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Must Have Different Officers.

Responding to numerous inquiries, Attorney General Garnett has given out an opinion in which he held that election officers appointed to serve at the last regular election are not entitled to serve at the primary election, and that new election officers must be appointed by the County Election Commissioners to hold the primary election.

He also decided that if only one party had candidates before the primary it will be necessary for the election officers to be appointed from both the Democratic and Republican parties. The Attorney General has received many inquiries asking that where only one party has candidates before the primary whether election officers must be chosen from the Democratic and Republican parties. He says the law is strict on this subject, and plainly states that election officers must be chosen from both parties.

Candidates may withdraw from the primary after filing their petitions, is the opinion of the Attorney General. Several inquiries along this line have been received by Judge Garnett.

Look After the Roads.

Soon will be the time of year when the roads of Powell county get what work they do get. The Times would like to impress upon the road workers the all importance of doing what work is done as early as possible as late worked roads do not have time to properly settle before winter. Another important feature is to have all parts of the road well drained. This much thoroughly done, and no real bad places will be found this winter. The grade work, of course, is important but nothing is of the importance that is drainage. Mr. Overseers, please see to this work this fall as best you can, then the traveling public will rise up and bless your name this winter when they can use these improved roads.

And Don't Forget the News.

It seems that our old four page size paper has grown too small, having both this week and last to print six pages in order to accommodate our advertisements and to do justice to our readers. Let the business come, we will try to handle it some way and make it a source of profit to our patrons as well as ourselves.

And don't forget to send in your news items, as in these hot days when we must work twelve and fourteen hours a day we find little time to gather up the news.

Speaking Dates Canceled.

Owing to the serious illness of my wife, I cancel the appointments to speak at Clay City Friday night, at Stanton Saturday, and Irvine Monday, to a future date of which due notice will be given. A. Easter.

We call attention to Wm. Adams & Son, Xenia merchants; advertisement in this issue. They are offering some rare bargains to their customers. Call to see them and save yourself some money.

To the Voters of 23rd Judicial District:

The duties devolving on me necessarily prevent my making such a thorough canvass of the district as I would like, and therefore I take this means of bringing my candidacy before the people. Owing to the law one court comes right at the heels of another and I am rushed with court work duties the few days that intervene between the terms. It seems that I must either sacrifice my own interest or call in a special Judge to do my work while I get out and make a campaign; or resist the temptation. Giving undivided attention to the office which I have been honored, and I have discharged the duties of the office and will continue, in other words preferring to perform the duties of the office.

The principal qualifications of a Judge are honesty, energy, legal education, experience and ability. A Circuit Judge has the legal rights and liberties of some 50,000 people in his hands and these people are not so much interested in the likes and dislikes between the candidates, or in the personal ambition of any man, as they are in having the law fairly administered and their legal rights preserved by a fair-minded and upright Judge.

Every man, woman and child, almost in the district, knows me or knows of me and can judge for himself because I am a man of the mountains—born and reared amongst the people who honor me and trust me with their business.

For nearly one-fourth of a century the people of this district have entrusted me with their business, and I need no other endorsement than that which they have given me, and it is not too much to say that I understand the people of this district as well as a man could understand them. My people have lived in this section for over 100 years—more than four generations. My great grandfather cleared his field and built his cabin in Estill more than a century ago, and we have been here ever since, living and working and entering into the joys and sorrows of the people of this section and the same blood in my veins flows through the veins of some of the people of every county in the district.

When the vacancy of the Judge's office occurred and the Governor appointed me to fill the vacancy, the law is and was such that it will be necessary in November to fill the office for the remainder of the term by election in November, the nominating Primary being held August 2nd, and as stated before, I will have held two terms in every county of the district before November. It is now asked to turn me out before I have had opportunity to do justice to my position and before you have had opportunity to judge.

Why make a change?

Faithfully yours,
HUGH RIDDELL.

Railroad Freight Rates.

There has been a great deal of agitation and complaint on the part of our people about Railroad Freight rates, claiming they are too high, and criticising the Kentucky Railroad Commission for not regulating these rates.

The Editor recently had an interview with Mr. H. G. Garrett, the Commissioner from this District, and he made the following statement, in substance:

The Railroad Commission has no power whatever to regulate Railroad freight rates without making thorough investigation and giving the Railroads the proper legal hearing. Most all of the Courts have made decisions on this point. If the people think and believe the freight rates are too high, they should make complaint to the Commission and let the matter be tried out. He also states that he has had many letters and had many statements made to him, complaining of the high freight rates, and at all times he has asked the parties to file complaint and it would be properly tried out. If the people in Eastern Kentucky, or any other part of the State are too cowardly to contend for what they believe to be their rights, then they are not entitled to a hearing before the Commission. It is only a business matter and a square deal should be given all around.

He also stated that only a letter backed up by the party making complaint coming before the Commission, shall have all the attention possible and the Commission will put forth every effort to see that justice is done. It is not even necessary for the complainant to have an attorney. The Chairman of the Commission, Hon. Lawrence B. Finn, is

one of the best lawyers in the State and this being the case, it is not necessary for the complainant to have a lawyer to represent him. In this way, the complainant is not put to any expense whatever. The people should not get it into their minds that the Railroads Commission can just promiscuously go into the matter of adjusting freight rates without any complaints being made. They would be put in the position of asking A to use B.

Biggest Fair in Kentucky.

Montgomery County Fair Association, Mt. Sterling, Ky., July 23-26, inclusive. Every day a big day. Season tickets, \$1.50. Fine Floral Hall exhibits; big poultry premiums. Best half-mile track in State and fast Trotting and Pacing Races daily. Grella's famous Band and Orchestra and a new feature, Miss Charlotte M. Brand, to be heard every day in vocal solos. See the \$1,000 5-gaited saddle class, the \$1,100 suckling colt class with 110 colts; the \$450 3 year-old saddle class; the \$400 harness ring; the \$150 three-gaited class and \$150 heavy harness class; the \$200 yearling ring and the \$200 2-year-old 5-gaited saddle class. The most elaborate programme ever offered by any fair. The biggest horse show ever given in the State. Don't forget the dates—July 23, 24, 25, 26. Come every day as it will pay you. See the mule races and the chicken shows and hear good music. Merry-go-round and other attractions. Write for catalogues to W. Hoffman Wood, Secretary, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

The Rev. Judge L. F. Mann was called to Jackson Sunday to preach some funerals.

STANTON NEWS.

Miss Malinda Hatton is some better and is able to sit up again.

Leslie Holmes is able to get out of doors again after many days of sickness.

Mr. John Williams has been sick for several days, but is able to be out again.

Mr. Dud Easton, of Whitley County, is visiting at Dr. I. W. Johnson this week.

Mr. Algin Derickson, of Breathitt County, was down to see his mother last week.

Mrs. M. A. Phillips was visiting in Lexington at the home of her daughter this week.

Mr. Clay Knox and wife, of Louisville, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Henry Tipton.

Mr. Ab Hall rolled into town in his automobile this week and is shaking hands with old friends.

Miss Anna Clark returned home with her sister, Mrs. Myrtice Conlee to Paris to spend a few days.

Rev. Joe Adams, of Montgomery county, was here making the acquaintance of his many friends this week.

The bridge near Dr. Lemming's barn needs fixing. Some horse one of these days will step in the whole and break its leg if not attended to.

Miss Mina Knox will be one of the teachers at the college this coming year, and there is rejoicing over the news among the students who know her ability as a teacher.

Richard Hardwick will leave Saturday to work on the new railroad where his father, Sant Hardwick, is working, and Sarah will go to Mt. Sterling to stay with her sister.

Mrs. Kate Whaley, of Sharpshurg, Ky., and Mrs. Nora Armstrong and little daughter of Nashville, Tenn., are visiting their Uncle Judge M. A. Phillips this week.

Mrs. Nelson Blunt, Beatrice and little brother have returned from Beattyville where they attended the wedding of Linville Blunt. They say Linville got a splendid young woman for a wife.

It was a sad sight that greeted our eyes Sunday when one of our citizens was staggering up and down our streets under the influence of whiskey. He is a good man when sober but we are told by his good wife that a low down scoundrel brings him whiskey from Winchester and he does not stop until he goes the limit.

The meetings at the Christian church came to a close on Sunday night. It has never been Stanton's fortune to have a better man to hold a revival meeting than Rev. C. O. Woodward did. There was nothing emotional nor any excitement about his sermons, but the plea was presented in an earnest and very forcible way. The uplift given to the church and to all the people of Stanton has been great and lasting.

Too many of our young people of the town are thoughtless when they come to the church services. While the preacher is pleading so

earnestly these young folks will sit back and laugh and whisper during the whole service. It would be a good thing for the church to rent a building or build one where young couples can go and do their spooning instead of during the religious services. These young people do not think that there are others there who want to hear the preacher but who are disturbed by the giggling and whispering. Last Sunday night one couple were so spoony that they were oblivious of the preacher and of the crowd that sat behind them who wanted to hear the preacher but were disturbed. If a young man or woman has no respect for the church and want to giggle and whisper then please do not come to the services for that purpose. You have no right to disturb others who are anxious to hear the preacher.

Mrs. T. J. Skelton, of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and her sister, Miss Mary Lowe, of Beaver, Arkansas, were visiting their many kin folk, the Creeds, Lowes, Bob Stone and others. This was the first time that Mrs. Skelton had been back to the old home for forty-five years. They say that there is no state like Arkansas and when one listens as they tell of her resources and her future they almost convince you. But Kentucky is the finest state in the Union and we would not trade homes for any home in Arkansas. Kentuckians have left this state by the thousands and have traveled and settled down far and near but there is always a longing for old Kentucky that is irresistible and finally brings the wanderer back to the old soil. And go where you will over this country of ours and there is no state song that is sung as much as "My Old Kentucky Home." Even other states that have their state songs love our song the best. At the great World's Sunady School Convention in Washington three years ago twenty thousand delegates shook Washington from one end to the other in the singing of our state song and they said that it brought the tears to thousands of people who were from Kentucky or who were living in other states but were born in Kentucky. Yes, there is no place like Kentucky after all.

Now Bank Cashier.

Will H. Courtney, formerly of this city, and who was an assistant of Cashier A. T. Whitt for quite awhile at the Clay City National Bank, has been chosen Cashier of the new Whitesburg National Bank recently organized at that place.

The farmers in this day and age are entitled to the modern conveniences of good roads, rural mail delivery and good schools. They can get them if after paying their taxes they place in county offices men seeking to serve their constituents and their country, instead of political grafters seeking a soft job and a fat salary.—Jackson Times.

Mrs. C. Shimfessel is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. D. Hall, at Lexington.

Some folks may not be helped by going to church—but they certainly won't be hurt.