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CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

The city council met Saturday night pursuant to adjournment. Mayor Terry and all the councilmen were present.

Prof. C. W. Campbell resigned as first assistant teacher to accept the position of principal in the city school in the place of Prof. Geo. D. Hancock, resigned.

The monthly salaries of the teachers were allowed and ordered paid.

A. E. Barnett & Son were awarded the contract to furnish the lumber for the trestles to the new bridge at \$20 per thousand, and James Ham was awarded the contract to erect the same at \$7 per thousand.

D. R. Daniel was appointed a committee of one to move the city jail.

Here is Your Chance.

C. Shimfessel has a large quantity of Ladies Skirts, Hats, Dress Gingham and other goods which he is disposing of AT COST for CASH. These goods are seasonable and will not last long at the price he is selling them.

W. D. JACKSON DEAD.

Passes Away at His Home at Stanton of Stomach and Heart Trouble—Interment at Winchester.

Mr. W. D. Jackson died at his home in Stanton last Friday after suffering for more than a year with stomach and heart trouble. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Winchester. Deceased leaves a wife, two children and a brother, Mr. Romulus Jackson, of Stanton, to mourn their loss. Mr. Jackson was a model citizen, a kind husband and father and was well liked by all who knew him. He bore his afflictions without a murmur, and was fully resigned to his fate, always trusting in Jesus.

He was born in Bath county, Ky., June 6, 1846. He entered the Confederate army when a boy and served four years, spending one year in Camp Chase. He studied law with Judge Holt at Mt. Sterling and began to practice his profession at Stanton in 1875.

At the time of his death he was chairman of the Powell County Democratic Committee.

THE CABBAGE SNAKE.

Charges Made Against It are Entirely False.—No Cause for Alarm from his Snakeship.

Editor Clay City Times:

For some weeks there has been considerable excitement in portions of this county over the so-called "cabbage-snake," which is alleged to be poisonous and is said to cause severe illness and even death to persons who eat cabbage in which the "snake" chanced to be cooked. Startling reports have reached here from Powell and Montgomery counties and from portions of Tennessee of the harm done by this "snake," but after investigating these reports I find that they are entirely without foundation. No person has ever died from the effects of the poison, and so far as I can learn no one has been made sick. These reports are usually started by some excited person and taken up by the overcredulous and distributed free of charge to their hearers. Now the "cabbage-snake" is not a snake at all. I have one in my possession, and which is a little white worm about seven inches long and less than a millimeter in thickness. It belongs to the family of hair worms, and is probably *merrinis albicans*. It is as harmless as an earth-worm, for worms are not known to possess any toxic properties whatever.

As a usual thing hair worms are parasitic, attacking such insects as the grasshopper, cricket, katydid, flies caterpillars of butterflies, moths, etc. The *merrinis albicans* has been found in apples. It also attacks the honey bee. "This worm is found, strangely enough, only in the drones, though it is the workers which frequent watery places (where the worm deposits its eggs) to appease their thirst.—Packard, Guide to the Study of Insects, page 127.

As these worms destroy many harmful insects, I am of the opinion that the "cabbage-snake" is very useful instead of harmful. Mr. L. O. Howard, the national entomologist, tells me that he has not the least idea that the worm is poisonous.

This is the worm that many people believe to be transformed horsehair. It is needless to say that horsehair or any other kind of hair never make snakes. The eggs of the "cabbage-snake" are deposited in watery places, and when hatched the young usually, or at least frequently, attach themselves to the bodies of insects, grow to maturity, seek some watery place and deposit their egg and thus complete the life cycle.

No one need have any fears whatever of the "snake" and no one should destroy cabbage or stop eating them because of rumors concerning them, which have not one iota of fact to sustain them. J. F. SMITH, North Middletown, Ky. Kentucky Classical Business College.

Kindness is catching.

CONTEST SETTLED.

County Democratic Committee Meets and Settles the Contest for County Offices in Recent Primary.

The Powell County Democratic Committee met at Stanton Monday to settle the contests in the recent Democratic primary.

The death of W. D. Jackson made it necessary to elect a chairman. M. R. Lyle was elected chairman pro tem and R. Jackson secretary.

By a vote of 4 to 3 it was decided to let the election stand just as it is. It was also ordered that the contestants be given the right to appeal the decision.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday-school convention held at the Methodist church Wednesday was well attended and highly enjoyed by all. The opening exercises began at 10:30 a. m. and was followed by a helpful talk by Prof. E. A. Fox. Everybody was delighted with his address, from which they received many helpful suggestions, which will help them in their own Sunday-schools. Prof. C. W. Campbell, his co-teachers and the entire city school attended the convention in the afternoon, and the little folks, as well as the grown ones, were highly pleased. The day exercises closed to be followed at night by stereopticon views illustrating a trip to the Holy Land, which was accompanied by a lecture by Mr. Fox.

HAGGARD-MIZE.

Mr. Asa J. Haggard and Miss Katherine Louise Mize, both of Winchester, were married in Cincinnati Monday, the 7th.

The bride formerly lived near here and is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mize, and is a handsome and popular young lady. She has many friends here who extend congratulations. The groom has been with the Sun-Sentinel for several years and is a popular and worthy young gentleman. They will make their future home in the Queen City.

Pastor Called.

Rev. J. I. Wills was here Friday on his way to preach at Macedonia Baptist church. He has been called as pastor by this church, but has not as yet accepted the call. There is talk of his being employed by the Board of the Boone's Creek Association to take charge of the work at that point, Filson and other places under the jurisdiction of the Board. If he does he will probably move to this city or Mt. Sterling so as to be closer to his field of labor.—Winchester Democrat.

Rev. Wills formerly lived in Powell county and is well known to many of our people.

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