

YERKES AND VICTORY.

Kentuckians of the Anti-Goebelism Type Are Enthusiastic.

OF ONE MIND ABOUT THE RESULT.

John W. Yerkes Now the Most Popular Man in Kentucky.

There is no doubt that the announcement of John W. Yerkes for Governor has met the widest and most hearty approval throughout Kentucky. Republicans and independent Democrats, in truth the anti-Goebelism members of all political parties, are rejoiced and enthusiastic at the announcement of this big, brainy, clean, strong man who is to stand in the lead of the great army of civil liberty through the campaign of 1900. Nothing but expressions of approval and endorsement have been heard or quoted. There will be no opposition, and when the great nominating convention is held to choose the standard bearer for honest elections and civil liberty, John W. Yerkes will be chosen by acclamation with that unanimity of feeling that is already making the Goebel forces of force and fraud to quake.

The Louisville Commercial interviewed some leading citizens of Louisville as to Mr. Yerkes' candidacy. These expressions are typical of the feeling here throughout Kentucky. Some of these follow:

Hon. John Marshall, who was elected lieutenant-governor on the Republican ticket last fall, but whose office was stolen from him, is perhaps better acquainted with Mr. Yerkes than any other person in Louisville. He knew him when as young men they were both students at Centre college at Danville. Mr. Yerkes was the master of ceremonies when Mr. Marshall was initiated into one of the college secret societies, and the acquaintance made there soon ripened into friendship. In speaking of his friend yesterday, Mr. Marshall said: "I have known Mr. Yerkes for a great number of years and he is a fine fellow. Personally he is very attractive, a thorough gentleman and a fine conversationalist."

"He is unquestionably one of the best lawyers in the State and is thoroughly equipped to fill the governorship with honor to himself and credit to his party. He is undoubtedly the strongest candidate that could have been put out by the Republicans."

Hon. Arthur Wallace, Secretary of the Brown Democratic committee: "I have known Hon. John W. Yerkes for fifteen years. He is a gentleman in the best sense of the word, a lawyer of first-class ability, and I think, the best timber the Republican party has for Governor."

Hon. W. C. Owens, former Congressman in the Ashland district: "I think he'll be a splendid man to nominate. His majority will be too big for the returning board or the legislature to steal."

Hon. J. T. O'Neal of the Brown Democratic committee: "He is a clean man who commands the confidence of everybody and who is recognized everywhere as a thorough gentleman."

Attorney R. E. Woods: "I think no man in Kentucky could make a better race than Yerkes. I am a great friend and admirer. He is a man to call out the enthusiasm and support of all classes of citizens. He is a typical Kentuckian and an able man. I think he will win with ease."

Attorney Albert S. White, colored: "You can just say that the colored voters will be in line for Yerkes. They recognize him, as do all other Republicans, as the most available and logical man for the nomination. They are especially for him as they realize we need a true and thorough campaigner who can present the issues of the local campaign and not only keep in line the anti-Goebel element, but also win new converts."

Attorney George Weisinger Smith: "Yes, I think Mr. Yerkes will make a strong candidate. He is a lawyer of reputation and a man of courage and principles and on account of his legal understanding, he will make a thoughtful and conservative gov-

ernor. I believe his majority will be in the neighborhood of 20,000. I think Louisville alone will give 15,000 majority. These are conservative estimates."

Attorney R. C. Kinkead: "I think Mr. Yerkes is one of the most representative men in the State of Kentucky and I believe he will get practically every Republican and anti-Goebel vote in the State. He ought to be elected by 20,000 majority. He'll run very little behind McKinley in Louisville, and I think the majority in this county will be somewhere from 10,000 to 12,000."

Attorney R. Lee Page, Goebel Democrat and secretary of the Weaver Bandana club: "He's much too strong a man for the Republicans to nominate to suit me."

W. A. Evans: "He is the most popular candidate the Republican party can nominate."

A. K. Russell, a converted Democrat: "He's a grand man. I think he's the most popular man in the State."

Col. Andrew Cowan: "I was very much pleased—in fact, rejoiced—to learn of Mr. Yerkes' candidacy. Everybody on Main street with whom I talked, Republican and Brown Democrat alike, was equally pleased."

Kentucky Crops.

The condition of wheat has declined from 100 on May 1st to 89 June 1st. The decline is due mainly to ravages of Hessian fly, although some damage is attributed to the dry weather prevailing during May. Some complaint is made of short heading, and where growth was rank it is badly lodged and tangled. It is estimated that 17 per cent. of the acreage has been injured by Hessian fly.

CORN.

The condition of corn crop averages 93 per cent. in June. Much of it is uneven on account of damage from cut worms, but the cultivation is good, and the late planting is coming forward nicely.

The acreage is large, the estimate being 103 as compared with acreage of last year.

OATS.

The condition of oat crop June 1st was 91 compared with average years. The dry weather has prevented much growth, but the copious rains at close of month may be expected to remedy this.

TOBACCO.

The weather has favored the proposed large acreage of tobacco. Seventy-three per cent. of crop was set prior to June 1st, which is much more than the normal amount. The plants, though small, are starting nicely and prospect is very bright at the inception of the season.

J. W. THROCKMORTON,
Commissioner of Agriculture.
June 1, 1900.

Motion to Advance Cases.

Frankfort, Ky., June 12.—In the Court of Appeals this morning Judge Pryor, representing Attorney General Breckinridge, who is detained in Danville by illness in his family, filed notice that he would move to set aside the order of the court, continuing the minor State office cases till September, and also move to discharge the supersedeas and to advance for hearing at once.

Affidavits of State Inspector Hines and others, showing the State's interests were suffering by delay in deciding the cases, were filed. The court directed the motions to be filed and submitted. No one was present for the Republicans to object to the motions.

Mrs. Littlefield Dead.

Mrs. Wesley Littlefield died at her home in Mortons Gap last Saturday of consumption. She had been a sufferer for a long time and her death was not unexpected. Mrs. Littlefield was a member of the Methodist Church and was a consistent Christian. The remains were taken to Hopkinsville for burial Sunday.

GOV. TAYLOR'S STATEMENT.

Reasons Why He Declines to be Candidate for Republican Nomination.

Louisville, Ky., June 8.—W. S. Taylor sent to the Evening Post from Indianapolis the following statement, in which he declines to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor:

To the Republicans of Kentucky: At one time I thought, and so announced, that if the Republican nomination for Governor were tendered to me I should not feel authorized to decline.

But after mature consideration of all interest involved in the contest for civil liberty, and of my duty to myself and my family for whom I must provide, I feel that I should ask at your hands relief from the exaction which a nomination would impose.

For ten long months I have borne as best I could the burdens which have attended this great struggle. How much I have endured for freedom's sake few will ever know. In spite of all this, the will of the people has been overthrown and I have not only been robbed, but sub-

STEAM COAL RATE UPHELD.

Court of Appeals Decides Railroads Can Make Concessions.

Frankfort, Ky., June 7.—The L. & N. railroad won an important case in the Court of Appeals today by one vote. The cases are from Marion county, involving the legality of an indictment for unjust discrimination in freight rates. Judge Paynter delivered a dissenting opinion, in which Judges Guffy and White concurred.

The majority of the court holds that where the railroad company ships wheat to a mill and flour from the mill, it is not a discrimination to charge the mill-owner a less rate to haul his fuel than other people in the same town, and that it is not a violation of the constitutional section which prohibits discrimination in rates.

The dissenting opinion, in effect, holds that it is not discrimination to ship fuel for a less rate under the circumstances in this case, then the constitutional section is invalid for the purposes it was intended.

NATURE STUDY.



Republican Elephant: "It's funny how much quieter our friend the donk is nowadays. But then, you know, he can never raise his voice till he has raised his tail."—Minneapolis Journal.

jected to a merciless political persecution.

BALLOT MUST BE REMEMBERED. The coming campaign is one of profound importance to Kentucky. The ballot must be deemed. The victory won last fall must again be won and the theft perpetrated by the General Assembly fittingly condemned.

Our only possible redress must come through an appeal to the people. The campaign must be an active, aggressive one. No point should be neglected. Every friend of the sacred cause of human rights should be enlisted.

To the end that the people should be successfully made, you should select for your candidates one who may devote all his time and energies to the prosecution of the canvass. In the light of these considerations, it is, therefore, manifest that some other than myself should be your standard bearer.

When I can no longer be your leader in the great battle, yet I shall gladly render whatever assistance may be within my power, for I love liberty none the less because of what I have suffered for her sake.

Harpers' Weekly on Taylor.

Mr. W. S. Taylor, lately Governor of Kentucky, is reported to be much broken in health as the result of his experiences since his election. He seems fairly entitled to a large measure of public sympathy. Beyond question he was elected Governor of Kentucky. He assumed the office and held it until the courts decided that under the iniquitous Goebel law the Democratic legislature had lawfully conferred his office upon his rival. Then, submitting to the court's decree, he abdicated, and left the State to avoid arrest and trial for usurpation, the murder of Goebel, or any other charge his Democratic opponents might find it expedient to bring against him. He has said that he dared not take the chance of getting justice from the Kentucky courts, and his reluctance to face them seems reasonable. Meanwhile, for the time being, he is an exile from his home, broken in health, impoverished and distressed, a victim of political rascality with which he could not contend except by stirring up civil war. He has done well to accept the decision of the courts and retire, but in due time and somehow Republican government in Kentucky must be restored, and the will of the people must rule again.—Harpers' Weekly.

COMMITTEES AT WORK.

Masonic Picnic Now in Hands of Committees For Various Departments.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS OF ATTENDANCE.

There Will Be a Mammoth Parade of Masons at Nine O'Clock.

Reports are being received from all sides of the most encouraging character as to attendance at the big Masonic picnic and barbecue to given at Lakeside Park, Earlinton, Saturday, June 23.

Special invitations have been sent out to every lodge in Hopkins and adjoining counties and every Mason in Hopkins county and quite a number outside of the county have been given an individual and personal invitation. The people say they are coming—a multitude—and the picnic management and the people of Earlinton are arranging to entertain the big crowd that now seems certain. It looks as if only bad weather could prevent their coming, and all believe the rains will cease before that date.

The speaking will all be in the morning, beginning upon the arrival of the procession. Mr. James R. Rash will deliver the welcome address and will introduce the speakers. All speeches will be short and spicy and no tiresome length of time will be so devoted. The Committee on speaking is doing its best to get an attractive list and the names will soon be announced.

Masonic headquarters will be established on the grounds and will be in personal charge of Jesse Phillips, Master of E. W. Turner Lodge. The register for visiting Masons will be here, and the handsome silver set of officers' jewels that has been offered to the lodge having the largest attendance, mileage considered, as set out in the invitations to each lodge. Check will also be made to provision parcels of headquarters, and every possible arrangement made for their comfort.

The people of Earlinton are giving liberal assistance to the committee on supplies. All recognize the public spirit of the enterprise and endorse the movement to increase the fund for building the new Masonic Temple and Opera House which it is proposed to erect here this year.

The Committees are as follows:

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE
H. C. Bourland, chairman of this committee, has divided his committee as follows:

DINNER—Dan. M. Evans, E. L. Stokes, Thos. Longstaff, J. B. Head, W. A. Toombs, Thos. R. Howell, F. B. Arnold, Lee Oldham.
ICE-CREAM—Chas. Cowell, Thos. Longstaff, J. W. Twyman, Geo. W. Robinson.

STAND No. 1—H. C. Bourland, Ed J. Phillips, C. J. Phillips, C. J. Martin, H. Browning, Theo. Watts, W. H. Vanasen, Jesse Phillips, W. C. McLeod.
STAND No. 2—G. W. Mothershead, N. I. Toombs, Geo. P. Farnsworth, J. W. Twyman.

STAND No. 3—Carl Woolfolk, Ed Cayce, J. H. O'Brien, J. W. Robinson, Chas. Cowell.

PRIVILEGES.
Chas. Cowell, Chairman; F. B. Arnold, Paul M. Moore.

AMUSEMENTS.
J. B. Head, Chairman; W. A. Toombs, Bryan Hopper.

SPEAKING.
Paul M. Moore, Chairman; James R. Rash, Jesse Phillips.

DANCING.
J. M. Hogan, Chairman, Leslie Reynolds, Warner Camyell, Eugene Cordier, W. W. Etheridge.

ORDER.
W. P. Jennings, Chairman; W. A. Toombs, R. D. Smith, J. M. Oldham, J. J. McGregor, J. C. Hite, James Nunley, J. E. Hibbs.

MUSIC.
D. M. Evans, Chairman; L. D. Huff, George Farnsworth.

MILK AND BASKETS.
W. S. McGary, Chairman; Geo. P. Farnsworth, John Larmouth, Jack Stokes.

CASHIERS.
Stephen Mothershead, Chairman; Misses Annie Cowell, Alice Bourland, Frankie Stokes.

SOLICITING.
Jesse Phillips, Chairman; Charles Cowell.

TRANSPORTATION.
M. Devney, Chairman; E. L. Wise, J. H. O'Brien.

RECEPTION.
James R. Rash, Chairman; Geo. C. Atkinson, John R. Evans, Bryan Hopper, William Vanasen, Ed Satterfield, A. J. Stokes, Ben W. Robinson, Thomas Young, Pierce Myers, John Rule, Robert Gough, W. S. Bramwell, D. C. Williams, Jas. B. Blanks, A. Baldwin, I. H. Teel, H. B. Rosser, James Fortner.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

Probably Be Held July 17—Will Be At Louisville to Nominate Yerkes.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS SATURDAY.

Louisville, Ky., June 12.—The following call for a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee was made this morning by Chairman Barnett, of the State Central Committee:

"Headquarters of the Republican State Central Committee:—Louisville, Ky., June 12, 1900—A meeting of the State Central Committee is hereby called to meet in the Young Men's McKinley Club Rooms, Louisville, Ky., Saturday, June 16, 1900, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of fixing the time and place of holding the State convention to nominate a candidate for Governor.

By order of the Chairman.

R. L. GWATHMEY, Secretary." It is understood that the meeting on June 16 will result in a call for a State convention to be held in Louisville, July 17, at which time and place a candidate will be named for Governor. At this time it appears that the Hon. John W. Yerkes, of Danville, will be named without opposition.

UNION LABOR

Will Not Be Employed Again By the Sebree Coal Company.

The Sebree Coal Company, of Sebree, Ky., has issued its final ultimatum in reference to Union labor, through the unreasonableness of which that company has been idle for months.

The Union men have been making threats there, as elsewhere in this coal field, and the Sebree company declare that "the mines will never be run by union labor." The card in full is as follows:

To the business men and citizens of Sebree and vicinity:

Since the Union men are loitering on the road between town and the coal mines making threats and trying to intimidate all who offer to work, we have this to say, our pay roll was from two to three thousand dollars per month, besides the other trade brought to town in consequence. Now if you appreciate this as worth your consideration, we ask and expect your support and influence at this time, as the mines will never be run by union labor, that much is now settled, once for all.

SEBREE COAL CO.,
J. A. POWELL, J. B. RAMSEY,
H. C. BAILEY, S. F. POWELL.

Plant Burned By Firebugs.

Paducah, Ky., June 9.—The stove and heading factory of T. C. Seaman was burned early this morning. Incendiarism is charged, the watchman declaring two men were seen leaving the place at whom he shot twice. The plant was valued at \$25,000, with insurance for \$14,500.

Seventy-five employes lost work. It is the second time the factory burned since it was established a few years ago.

Jerry Nunley, of Nebo, was in our town Tuesday.