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## BARBOURVILLE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Organized Here Tuesday Night With Bright Prospects.

Leading Men of Our City at Head of the Organization.

Last Tuesday evening a number of the leading representatives of our town met at the law office of T. D. Tinsley for the purpose of organizing a Commercial Club.

The meeting was called to order and T. D. Tinsley was chosen as temporary Chairman, and W. S. Hudson was selected as temporary Secretary.

The purpose of the meeting was briefly stated, after which, by a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to select the following officers of the Club: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a Board of Directors, consisting of five members.

When the Chairman called for nominations, Col. John G. Matthews, President of the First National Bank, was unanimously elected as President of the Club. Edward T. England, Cashier of the National Bank of John A. Black, was unanimously elected

We the undersigned citizens of Barbourville, Ky., for the purpose of organizing the Barbourville Commercial Club, hereby subscribe our names to, and declare our desire and intention to become members of said Barbourville Commercial Club.  
Witness our signatures, this August 30, 1904.

as Vice-President, and Mr. Thos. D. Tinsley was elected as Secretary and Treasurer.

Col. Matthews gave a very interesting and enthusiastic talk touching upon the great work lying before the Club and the prospective good to be derived from it, for all the people of our town and county.

A committee of three, composed of Col. John G. Matthews, A. H. Moore and D. W. Clark were appointed to draft a constitution and By-Laws, for the Club to be submitted at the next meeting, which will be held at the law office of T. D. Tinsley on Monday evening, September 12, at 7 o'clock.

The following persons who were present then subscribed their names to the above preamble and pledged themselves to work for the welfare of the Club and the best interests of our town and county.

Edward England, Geo. A. Lock, J. G. Matthews, J. R. Smyth, F. D. Sampson, H. A. Moore, J. O. Gibson, D. W. Clark, Thos. D. Tinsley, A. W. Hopper, W. S. Hudson, R. W. Cole.

It is the purpose to secure as large membership as possible within the next few weeks, as there are several important matters to be taken up and promoted which will be of special interest to the citizens of Barbourville, and we would suggest that all who desire to become members of our Club, report the fact to Mr. T. D. Tinsley at once and have him present their application for membership before the Club at our next regular meeting.

You cannot afford not to be come a member of the Commercial Club, as it will be of untold benefit to you in developing our many natural resources in the near future.

Committee of Bell county from canvassing the returns from one of the voting precincts of said county is now pending before one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky for revision, and ought to be settled before your committee acts.

"Now we, the undersigned members of said committee, believing that the question, whether or not the Judges of courts of this Commonwealth can or ought to control the action of this committee by injunction or otherwise should be settled; and believing that said committee should not be controlled by threats, intimidation nor fear of violence, respectfully petition you to call said committee together at some other time and place to canvass said returns from the primary election and certify the result thereof, in order that committee may discharge said duties, freely and fairly, and in order that its actions may not be controlled by friends and supporters of either candidate. J. F. Engle, Jackson county; John Collins, Letcher; John G. Fitzpatrick, Bell; M. Ray Yarberry, Adair; S. G. Smith, Clinton; O. H. Williams, Monroe; A. R. Humble, Pulaski; M. N. Bates, Wayne; J. M. Collins, Cumberland; Lilburn Phelps, Russell.

"August 16, 1904." Personal appeals were also made to me by some of the members of the District Committee to the same effect. It was also suggested that London, Ky., was the home of Mr. D. C. Edwards, who was one of the contending candidates for the nomination, and that naturally his friends there and in the county of Laurel were more or less vehement in their assertion that he had been nominated.

I knew that the Mountain Echo, a newspaper published in London, had contained a number of sensational articles calculated to inflame the supporters of Mr. Edwards, and while I do not charge that any violence or intimidation would have resorted to had the committee met in London, yet, actuated by a desire to avoid the possibility of any attempt from any source, to influence by violence or intimidation any member of the committee, and having an earnest desire to subserve the best interests of the Republican party of the district and State. I yielded to the

wishes of a majority of the District Committee, as expressed in the aforesaid petition, and issued a call for the meeting of the committee to be held in Middlesboro Wednesday, August 17, 1904, of which both candidates and each member of the committee had notice and were given an opportunity to be present. Said call was in these words as follows, viz:

Barbourville, Ky., Aug. 16, 1904.  
"For reasons set forth in a petition of certain members of the Republican Committee of the Eleventh Congressional District Committee of Kentucky, you, as one of the members of said Committee, are hereby notified that a meeting of said committee is called to be held at the Middlesboro Hotel, in Middlesboro, Ky., on Wednesday, August 17, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the primary election held on August 9, 1904, for the nomination of a Republican candidate for Congress in said district and certifying the result thereof; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said committee and for the performance of such other duties as may be required of said committee. W. W. BYRLEY, Chairman of the Eleventh Congressional District Committee of Kentucky."

I knew of no reason why the certified returns could not be canvassed and declared at Middlesboro, Ky., as well as anywhere else, and I am frank to say no such reason existed. I knew it would be best for all parties concerned to have the committee meet and perform its duty unmolested and entirely free from fear. Again a motion had been before Judge Paynter, one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals, to dissolve an injunction which had been granted by Judge Moss concerning the vote of Bell county, and it seemed important that Judge Paynter's opinion relating thereto should be known and the law concerning the same settled.

In obedience to said call eleven members of the District Committee, including myself as one of the number, met at Middlesboro at the time stated, and the meeting was called to order by me as District Chairman. Upon a call of counties the following members of the committee were present in person and answered

to their names, viz:

M. R. Yarberry, Adair county; J. G. Fitzpatrick, Bell; J. M. Collins, Cumberland; S. G. Smith, Clinton; J. F. Engle, Jackson; W. W. Byrley, Knox; Dr. John Collins, Letcher; Lilburn Phelps, Russell, and the following named persons appeared with regular proxies, viz:

J. O. Williams, representing George Bushong, Monroe county; A. R. Humble, representing H. M. Smith, Pulaski; M. N. Bates, representing J. M. Kennedy, Wayne.

Thereby showing that eleven of the nineteen counties were duly represented at said meeting and making the necessary quorum for the transaction of business.

The committee had the certified returns from the counties of the district, which had been made to the said District Committee by the County Committee, and proceeded to carefully and correctly count the votes so certified, giving to each candidate the correct number of votes certified for him, which count, as shown by the face of said returns, resulted as follows, viz:

W. Godfrey Hunter.....14,126 votes  
D. C. Edwards.....13,935 votes

This shows that W. Godfrey Hunter received the highest number of votes and that he had a clear majority of 191 votes over his opponent, Mr. D. C. Edwards.

Thereupon the Hon. W. Godfrey Hunter was declared the Republican nominee for Congress in the Eleventh district of Kentucky, and in accordance therewith a certificate of nomination was duly prepared as required by law. The committee, having completed its work, thereupon adjourned.

It is perhaps not inappropriate for me to here state that I have seen in print the charge made that the District Committee at said meeting had in some way altered or changed the returns. There is no foundation in truth or fact for such charge, for not a single vote was added to, nor subtracted from said returns, but, on the contrary, each one of the said candidates was given every vote shown by said returns to have been received by him.

Neither W. Godfrey Hunter nor D. C. Edwards was present at said meeting of the committee, nor did any one appear before the committee as the representative of either of them, and no person who claimed the right to participate in said meeting, either in person or in proxy, was excluded therefrom.

So far as I am concerned, and I have no doubt, the other members of the committee concur in this view, the action of the District Committee is open to the closest scrutiny and fullest investigation. W. W. BYRLEY, Chairman of the Republican District Committee of the Eleventh Congressional District of Kentucky. August 24, 1904.

### The Fair Open.

Last Wednesday morning the Knox County Fair Association threw open their gates to the public and will continue to entertain all visitors until to-night, when the meeting closes. This is the 14th annual meeting of the Knox County Fair Association, and every year has proven a success. This year bids fair to be as great a success as any previous year.

The principal attraction to-day (Friday) is the address of Gov. W. O. Bradley which is to be delivered this afternoon, and it is expected that an unusually large audience will be present to hear him.

This is the greatest fair in the mountains, and everybody should come out and help swell the crowd. Let's all go to-day, anyway, and make the last day the best and biggest day of the meeting.

## ROBINSON'S CIRCUS

Greeted by Immense Crowd and All Went Well.

Last Saturday John Robinson's circus gave one performance in this city and there were more people here than we had ever seen before. From early dawn until the noon hour they were coming in wagons, horseback and on foot. Everybody was here.

By one o'clock the show grounds was one surging mass of humanity, and the large tent was crowded to its utmost capacity to accommodate the people.

One of the officials gave out the report that they had sold 6,900 tickets aside from the complimentary ones that were used. Whether this be true or not we can not say, but we know that every inch of available space under the big tent was filled with people.

The show was fully up to the expectation of every one, and everything advertised was put on.

The herd of trained animals was considered the best ever shown here.

King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba was a grand spectacular scene and delighted every one.

Herr Sohmit, the strong man, startled every one at his marvelous strength, lifting a 200-pound dumb bell with a man sitting on either end of it, and later he lifted a table on which were standing twelve grown men.

Miss Aona, the lady somersault rider, was also one of the special features which was greatly enjoyed.

Then came Mephisto, who made the wonderful act of looping the loop in his automobile. Starting at the top of the largest tent he shot down on a specially prepared track and up again, making a complete loop which was sensational enough to startle the strongest nerve.

After the performance Mr. Robinson, Jr., took a company of friends, including the editor and family, through the large menagerie and explained the nature, habits and customs of all the rare collections.

It has been many a day since Barbourville has witnessed such a magnificent performance as the one given by John Robinson, and it will possibly be a long time until the like will be seen here again.

The crowd, although so large, was a sober and orderly one, and not a word was heard to offend any one, and the pickpockets who usually follow a troupe of this kind, were conspicuous by their absence.

The street parade was the finest ever given in this city and showed a display of thousands of dollars. Every one who came to see went away feeling thoroughly satisfied that they had gotten the worth of their money.

## HURD

The Magician, Gave Splendid Performance at College Chapel.

Last Monday night a small but appreciative audience turned out to see Hurd, the magician, at Union College.

Owing to the fact that the circus was just over and the Fair coming on this week, many staid away, but they were the losers, as this proved to be the nicest performance witnessed in our town for a long time.

The manner in which he performed his many and surprising tricks was sufficient to startle his spectators.

The closing act was to have four men from the audience come upon the stage and securely tie him as he sat upon a large box that was securely locked with two locks and hasps. After the box was locked it was tied in every way with strong ropes. This being done he sat down and allowed himself to be tied securely to the box, both arms being securely tied by two eye-bolts in the lid of the box. Then the curtain was drawn and in less time that it took them to tie him, he gave the order and the curtain was drawn aside. There sat the box but the man had disappeared upon untying the ropes and unlocking the box he was found on the inside. How he ever got there no one in the audience knows.

Those who witnessed the performance are loud in its praise.

### \$25.00 Reward.

The undersigned will pay \$25 reward for the arrest and satisfactory proof of the guilt of the party or parties who broke into my store in this city on last Sunday night and stole property from me.  
R. W. COLE.

### SHERIFF'S SALE FOR TAXES.

STATE OF KENTUCKY, } ss.  
County of Knox. }  
I will on the  
26th DAY OF SEPT., 1904,  
At the Court-house door in Barbourville, Knox county, Ky., between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand the following property: One tract of land situated on the waters of Golden's Creek, and bounded as follows: North by Robert Bray, east by William Wilson, south by Joseph Mays, west by Masey heirs, levied on as the property of W. T. Golden for his State Revenue and County levy taxes due by said W. T. Golden for the year 1903.  
Taxes \$4.08; cost —  
W. W. BYRLEY, S. K. C.  
CHAS. BYRLEY, D. S.  
This 2d day of August, 1904.  
sept. 24t.



Born December 16, 1879 on the waters of Little Richland creek; Attended country school to secure an education; Had poor educational advantages. Took White Swelling at 13 years of age and amputated at age of 23, after ten years of suffering.

### To the Voters of Knox County.

I take this method of addressing my candidacy for the office of County Court Clerk, of Knox County, subject to the action of the Republican Primary, Nov. 12, 1904. I have a family to support and have had the misfortune to lose one of my legs caused by White swelling, and I am therefore not able to make our sustenance by manual labor, I have never asked for an office before and I hope you will give me a just and close consideration and lend me your support at the polls. Thanking you in advance for any favors it may be your pleasure to grant me.

I am most respectfully yours,  
WILLIE McDONALD.

## CHAIRMAN BYRLEY

Makes Public Statements in Regard to Action of District Convention.

W. W. Byrley, Chairman of the Republican District Committee of the Eleventh district, yesterday issued the following statement:

"To the Republicans of the 11th Congressional District: Inasmuch as the meeting of the Republican District Committee, of which committee I am Chairman, held in Middlesboro, Ky., August 17, 1904, and the circumstances which led to said meeting have been grossly misrepresented. I desire to make this statement in order that the truth may be known and understood by all men.

The primary election was held Tuesday, August 9, 1904. According to rules adopted regulating the primary it was provided that the committee should meet in London, Ky., August 16, 1904, to canvass the returns certified from the respective counties to the District Committee, declare the result and grant a certificate to the candidate ascertained to have the highest number of votes in said primary, which candidate should be declared the Republican nominee for Congress in said district.

There was presented to me as Chairman of said committee a petition requesting that the committee shall be called to meet at some other time and place than London, August 16, 1904, which petition explains itself and is as follows: "Hon. W. W. Byrley, Chairman of the Republican Committee of the Eleventh Congressional District of Kentucky:

"Whereas, the undersigned have been reliably informed that the partisans and supporters of the candidates before the Republican primary held on August 9, 1904, will attempt to control the action of the Republican Committee of the Eleventh Congressional district of Kentucky, when and after it meets at London, Ky., to canvass the election returns from said primary by threats of violence and intimidation, and

"Whereas, The action of the Hon. M. J. Moss, Judge of the Bell Circuit Court, in restraining the Republican