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## INTEREST GROWING

The School Bonds Are Sure to Win by a Good Majority.

Such interest has been aroused over the proposed voting of \$200,000 in bonds by the city for the erection of a school building that all doubt that the people will vote for the bonds by a handsome majority has vanished; it is now only the size of the majority, which promises to be large.

Thursday several of the ladies met at the public school building and held a "council of war" to the end that practically every mother and woman old enough to vote is enthusiastic for the school.

As an evidence of the interest felt by the ladies they turned out in one of the worst sleet storms that has prevailed here in years. It was evident that neither wind nor weather could stop them for we had the wind and the street and sidewalks were a glare of ice. One instance will suffice to show the interest shown by the ladies. Mrs. A. J. McClarney, who is well advanced in years and not so active as she once was, was on hand to lend her voice and presence in favor of the school. The younger women might have been expected to go regardless of weather, but in the case of Mrs. McClarney there must have been unusual interest to induce her to venture out under the unfavorable weather conditions.

Sunday afternoon there was a mass meeting held in the court house, which was attended by many of our people. About 200 school children were in marching formation and rendered a brief program. Talks were made by several citizens, among the number being Cashier J. S. Reed, who had well in hand the facts as to the cost of such a building as desired. He gave a very clear and effective talk on the matter and showed conclusively that the city can get such a building as will prove equal to our present needs for less than \$200,000. He also showed that any necessary additions that the future may require can be made without marring the good appearance of the original building.

Mrs. C. E. Keyes presented the reasons for the need of the school in a manner that was simply unanswerable. If there was a single person who had any doubts as to the pressing need for the building, Mrs. Keyes certainly must have made it very clear that need for the school is greater than anything else in our town.

Judge C. E. Snodgrass, E. G. Tollett, G. P. Burnett and C. E. Keyes covered the situation in a most forcible manner. The enthusiasm was so great that some predicted that the bonds would carry by not less than six to one.

The election comes Friday of this week. If those who are most enthusiastic for the school will maintain their activity until the polls close Friday afternoon there can be no doubt as to the result. The only danger that now exists is in overconfidence and a relaxing of effort on the part of those most favorable to the school.

Following are some of the reasons set out by Mrs. Keyes for the school building:

There are over 400 pupils of school age enumerated in Crossville. Nearly 300 are enrolled in the City School.

There are only six teachers and each teacher must handle 32 to 60 pupils in a room far too small to accommodate them. So crowded is the primary room that many of the little folks can attend school only half a day. This is unfair to teacher and pupil alike.

There are three roads running thru the play ground and the children are in great danger of being killed or injured by passing autos.

The fire conditions are so bad that should a fire break out, it would almost surely result in the death of several children.

Eight teachers are badly needed. Only six are employed because of

lack of room. To add two rooms would cost several hundred dollars and we would still have a fire trap.

The city does not own the ground on which the present building stands; it belongs to the County. The City should own its own school grounds.

The lives and future of the children are of more value than good streets—which are sure to come a little later. One of the quickest and surest ways to get better streets is to build a modern school house.

The election will be held Friday, January 21, and you will have a chance to show which you value most, the minds and lives of the children or improved streets. It is for you to decide the question.

## APPOINTED TO STATE BOARD

Gov. A. H. Roberts has appointed Attorney C. E. Keyes a member of the State Board of Education to succeed Attorney-General T. W. Peace, of Madisonville, who resigned.

Gen. Peace gave as his reason for resigning that he could not devote the time necessary to the proper discharge of the duties of the office. He also stated, so the daily press declared, that as Gov. Roberts appointed him he felt that in the interest of non-factionalism in politics he should hand back the position so Gov. Roberts could appoint his successor.

Before the resignation of Gen. Peace there were three republicans and six democrats on the board. Mr. Keyes being a democrat the number will now stand seven democrats and two republicans.

## BRADY-BLOOMFIED

Tuesday of last week Mr. Richard D. Brady and Miss Charlotte Bloomfield were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Monterey.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bloomfield and is well known here and highly respected. She is a graduate of Cumberland County High School, from which she went to the First National Bank and took a position as clerk. She filled this position for several months with marked ability and skill, but wearying of the position she took the place as operator of the Linotype at the Chronicle office. Her services in that capacity were especially valuable because of her energy and marked ability. She returned to her home shortly before Christmas to prepare for her marriage.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Brady, now of Knoxville but formerly of Crossville. He is a skilled machinist and commands a good salary working on automobiles and other machinery. He is a young man of splendid habits, generous and accomodating and has a host of friends here who will wish for him and his charming bride a long and happy wedded life.

## COAL OIL INSPECTOR

The first official act of Gov. A. A. Taylor was to appoint Mrs. Gaines, of Paris as coal oil inspector.

## WHAT INTEREST WILL DO.

A painter in Syracuse, New Hampshire holds a note for \$50 that was given one of his ancestors for money loaned the state in revolutionary times. The note specifies that it shall draw compound interest. It was given in 1774 and now the painter, W. F. Morgan, wants the state of New Hampshire to pay him the neat little sum of \$210,000, to cover the principle and interest. If the note were due from an individual, even though he were dead, it would be outlawed and his estate would not be liable. What the state of New Hampshire will do about it remains to be seen.

## COUNTY COURT LABORS

New Road Supervisors Elected and Other Business Transacted

The quarterly term of the County Court convened Monday of last week and completed its labors before noon Tuesday. All Justices were present.

The quarterly report of Judge S. N. Smith shows the county to be in the worst shape for many years, which is due to two things: First, the delay in deciding upon the state rate of taxes delayed the date of receiving taxes from October to December and as a result less money came into the hands of the trustee. The tax rate and valuations were not sufficiently high to raise funds necessary to meet the increased expenses the county had to bear because of inflated prices. There were outstanding warrants as follows: County, \$2,601.90; School, \$3,132.55; High School, \$20; making a total of \$5,754.45. Besides this the accounts of the Trustee are shown to be overdrawn for the following amounts: County, \$2,551.64; Court House, \$220.17; High School, 231.22; Pike Bonds, \$260.27; making a total of \$3,263.30.

Judge Smith was authorized to borrow sufficient money to take care of the outstanding county warrants.

## SCHOOL CONDITION

Superintendent A. J. Albertson made his annual report, from which we culled a few items that are very unfavorable to the schools and should be remedied:

The total scholastic population of the county, taken in 1919, was 3,878; 11 of these being colored. Of this number only 2,219 were in daily attendance, making about one-third who did not attend regularly. In the Crossville City School there was an enrollment of 332 and a daily attendance of 202, which shows that conditions are as bad in Crossville as in the rural districts so far as attendance is concerned. It simply shows that the compulsory attendance law has been ignored and practically no effort made to enforce it. That a truant officer is badly needed in our county is too plain to admit of dispute.

An effort was made to increase the salary of the County Superintendent of Schools from \$700 to \$1,000, but the motion was lost and the salary was then fixed at \$700, the same as last year.

F. A. Loshbough was elected, without opposition, to be Road Supervisor of the Graded Roads; Jere Morrow for the First District; Willie McCoy for the Second District; I. L. Burgess for the Third District; Arthur Watson for the Fourth District; J. A. Flynn for the Fifth District.

The term of G. A. Haley and N. D. Walker having expired as members of the High School Board, G. P. Burnett and F. J. Upham were chosen to the vacancies for the next two years.

G. P. Burnett was elected Poor House Commissioner.

## COMMITTEES

The following standing committees were elected for the next two years: Tax Levy, R. A. Powell, D. W. Lunay, U. S. Rose; Jail, Thos. Selby, J. L. Anderson, J. F. Brown; Poor House, C. H. McCoy, O. B. Rector, J. D. Brewer. G. A. Haley tendered his resignation as a member of the revenue committee and Jas. Anderson was elected in his place.

Mrs. Dave Brown was allowed \$20 for the quarter ending March 31.

It was ordered that Dick Burgess be allowed ten dollars for the quarter ending March 31, if found to be legal. Alonzo Hyder was released from road work and poll tax for this year. Roy Loden was released for the period of three years.

Mary Hubbard was allowed \$8.00 a month for this quarter. Mr. Cook, of Clifty, was allowed \$5.00 a month for this quarter. Lawson Burgess was allowed \$10.00 a month for this quarter. Bill Williams was permanently re-

## FLYING FINISH PLANNED FOR REED'S BIG SALE!

Will be extended 2 days longer for benefit of surrounding sections; enthusiasm grows as bargains increase; features planned for each day.

## AUCTION SALE TUESDAY!

"Advertising in the Chronicle sure gets results."

The above statement was made by A. T. Miller, of Minneapolis, Minn., who is conducting the sensational sale for the Reed Mercantile Company. Each week since the beginning of this much talked of sale, advertisements filled to the brim with enormous price reductions, have appeared in the Chronicle, and according to Mr. Miller, the readers of the Chronicle have certainly read them.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Chronicle is carried an important announcement concerning this sale.

Owing to the fact that hundreds of people who live quite a distance from Crossville were unable to attend this big sale due to the bad weather and impassable roads, Mr. Reed announces that the sale will be extended two days longer—Monday and Tuesday, January 24 and 25th. This will give all those who have not visited this big selling event of the year a chance to share in the bargain feast.

In anticipation of this the Reed Company has made extensive preparations, and each day the entire store force is busy getting out new stocks, bigger bargains and combing the store from one end to the other in search of merchandise that will be offered at prices that have amazed even local merchants of Crossville. Monday and Tuesday will be red letter days in the annals of selling, and Mr. Miller issues fair warning that all who miss these two days will surely be losing money.

Of particular interest will be the

final sweep-out of ladies' and men's clothing and shoes. During the remainder of the sale a genuine slaughter of ladies' and misses' silk poplin and serge dresses will be made at prices that are actually less than present day cost. This will also apply to men's and young men's suits.

## Sensational Auction Sale.

Beginning promptly at 2 o'clock, P. M. Tuesday, January 25, a grand clean-up auction sale of all clothing, etc., will be held. Nothing will be reserved and everything will be sold regardless of cost or consequence. Everybody knows how big will be the bargains, and a special invitation is extended the ladies, as this will be a not-to-be-forgotten opportunity to buy handsome tailor made garments at your own price.

Thursday afternoon the lucky number for the ladies' \$35 suit will be drawn, and the suit will be awarded to the lady holding the corresponding number. Other prizes and features will be held each day during the remainder of the sale and nobody can afford to miss them.

## NORMA TALMADGE IN "SHE LOVES AND LIES" AT MECCA

Saturday, January 22 "She Loves and Lies", featuring Norma Talmadge, will be shown at the Mecca.

Be sure to see this picture. It will make you glad, sad, angry and happy at the same time. It will charm you, inspire you and delight you.

We think it is one of the best photo-plays going, and we feel sure you will too when you see it at the Mecca Saturday, January 22.

## MRS. WORLEY FOR SENATE

Mrs. Anna K. Worley, of Sullivan County, widow of the late State Senator Parks Worley, will be a candidate before the people for the place of state senator from the counties of Sullivan and Hawkins. She will be opposed by Lexie M. McMell, a republican. If Mrs. Worley is elected she will have the distinction of being the first woman to serve in either branch of the Tennessee Legislature.

## A CORRECTION

It seems that we were in error last week in our statement as to the handling of the whisky prosecution against "Duck" Smith, George Ford and Dewey Smith. Judge S. N. Smith, who is their lawyer, informs us that the case did not have a hearing at all, but was continued pending the final outcome of the case in the state courts. We took our information from the Knoxville Journal and Tribune and supposed that their report of the case in the Federal Court there was correct.

leased from poll tax and road work.

The three minor heirs of Harry P. Cuffmins were allowed an exemption from taxes, each, in the sum of \$1,000 and the trustee was directed to correct his books in conformity therewith.

Thos. J. Kerley, Tax Assessor, was directed to have each taxpayer sign his name in full to the tax blank with the view to thereby avoid double assessments as much as possible.

J. W. Dorton submitted a report of the County Highway Commission, which showed that the commission spent the past quarter \$6,235.02 and had a balance on hand of \$39,609.78.

Porter Contser and Benjamin Gallier were released from poll tax and road work for this year.

The ex-officio fees of the sheriff were fixed at \$200 for the year to be paid quarterly.

C. F. Wilson was elected notary public.

Judge S. N. Smith was authorized to rent the county court room to the city as a city court room for such a price as he deemed right.