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County Court Clerk of Morgan County—
Prominent Democrat Politician and
Business Man.



JAMES H. SEBASTAIN. (Big Jim)

The most casual and transient visitor to West Liberty within the last ten years has scarcely failed to meet and form the acquaintance of Jim Sebastain, and to be impressed by his hearty hand shake and cordial greeting. A native son of Magoffin county but a Morganite by adoption, he perhaps has a wider personal acquaintance than any other man in the county. Yet only a few years ago he was Deputy Sheriff of this county for three years and Deputy County Court Clerk for seven years. Was appointed County Court Clerk upon the death of E. B. Pieratt in March 1909, and elected to the same office at the regular November election 1909. Was a member of the Court House Building Committee which let the contract for the construction of the present spacious edifice, never resting till the building was completed and turned over to the county. He has always been a loyal democrat and contributed liberally of his time and means to bring success to his party and its standard bearers. The first to hear his party's call and the last to leave the field, he has been a potent factor in politics in Eastern Kentucky. While not an avowed candidate for any political office his days of usefulness are not yet over and should he decide to continue in politics after the expiration of his present term of office his personal popularity and his genius for organization would make him a formidable candidate for any office to which he might aspire, and a foeman worthy the steel of the most valient political knight.

It is no exaggeration to say that in all Kentucky there is not a better kept set of records than are to be found in the Morgan County Court House. See and read Jim Sebastain's records and you will find that his credit belongs. Uniformly courteous to the public, adroit and painstaking in his work, he has made for himself an official record that will live on.

Jovial, big hearted and chaitable, the hand of need was never outstretched to him in vain. Many the heart that has been made glad by his generosity and many the deeds of kindness performed by him unseen by the public eye. Enterprising and public spirited, he is always to be found in the forefront of any movement for the betterment of political and civic conditions in the community.

Such is James H. Sebastain, and while this article doesn't do ample justice to him as a public official and as a private citizen, the Courier is glad of the opportunity to thus present him to the few of its readers whose good fortune it has not been to know him.

W. A. DUNCAN

Safe and Sound Banker. A Solid Business Man.

W. A. Duncan is a product of Nelson county, Kentucky, was born July 16, 1879, reared on a farm and attended the public schools of his home county until he became possessed with a longing to enter other fields. He secured employment with the American Tobacco Company where he worked for six years. He then began the study of banking under the instruction of Mr. T. S. Fish, the veteran banker of Chaplin, Ky., and that he thoroughly mastered the science of banking in all its departments is attested by the success with which he has conducted the affairs of the institution of which he is the cashier at this time, the Commercial Bank of West Liberty.



W. A. DUNCAN.

Mr. Duncan came to Morgan county in 1909—was elected cashier of the First National Bank which was soon afterwards liquidated and the Commercial Bank organized.

It is no stretch of the imagination when we say that safer more conservative official never stood behind a bank counter in Kentucky.

Honesty personified, capable, painstaking and accurate, he takes good care that the accounts of the bank are kept in ship shape at all times. His book-keeper knows before hand that his days work is not over until the books are balanced after banking hours.

Uniformly courteous, he has no pets nor knows no favorites.

Dorsa Keeton, like most men who have achieved success in any line of endeavor, was born and reared on a farm, by christian parents, who early instilled into him the principles of love and tolerance which go to make a well rounded man. He graduated from the public school at the age of fourteen; attended Hazel Green Academy for three terms and Salyersville Institute one term; was granted a first class certificate at the age of eighteen, under which he taught in the public schools of Magoffin county for three consecutive years.

He was married at the age of nineteen to Miss Ida V. May, daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. L. May, of Magoffin county. Their union has been blessed with two interesting children, Ethel May and Edward Clay.

Although young, being in his 23rd year, Mr. Keeton has shown marked business ability. Since coming to West Liberty in the spring of 1910 he has been engaged in the mercantile business, first as a grocer and afterwards putting in a general line of merchandise. When he started in business he occupied rented property, both residence and business, but he has since bought the store property known as the Arcade Building, and also a nice building lot on Main Street in the Burns Addition, where he has erected an elegant 5-room cottage, modern in all its equipment and an ornament to the town, which goes to prove that he considers West Liberty a good place in which to live and do business.

Sober, energetic, industrious and uniformly courteous when



D. R. KEETON.

once he gets a customer he is sure to retain him. Patriotic, he loses no opportunity to boost the town and county of his adoption. Successful in business equal to his fondest anticipations, optimistic, a desirable acquisition to Morgan county's business and social circles.

Fearless but modest he seeks no laudation and fears no criticism, but rests secure in the sense of duty well performed.

A sound business man, a courteous gentlemen and an upright citizen.

Bridge Perfectly Adjusted.

In the North bridge there is a horizontal pull of 10,000 tons on the chief spans, and a weight of 100,000 tons on their bases. Half a dozen iron rods might be hung upon them without causing any undue strain.

Jewish Customs.

In Israel everything, even to a funeral, had to give way to a marriage procession. Every one who met either a marriage or a funeral procession had to turn back and go with it.

Children of Today.

"I suppose you know who Cinderella is, little boy?" "Oh yes," replied the modern urchin. "She's a character in a musical-comedy."

Varied Instruction.

Wise men are instructed by reason, men of less understanding by experience, the most ignorant by necessity. —Unknown.

Wanted Corroboration.

"Now, Rastus," roared the major, "what is the use? Don't you know that I know you are lying?" "Yas, sah," replied Rastus; "but yer see, Mars Henry, I kind of thought I'd like to hab yo' opinion on de subject befo' I decided dat I was lyin' fo' sho' mah-self. Now dat yo' says I is, Mars Henry, I jest regularly knows I is, sah." —Harper's Weekly.

Children's Beliefs.
Y children believe plenty of queer things. I suppose all of you have had pocketbook fever when you were little. What do I mean? Why, rings up old pocketbooks in the firm belief that bank bills in an immense amount were hidden in them. So, too, you must all remember some splendid unfulfilled promise of somebody or other which fed you with hopes perhaps for years, and which left a blank in your life which nothing has ever filled up.—Holmes.

Man's Many Wants.
In many ways there are in which each man may be assailed, besides one want! How many comforts do we need in life, besides meat and drink and clothing? Is it nothing to "amplify to a mind diseased"—to have a wounded spirit? After all other comforts are removed, we still want one to bear our infirmities, to tempt our confidence to, to encourage us (our hobbies (may, to get up and ride behind us), and to like us with all our faults.—Hazlitt.

The Human Frame.
A physician says that the human frame may be compared to a watch, of which the heart is the mainspring, the stomach the regulator, and what we eat is the key by which the machine is wound up. According to the quality, quantity and proper digestion of what we eat and drink will be the pace of the pulse and the action of the system in general. If the machine is disorganized, the same expedients are employed for its readjustment as are used by the watchmaker.

Fruit Trees on German Roads.
Fruit trees are planned by the roadside in parts of Germany, but not, as might be supposed, for the appeasement of appetites of passers-by. The trees are watched closely, and at the end of the season the fruit is sold. The amount stolen is very small. The warning is succinct, but not too blunt, being merely the words, "A good man injures no tree," posted on a board at intervals along the road.

Coincidence in Deaths.
A queer coincidence attends the death of Rev. J. H. Hammond of Great Comberton, near Pershore, England, who was killed when some from his horse a few days ago. Curious enough the two previous rectors of Great Comberton died in a similar manner.

Liquid Glue.
An excellent cold liquid glue is made as follows: Dilute 2 to 2 1/2 parts crude nitric acid with 40 to 50 of water, cook in this 25 parts of glue for twenty-four hours and then heat the mixture until it is homogenous. The quantity of acid used depends on the quality of the glue.

China to Have Airships.
China's military conditions and the minister of war have decided in a conference to send officers to England to acquire technical knowledge of air machines to enable them to construct and to fly airships on return to China.

The Resemblance.
The Little Chap—"We're getting up a tug-o-war between the married and single men. You're married, aren't you?" The American—"No—I've just been seasick, that's why I look that way!"—London Opinion.

How to Converse.
In conversation men should not talk to please themselves, but those that hear them. Were this rule generally observed, it would make them consider whether what they speak be worth hearing; whether there be either wit or sense in what they are about to say; and whether it be adapted to the time when, the place where and the person to whom it is spoken.

Good Advice for Preacher.
Among the stories related by the late Rev. Dr. A. F. Pierson was one of a marble-cutter, with chisel and hammer, working a block of stone into a statue. A preacher who was looking on said: "I wish I could, on hearts of stone, deal such transforming blows!" "Perhaps you might," was the workman's quiet answer, "if, like me, you worked on your knees."

Always Better to Laugh.
Jane Jones said "Laughin' at trouble is a sight more sensible than cryin' at it. I've seen whole families broke up by one measly little quarrel, jes' because none of 'em had sense enough to know when 'twas time for laughin'." You can't stay mad long if all you git is laughin' at an' fun pokin'."

Good Idea in Belgium.
At Brussels a central library, consisting at the outset of 10,000 volumes, is to be created, and any inhabitant of any part of Belgium who owns a postoffice savings bank book will be entitled to borrow from it and receive by mail any book for a fortnight.

Healthful Mattresses.
All children should have separate beds, if possible, and mattresses are far more healthy than feather beds. All counterpanes should be removed at night, for they are heavier than blankets, and not good on the bed during sleep.

Dr. W. H. WHEELER
Rising Young Physician—Successful Business Man and Model Citizen.

The subject of this sketch was born in Johnson county, Ky., Oct. 1, 1878. His boyhood days were not unlike that of other boys of two decades ago. He worked on a farm and attended the county schools until a more urgent and persistent call reached his ear. He was early imbued with the idea that his life's work lay elsewhere than on a farm.

He began the study of medicine at an early age, studying at odd hours until an opportunity presented itself to attend college. He graduated from the Tennessee Medical college in April 1901 and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession.

He located at West Liberty, Morgan county, in 1902, opened an office and proceeded in a businesslike way, which is one of his strongest characteristics, to build up a practice. How well he has succeeded almost every citizen of Morgan county knows. He had not been long in his new field until he had established an enviable reputation and his success was assured.

Natural adaptability coupled with a thorough education and reinforced by ten years practice and experience has made Dr. W. H. Wheeler one of the best known and most successful practitioners of Eastern Kentucky.

Prompt response to all calls whether from rich or poor and unremitting attention to his patients have made him justly popular and among his clientele



DR. W. H. WHEELER.

are numbered the best and most substantial citizens of Morgan county.

Public spirited but unassuming, honest, industrious, he commands the respect, not only of the laity, but of the medical fraternity as well, as indicated by his election to an important office of Morgan County Medical Association.

Morgan county people are proud to claim Dr. Wiley Wheeler as a fellow citizen and feel that his location in their midst has been their material gain.

Dr. ASA B. NICKELL

Old and Honored M. D. Holds First Diploma From A Medical School Ever Granted to a Morgan County Pupil.

Dr. Asa B. Nickell was born in the county of Morgan July 19, 1838. Reared on a farm early in life he evinced a desire to get an education. He walked two and three miles to school until he qualified himself to teach. He taught eight terms in one log school house, two terms at West Liberty and four terms elsewhere, and to this day you can find many of his former pupils among the older citizens who are proud to say that Dr. Nickell was the greatest teacher of his day. They delight in telling how he would solve a problem at the black-board and give out a page of the old blue back speller without looking at the book.

But his ambition had always been to become an M. D., and pursuant to this desire he came

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RESIDENCE OF DR. H. V. NICKELL.

DR. H. V. NICKELL.

to West Liberty and began the study of medicine under Dr. W. G. Carter, where he studied about four years, working as a partner during the latter part of the time. He never neglects to give Dr. Carter credit in a large measure for his success in his chosen profession.

He was married to Susan Kendall, of West Liberty, in September, 1869. In 1872, after having saved a few dollars he went to Louisville to attend lectures at the Louisville Medical College

where he graduated June 21, 1874, being the first graduate of Morgan county from a school of medicine. Dr. Kelly, one of his professors, said recently that there had been a Nickell from Morgan county in the Kentucky School of Medicine every year since Dr. A. B. Nickell graduated.

It has been said that Dr. Nickell would be worse missed than any other man in Morgan county, he having lived in one place for forty years, and all the time engaged in the active practice of medicine, and it is said of him that he never refused to go to see a patient because they were poor and unable to pay.

He has always been temperate in his habits; has never known the taste of whiskey, brandy or beer—neither has he ever sworn a profane oath in his life.

A few years ago the church at Ezel was sold under execution for a debt against the property, and last year Dr. Nickell bought the property from the original purchaser and had the deed made to himself, but in a short time he executed to the trustees of the church a deed of general warranty to the property without any reservation whatsoever.

Such is a brief sketch of one



DR. ASA B. NICKELL.

of Morgan county's aged and honored citizens and the Courier takes pleasure in presenting it to its readers.

Secret Cameras.
A number of secret cameras are on the market. One resembles a pair of field glasses. While the photographer is apparently looking at a distant view he is in reality snapping the unsuspecting person at his side.

A woodman may know how to fell a tree but unless he is in possession of an axe he is powerless. A physician may know how to treat a certain disease, but if in the treatment of that particular disease certain instruments are required and if the Doctor has them not he is powerless.

Proceeding upon this theory the subject of this article has equipped himself with a outfit of instruments and appliances which in number and quality are like kind in towns many times larger than West Liberty. This fact as much as any other is responsible for the splendid success Dr. H. V. Nickell has attained in his chosen profession.

Dr. Nickell was born in Morgan county thirty-three years ago. Was educated in the common schools of the county, Hazel Green Academy and Transylvania University. Graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine (now a part of Kentucky University) June 29, 1898. Passed examination before Government Board in Indian Territory in 1899. Practiced in Indian Territory for some time, and also for a while in Montgomery county, Ky., returning to the county of his nativity about seven years ago, where his practice has steadily increased until now his office work occupies almost his entire attention.

Dr. Nickell was the pioneer of modern methods in this part of the country, being the first M. D. in Morgan county to use the stomach pump, the first to blow out the Eustachian tube and the first to use a microscope for the purpose of analysis and diagnosis.

Dr. Nickell not infrequently has calls from counties other than Morgan, and when it is possible to leave his home practice he invariably answers them, thereby adding to his splendid reputation as a successful practitioner. He was married to Miss Lillie Henry, of Ezel, August 21, 1901, has an elegant home on Water Street, a photograph of which is reproduced herewith. He has an interesting family and having earned for himself a competence he thoroughly enjoys the fruits of his labors.

Notwithstanding his extensive medical practice he finds time to give considerable attention to politics, is an active Republican, prominently identified with every movement for the good of his party and is, at present, Secretary of the Republican Committee of Morgan county.

Public spirited, loyal to his friends and charitable to his enemies—a good physician, a useful citizen. As such the Courier commends him to its readers,