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Jim Howard's Case Goes to the Supreme Court.

Judge Burnam, of the Court of Appeals, has granted a writ of error in the Jim Howard case to the United States Supreme Court, and the papers were filed in the United States Supreme Court in Washington City, last Tuesday. Howard was convicted of complicity in the murder of William Goebel and was sentenced to imprisonment for life. The case goes to the Supreme Court on a writ of error issued by the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky.

CHAIRMAN BYRLEY Upheld in His Rulings by a Unanimous Vote of the the State Central Committee.

The Republican State Central Committee met last Thursday in Louisville. There were ten members of the committee present, and two represented by proxy. After hearing the contest cases from Pulaski and Jackson counties the committee decided that Mr. Byrley, as chairman of the Eleventh district, had decided the cases properly. This was a decisive victory for Chairman Byrley and Dr. Hunter over their opponents.

Ed Parker has also taken an appeal from the rulings of Chairman Byrley because, as he alleges, he was not given time to attend the district committee meeting here a few weeks ago, and in his appeal hurls divers epithets and abuse at Mr. Byrley. He says that "only five days notice was given and some of the members of the committee did not receive the notice until after the meeting was over."

Parker is the man who thought he was running for Congress in this district, but allowed a few old maid school teachers of Laurel county to put him out of business, and he now sets up a howl of unfairness upon the part of Chairman Byrley.

The truth is this, Mr. Byrley gave him due notice, addressed to his home postoffice, and he happened to be absent from home for a week, and as a consequence, failed to receive the notice in time, but was that the fault of Chairman Byrley? How did he know that Mr. Parker was away from home?

Besides, Parker has perhaps forgotten how the opponents of Dr. Hunter attempted to call a "snap convention" last year and did not even give the delegates who were at the committee meeting time to return home, much less call a county committee. How inconsistent such "bosh" appears to those who know the true state of affairs.

Now that the old maid school teacher's of Parker's home county have put a quietus to him so far as his own race is concerned, he has taken up the fight for Edwards against Dr. Hunter and thus confirms the opinion that had been formed in the minds of Dr. Hunter's followers long ago that Parker was only running as an auxiliary to the cause of Mr. Edwards.

The present campaign has been Hunter against the field from the start, as Edwards, Parker and White have combined together to defeat Hunter if possible.

FLOWING WELL Drilled in on the George Hammons Farm Last Wednesday.

The drilling rig operated by Reed Black on the George Hammons farm on Little Richland creek, brought in a gusher last Wednesday, and the well flowed for some time before it could be plugged. The oil flowed into the creek, and after the well was under control fire was set to the oil and the whole creek was ablaze in a short time.

Considerable interest has been aroused again over this strike and activity will be renewed in the oil business here.

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Mt. Vernon,
Indiana.

Should Announce in the Advocate.

There are still other candidates who have not as yet announced for office in the *Advocate*, and consequently their friends cannot boost them through this paper. We do not recognize any one a candidate who ignores the official organ of the party to make his announcement, and those who expect to secure the nomination should hasten to get their announcement in at once.

DR. HUNTER

Establishes His War Record and Convinced the Knox County Voters that He had been Maligned.

Read Letter Received Here From the War Department.

When Dr. Hunter arose to speak in the Court-house last Monday afternoon every inch of room was taken and everybody was standing in order to make room for more, all anxious to hear his reply to the attacks that had been made upon him by Jno. D. White and D. C. Edwards in the forenoon.

Dr. Hunter said that "this was the first time in all his life that he had been compelled to carry his war record around with him in his pocket as the slaves used to do their pass, in order to defend himself against the attacks of those who were opposing him and wilfully misrepresenting him. He explained that in the beginning of this campaign he had lost his papers and that he had telegraphed to Washington City for a duplicate and that he received the letter here upon his arrival on Monday morning. He offered to show the letter to any one who might doubt his statements.

This letter confirmed the statement made before that Dr. Hunter enlisted in the Union army at Camp Hamilton, as a private in Co. A., 45th regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry in 1861.

He was promoted to Hospital Stewart of his regiment, and again promoted to Assistant Surgeon of the 149th regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and afterwards again promoted to Surgeon of the 211th regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

He participated in all the great battles of Virginia, from the peninsula to Appomattox; was taken prisoner of war in the battles of Gettysburg and the Wilderness.

After the close of the war Dr. Hunter came to Kentucky and located in Cumberland county, where he began the practice of his profession, and married a Cumberland county lady.

His friends induced him to accept the nomination from his district to represent the Republican party in the Kentucky Legislature, and he was the first Republican who ever represented that district in the General Assembly of Kentucky. He was three times elected to this position from Clinton and Cumberland counties.

The Republican party realizing his ability nominated him as the candidate from the Third district to Congress, and he again defeated the Democratic candidate and was the first Republican to go to Congress from the Third Congressional district, and was re-elected again at the expiration of his first term.

In 1880, Dr. Hunter was a delegate to the National Republican convention in Chicago, and was one of the 806 who stood by Gen. Grant to the last.

In 1895, he was chosen as the chairman of the Republican State Campaign Committee, and through his shrewd management and perfect organization the Republicans succeeded in carrying the State, and elected the entire State ticket, the first time in the history of our State. As a reward for his services in this memorable struggle he was given the caucus nomination of the Republican party in 1896 for United States Senator, and was defeated by bolters in his own

party who refused to stand by the caucus nomination.

In 1897, he was appointed by President McKinley as Minister to Guatemala and Honduras, and served until 1903, when he again returned to his native State, and upon the death of Hon. Vincent Boreing, he was elected to fill out the unexpired term.

The county of Cumberland, which is his home, was cut off from the Third Congressional district and was grouped with the Eleventh, and this places him in this district.

To show how strong his home county is for Dr. Hunter, it is only necessary to state that in the special election last November between himself and Hon. D. C. Edwards for the Congressional honors the Hon. Mr. Edwards did not receive a single vote in Cumberland county, every one of them being cast for Dr. Hunter.

During all the heated campaigns through which Dr. Hunter has passed, he has never been known to say ought against any of his opponents, although they have been charging him with everything that the inventive mind of man could conceive. He has been able thus far to convince all reasonable, thinking men who hear him that these wild rumors that have been set afloat are entirely without foundation and passes the matter by without lifting his voice in a harmful word against his adversaries.

His speech here made a strong impression and many were forced to admit that he had been misrepresented by his opponents.

Welch-Hackney Land Sale.

On Monday, the first day of Circuit Court here, Mr. Chapman, the Commissioner of the Federal Court, carried out the sale of the lands known as the Welch-Hackney tract of 36,000 acres, which lies on the headwaters of Goose creek and on Richland creek and Stinking creek.

Many of the farmers and actual owners living in the boundary which he undertook to sell, were in town and engaged Attorneys W. R. Black and F. D. Sampson to represent them and forbid the sale, and this was done by each of the said attorneys on behalf of each of the land owners in the said county.

The only bid offered was by the Baltimore Trust company for \$20,500 for the entire tract sold. If that concern could get title to half what is contained in that boundary and for which they were bidding it would be an immense fortune.

After the sale a representative of the *Advocate* called on Attorney F. D. Sampson and asked him concerning the sale and the probable effect of it on the interest of the resident land owners. In response to our question Mr. Sampson said: The Baltimore Trust company which bid in the interest of the Welch-Hackney company has acquired no interest in the property greater than the company had, and the Welch-Hackney company had no interest which it could sustain or support. The people of that district have been badly treated and an attempt has been made to rob them of their property under the forms of law. They are the real and actual owners of the lands and will finally be adjudged so by the courts. Their title is perfect, and they can now trace it by abstract from the Commonwealth down to themselves, and the fraud which the representative of the Welch-

Hackney played on the people is sufficient to viciate the compromise and render the whole thing a nullity. Besides that there was no sufficient consideration for the compromise. But there are many other reasons why the sale was of no importance. And if any one takes the pains to look after the matter the sale will be set aside because it was not properly advertised. We shall do whatever we can to aid the people in ridding themselves of this unwholly claim set up by this Eastern concern.

CIRCUIT COURT

Last Monday marked the opening of the July term of the Knox Circuit Court, Judge H. C. Faulkner presiding, and Commonwealth's Attorney Wm. Lewis present.

The court stated that inasmuch as there were a number of candidates present who desired to be heard upon the issues of the day that court would be postponed until Tuesday morning.

Tuesday morning court was called to order and the Grand Jury and two petit juries were empaneled as follows:

GRAND JURY.

John G. Reynolds, foreman; Wm. Stewart, Anthony Hale, Elijah Williams, A. J. Bays, James Williams, Nelson Bingham, Arch Fuller, Wm. Lickliter, Eli Bolden, James McDonald, Dr. Isom Lawson.

PETIT JURY NO. 1.

George Ricketts, Isaac Hopper, Peter Baird, Clint Frederic, John Girdler, James Price, Dan Fortney, Henry Valentine, Dan Baker, J. M. Davis, James Jones, Henry Warfield.

PETIT JURY NO. 2.

Jack Logan, Charley Woods, Sam Bennett, J. A. Gregory, Andrew Smith, Andrew Mitchell, Jake Kinder, Lewis Fortney, George Cooper, E. G. Hembree, H. P. Martin.

After the juries were selected the court gave lengthy instructions to the grand jury and urged upon it the importance of its work. They were urged to investigate all the cases of murder and all other forms of violations of the law and return a true bill where the evidence would justify it.

The following cases have been taken up and disposed of during the week:

Joseph Shorter, Jr., flourishing a deadly weapon, guilty, \$75 and 30 days.

George Hampton, unlawfully taking away personal property, not guilty.

Jeff Hall, unlawful sale of liquor, not guilty.

John Dickinson, adultery, guilty, \$15 fine.

Bert Catron, gaming, guilty, \$50 fine.

James Jones, gaming, \$20 and cost.

John Lowe, flourishing and discharging deadly weapon on public highway, \$25 and ten days.

Sheet Partin, breach of the peace, \$5 and cost.

James Fry, disturbing public religious worship, \$20 and cost.

Jack Prichard, unlawful sale of liquor, \$75.

Nelson Gambrell, concealed weapons, \$50 and ten days.

Allan Gambrell, concealed weapons \$25 and ten days.

Sherman Taylor (son of Frank) concealed weapons, \$50 and ten days.

Add Shelton, discharging firearms on public highway, \$50 and cost.

Sallie Baker and Wm. Baker, Jr., assault and battery, not guilty.

John Bryant, shooting on public highway, \$50 and cost.

Perry White, breach of the peace, \$5 and cost.

James Donaldson, concealed weapons, \$25 and cost.

Walker Gilbert, (col.) concealed weapons, \$25 and cost.

Peter Bays, disturbing religious worship, not guilty.

Wm. Brooks and Jon. Lowdon, disturbing religious worship, not guilty.

Taylor Bennett, concealed weapons, \$50 and ten days.

John W. Davis, concealed weapons, \$25 and ten days.

Susan Bays, assault and battery, \$15.

George Brown and Carlo Hobbs, breach of the peace, guilty. Brown \$100 and ten days, and Hobbs \$50 and ten days.

Leonard Slusher, concealed weapons, not guilty.

Leonard Slusher, assault and battery, not guilty.

Thomas Drake, furnishing liquor to minor, not guilty.

Barney Leonard, cutting and carrying away timber, the property of another, not guilty.

James Taylor, concealed weapons, \$25 and ten days.

Tucker Smith, concealed weapons, \$25 and ten days.

John Dorum, shooting into passenger car, not guilty.

George Blackburn, concealed weapons, not guilty.

Caloway Hobbs, concealed weapons, \$50 and ten days.

Nash Hobbs, concealed weapons, \$50 and ten days.

Herbert Wagner, concealed weapons, \$50 and ten days.

James Woolum, concealed weapons, \$50 and ten days.

Robert Saylor, discharging firearms on public highway, not guilty.

George Blanton, concealed weapons, \$25 and ten days.

John Cox and Charles Tuggle, assault, \$10 each.

Henry Valentine, concealed weapons, \$25 and ten days.

P. B. Farris, selling liquor, two counts—\$50 in one and \$75 in the other.

George Cox, selling liquor, \$60.

George Cox, Jr., " " \$75.

Jas. Cox, " " not guilty.

Will Not Be Off.

For the benefit of a few of my friends who have heard that I am "off," and in order to completely crush that thought and forever purge your mind from such falsehood as may be started in the future, I desire to make the following statements:

Two things I earnestly and prayerfully considered before I entered the race. One was not to be flattered into the field; the other was not to be bluffed off. Now I honestly believe I have enough friends in Knox county to nominate me without further effort on my part, yet I am not going to permit that number to decrease.

I am alert, alive and active. I intend to do everything in my power to win this race. I am not "off" the track and will not be unless the vote of November 12th be against me.

If any one should say to you "Parker is off," believe him not. If one from the dead, or even an angel from heaven bring to your ears the report that "Parker is off," denounce it and brand him a liar.

I thank my friends all the over this and in adjoining counties for the kind and encouraging things you are saying and doing for me. I assure the good people of Knox county that I appreciate the interest you are manifesting in my election. I trust you will continue to say and do good things for me, and that I may have an opportunity of proving my feelings and gratitude toward you and your children by making you one among the many good Superintendent's you have had. Yours sincerely,

B. E. PARKER.