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## KNOW MAN WHO FIXED THE ROPE

Gov. Patterson Says Evidence Is Complete Against Rankin's Murderers.

### REMOVED TO MEMPHIS.

Three Confessed Night Riders to Be Used as Witnesses.

Camp Nemo, Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., Oct. 30.—“We know who fired the shot and who put the rope around Rankin's neck,” said Gov. Patterson in a statement this afternoon just before his departure for Union City, where a special grand jury is investigating the night rider depredations in this section which culminated recently in the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin. The Governor in his statement said:

“The proof which has thus far developed is positive, as the guilt of some of the men under arrest and implicates many others. This will all be presented to the court at the proper time and a long step has been taken to discover and suppress lawlessness in this region. Conditions have been extremely bad, the night riders going from one lawless act to another until the culmination came with the murder of Capt. Rankin and the attempted murder of Col. Taylor. We know who fired the shot and who put the rope around Rankin's neck.

#### FEW MEN AT KILLING.

“The number of men actually at the killing was probably not more than ten, while some stood guard and others held the horses. The whole number engaged in the undertaking did not exceed thirty-five. The inquiry will be further prosecuted and the state will have ample evidence to convict.”

It is learned that Frank Ferriner's confession was full and complete; that he says he was with the men who took Rankin and Taylor to the bank of the slough; that he told the name of the man who pulled the rope lifting the mob's victim into the air, and the name of the man who fired the first shot into Rankin's body. The confessions of Hogg and Morris are also said to be complete. Hogg, it is said, was one of the four men who guarded the horses near the scene of the murder, while Morris stood guard around the house when the leaders went in after Rankin and Taylor.

#### BURTON'S STORY SUBSTANTIATED.

The confessions of Ferriner, Hogg and Morris substantiate, it is said, that of Tid Burton, who is said to have spread the news among the night riders that Rankin and Taylor were at Walnut Log. These three will be used as state's witnesses. They were started this afternoon for Obion, whence they will be taken to Memphis for safe keeping. It is understood that other important witnesses and prisoners, Garrett Johnson, alleged captain of the night riders; Will Watson, John Cochran, Will and Jim Keessucker and may be

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#### Alexander-Burruss.

Milo Alexander and Miss Lola Burruss, young people living near Hawkins, were on Saturday granted a license to wed. The marriage was scheduled to occur at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

#### Bartlett-Bartlett.

J. P. Bartlett, of Bivinsville, Todd county, secured a license Saturday to marry Miss Mary E. Bartlett. The date of the approaching nuptial event was not given.

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## DEMANDS A SQUARE DEAL

Republican Auditor Comes to the Defense of David Smith in a Telegram.

La Vega Clements spoke here Friday night and at other points in the county Saturday. W. H. Southall, J. T. Hanbery, Jno. C. Duffy, Walter Knight, W. A. Wilgus and other Democratic speakers all addressed big crowds at appointments at Gracey, Howell, Crofton and other places. Everywhere they found Democrats very much aroused over the local campaign.

Here in the city as well as in the country the Democratic candidates for judge and sheriff, C. W. Morrison and David Smith, have gained many votes during the last week. The speaking here Thursday night was an important factor in this. Mr. Smith's explanation of the way he lost the sheriff's office last spring and his open pledges for law and order, coupled with his defense of his record in office, brought him many wavering votes. Just as this tide of public sentiment was turning toward Mr. Smith, the Republicans made a grievous blunder in an effort to spring a sensation affecting the integrity of the Democratic candidate. A circular was issued charging him with being delinquent \$942 in the dog tax fund, this being the amount of the delinquent list of uncollectible dog taxes, no longer in Mr. Smith's hands. The manifest unfairness of this groundless charge was evident to all and was a fatal blunder. The people as a rule admire and demand a square deal, even in politics. Mr. Smith at once produced the following settlement and explanation:

#### SETTLEMENT.

Settlement of David Smith, sheriff of Christian county, with F. P. James, Auditor of Public Accounts for the State of Kentucky, in matter of Dog Tax collected in accordance with Act of the 1906 session of the General Assembly of Kentucky on 1907 levy.

To amount collected on 2845 dogs at \$1 each.....\$2845.00

CREDITS—  
Sheriff's 4 per cent commission on \$2,845.....\$ 113 80  
Check this day sent to F. P. James Auditor..... 2731.20

Total.....\$2845.00

THE AFFIANT, David Smith, states that as sheriff of Christian county during the year of 1907, and up to the 21st day of June, 1908, the above amount of \$2,845.00 is the true amount collected by him as sheriff from the 1907 dog tax levy and that he was unable to collect the balance due on said levy and that the same is now delinquent and the most of it uncollectible.

#### DAVID SMITH.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by David Smith, this, July 29th, 1908.  
G. L. CAMPBELL,  
Clerk Christian County Court.

And this is a full and complete settlement of every dollar of dog taxes collected by me. I collected \$2,845.00 dog taxes out of a total amount of \$3,791.00. The balance of \$942.00 is largely against poor people, and some of it against people who never owned a dog. I was turned out of office without a chance to collect any more. Any one can verify the truth of this statement by going to the records in the County Clerk's office, which show that this is the delinquent list and nothing more. I have settled for every dollar collected by me and any letters or telegrams from the auditor's office to the contrary on the eve of the election are merely for the benefit of Prowse and Renshaw. DAVID SMITH.

Yesterday morning a further refutation came from an unexpected source, in a telegram from the Republican auditor, which is given below:

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 1, '08.

DAVID SMITH, EX-SHERIFF:

I see they are using in this election your failure to settle the dog tax in full. Court exonerations for what you can't collect is all I want. There are forty sheriffs that have not settled. I stand for “A square deal.”

F. P. JAMES, Auditor.

The complete fall down on this charge has convinced many that there was nothing in any of the charges lodged against the Democratic candidate, and he is going to receive the votes of that large class of voters, in all parties, who demand “A Square Deal.”

## WHERE TO VOTE.

Locations Of The Six City Polling Places.

- No. 1—Circuit court room.
  - No. 2—West & Co's warehouse east side Campbell street.
  - No. 3—Dabney's warehouse, Campbell street, Cor. 3rd Ave.
  - No. 4—Moayon's Hall (up stairs.)
  - No. 5—Vaughn's stable, Elm St.
  - No. 6—Cooper Building, 309 S. Main.
- Polls open at 6 A. M. and close at 4 P. M.

### Divorce Granted.

Mrs. Edith May Ragsdale has been granted a divorce from her husband, L. C. Ragsdale, and given the custody of their two children.

### Kicked by a Mule.

Mr. C. W. Smithson, of the Howell neighborhood, was kicked on the right hand by a mule a few days ago and quite painfully hurt.

## ELECTION NEWS

No Arrangements For Associated Press Telegrams.

Up to yesterday afternoon no arrangements had been made for telegraphic news from either telegraph office. The Democrats have been in the habit of making up a fund for the news service, but this time they will rely upon private telephone messages from news centers. The Republicans are evidently unwilling to invest good money in Democratic victories.

### Victim of Consumption.

The wife of Mr. Charles Jordan died of consumption Sunday at her home, No. 518 North Clay street after a long illness. The interment took place in Riverside Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Betting odds against Bryan dropped yesterday in New York from 5 to 1 to 2 to 1.

## PROBES FOR THE PRIZERS

Chairman Barker Urges That Responsibility For Bad Condition be Fixed.

### SOMEBODY TO BLAME.

The County Committee Held a Well Attended Monthly Meeting.

The county committee of the Planters Association met yesterday in the city court room and an interesting meeting was held at which much business was transacted.

Chairman J. L. Barker presided and nearly all of the members were present.

One of the most important questions discussed was the responsibility for the damages resulting to the farmers from regrading their tobacco.

Dr. Barker declared that all instances of regrading should be probed into. If the tobacco had been improperly fired and failed to pass through the sweat safely, the fault was on the farmer. If it was found to be poorly classified, or of unequal lengths in the same sample, the prizer could be held responsible. He asked that everyone make himself a committee of one to investigate and report to him and he would see that the complaints, if there were such, were laid before Mr. Ewing for adjustment. He said no prizer had ever been penalized for mistakes in prizing and a close scrutiny into this matter was needed.

At the afternoon session routine matters were taken up and a number of grievances were inquired into growing out of the regrading of tobacco.

The election of a salesman and other county officials and agents was postponed until a called meeting, the date of which will be fixed later.

There will be a hot fight for all of the places to be filled.

### Court Adjourns.

Circuit court adjourned Saturday until Wednesday of this week. The case of Gano Warder, charged with night riding, was continued until the fourth day of the February term.

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