left the road and turned over five times before landing in the old road bed several feet below. Dr. Dixon sustained a broken nose and was badly bruised. C. M. Dixon had three ribs broken and a young son of South Dixon, who was in the car, was shaken up and sustained only slight bruises. Miss Chandler escaped unhurt. The car was completely demolished.

Mrs. C. W. Dixon and baby came as far as Huntington with her husband but stopped there to visit her brother, Creed Gayheart. Miss Chandler was on her way to Lovmansville to visit her parents.

The injured ones were taken to the home of South Dixon at Charley, where they were attended by Dr. J. O. Moore. No one was seriously injured and all are improving.

Imperial Potentate



James McCandless, Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was greeted by fifty thousand nobles from all parts of the U. S. when he appeared at the annual conclave at Atlantic City.

C. & O. SHOPMEN RETURN TO WORK; STRIKE SETTLED

Huntington and Ashland Workmen Are Being Called As Needed.

The 2,000 shopmen employed by the C. & O. railway in Huntington who have been on strike for eight weeks, returned to work Monday morning to accept the terms of settlement secured by their representatives in conference at Richmond and the strike, so far as they are concerned, was ended.

Many men have been called back to work. Others will be drawn, according to their positions on the old seniority list, as they are needed. All of the striking shopmen will be back to work within thirty days, it is planned.

37 Shopmen in Ashland Returned.
Thirty-seven Ashland shopmen returned to work in the Ashland shops Monday. The men for whom the recall order was issued represented almost every craft employed in the C. & O. shops.

More men will be called as needed. Under the settlement agreement the men will return to work according to their seniority and number of vacancies.

FIRE DESTROYS ASHLAND HOUSES

A loss of \$400,000 was caused by fire in Ashland early Wednesday morning. It destroyed the Vanhoose-Adams wholesale store and the flames spread to Crump & Field's wholesale grocery and burned out the third floor. Water damaged all the goods below.

The loss is said to be covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Pneumonia Causes Death of a Well Known Citizen

Mr. A. J. Webb, a much loved and well known citizen of Olive Hill, this county, died at his home last Saturday, Sept. 23rd. His death was caused by pneumonia.

He is survived by a wife and fifteen children, fourteen of whom were at his bedside, when the end came.

His funeral was preached by Revs. Robert Cassidy and Robt. Hutchison on Monday and the body was laid to rest in the family burial ground near his home. The Masons and I. O. O. F. had charge of the burial service.

On another page in this issue will be found a fitting tribute to this good man by our Tuscola correspondent.

Mr. J. L. Hays, Age 70, Passes Away at Adams

After a lingering illness of tuberculosis, Mr. J. L. Hays died at his home at Adams, this county, Wednesday afternoon. He was 70 years old and was a prosperous, well-known farmer.

Mr. Hays is survived by a wife and five grown children. They are: Mrs. Andrew Hudson, Mrs. George Cheek, Mrs. Lindsay Hays, Dr. W. A. Hays and John Hays.

MART L. CONLEY ANSWERS THE CALL OF DEATH

Earthly Career of Former Louisa Man Comes to a Sudden Close.

Martin Leslie Conley, age 51, died suddenly at Cincinnati last Sunday evening, Sept. 24th. Uraemic poisoning is believed to have been the cause. In May, 1919, he submitted to a serious operation at the hands of Dr. Wm. Mayo, Rochester, Minn. An abscess on one of the kidneys made it necessary to remove one-third of the organ. He apparently had been well most of the time since that, but recently there was some indication of further trouble there. However, the climax came with shocking suddenness.

For two years the family had been living in Cincinnati in order to give the boys better schooling. Mr. Conley continued his duties at Cannel City, Morgan county, Ky., visiting the family when he could. Upon the occasion of his death he had gone home on Friday, after having been sick most of the week. He complained of a severe pain in the back of his head, near the base of the brain. Remedies were applied that gave temporary relief. Sunday afternoon he accompanied the family on an automobile drive of an hour or more. Returning home he asked for a cup of coffee and went up stairs. Mrs. Conley heard him moaning and she and the oldest son ran to him. He became unconscious very soon afterward and lived only a few minutes.

The wife and three sons, ages 17, 9, and 6 survived. Also, one sister, Miss Stella Conley, and one brother, Mr. F. Conley, of Louisa.

Mr. Conley was a native of Louisa, but left here before reaching mature manhood. His visits here have been infrequent. For 24 years he had been at Cannel City in charge of the Ohio & Kentucky railway, a line 43 miles long extending from Jackson to Index, near West Liberty. Also, he was in charge of the Kentucky Block Cannel Coal Company, and the head of the Morgan County National Bank. For more than two years his resignation had been in the hands of the owners of the railroad and coal mines but they had not relieved him. The 1922 Legislature placed him on the State Highway Commission with General Wm. Silbert, retired army engineer and two other men. The law provides for this commission to take charge of road building in Kentucky next January.

The funeral and burial took place in Cincinnati on Wednesday morning. Floral offerings and telegrams were received in large numbers. Among those present from outside the city were: W. T. Congleton and wife, W. B. Bach and wife, Wm. Watson, Al. Garver and wife, Prof. T. J. Barr, Attorneys Robt. Rives and Monroe Nickel, all of Lexington; Senator R. C. Simmons of Covington; Mr. and Mrs. Will of Newport; B. M. Foose of Wheeling, W. Va.; Mr. Faulkner of Paris; J. H. Stricklin, Hugh Minor, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Leslie and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Snowden and Miss Snowden, Mr. Ellington, Mr. Effort, all of Cannel City and vicinity. Miss Stella, M. F. Nell B. and Miss Elizabeth Conley of Louisa.

The kindness of Hon. R. C. McClure in supplying the following article is gratefully acknowledged by the relatives. Mr. McClure was once his teacher:

A TRIBUTE.

A telegram announcing the sudden and untimely death of Martin Leslie Conley at his home in Cincinnati on last Sunday, cast a pall of grief and sorrow over the entire city, Louisa, the home of his childhood. A former Lawrence county boy, of whom we were all so justly proud, had crossed the divide—so recently with us during "Home Coming Week" that we can see him yet, as with that rugged, robust, commanding figure—the very incarnation of physical force and intellectual energy, so characteristic of the man he was in his varied relations to the business world, he walked our streets and warmly greeted each familiar face, the relatives and friends of his youth. Of all those who had wandered away from the place of their nativity and cast their fortunes in other fields of endeavor that came back to see us on that occasion, none seemingly, enjoyed the greeting of old friends more than "Mart" Conley, as we familiarly welcomed back this Lawrence county boy that had gone out into the world and made good—came back to us, bringing with him his interesting little family, the great of his brother, M. F. Conley, during the week. In speaking of him now, we recur tenderly to this last appearance on the streets of his home town as the soft light of home revealed him in his true nature, as together we walked and talked and listened to the plaintive airs of attractive southern songs, always an attractive personality, always a gentleman.

Martin Leslie Conley is gone, no more shall we see him on the streets of his native city, but in his life he leaves a noble example to the youth of his native county. With no resources save those which God had given him—an exceptionally bright and active mind, robust health, strong physique and indomitable will power—he began the struggle of life for fortune and fame, an unequal contest, but one that was destined at the end (Continued on page four)