

CORRESPONDENCE.

The James Howard Fund.

The **ADVOCATE** has secured and forwarded to James Howard \$50 to be used in preparing his papers and taking his case to the Supreme Court. The last \$25 was mailed him Sunday, and on yesterday we received the following letter from Mr. Howard:

"I am just in receipt of your favor of the 8th enclosing check for \$25 for my benefit, together with the names of the donors. I would be glad to write each of them personally but as I do not know their address I can not well do this, and therefore ask you to express to each of them my warmest gratitude for what they have done for me. I shall never forget yourself or them for what has been done for me.

I have made a careful note of the names of each of these friends and should an opportunity ever arise when I could be of service to either you or them, I trust that you will not hesitate to command me and thus afford me the genuine pleasure of serving you.

I am gratefully and sincerely yours,
JAMES B. HOWARD.

A Good Oil Well in Whitley.

Knowing that your paper takes a great interest in oil development in and about Knox county, thought I would write to you. The American Oil and Development Co., main office 1208 West Sixth street, Philadelphia, Pa., represented by Mr. Bert V. Campbell, made a strike at about 700 feet in Whitley county, Ky., about a mile and three-quarters from Williamsburg, on the Johnson lease.

The well, while not a gusher, is a good one and is at least 15, if not 25 barrels a day, and will no doubt increase after pumping. The sand this oil was struck in is the best and deepest that has yet been found in this field, being eighty feet deep. The well will be put to pumping immediately, and contract given for another. The American also have leases in Knox and Wayne counties which they will start to develop within the next sixty days.

BERT V. CAMPBELL.

Ola, Ky.

Fried eggs was all the go Sunday. John W. Adams was here all the week visiting friends and relatives.

Liza Collins is visiting friends at the mouth of Mallett this week.

Mrs. G. W. Jenkins visited neighbors on Twisting Boon Saturday and Sunday.

Willie and Eve Hammonds were in the burg Friday on business.

Wash Jenkins will soon be a resident of the Kentucky river, near the burg.

Captain Webb's normal is progressing nicely at this writing.

Archie and Steve Jenkins will start to London Monday.

Nellie Sexton is very ill at this writing.

Cleve Holcomb was here the first of the week on business.

Noah Holbrooks is establishing a new stock of goods at old Bates stand.

Francis, the deputy, and other delegate were here the latter part of the week on business.

W. M. Webb, the rheumatism man, is much better at this writing.

Peter Adkins held a nice little meeting at the Madison Fairview.

Letha Collins and mother were here Sunday visiting.

Billy Dug passed through Ola this morning for Knott county, where he will be a month or two.

Prince Holcomb left this morning for Norton Va.

Add Miller went for Glamorgan this morning for Craft & Sons.

BULGER.

Bailey's Switch.

Judge D. McDonald, of Barbourville, was up here last week looking after his saw mill on this creek.

Ex-Judge J. T. Gilbert, of Barbourville, visited relatives at Crane's Nest Sunday.

Miss Cleatey McDonald, of Barbourville, visited relatives at this place Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kinder, Mrs. S. M. Bennett, W. S. and Nannie Taylor, were guests of E. Hutchins, Sunday.

Our postmaster, S. M. Bennett, attended church at Locus Grove Sunday.

Dan Grace is very ill this week. Dr. Burnside is attending him.

Rev. Noah Lockhart has been highly complimented on his ad for a wife. The boys say that if Mr. Lockhart is successful that they will announce in the **ADVOCATE** for wives.

Bailey's Switch is coming to the front. S. M. Bennett is building a new residence which will soon be ready for occupancy.

James Hilton has treated his residence to a new coat of paint, and so has John Longworth.

James Martin and a man named Johnson, brother-in-laws, had some misunderstanding Sunday near Jarvis' Store, and exchanged six or seven shots at each other. Neither one was hurt. I think it dangerous to shoot and would advise the boys not to do so any more.

T. J. Jackson and John Hilton say that if Rev. Noah Lockhart keeps writing to the paper that they will subscribe, for he beats any one that writes for the Yellow Jacket, and you know that paper is hard to beat, for one of its correspondent's signs himself "The Devil."

W. S. TAYLOR.

Brush Creek.

J. B. Trosper's son, who has been very low with fever, is getting better.

J. K. Rickett and wife were visiting friends Saturday and Sunday.

A. A. Carady has returned home from Corbin.

Misses Alice and Ofa West have gone to Little Brush on a visit.

George Sowders got very badly hurt logging this week. We hope he will recover.

Uncle Frank Carr, our old peddler, is very low, and no prospect for his recovery.

T. M. Perkins sold his saw mill to the three Detherage brothers, and they have elected big John Detherage foreman. We think they will run the business correctly.

James Golden, our deputy sheriff, is waking the people up about their taxes this week.

S. S. LEWIS.

London.

A convention was held at this place last Tuesday. The speakers were Messrs. Ed. Parker, Kipp and White. But Mr. Parker beat the whole shooting match. Hurrah! for Parker.

Oxford, Ky.

Spring has once more made her appearance and the farmers are indeed glad to see it, as they are very far behind with their work; some few of them are done planting corn.

Wheat will make a half crop.

Tobacco plants are looking fine and plenty of them.

Corn is selling \$3.25 per barrel.

The hemp is all about broke and sold.

Grass looks well, and young lambs are doing fine.

Gains May sold last week his lambs \$5.00 per hundred, to be delivered in June.

Dr. Renaker, of Cynthiana, will locate at this place.

W. O. Barkley, of Georgetown, spent the day last Wednesday with his father at this place.

Rev. H. L. Cockerham has resigned his place in the pulpit at this place and has gone to Troy, where he will again take up his work. The community regrets the loss of such a man as good brother Cockerham he will be missed by his many friends.

Sheriff Warren, of Scott county,

paid our little burg a visit one night last week and caught a good many of our boys knapping and summoned them for juryman: Ed Flinn, John Leach, Sam Tinder, Steve Obanion, Lewis Nichols, H. F. Jouett, Charley Stokley and Taylor Blackburn.

Lee McKinney was seen driving out last Sunday eve headed south, some fair madam just beyond I presume.

As this is my first letter I will quit with many good wishes to Editor and readers of the **ADVOCATE**.

BLUEGRASS JOHNNIE.

Pleasant Ridge.

Wm. Hall, of Fighting creek, was in this vicinity last week on business.

Steve E. Golden and wife visited friends at North Jellico Saturday.

J. T. Stamper is yet in the spoke and single tree business.

Matthew Mitchell, of Barbourville, is farming near here this year.

Miss Rebecca Smith of this place visited relative at North Jellico Saturday and Sunday.

We want to correct brother Noah Lockard a little in his advertisement of last week's issue. It was not a red-headed girl that put the item in about him. Sure, it was a black-head and not a red-head—a him and not a her; married and not single.

W. M. Golden was the guest of James Jackson, near Cannon Saturday.

Rev. J. T. Stamper and wife visited Mr. Golden, on Fighting creek Sunday.

The new organized church at Pleasant View seems to be prospering. Regular session second Saturday and Sunday in each month, John Allen moderator.

John Brown had an old fashion log rolling last week.

John Bruce is farming extensively this year. He says it beats mining.

Terre Randall says he is going buy a bicycle so that he can sit down to walk when he goes to see his girl.

If you want the best paper in the mountains subscribe for the **MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE**.

JOHNNY JUMP-UP.

Scalf.

Thos. Hubbard was out on Flat Lick Monday on business.

We all sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Coone, of Flat Lick, over the death of their son which was brought about by railroad wreck in California.

Nelson Gray, of Flat Lick, was here last week with his many friends telling them he was a candidate for the next Magistrate. Mr. Gray is a good man and we certainly believe he will look after the interest of the people of the county, if elected. Hurrah! for him.

Marshal Hubbard killed a fine wild turkey a few days ago. It weighed twenty-three pounds and was thirteen inches long.

Larkin Hubbard and wife were guests of T. G. Hammons and wife last Sunday.

The farmers are getting down to business by planting corn.

The almanac, the early Easter and the ground hog who was to look at itself on the 14th of last month have all failed to bring us an early spring.

Wonder if Frank Warren has learned the combination of his safe yet?

Hurrah! for the **ADVOCATE**, it is the best country paper we know of.

DRY GOURD.

Girdler.

Be kind enough to write on one side of the paper only to insure insertion of your articles.—Letcher.

The Richland Oil Co. is moving their machine to another location. They are cleaning out and drilling their wells deeper. They are getting a good production of oil on the Hammons lease. Mr. T. Wyrick is field boss for this company, and things are moving along nicely.

Ira Nash is cleaning out wells on the Jones-Black lease. He had quite a time moving their machine.

Green Epperson in getting out telephone poles. He says he will have a

'phone in his house if it cost him his farm.

The Great Northern Oil Co. is going to drilling on the Epperson farm.

P. J. Wyrick was the guest of Miss Gessie McWilliams Sunday.

Willie McDonald is all the go up here for County Court Clerk. Willie is a nice, sober young man, and we believe he will make a good official.

GIRDLER.

Cannon.

Business is at the highest point now; everybody seems to be up with their work.

Rev. N. M. Pickard preached at the Valley Sunday.

James Brooks and wife were guests of Henry Valentine and wife Sunday.

Sunday-school at this place seems to be gaining ground. We hope it succeeds.

John Doss and wife were guests of Henry Cannon and wife Sunday.

Jess Parrott was in this neck o' the woods again Sunday.

Mrs. Kitty Brooks and family were guests of Henry Valentine and wife Sunday.

Grover Jackson and Emma Hearst were Sunday at the home of the bride. Marrying is very common of late.

Charley Sharrett has vacated the company's property and moved to Barbourville.

There were several of the leading oil men in the field Monday. This looks as though the field was going to boom again.

George Hughes has purchased a tract of land from Everett Tiller. He formerly owned the land and sold it.

George Daniels is through planting corn.

Grover Jackson and wife took a spin on horseback to Calebs creek Sunday.

God created all equal, at least Noah Garland thinks so. He is Road Supervisor.

Col. Bent and wife were up in the oil field last week.

GRIT.

Holden, Ky.

Mrs. Allie Bain, who has been visiting her mother at this place, returned to her home at Pineville, the last of the week.

J. H. Walton was at Four Mile on business Thursday.

Mrs. Martha McDonald and Mrs. Ada Burnfin were visiting at Coalport the last of the week.

F. A. Morris, from Four Mile, visited his brother, G. C. Morris, at this place Sunday.

B. H. Hudson was down from Flat Lick Sunday.

Miss Bell Goodin, of Pineville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Goodin, Sunday.

Miss Mable Henson is visiting her brother, John Henson, at Pineville this week.

Rev. J. T. Stamper and wife, of Bailey's Switch, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Goodin Sunday.

Mr. Ben Burnett and wife, of Cannon, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Robert Short, of this place.

John Hughes was over from Cannon Monday on business.

Preston Short, from Grays, is visiting friends and relatives at this place.

James T. Goshen is at Grays on business this week.

R. L. Henson, who has been at Corbin for a few days, returned home Monday.

Nathan Short from Grays; is visiting his sister, Mrs. James Goshen, at this place.

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We have purchased Three Lovely and Valuable PIECES OF JEWELRY, at a cost of \$115.00 which we propose to Give Away to the three persons who prove by their efforts to be the most popular, between now and June 1st, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon, when this contest will close.

EVERYONE can act as an Agent for the MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, and solicit subscribers at \$1.00 per year in advance, and for every dollar turned in to us, we will send the ADVOCATE one year to the subscriber, and credit the person soliciting the order with 20 votes in the popular contest.

Description of Prizes

First Prize Large and exceedingly beautiful DIAMOND RING in solid gold setting. This is no imitation, but a genuine Diamond. Valued at SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS and we will, if necessary furnish the written guarantee, as to its being a real genuine Diamond. The person securing the largest number of votes will receive this Handsome Ring Absolutely Free as Their Reward.

Second Prize Will be choice of either a large and exceedingly handsome solid Gold Brooch, set with 6 large Opals. The value of which is TWENTY DOLLARS. Or if they prefer, they may have a handsome Green Enamel and Gold, Ladies Watch, set with Pearls and Pin to match. The value of which is also Twenty Dollars. The person who secures the Second highest number of votes will be given choice of these two Prizes, either of which any Lady would be proud to wear.

Third Prize Will be given to the person receiving the Third Highest number of votes, and will be either the Brooch or the Watch, the winner of the Second Prize having first choice and the winner of the Third Prize taking the other.

Everyone has an Equal Chance to Win. Start now and get in the Push

The plan is simple and easy to understand. Every Cash Subscription of \$1.00 to the MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE will entitle the one securing it to 20 votes in this contest and the one who secures and sends in the Highest number of Cash Subscribers between now and June 1st, will receive the First Prize, and the one sending the Second Highest number will receive the Second Prize, while the one sending the Third Highest number will get the Third Prize.

NOW LADIES, see who can win. Get your friends to work for you. Any one can enter the Contest. See your friends and tell them that you want that Diamond Ring and get them to work for you and credit the subscriptions so secured to your list. Remember We Do NOT Take Subscriptions for Less Than One Full Year.

WE will publish the list of contending candidates for these Prizes, giving credit every week with the additional votes secured, so that each one can see how diligently the other is working. No votes will be permitted to be changed from one contestant to another after they have been recorded in this Office.

You are as popular as any one else. Get your Father, Brother or Sweetheart to start you with 20 votes and then push on into the thousands. It is easy and pleasant work, and think of the Valuable, Handsome, Diamond Ring, Beautiful Solid Gold Brooch, or the Little Beauty Watch and Pin you will receive as your reward.

All of these Prizes can be seen at the FIRST NATIONAL BANK at any time, and we will take pleasure in showing them to those who are earnestly striving to win one of them.

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Those Who Have Entered as Contestants for The PRIZES.

NAME	ADDRESS	NUMBER OF VOTES
Mr. T. Ed. Smith,	Barbourville, Ky.	780
Miss Minnie Coone,	Flat Lick, Ky.	100
Miss Suddie Smith,	Flat Lick, Ky.	220
Miss Nannie Westerfield,	Artemus, Ky.	160
Mrs. Lewis Lane,	Barbourville, Ky.	360
Mrs. T. B. Clark,	Georgetown, Ky.	580

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