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## H. J. MOORMAN, CANDIDATE FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY.



Know this gentleman? Familiar like face, isn't it? Our old friend, Harry J. Moorman, of Mayfield, present Commonwealth Attorney of this Judicial District—a good one, too—and he wishes to be given this same place another term.

Any reason for him not "coming back?" We know of none. He has enforced the law with vim and vigor, regardless of his own personal or political interests; he has hounded the criminal and law violator and wrung from them the price of their transgressions. Those who value law and order will certainly appreciate Mr. Moorman's work.

He is known all over the State of Kentucky as a strong prosecutor and a lawyer with ability beyond that of the average lawyer of the present time.

He located in Mayfield in 1878 for the purpose of practicing his profession. When he had been in Mayfield and Graves county a short period of time he won the better element to such great extent that he was chosen their county attorney, which position he held two terms as a reward for his faithful service as a public official and their endorsement for a man in public service that was a christian gentleman and always for the moral side of any

public question. After Mr. Moorman had served his constituents and his party well he was called on to make the race for Commonwealth's Attorney of this district, which he did about 1897 and was elected. He entered upon the duties of this office from the first in a manner that was convincing to the moralist as well as the criminal that it was his purpose to enforce the law in the court room as it was written in the law books of the State and dictated by a representative moral body of this Commonwealth. He gave all his best effort and time to the duties of this office for six years, and as to how well he performed these duties one has only to inspect the criminal docket of Fulton or any county in this district.

When Judge R. J. Bugg died at his home in Bardwell, Gov. McCreary appointed Hon. R. L. Smith, who was then Commonwealth's Attorney, to the unexpired term of Judge Bugg, and then after considering well the question of appointing a man to the unexpired term of the Commonwealth Attorney's office left vacant by Judge Smith, he selected Mr. Moorman as a man that would in every way meet the requirements of the people.

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## FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

R. B. Flatt, of Clinton, Announces as a Candidate For Circuit Judge for the District Composed of Fulton, Hickman, Carlisle, Ballard and Graves Counties.



It is with pleasure that the Courier places before its readers this week the formal announcement of Judge Robt. B. Flatt, our present presiding judge, as a candidate for re-election to the office he now fills so successfully and satisfactorily—Circuit Judge of the First Judicial district.

Judge Flatt is probably the most distinguished citizen of our neighboring town of Clinton, and to most of us is half-way "home folks." We've seen him rise, by his own determined effort, from obscurity to the highest and most responsible position within the gift of the people of this district. It is needless for us to add that he has made good; his record and work are before us—known to everyone who has kept in touch with judicial affairs—and certainly endorsed by all fair-minded people.

As a rule a man is best known where he is most known, and we clip the following excerpt from the Clinton Gazette (his home paper), which has known him from his boyhood up.

It is not that Hickman county alone is interested in this new entry, for Bob Flatt has many friends all over the district who are impatiently waiting to cast their votes in his favor in the primary election next August.

Judge Flatt is a Clinton boy, having been born and raised on his father's farm three miles south of Clinton. He was admitted to the bar here in 1894, and during that twenty-one years that have elapsed since then has practiced in this county and district. He was examined before the late George W. Griffey and Tom Shelbourne, of Bardwell, and his certificate bears the endorsement of the late Judge N. P. Moss. Mr. Flatt has served a number of terms as city attorney, and while he has always been a worker in politics, he has never worked for himself, always lending his endeavors to the cause of his friends. Under the old law he was appointed special judge on occasions when there was need of one in this district.

Judge Flatt has lived in Clinton for the past twenty or more years and in all that time while he mixed with the people they never realized that there was the making of a most excellent circuit judge in him. Not that he was not appreciated by all that came in contact with him, for he was. But so generous and accommodating was he that no one thought of him caring for an office himself, and they took his favors and kindnesses as a matter of course. Then there came

his appointment by the Governor to fill out an unexpired term as circuit judge, and there you see him now. He took to the new work like a duck to the water, if we may use that expression, and seemed as familiar with the duties of that position as if he had been a "second term." It is hard to imagine any man filling the place he now holds with greater dignity and impartial excellence than Bob is doing. From Ballard county and from Graves county and from all the other counties of the district come compliments and words of commendation for Judge Flatt, and the beauty of it is that they are not empty speeches, but those of which he is proving himself worthy every day he presides over our circuit court.

Judge Flatt is of amiable disposition and yet strong in his convictions, and is not the man to be persuaded against his better nature to deviate from the course he has mapped out as right. And when he is elected, if the people see fit to elect him for the next term, there is one satisfaction, and that is that he would not be the tool of any man or set of men, and that he would keep himself free to act in all of his judgments as he himself deemed right.

As the circuit court has gone from place to place since Judge Flatt was appointed, the press of the district also has been most complimentary in its comments on him. All have remarked upon the manner in which he has hastened the work of the courts and accomplished much in little time, and in its accomplishment has done it thoroughly, unbiassedly and well, and to the satisfaction of all.

Now, as the judge's race takes on the liveliest aspect, Judge Flatt is conceded to be among the strongest of the candidates, and there is scarcely a doubt but that he will prove himself to be, for since his appointment he has conducted himself in a way that has gratified his friends, surprised the most skeptical and chagrined his adversaries, who had hoped that he would make some blunder in his office that would put him out of their way when they were ready to make the race. Instead, every move he has made has increased his chances for re-election in August, and the strongest candidates realize that he is going to make their race harder, and a whole lot harder, to win.

Judge Flatt will be engaged in the work of the court until four

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## R. G. ROBBINS, CANDIDATE FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY



(From Mayfield Messenger, March 20th.)

In this issue of the Messenger, the formal announcement of Mr. Robert Guy Robbins as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney, in the First Judicial district, appears for the first time, notwithstanding he has been an active candidate for several weeks. It is with pride and pleasure that we present to the voters, the name of this brilliant, cultured and worthy man for this important position.

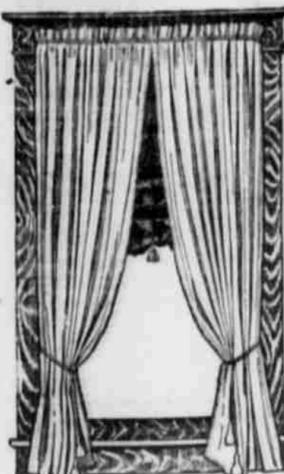
He was born and reared in this community, and his character and ability to discharge the duties of the office which he seeks, are too well and favorably known by our home people for it to be necessary for us to say anything in

his praise. For the benefit of others, it is but just and proper that they be advised of his many virtues.

He is a modest, genial and affable gentleman, possessed of high ideals, of rugged honesty, strong in his convictions, and with courage to do his duty, without fear or favor in any position he may be called to fill.

In his youth, "Guy," as he is familiarly called, was blessed with the opportunity of obtaining a good education. With commendable ambition, he eagerly seized it, and the result is, he is a classical scholar, with literary ability of a high order. Fortunately for him, his father, Judge

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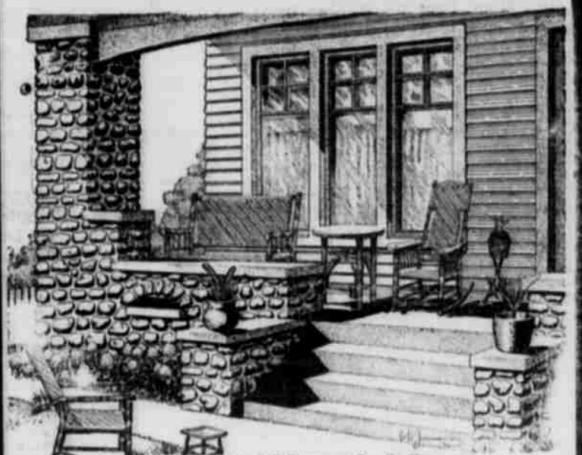
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