

JOHN S. BLACKWELL IS DEAD

Passed Away at Four O'clock Last Tuesday Morning.

FUNERAL HELD THURSDAY

Deceased Was One of the Most Prominent Men of Lafayette County—Was Prosecuting Attorney 8 Years.

A telegram was received Tuesday from St. Joseph announcing the death of John S. Blackwell at four o'clock. Death was not altogether unexpected, as Mr. Blackwell had suffered recently from a severe fall.

Mr. Blackwell was born in Anderson County, Kentucky, January 8, 1833. When he was two years old his parents died and he made his home with his sisters. At eighteen he went to California, where he studied law in the office of Attorney-General Thos. H. Williams. In 1855 he came to this county and located at Wellington. He was elected prosecuting attorney in 1878 and moved to this city.

He was one of the most prominent men of the county. He served as prosecuting attorney four years, was chairman of the Democratic Central committee and was a delegate to the Democratic National convention in 1892.

On May 7, 1872 he was married to Miss Bettie M. Rogers of this county. He was a prominent Mason and has served as Master of the Blue Lodge, High Priest of the Chapter and Eminent Commander of the Commandery. He is survived by his widow, two sons—Horace F. and George P. and a daughter, Mrs. J. K. Taubman.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Hon. John S. Blackwell took place from the Christian church Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Blackwell was for years an honored elder of this church and the presiding officer of the board. His loss, therefore was keenly felt by the entire congregation. Rev. R. B. Briney assisted by his brother, Rev. W. N. Briney of Louisville, conducted the services at the church.

At the grave the Masons took charge of the ceremony with Rev. Xenophon Ryland of Higginsville presiding and performed the burial with the Masonic ritual. The pall bearers were: W. B. Waddell, Jesse Crenshaw, J. R. Moorehead, O. O. Crawford, Phil Adams and S. N. Wilson. The officers of the church were the honorary pall bearers.

Many beautiful floral offerings, tributes of affection and respect from relatives, friends, and neighbors, were placed on the last earthly resting place of this noble man.

Senator J. P. Dolliver.

Central college and Wentworth Military academy by uniting forces this year have succeeded in obtaining the strongest group of lecturers ever brought to Lexington in a single season. The list consists of Senator J. P. Dolliver of Iowa, Rev. Dr. Samuel Parkes Cadman of Brooklyn, Dr. Thos. E. Green and Opie Read, the author and story teller. The lectures will all be given in Murrell auditorium.

While the lectures are intended primarily for the students of the two institutions the public will be admitted. There will be no season tickets sold; but the price of admission will be fifty cents for each lecture.

The first lecturer on the course is Senator J. P. Dolliver of Iowa, who will be here next Monday evening, November 23. Mr. Dolliver's reputation is large, as he is a natural figure and one of the strongest members of Congress. He has the reputation of being a great orator and should attract a large crowd to Murrell auditorium.

D. T. Rogie was in Kansas City yesterday.

Mrs. F. L. Carter spent yesterday in Kansas City.

A. G. Young went to Kansas City yesterday on business.

Mrs. Carl Hoffman and son, Mayo, of Austin, Texas, left yesterday for Leavenworth, Kansas, after a short visit with relatives in this city.

Col. E. N. Hopkins Injured.

Sunday afternoon Col. E. N. Hopkins, with his son, John, and nephew, John Wilson, walked out to the Williams place, south of town. He was in a tree shaking down persimmons when he stepped on a dead limb and fell about twelve feet to the ground. He received an extremely bad fall, lighting on his hip, and was unable to get up. John Wilson went in search of help and met C. W. Loomis on the road. Mr. Loomis hastened to Col. Hopkins and later went to the home of J. W. Boogher to telephone to town. J. C. Young, Jr., went out in the ambulance and brought Col. Hopkins to town.

No bones were broken by the fall; but Col. Hopkins is a sufferer from lumbago and, since he was compelled to lie on the ground without his coat for a half hour, his trouble was considerably aggravated. The injury was exceedingly painful and there was difficulty in moving the patient.

Piano Recital.

Arrangements have been made for a piano recital at Murrell auditorium Saturday evening, November 21, by Franz Xaver Muhlbauer. Mr. Muhlbauer is one of the best young pianists on the American concert stage. His coming will be awaited with interest.

Concerning him the St. Louis Globe Democrat says:

This young man possesses one of the rarest qualities of genius—the childlike appreciation of beauty and the spontaneity of manner which are never lost by those who are destined to progress farthest in musical achievement.

Admission will be 50 cents.

Big Explosion in Jackson County.

An explosion took place Thursday about six o'clock a. m. in Hickman Mills, near Lee's Summit in Jackson county. Three powder houses in Holmes Park at that place blew up. The force of the explosion was felt over several counties. In Lexington the report was heard distinctly and the windows in all the larger buildings were rattled. It is reported that in Wellington several panes of glass were broken.

One man was killed by the accident and several were injured seriously.

Death of Mrs. Calmese.

Mrs. Richard Calmese, aged 45 years, died Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home on Southwest boulevard, of blood poisoning. Mrs. Calmese had spent the greater part of her life in this city. She is survived by her husband and nine children.

The funeral was held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment was in Machpelah.

Mrs. James Peak and daughter, Miss May, returned Thursday evening from a short visit in Kansas City.

Mrs. O. A. Moore returned to her home in Kansas City Thursday evening after a visit of several days with the family of O. O. Crawford here.

Mrs. John E. Ryland returned Thursday evening from an extended visit with relatives in New York.

Mrs. James Flenniken returned to Odessa yesterday after a visit of a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Walk.

Rev. T. M. Cobb went to Odessa yesterday for a few days' stay.

Mrs. James Flenniken of Odessa arrived Tuesday to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Walk.

Miss Tallie Vandeveter of Ladonia, Mo., arrived Tuesday evening for a visit with her friend, Miss Carrie Field.

Miss Florence Shultz, who has been visiting Central college for the past few days, returned to her home in Sedalia Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Claude Price came down from Kansas City Tuesday evening to spend a few days with her mother Mrs. Mary Shacklett.

Mrs. Edward Aull and Mrs. S. P. Silver and the latter's little daughter, Mary Ellen, went to Kansas City Thursday to spend the day.

Marriage licenses have been issued to:

John H. Sanders, Jr., Higginsville
 Minnie L. Rabius, Higginsville
 Andrew Cretzmeyer, Higginsville
 Marie Phillips, Lexington
 Jesse D. Poindexter, Corder
 Nettie F. McKittrick, Corder
 Ed Wenet, Alma
 Carrie Karsten, Alma

CORDER ITEMS.

C. M. Lewis and Z. T. Alcar shipped cattle to Kansas City market Wednesday.

Mr. Dillian of Kansas City and Miss Marion Clark of Lexington spent a few days this week with the family of S. M. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Zentmeyer of Higginsville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Armourtrout, north of town.

Misses Annie and Ethel Barley, who are attending the high school at Marshall, returned home Wednesday evening to make a short visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Barley.

Born to the wife of Lawrence Lee, Sunday, Nov. 8, a boy.

Earl Reynolds of Kansas City spent Sunday with his parents here.

Miss Susie Waters of Higginsville is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Hunter Barley.

Mrs. C. M. Lewis and son, Thomas, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Wm. Wilson.

A small crowd attended the debate at the Hedgewood school last Friday night and all report a fine time.

Rev. Squires is carrying on a series of meetings here in the Presbyterian church. Everyone is invited to come.

Mrs. Charles Seefuth and sister, Miss Mable Kulpmeyer, both of Mt. Vernon, Ill., arrived here last Friday to visit a few months among old friends.

Mrs. Mattie Steele spent Wednesday with Mrs. John Zentmeyer.

Miss Harriet Steele was given a birthday party last Saturday evening and a number of little friends enjoyed the evening. The young hostess received many presents most of which were useful. After the invited guests began to arrive they played a number of games, first indoors and later out of doors. After the children had played enough, the mother of the hostess prepared lunch consisting of variety of candies, cakes and fruit salad. There were 26 little tads present, ranging from 4 to 6 years old and they all returned home light hearted.

A crowd of young people went out hunting Tuesday night. They left town about 8 o'clock and after driving about five miles they arrived at the woods, their destination. A camp fire was soon started and the party began to enjoy some of the pleasures of camp life. After a long tramp in the woods the crowd came to camp and prepared a hot lunch consisting of meat (cooked on sticks over the fire,) roasted potatoes and apples besides bread and butter which was prepared in town. About 2 o'clock a. m. the party returned to town. Although being worn out they all enjoyed the trip. The crowd consisted of Misses Prest, Laura Heisler, Byrd Hackley, Mary Marquis, Edna Frerking and Flora Lieser; A. J. Frerking, Orin Pence, Hugh Kidd, Poe Barton, Walter Liese and Leo Wollenman.

Letter List.

The following letters remained uncalled for at the Lexington postoffice Saturday, Nov. 13, 1908.

Mrs. Lizzie Brown, Mrs. Calmuy, Miss Lucy May Birley, Miss Nellie Carter, Mrs. Wm. DeBuha, Rev. M. A. Elnoth, R. E. Estelle, Geo. S. Hicks, Miss Magne Hunt, D. Jones, Miss Jamie Jones, Walter P. Jones, Mrs. Mollie Lee, Miss Beatrice Lee, Jake Lewis, Adam Lang, Edgar J. D. Mather, Johnnie Marino, W. D. McVay, Mrs. Audy Mick, Miss Rosa Bell Moore, Arthur Montgomery, (2) C. L. Moory, Geo. O'Donnell, Mrs. Sarah O. Shorn, Pat Perkins, Mr. Redford, Mrs. Mattie Kegard, Mrs. Lottie Root Harry and Mamie Rogers, Elaine Rose, C. F. Shemeer, T. J. Stapleton (2), Miss Maude Short, Miss Maude Shuret, Sam Vivian, Miss Jannie Walker, Edward Weising, Miss May Williams, J. T. Wiley, A. S. Williams, E. W. Wilburn, Ora Willis.

When calling for these letters please say they were advertised.

DELIA CROWDER,
 Postmaster.

Mrs. Ryland Todhunter and daughter, Miss Elliott, left Tuesday evening for a trip to Warsaw and Clinton.

Rev. and Mrs. Xenophon Ryland of Higginsville arrived Thursday to attend the funeral of John S. Blackwell.

Mrs. Chas. Taubman and daughter, Tessie, and Miss Lottie Taubman went to Independence Thursday for a brief stay.

MAYVIEW NOTES.

Mrs. Wm. L. Smith returned from Galeana, Kans., last week where she had been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Q. Ellifret.

W. J. Weaver and wife left last Thursday for Independence for a short visit with his father, L. F. Weaver and family.

Miss Caille McClure of Grand Pass visited with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Humphrey the past week.

Mrs. Jettie Chandler of Chicago is here on a visit with her sister, Mrs. Dan Herr.

Mrs. John Parrent of Higginsville was the guest of M. S. F. R. Puckett last Sunday.

Miss Mabelle Greene went to Odessa last Saturday.

Ed Reed of Ludlow, Mo., visited with S. M. Greene last Friday.

Mrs. Chas. Anderson of Independence came down for a short stay with her son, Joseph.

Mrs. Serat and family have moved back to their farm north of town. They have been living in Kansas City for some time.

Miss Bessie Bradley left for her home in Edmond, Oklahoma, last Saturday after an extended visit with friends and relatives.

Evangelist Ellis left last Tuesday for his home in Butler. Rev. Talbot will continue the meetings for a few days.

Born, to the wife of D. E. Herr, Nov. 9th, a girl.

Geo. H. Plattenburg and wife went to Kansas City last Tuesday.

Seven converts were baptized at the Baptist church last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Dr. Ryland and Mrs. O. O. Wilson of Lexington were out visiting friends and relatives last Tuesday.

Walter Chiles of Higginsville was on our street last Tuesday.

Wm. L. Smith and wife attended the silver wedding of Arthur Young and wife last Monday evening.

Miss Alma Kincheloc went to Higginsville last Wednesday for a few days stay with friends.

Frank Cave of Oklahoma was the guest of Pack Beamer this week.

Murry Whitsett met with quite an accident last Tuesday. He was going to the field to work when his team became frightened at a hog and he could not control them. They broke into a run and could not be stopped. He was thrown from the wagon and his left ankle was wrenched and the ligament about the shin bone loose. It was dressed by Dr. Nickell and he was made as comfortable as possible. The wagon was wrecked.

DOVER NOTES.

Webb Cole had business in Higginsville Saturday.

James Cather and R. P. Cherry were in Lexington Saturday.

Miss Sallie Corbin and sister, Mrs. H. L. Corbin, spent Friday in Waverly.

Mrs. J. M. Redd spent last Friday with Mrs. Will Tutt near Corder.

Misses Minnie McGee and Emma Miers visited this week with W. C. Barnes and family near Lexington.

Mrs. Frank Evans and small son, Maurice, came home Sunday after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. M. L. Montague, at Marshall.

Mrs. Will Neer came home last week from a visit with her parents at Pleasant Hill.

Geo. Zeysing had business in Kansas City this week.

Misses Mary Lee Cooper and Edith McLane shopped in Higginsville Saturday.

Carl and Willie Harwood went to Malta Bend Saturday for a visit with their cousin, Prof. J. Lee Carter.

Hub and Sam Redd entertained a number of their young friends last Friday night with a card party. Refreshments were served. Those present spent quite a pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Love left Friday for their home at Colorado Springs after a several weeks' visit with Mrs. Love's mother, Mrs. L. P. Cox. Their daughter, Miss Mary, who came with them will remain for a more extended visit.

Mrs. Dick Guerre of Higginsville is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Beck.

Misses Emma and Leona Phillips entertained several of their young friends Thursday night. They spent the evening dancing and playing

"Ma's New Husband," Scores.

"Ma's New Husband!" a bright and snappy little sketch interpreted by a company of seven artists, delighted a large audience at the New Grand Wednesday evening and succeeded in keeping it in good humor for three acts. The same play was given here last year but the latter production has a shade the better of the first in regard to songs, singers and if the general capability of the company is considered. First in the row of fun makers comes the dainty sobrette, Dorothy, the maid of all work, which part was in the capable hands of Miss Ethel Aubrey. Miss Aubrey was pretty, active, was dressed appropriately and ideally suited to the part in every way. Both Jack Leroy and Harry Boyle in the roles of Fritz Dicks and Prof. Hooker respectively are comedians of merit. Miss Babe Hooker, who handled the principal female part of Marie Longfellow, was good. The remaining members of the company were proportionally meritorious. The music and songs were catchy, well sung and for the most part new. It was a musical comedy in the true sense of the word and the theatre-going public of Lexington would welcome more of its kind.

WAVERLY NOTES.

Mrs. H. Oelschlaeger was in Marshall last week.

Miss Nellie Vanderlin was the guest of Miss Katie Reynolds, of Grand Pass, last week.

Miss Louise Davis returned home Sunday after a visit of several months in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Kansas City.

Mrs. F. M. Salmon and son, Francis, went to Kansas City, Tuesday, for an extended visit.

Chas. M. Lewis is a business visitor in Kansas City this week.

Cadd M. Eppes returned home last week from Orrick where he has been for several weeks working with the apple gang.

Misses Veula Kairzes of Kansas City and Lillian Baker of Lexington, returned to their homes Saturday, after a short visit with their cousin, Mrs. H. H. Mowry.

Mrs. Bettie T. Hall and Miss Mildred Booton were in Marshall one day of last week.

Mrs. J. A. Allison and little daughter, Erma, were shopping in Marshall Thursday.

Mrs. Bessie Ben Oliver and Will Wessell were Marshall visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Isaac Fulkerson and L. O. Crucker were in Marshall Thursday of last week.

F. W. McClure transacted business in Lexington last week.

Misses Nannie Palmer and Georgia Weber came up from Marshall Friday and spent a few days with homefolks, returning Sunday.

C. M. Monsees, of Beamon, was a business visitor at this place several days of last week.

Geo. P. Norvell and G. W. Groves returned home Saturday after a two weeks' stay in Kansas City.

Card of Thanks.

The Lafayette County Democratic Central Committee desires to express its thanks to the Lafayette County Telephone company for the free use of local and country lines and the full Bell Telephone returns on the night of the election. The service was at all times good, the operators obliging and this card is published in appreciation of many favors.

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Lynn Gordon spent Thursday in Concordia.

Mrs. Geo. W. Fredendall spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Mrs. Howard Henry left Thursday for a trip to Kansas City and Chilhowee.

Mrs. J. R. Moorehead returned Wednesday evening from a brief visit in Kansas City.

Mrs. Fred T. Hix left Wednesday evening for an extended visit in Georgetown, Kentucky.

Mrs. Mary Murphy returned Wednesday evening from a visit of several days with relatives in Sedalia.

Miss Josie Smith of Kansas City arrived Wednesday evening to spend several days with friends here.

Mrs. G. W. Ayres returned to her home in Kansas City Thursday after a visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoffman returned Wednesday evening from an extended trip to Los Angeles, Cal.

ELECTION LAW UNSATISFACTORY

Complete Returns Have Not Yet Been Given In Missouri.

SOME COUNTIES ARE SLOW

The St. Louis Republic Voices the Sentiment of Missourians in Asking for Quicker Information.

In view of the fact the vote for minor officers in the state is not yet completely given in, and it is uncertain who is to be the next lieutenant governor, the following editorial from Wednesday's St. Louis Republic seems appropriate.

Isn't there entirely too much secrecy in the compilation of election returns in Missouri? It is almost ten days since the polls closed and the votes were counted. Yet the people are still in doubt and confusion regarding the fate of most of the nominees for the various State offices. If it were not for the unexampled effort to gather in the news which The Republic has made this year, pertinaciously continued after every other newspaper in the State had abandoned the task, there would be practically no information about the outcome.

The tabular statement of the vote on State officers which has appeared day after day in The Republic has been regularly and carefully revised each night in the light of all the information to be obtained from its correspondents, or to be gathered from the party committees, and it can quite probably be accepted as approximately accurate. But this information is secured under many needless difficulties. The election law makes no provision for the wholly natural curiosity of the people of the state and it should be amended at the coming session of the Legislature so as to permit the newspapers to get some adequate knowledge of what has happened after an election is held.

The law should be amended so as to require the precinct judges throughout the State to do just what the judges have been voluntarily doing in St. Louis for a number of years. This is to make out a duplicate of their official return to be used in giving authentic information to the public. This duplicate could be sent to the County Clerk, who could at once foot up the returns from the various precincts of his county and let the public know what the vote of the county is. There is absolutely no reason why this plan shouldn't work just as satisfactorily in the interior counties as the plan by which The Republic is able to give full city figures the day after election in St. Louis.

In this connection it may be added that Secretary of State Swanger deserves to be complimented on his admirable arrangement for conducting his canvass of returns in public, with full opportunity for candidates and all others interested to witness and check the count as it proceeds. There isn't any reason for secrecy about the result of the voting after the polls close and everything that furthers either celerity or publicity merits commendation.

D. T. Rogie was in Higginsville Wednesday on business.

Mrs. J. B. Scarlett spent Wednesday in Wellington.

J. W. Shouse left Wednesday for a trip to Eldorado Springs.

F. B. Claybrook went to Kansas City Wednesday morning to spend the day.

Mrs. J. M. Peak and daughter, Miss May, spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

Miss Norma Steele went to Marshall Wednesday morning to visit friends for a few days.

Mrs. John Huber and Miss Anna Phetning left Wednesday morning for a trip to Lowry City, Mo.

Mrs. Carl Hoffman and son, Mayo, of Austin, Texas, arrived Tuesday for a visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Frank Hofer arrived from Higginsville Wednesday evening to join her husband, who is now located in his newly acquired property formerly owned by J. P. Gordon.