

The Invincible Flem D. Sampson

The Charges of Impeachment Dismissed

CHARGES OF HIS ENEMIES NOT SUSTAINED



It will be interesting to Judge Sampson's many friends to know that on last Monday at 10 o'clock the Committee of the Senate who were appointed to hear Charges preferred against Judge Sampson by a bunch of 'Possum faced, low grade politicians, or rather vultures, who would suffer as keenly as any brute is capable of bearing to have done Judge Sampson the injustice of wrenching from him what the people of the Thirty-fourth Judicial District of Kentucky, by their votes, said he was entitled to, dismissed the charges against him.

There is not, within the confines of the grand old State a cleaner, more impartial Judge, or able Jurist, than Judge Sampson. This bunch of Shysters from Pine Knot, and possibly one or two others from Williamsburg, and one from Pineville, some of whom wanted to preside as Judge, others who had undertaken to dictate, not only to Judge Sampson, but to the majority of the citizens and taxpayers of McCreary County, where their County Seat should be. The vote has been taken twice in this matter and Whitley City has won each time and this bunch of fellows who preferred the charges have each time been defeated. This matter came up as a result of Whitley City being made the county seat of that County. Judge Sampson has been fully vindicated and this bunch has been branded as they should have been, as unworthy of belief.

Judge Sampson will preside as Judge of the Thirty-fourth Dis-

trict until his term expires, and then if he wants it again the voters of the Thirty-fourth District will elect him again.

This Committee that investigated the charges against Judge Sampson were all Democrats, but they were men of good sense and judgment, and honest as are all good Kentuckians, who want to do the right thing by all, this Committee was made up, we say of gentlemen of the highest type, and could see through the whole thing as fast as these Gentlemen (?) from Pine Knot could belch forth their vile epithets for they were so unreasonable that no one of common sense would believe them.

From the Committee's Report published in the Lexington Leader, we publish the following paragraph: "There is not a scintilla of testimony to show that any of his decisions have been corrupt or that he has been influenced, improperly by the use of railroad passes or by any other means. Where he has gone beyond the law it has been under very aggravating circumstances. He has but a short time to serve in office, his term expires January 1, 1915; a great majority of the people living in his district are law-abiding, intelligent citizens, and are capable of selecting honest, responsible and competent officials. There is nothing to show that the election machinery in the district is controlled or dominated by him."

A special from Frankfort, of January 9th, to the Louisville Herald, says: "Chairman Elwood Hamilton, for the commit-

tee, filed in the House a report advising against instituting impeachment proceedings against Judge Flem D. Sampson, of the Thirty-fourth Judicial District. The charges brought against the accused jurist were in no wise sustained by the evidence brought out at the hearing of the members found.

"The reading of the report required but an hour. As its conclusion the citizens voted unanimously that no impeachment charges be brought."

IN SENATE

Regular Session 1914;
Senate Bill No. 237;
Monday Feb. 2, 1914.

Mr. Bosworth introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, viz:

AN ACT to regulate the employment of convicts pending the vote of the people of the Commonwealth on an amendment to authorize convicts to work on public roads of the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, the constitutional amendment authorizing the employment of convict inmates of the penitentiary and reformatory of this State to work upon the construction and improvement of road highways and bridges received over 50,000 votes, showing that the greater number of the voters in this Commonwealth, as in many other States, are in favor of the employment of convicts in road building; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 per cent of the counties voting upon said constitutional amendment endorsed it; and,

WHEREAS, said constitutional amendment only failed of adoption through a legal technicality, which necessitates its re-submission to the people; and,

WHEREAS, if the constitutional amendment had been adopted it could not have become immediately operative because of existing contracts for the labor of convicts; and,

WHEREAS, if the Prison Commissioners shall renew such contracts, and said constitutional amendment shall be adopted it would not become operative for eight years, by reason of the existence of such contracts, and to relieve and prevent the Board of Prison Commissioners from having to renew said Prison contracts; and

WHEREAS, the contract system for working convicts is now almost universally regarded as obsolete, unwise and inhumane, and there is generally being substituted therefor in the various States the working of convicts upon the public roads for State use, and for State account upon the piece price plan wholly under State officials, and employees; and,

WHEREAS, under existing conditions for the present in this Commonwealth, it is impractical to work the convicts on public roads or for State use; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General

Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

1. That the Prison Commissioners of the Commonwealth of Kentucky are prohibited from extending or renewing any existing contract, or entering into a new contract or contracts for the employment of the inmates of the State Reformatory or Penitentiary until the question of the employment of the convicts on road and bridge projects is determined by the voters of the Commonwealth.

2. That pending the action of the voters of this Commonwealth upon the constitutional amendment to employ convicts on road making, the Prison Commissioners shall employ the inmates in the State a piece price plan, with the exception in such contracts as shall be worked pursuant to



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Mr. Smith is the attorney who represented Judge Sampson in the impeachment proceedings at Frankfort last week, which resulted in a verdict in favor of Judge Sampson. Mr. Smith handled this case with a great deal of skill and having once served in the Legislature, gave him many advantageous points in which to work. This is certainly a victory for both Mr. Smith and his

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superintended by others not employed by the State; in no case shall any arrangements or contract for the employment of the inmates include over 100 on any one class, kind or kindred industry, so that the employment shall be diversified, and said employment shall be in line of instructive labor that will teach an inmate a common trade, and in which the maximum of hand work and the minimum of machine work shall be utilized.

All Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

DIED

Everett Smith, age 17, son of Campbell Smith, died at the depot last Thursday morning at 1:30 o'clock. He was a student of the Baptist Institute, and about two weeks ago some boys, through his fault, turned the hose on him, and he took pneumonia. All was done for the young man that could be done, but all could not save him. He was attended by Dr. I. W. Jones of this place, and Dr. Brock, of London, but they were too late in calling the physicians, they could not save him. His remains were taken to his home, near London, Ky., where he will be buried tomorrow.

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