

**DEATH**

**Comes to Judge Robt. Riddell at His Home at Irvine**

AS THE RESULT OF A FALL ON HIS PORCH FOUR WEEKS AGO.

Judge Robert Riddell, Circuit Judge of the Twenty-third District, died at 10:45 o'clock Tuesday morning, at his home at Irvine, Estill county.

Death resulted from injuries received from a fall on the porch at his home about four weeks ago.

Judge Riddell was 75 years of age and was three times Circuit Judge of his district, and was elected County Judge of Estill when he was 25 years of age, in 1858. He has served as trustee of the State College, at Lexington, and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention which nominated Cleveland and Thurman and served as a member of the Notification Committee.

He married Miss Ann Toby, a native of Ohio, in 1857, who survives him. He leaves the following children: Miss Bessie, who lives with her parents; Mrs. C. P. Cunningham, of Middleboro; Harvey, a lawyer, of Denver, Col.; Hugh, J. E. and L. C. Riddell, of Irvine, the last two being the proprietors of Estill Springs. He is survived by a brother, J. M. Riddell, of Barbourville, and three sisters, Mrs. Fannie Friend and Mrs. Mary Smith, of Estill, and Mrs. Thomas Marcus, of Muskogee, Okla.

All of his immediate family, except his son, Harvey, were at his bedside when he died.

Judge Riddell was defeated by Judge Holt, the Republican candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeals in 1884. He was a life-long Democrat, a member of the Masonic order for fifty years, and had been a practicing lawyer for more than fifty years.

**TAFT CLUB**

**Organized Here by Republican State Officials.**

The Capitol Taft Club of Kentucky was organized in the office of State Auditor F. P. James Tuesday evening and started off under especially favorable auspices. It is the intention of the organizers to have a Taft club representing the men in the State administration who are for the Secretary of War for the presidential nomination. In addition to these, other Republicans from over the entire State who happen to be in Frankfort are urged to become members. Those active in the organization, however, want it understood that they are not trying to trespass upon the preserves of the Taft club already organized here, and composed of citizens of Franklin county.

Officers were elected as follows: F. P. James, chairman; Napier Adams, secretary, and Capt. Edward Farley treasurer. A committee on membership was named as follows: P. S. Orr, Sixth district; Prof. C. W. Bell, Eighth district; and Charles Province, Eleventh district.

Short speeches were made by Capt. Farley, Mr. Siler and others. The following, offered by Mr. Siler, was adopted unanimously:

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Capitol Taft Club of Kentucky, recognize in Secretary William H. Taft an excellent leader, well qualified to carry out the policies of President Roosevelt, and that we will use all honorable means to secure a delegation from Kentucky favorable to his nomination, believing it to be for the best interests of the party and the country."

The reports made were to the effect that Secretary Taft would be certain to get the delegation from the State of Kentucky.

Another meeting will be held at a time to be designated by the chairman.

**LOFTING CLUB.**

Inquiries are Being Made as to The Origin of its Name.

Frequent inquiries are being made by people in this and other States as to the origin of the Lofting Club and its name.

The club was organized about eighteen months ago, by several Frankfort women aimed, like most

it was or a mere suggestion of a connoisseur of one of the ladies. She readily took to the suggestion, and a social sewing club was the result. The club, however, had not been given a name a short while later it was called "Lofting Club" by Mrs. Ellson Ellwanger.

It is named in honor of a native of Holland, who in 1695 introduced the art of thimbles, and who established a factory for the production.

The word "thimbles" is the word "thima" as the ancients wore the thumb. It is great antiquity having been found in positions of Hercules. This is written to settle in the orthography of the title.

"AN OUTSIDER."

**GOVERNOR COX**

Appoints Special Judges for Two Courts Monday

Monday morning the first official act of acting Gov. William H. Cox was to appoint two special Judges. Samuel Holmes, of Carlisle was appointed special judge to preside at a special term of the Bell Circuit Court, to last sixty days. On recommendation from the bar of Wolfe and Breathitt counties, Judge George W. Stone, of Leitchfield, was appointed to preside over the regular term of the Breathitt Circuit Court. The regular Judge is ill. Judge Stone has recently presided over the Wolfe Circuit Court and was recommended as special Judge in Breathitt county.

**CHILD**

Saved From Death by Fire, Near Versailles.

The clothes of the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, tenants on the Ashmore place, in the edge of Versailles, caught fire from an open grate, Wednesday evening, and the child was terribly burned on the breast and arms. The chances for her recovery are slight. The child's parents were away from the house at the time of the accident. Her twelve-year-old sister, Jessie Stewart, with remarkable presence of mind, threw a bucket of water on the little one, which put out the flames and saved her from being burned to a crisp.

**INCREASE**

In Franklin County Assessment After Supervision is \$7,472,239.

The Board of Supervisors of Franklin county have completed their work of reviewing the assessment and taxes will be paid in Franklin county this year on \$7,472,239. It is a slight increase over the assessment of last year. One of the most interesting items is that of diamonds. Eighty-five "sparklers" are given in at an average of \$68. The classification follows: Lands, \$2,836,741; town lots, \$2,789,874; personalty, \$940,800; farm personalty, \$1,198,776; exemptions, \$293,852.

**DEAN ROGERS.**

Dean Henry Wade Rogers, of the Yale University Law School, spent the greater part of Wednesday here. He was accompanied by Col. Matt S. Walton, of Lexington, the trip to Frankfort being made by way of the interurban car leaving Lexington at 1 o'clock.

While here the Dean called upon the Judges of the Court of Appeals and was given a cordial reception. The return trip to Lexington was made by way of the Chesapeake & Ohio train.

Before leaving for his home that night the distinguished visitor expressed a keen appreciation of the cordiality accorded him by Kentucky friends. The faculty of the Transylvania Law School of Kentucky University, at Lexington, have been assured of another visit by the Dean during the next session.

**Orchestra at Paris.**

The Frankfort Orchestra left on Wednesday for Paris, where they played last evening for a fancy dress German, given at Elks' Hall by the Young Ladies' German Club.



**DANIEL BOONE'S OLD MONUMENT**

As it appears today and for which \$2,000.00 has been appropriated by the Kentucky Legislature.

**NO DATES**

Granted at Meeting of State Racing Commission Held here Monday.

The Kentucky State Racing Commission, at a meeting held here Monday afternoon, granted licenses to the four Kentucky tracks. These are Douglas Park and Churchill Downs, at Louisville, Latonia and the track at Lexington.

No dates were allowed for the meetings at these tracks, but they will be named at a meeting which will be called by the Chairman, Col. J. P. Chinn, early in March.

The law requires that all race meeting licenses be granted during the month of February. The members present were: Col. Jack Chinn, chairman; Charles F. Grainger, of Louisville; Louis Des Cognets and Milton Young, of Lexington. On account of illness Col. E. F. Clay, of Paris, was unable to attend.

**JUDGE TUTTLE**

Appointed to Try Boyd Murder Case at London.

Acting Gov. Cox Wednesday appointed John W. Tuttle, of Monticello, as special Judge of the Laurel Circuit Court to try the case of the Commonwealth against Robert Boyd, charged with murder. Boyd shot and killed James Sparks in the courthouse at London several years ago. The regular Judge is disqualified on account of relationship with one of the persons in the case, and the Governor has had a hard time trying to find a suitable man to try the case.

**VALENTINE DAY**

Observance of Sixteen Centuries was Celebrated Friday.

Friday was Valentine Day and throughout all the centuries from the 3d to the present the celebration of the day, February 14th, has been the time of love-making, the mating of birds and the renewal of old vows, in the beginning, so long as is known of it only by the testimony of our grandfathers and our great-grandfathers—this season brought a joyous anticipation to the hearts of many fair maidens willing to be wooed and won, and the young men took advantage of this day to write what they could not muster up enough courage to say.

The writing and the valentines of those days—few girls of the Twentieth Century would give but passing glance to see—but these old valentines, written sometimes on brown paper and in a cramped and formal hand, meant more than most of the violet-scented billet doux with which the United States mails are burdened in these times.

The name "St. Valentine" is taken from a man who, himself a martyr in the year about 270 A. D., has always been the patron saint of lovers and

who, during his life, was famous for his love and charity.

A priest of Rome, he suffered the displeasure of Claudius II. for violating the royal edict that no marriages should be solemnized during the wars then raging about the capital, and when the priest of Valentine resumed the marrying of young couples of Rome he was seized, thrown into prison and terribly tortured until his death.

To this date the anniversary of the good man's birth is celebrated in Rome, and from that old center of the Old World's learning spread the spirit of love making and the seeking of congenial life partners which has made St. Valentine's Day one most thoroughly enjoyed in this great country.

Although changes have come in the passing of the centuries when this day was distinctly a day of choosing mates and love making, there is still an influence which has been given to it by the young lovers who make this day one after their own heart.

Even so recent as one hundred years ago there were no attempts at decoration of coloring of the love messages, but today in the various stores about town can be seen valentines which are works of art.

**DETECTIVES**

Will Try to Find Author of Missives Signed "Night Riders."

United States post-office inspectors will be sent to investigate and try to ascertain the authors of the threatening letters which have been sent by so-called night riders to several farmers in Franklin county. Allen Hamilton and Roland Evans, two of the largest tobacco growers in the county, Wednesday received letters threatening them and their families with death if they grow a crop of tobacco this year. Both men are much worked up over the letters, and bought additional ammunition for the arms they have on hand, and declare that they will raise tobacco this year. Neither is a member of the association.

**HEMP CROP.**

That hemp will feature strongly in the crops raised in 1908 seems assured from the large acreage now being leased for the growing of that commodity. Next to tobacco, and almost on a par with it, hemp is regarded as a "money crop."

Now that there will be curtailing, if not a complete omission of tobacco from the list of farm products, many farmers, who formerly depended upon it for their main crop, look forward to the fibrous plant: to bring them large returns for this year.

**NOTICE!**

I cure Inflammatory Rheumatism in 15 days. No Cure, No Pay. SAM ROBERTSON. 2-14-31

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Weitzel leave tomorrow for Washington, D. C., where they will spend two weeks with Mr. John B. Weitzel and family. While in the east Mr. Weitzel will spend most of his time in New York, where he will purchase an elegant stock of ladies' ready-to-wear suits, dry goods and notions for the coming spring and summer.

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