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WE FEEL inclined to again call the attention of our Honorable Fiscal Court to the dilapidated condition of our Temple of Justice. Is there a man who comprises the Fiscal Court of our county that does not feel humiliated when he glances at the appearances of the Knox County Court House?

We believe that with \$40,000 or \$50,000 and the material that is in the old building the court could have erected a building that would stand for the next century as a monument to the men who will have the courage to undertake it.

If it is necessary to issue bonds to raise the money, put it before the people and let them vote upon the proposition. Surely, there is not one out of every one hundred voters who would oppose such a movement for the following reasons: First, every property owner has deeds of record filed away in this old building, and those who hold mortgages have them recorded in the same manner, and there is surely grave danger of the entire contents of the office of the County Clerk being entirely destroyed should a fire start at any time.

The records of the Circuit Clerk are in equally as dangerous condition and the same rule prevails throughout the entire building.

These and many other important reasons could be urged as a crying demand for immediate action in this matter, but the entire Fiscal Body is more familiar with the situation than the writer, and know too well that our statements are correct.

We therefore again desire to urge upon them the necessity of building a new Court House upon the site of the present building, and that immediate steps be taken to that end.

It is said that a piece of work done by the Globe Printing Company for \$28,000 would have cost the State in the ordinary course of business from \$2,800 to \$3,600. But nothing must be said to hurt the party.—Louisville Post.

And yet it is the same party now in power that is thus so recklessly squandering the peoples money that has tried to brand the Republicans as plunderers of the State treasury. This is not the first instance of Democratic pilfering as many of the older citizens of the State still distinctly remember the "Honest Dick Tate" affair, and coming on down to a later date we might mention that little matter of the Calhoun fee. We presume it is still fresh in the minds of most people, and especially of the soldier boys of the Spanish-American War, who were made the unwilling contributors to that \$68,000 graft.

This happened under the administration of Mr. Beckham, who was at the time filling the office to which the people of the State had elected the Hon. W. S. Taylor.

yet with these facts staring them in the face every little 2x4 Democratic politician will raise the yell that the Republicans would rob the State if in power, but the record of the Hon. W. O. Bradley administration and the entire list of Republicans serving in office during his administration tends to show

that the Republican party as a party is much more economical and kept a much closer guard over the treasury of our State than any Democrat who has ever filled the Governor's chair. Give credit where credit is due, expose the rascals and let the people know how their public servants deport themselves in public office.

EGYPTIAN WONDER MADE CLEAR

After an elapse of more than 3,000 years of wonder as to the great Egyptian Sphinx it has been left for one Col. Ram, a renowned American student of antiquity to enlighten the world in regard to this great image. Thousands upon thousands of books have been printed concerning this great image of stone that seemed to rise up out of the great sandy desert, but Col. Ram has, after long and patient labor digging around this wonder, made the discovery that it is nothing but a colossal image or portrait of Ra-Harmachio, Egyptian god of the morning conquerer of darkness which faces the rising sun, and was never intended to represent a woman.

The body of the Sphinx, which resembles that of a lion, is 150 feet long, the paws and legs, which are stretched out in front are 50 feet long, the head is 30 feet from the neck upward, the face is 14 feet wide and the whole figure 72 feet high. It is believed to have been built long before the pyramids, for inscriptions found show it was old at the time of Cheops, who erected the big pyramid 3700 years before Christ.

The Sphinx is not an independent structure as was once supposed. The body and head are hewn out of solid rock, but much sandstone masonry was built in to make the outlines perfect, and the entire surface was covered with enamel.

LOOK INTO THE CALHOUN CLAIM

If the Conscript Fathers at Frankfort really want excitement and a knowledge of high life in politics, they should appoint a High Committee of Investigation to inquire into the Calhoun Claim. If they could get at the bottom of that Kohi-noor of graft, how it originated, who pushed it along, how it was worked and how divided, they would be doing something. The Senate might well undertake it. Senator Blackburn could tell them how the war claim did not fall to any friend of his, although he suggested its collection at one time, before he knew that the Bardstown crowd was not for itself alone. An Assembly committee could call for all the books, papers and bank accounts and pry into the consciences of people whose consciences may have fallen asleep. Ex-Auditor Coulter loves the Governor, but we believe he loves duty more, and although greatly against his desire, he might insert a tube of radium into the mess that would light up her inner recesses.

That department of war claims graft which deprived the private soldiers of a big bunch of commissions on their pay for services in the field, the checks for, which did not pass through the ordinary channels of the State, might, if opened to in-

spection, satisfy the burning curiosity of thousands of Spanish war veterans who were assessed for what the State owed it to them to do without charge.

If the General Assembly will agitate the Calhoun Claim to the bottom it will fill a long felt want. It is true most Democrats are on record as approving it, but that was last summer and there have been changes of heart since.

The time is short, but the session might be extended if Gov. Beckham approved of the investigation. Why not give him a chance?—Louisville Herald.

It is reported that President Roosevelt is in favor of making one State out of New Mexico and Arizona and another out of Indian territory and Oklahoma. That is the proper thing to do with these four territories, who are applicants for admission to Statehood.

Nevada is an example of the blunder of admitting territories that have not the population of some of our Eastern cities.

Commissioner's Sale.

E. F. ARTHUR
vs.
J. E. GOLDEN, Adm'r.
of
C. L. CARNES.

Knox Circuit Court, under judgment herein, the undersigned will, on Monday, March 28, 1904, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., sell at the door of the Court-house in Barbourville, Ky., on a credit of six months the Equity of Redemption in the following tract of land situated in Knox County, Ky., on the Sandy Branch near Flat Lick, Ky. Beginning at three willows on branch of Sandy Branch on Reed's line; thence North 88 West 50 poles to a stake on the road at the S W corner of the Shop; thence with the road S 8 E 5 poles S 22 E 31 1/2 poles to a stake; thence N 74 E 12 1/2 poles to a stake S 14 E 10 poles to a stake on the Arthur line; thence N 49 E 43 poles to a rock on Reed's line; thence N 10 W 17 poles to the beginning, counting 6 1/2 acres, except the pathway sold with the 77 acre tract. This will be sold subject to the homestead interest of the children of C. L. Carnes, until the youngest arrives at the age of 21 years. The purchaser will give bond with good security, bearing interest from date, and having the force and effect of a judgment.

W. F. WESTERFIELD,
Com. Knox Circuit Court.
This February 11, 1904. 11 3 3t.

Commissioner's Sale.

MARTHA RILEY, Adm'r &c.,
vs.
ROBERT RILEY, &c. } Notice.

The undersigned Commissioner will hold a sitting in the Circuit Court Clerk's office in Barbourville, Ky., on Monday, March 28, 1904, for the purpose of receiving claims against the estate of William Riley, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to file same properly proven before me at that time and place.

W. F. WESTERFIELD,
Com. Knox Circuit Court.
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TAX

Of Six Cents on Tobacco to be Removed By Congress.

At a hearing in Washington on February 25 before the House committee on ways and means, Internal Revenue Commissioner John W. Yerkes was in favor of extending relief to the tobacco growers by taking off the tax of 6 cents per pound on leaf tobacco. This will enable the grower to twist and sell his tobacco to merchants or anyone else in large or small quantities.

A great deal of Burley tobacco grown now, for which the manufacturer pays the grower from 4 to 12 cents, is twisted, with the addition of a little syrup, and sells for from 40 to 60 cents per pound. The passage of this bill, which is practically sure, will go a long way toward breaking up the combination between foreign and local buyers to whom the grower is now forced to sell at their own price.

There is a good market now for twist tobacco from which the stems have been removed. The grower can not cater to this market without paying the manufacturer's license, and he cannot afford to do this with the small amount he has. If the grower is allowed to put the product of his labor and land in the shape in which he can dispose of it at its market value without paying a prohibitive licence, it will enable him to get the just returns for his work and capital.

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