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## State Board of Equalization.

The State Board of Equalization is at work at Frankfort, and the railroads, anticipating a raise, have filed a protest that they should not be assessed at their fair cash value unless all other kinds of property in Kentucky likewise are assessed. To substantiate its contention the Illinois Central filed with the board officials, bankers and prominent citizens of sixteen counties along its line in Western Kentucky, alleging that property generally in those counties is assessed from 27 to 70 per cent, of its fair cash value, and the L. & N. produced affidavits, similar in their import, from all the counties it traverses. These facts also are alleged by these railroads in their suits in the Federal Court, resisting franchise assessments.

## Bill Day in Trouble.

One Bill Day, colored, was arrested one day last week when seen to alight from the train carrying a basket. The basket proved to have in it 4 full quarts and one half quart of liquor. The owner or owners of the liquor were somewhat disappointed at receiving the goods but failed to claim them. Day and other witnesses were recognized to appear before the Powell county grand jury in March.

## McCreary Commutes Sentence.

When it comes to a good pardon record McCreary wins the cake. He has commuted the first death sentence this week and did this upon petition of all the Judges of the court of Appeals who said the case had come before them twice and that they believed the death penalty should not be inflicted. He commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

## L. & N. Rates are Ordered Reduced.

The State Railroad Commission has handed down an opinion in the case of E. H. Taylor, Jr., & Sons Company against the L. & N. Railroad Company, in which it was held that the Kentucky Highlands Railroad Company is controlled by the L. & N., and the joint haul clause governing railroads can not be relied upon as a defense for existing rates. The rates fixed by the Commission follows:

On grain from Louisville to Taylorton, seven cents a hundred; barrels reduced from 16 to 13 cents a hundred; sand reduced from \$1.20 to \$1.00 a ton; brick from Maysville reduced from \$7.50 to \$5.50 a ton; from Louisville reduced from \$6.50 to \$5.00 a ton; from Louisville, lumber reduced from \$8.00 to \$6.00 a ton; cement reduced from 12 cents to 9 cents per hundred; bottles 17 cents a hundred; coal from Jellico reduced from \$1.65 to \$1.20.

## Lincoln's Birthday.

Yesterday was Lincoln's birthday and Saturday week will be Washington's birthday. Lincoln's birthday is not a holiday while that of Washington's is. Nevertheless the Times believes Lincoln was a better man than Washington, and had a better love for his country, and if he didn't do more for his country it was because he didn't have the opportunity. The editor has arrived at this conclusion too in the face of the fact that we were reared under strong Southern and Rebel leanings and are still that way.

## Cold Weather.

Last night was the coldest of the winter so far when the thermometer dropped to a few degrees above zero.

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## Powell vs. Clark.

The valuation of taxable property as reported by the assessor of Clark county this year after being reviewed by the Board of Superintendents amounts to \$11,802,165. This is some less than reported last year. If we mistake not it was then something over \$12,000,000. The assessor's report also shows that the value of crops and farm products produced in that county last year was over \$750,000. Why has not some of this been added to the county's wealth to say nothing about its manufacturing products? If the Clark county farmers do raise two and three hundred dollars worth of tobacco per acre, they are not beating Powell. They are going back in wealth, living above their income while Powell is living within its means and adding a little to its wealth every year, besides being able to send several thousand dollars to the Bluegrass counties to be invested in their high priced land.

## Against Money and Liquor.

While instructing the grand jury Monday morning, Judge J. M. Benton announced that he will instruct the grand jury to be empaneled in Calober, which will be the first one to be empaneled after the primary election in August, to thoroughly investigate the said election, to ascertain whether or not corruption was indulged in.

The Judge said he made the announcement at this time for the purpose of warning candidates and their friends that the use of money and whisky will not be tolerated, and if such practices are indulged in notwithstanding this warning, he will urge the grand jury to indict all offenders be they high or low, rich or poor.

Judge Benton is to be commended for the fearless stand he has taken in this important matter, and right thinking people will applaud his action.

He also announced that he will instruct the other grand juries in his district, in the same way. He added that there is no good reason why a fair and honest election should not be held here and it is to be hoped that the good citizenship will assist Judge Benton in his determination to rid this, and other counties of the district of all questionable practices in future elections.—Richmond Pantagraph.

## Farm to be Sold.

W. J. Christopher and heirs will sell their old home place at Spout Spring February 25 at public sale and if not sold will be rented on that date for 12 months. This is a good farm of 200 acres and should sell for a good price.

"Wise men change their minds but fools never do," is probably a correct version of facts, but sometimes people change their mind to get office and are fooled. They get beat by some one who hasn't changed his mind and didn't get fooled.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

## Stubborn Corporations.

In Lexington a few weeks ago the Home 'Phone bought out the Bell 'Phone. Citizens were pleased, but it leaked out that it was a combination of the two. The rates were last week raised 25 per cent. The citizens of the city have enjoined the companies from the merger and will try to annul the sale.

At Winchester about the same time the Cumberland bought out the home 'Phone but to continue to gouge the people kept both phones going to collect double charges. The city council there has taken up the matter and advises patrons of the telephone to pay for but one 'phone. The company says they were only holding the two 'phones to make ready for a forty thousand dollar improvement. The people of Winchester, however, are beginning to take the promises of the big corporations with salt now that they have been stung so much and doubtless will pay for but one 'phone.

## Pollard for Circuit Judge.

Owing to the continued illness of Judge D. B. Redwine, there is some talk of his resigning as Circuit Judge in the 21st district. In anticipation of his resignation, O. H. Pollard, of Lexington, an erstwhile citizen of Jackson, is being boosted by his Lexington friends for the place in case Judge Redwine does resign. Why not Judge J. B. White and Hugh Riddell, of Irvine, or some other good lawyer, permanent residents of the district be first considered. They most assuredly are qualified and deserving.

## For Assessor.

In this issue of the Times appears the announcement of S. A. Easter for Assessor of Powell county. Mr. Easter is a worthy young man and fully competent to fulfill the duties of the office to which he aspires. He is true blue Democrat and comes of that stock who have never been known to falter. Democrats all over the county will do well to fully consider his claims before casting their vote in the August primary.

## Celebrates 86 Anniversary.

Mrs. E. J. Wallace celebrated her 86th anniversary at her home in Irvine February 6th. She received a Post card shower on this occasion of nearly 100 post cards all expressing nothing but the very best wishes for this beloved old lady. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mountz, Sr., the latter a sister of Mrs. Wallace were present on this occasion as were also her other two sisters, Mrs. John Hisle and Mrs. Wilson, of Madison county. Many other relatives were present and all joined in wishing her to round out the century mark and enjoy the blessing of health to the end.

See Hardwick & Company's change in their ad this week and when you are in Stanton and in need of anything in their line don't forget to call on them.

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