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LEGISLATIVE PROBE AND EASTERN NORMAL.

Senator Hall and his excellent committee of the Kentucky Senate have done and are still doing good work for the people of this State in investigating our educational and eleemosynary institutions. We particularly admire the spirit that appears to animate this committee in the pursuance of its work; a spirit both conservative and fair; a spirit of wanting to build up, not pull down; a spirit that while seeking to protect the State's financial interest is yet big enough, far-seeing enough to look beyond the dollar and see the good, the uplift for the great common people that our institutions, assisted by reasonable financial help from the State, are capable of. Many of the recommendations made by Senator Hall's committee, we believe, will redound to the good of the State financially and yet not in the least impair the usefulness of the institutions, but rather add to their usefulness.

While this is true in the main, we do believe their recommendations as to the Eastern Normal if carried out will be a serious error, a result that Senator Hall and his associates do not want. We of Eastern Kentucky, who daily come in contact with the advantages to a large number of our boys and girls, in but a few years to become the men and women, the fathers and mothers of our State, can see the benefits already manifesting themselves in many ways; notably, in the better grade of teachers in our country schools, the uplift of the character of our teachers as reflecting itself in their pupils.

As to the sale at this time of the Eastern Normal farm, we believe it would be a mistake. It has not had a fair trial as yet. It is the belief of a large number of our most successful farmers that the farm can and will be made a valuable asset and a source of revenue. It must be borne in mind that while State Examiner Goodpaster has recommended the sale of the farm, that his predecessor in office, Hon. McKenzie Todd, if we remember correctly, strongly recommended the purchase of it. This is simply a difference of opinion between men, for we have great regard for Mr. Goodpaster and his methods. We admire him, but believe his judgment in this case is in error.

Be it remembered, also, that the farm was purchased by the unanimous vote of the Board of Regents. This Board is composed of men of the highest character; men who have made success of their own financial affairs, and as above said, the farm experiment has not been given a sufficient trial yet. These men, while loyally submitting to the will of the General Assembly, are not yet satisfied as to the utility of the enterprise. Try it out thoroughly and if not a success, it can be readily sold at full value at any time. But to sell it just now will

be a mistake. Of this we have no doubt. It is almost the universal opinion. The Farmers' Union of this county, an organization numbering nearly if not fully 1,000 representative farmers of this county, held a meeting in this city Monday of this week and by resolutions entered a protest against both the sale of the farm and the cutting down of the appropriation. We have this information direct from Dr. Martin, the organizer and earnest worker for that organization.

We trust, too, that the annual appropriation will not be cut down. Already President Crabbe and the Board of Regents have made their plans and laid the foundation for a great institution for the boys and girls who cannot hope for an education elsewhere, upon the basis of the original annual appropriation, and the cutting down of this would be a serious blow. No funds have been misappropriated; no extravagance in management has been shown. Until these things take place, why enact any revolution which may cripple the institution? Ninety per cent. of the Eastern Normal students go back to their homes better educated; trained to think and with higher and nobler ideals of life and good citizenship. Why should not Kentucky have two great Normal Schools—the Eastern and the Western—for these are the schools to lift Kentucky from the unenviable position she has heretofore occupied in the list of illiteracy among the States.

We trust Senator Hall and his colleagues will not insist upon the recommendations that the daily press attribute to them. Give us a little time, Senator, and when "weighed" we will not be found "wanting."

THE "EXTRA HELP" BILL.

One of the early acts of the Kentucky Legislature after convening on January 6, was the passage of what is known as the "Extra Help" bill, appropriating about \$12,000 for the employment of extra help—doorkeepers, clerks, stenographers, etc. We are not in a position to know whether \$12,000 extra help in addition to what was already employed was needed or not. Certain it is that \$12,000 extra help for a sixty-day session—\$200 a day—ought to employ, at fair compensation, a big lot of help, "and then some." This is not the point, however, we are driving at. The bill was passed and sent to the Governor for his signature. At the expiration of ten days, the time allowed by law for the chief executive's approval by his signature or his disapproval by his veto, the bill was returned not signed and therefore became a law without the Governor's signature. Upon the return of the unsigned bill the Governor sent a message to the General Assembly giving as his reason for not signing the bill that he felt that the General Assembly was in a better position than he to know what extra help was needed. An excellent reason on its face. It strikes us, though, that in ten days time he could have fully informed himself as to the situation and its requirements. In the latter part of his message the Governor informs the General Assembly that the bill as passed by that body was contrary to the Constitution of the State of Kentucky, and therefore illegal. If this be true, and we do not doubt it, for the Governor is himself a learned lawyer and thoroughly familiar with the Constitution, then he should have placed the seal of his disapproval, his veto, upon the bill upon the ground, if for no other reason, than of its illegality. This would have ended the whole matter.

Upon return of the unsigned bill and in the face of the Governor's message, Speaker Terrill, of the Lower House, and President McDermott, of the Senate, proceeded to appoint the extra help and thereby put the bill into effect. State

Auditor Bosworth has refused to pay warrants drawn on him in payment for extra help under this bill until Attorney General Grnet gives his official opinion as to its legality. The strange part of the whole proceeding is that three high officials of the State, the Governor, Speaker Terrill and President McDermott should condone the putting into execution of a bill already passed upon by the Governor as illegal, and to say the least of it, strongly suspected in other quarters of being contrary to the Constitution of the State and therefore illegal.

The investigation of the Eastern Kentucky State Normal School has disclosed conditions and facts which are not yet fully explained. However, despite the fact that the president of the Board of Regents have exceeded their legal authority, it appears that they have acted with a view to increasing the usefulness and efficiency of the institution in question. One of the aims of the Eastern Normal is to teach teachers how to teach the children of Eastern Kentucky to be useful and prosperous citizens. In the past we have been preparing the rural pupils for teachers "so they could make a living without work," apparently unmindful of the fact that a large part of our population depends on the products of the soil for a livelihood. The teachers from the Eastern Normal School have begun to create an interest in scientific agriculture in the rural districts. Let the good work go on. It takes time to bring about a revolution in methods of farming. Give the Eastern Normal School a chance.—Irvine Sun.

A BILL has been introduced in the Legislature at the instigation of one of Kentucky's most admirable women; a woman who has done as much or more to wipe out illiteracy in the State than any other one person within its confines. The object of the bill referred to is to create an illiteracy commission to investigate the standing of Kentucky in the matter of adult illiteracy and to aid in eliminating it. This measure will carry no appropriation, but calls for voluntary service and is one of the most humane measures that has ever been offered to the General Assembly. If we can afford a Fish and Game commission, a Library commission and various other commissions, surely we can afford one to interest the teachers and people of Kentucky in aiding and enlightening the adult illiterates of the State. The Climax predicts easy sailing for the measure, as its passage will not take from the treasury one penny, and we cannot believe a single Representative will cast his vote against a measure of such vital importance, especially when it does not incur any expense on the tax payers of the State.

REPRESENTATIVE HUFF has introduced a bill in the Kentucky House prohibiting women over 18 years of age from wearing in public skirts of less width than 33 inches around the bottom. If this becomes a law we shall ask Representative Duffy to introduce a bill prohibiting men from wearing Adam's apples of greater circumference than six inches and showing above their collars more than five inches.—Cynthiana Democrat.

CONGRESSMAN STANLEY is claiming the entire State in his race for United States Senate, according to an interview with Mr. Cromwell, political writer for the Cincinnati Enquirer. We believe, however, the Congressman did concede Madison, and a few other counties would go against him.

Farmers Union Heard From.

The following telegram was sent Monday last to Mr. R. L. Barnett, State Sec. retary at Frankfort of the Farmers Union:

R. L. Barnett, State Sec. Farmers Union, Frankfort, Ky.
Ask law makers to enact banking laws to favor the farmers. Official request representing 1000 people.

W. K. Price, Pres.
A. J. Millon, Sec.
Wm. M. Martin, Organizer.

Circuit Court.

Circuit court convened yesterday morning with Judge J. M. Benton and Commonwealth Attorney B. A. Crutcher in attendance. Judge Benton's charge to the grand jury was strong and covered every infraction of the law. He spoke of the common practice of carrying concealed weapons and the dreadful consequences that have resulted in this and other States, and on this subject commented on the widespread determination and influence that is being brought to bear in an effort to stamp out this promiscuous and pernicious habit, which is largely responsible for the number of murders that are being committed throughout the State. He explained to the jury that houses of ill-fame in this city could, if there were any, be closed and the inmates forced to leave, as had in a large degree been done in Clark county.

The instructions along the line of corruption in elections were vigorous and the jury was charged to investigate and ascertain if any illegal methods was used by any candidate in the November election. Judge Benton spoke of the leniency of the court towards those who were indicted at the October term, but stated positively that hereafter those indicted for this offense would be given a jury trial and its verdict would be final. He further stated that any official convicted on this charge, even if granted pardon, would forfeit the office to which he was elected.

Concerning the illegal sale of whisky, Judge Benton stated that according to newspaper reports the county court and police court had the matter well in hand, yet the grand jury was instructed to investigate and lend all possible assistance in breaking up this violation of the law. The following gentlemen compose the grand jury: N. B. Deatherage, foreman;

Harvey Douglas, Elmer Parrish, James Noland, W. L. Blanton, Jos. Wagers, W. A. Arbuckle, W. D. Sanders, Wm. Jenkins, Wilson Tate, N. G. Todd, J. W. Guinn.

ALHAMBRA—TO-DAY.

Ethel Clayton in "When The Earth Trembled," Wednesday, a thrilling story of the big San Francisco earthquake. This big feature in addition to our regular program. Miss Ward, who has been singing at the Alhambra, is pleasing large crowds daily.

MONDAY.
Thomas W. Ross, in "Checkers," in 6 parts. This is Henry M. Blossom, Jr.'s great racing play. Admission, 10c.

MADE BLUNDER IN WARRANT

Curious Evidence Concerning a Telephone Message During a Police Raid in London.

London.—Curious evidence concerning a telephone message was given when the case was continued in which Mr. Daniel Webb, a turf commission-er and accountant of Salisbury avenue, Ealing, is suing Subdivisional Inspector Hamilton, stationed at Ilford, for damages for wrongful arrest and trespass.

Miss Martha Webb, daughter of the commission agent, said that when the raid was made on her father's premises the telephone bell rang. She found Inspector Hamilton with the receiver in his hand dictating to Sergeant Matthews, who was standing near him. She heard Inspector Hamilton say: "I am Dan Webb, £25 each way."

"Let me speak; surely we are to have justice," she said, but he pushed her away and went on dictating the words "Dan Jackson."

"I have got you there; you forgot to mention the name of the horse," said Miss Webb. She certainly thought it was a police plot.

Mrs. Wiggins, chief sick visitor of the Barking Sisterhood, said that when an envelope which contained money and a slip was put under her door in Salisbury avenue, she started to open it, thinking it was a subscription toward the Barking Sisterhood sick fund.

The envelope produced was not the envelope she took to Mr. Webb's house, as it was addressed in pencil and not in ink.

Evidence was given that an alteration had been made by a clerk on the search warrant, the number of the house having been altered from 17 to 19 and back to 17 again; No. 19 was searched.

Inspector Hamilton gave evidence, and the hearing was again adjourned.

FIND LOST WEDDING RING

Discovered by Daughter Who Was a Baby When Mother's Loss Occurred.

New Orleans.—Nineteen years ago Mrs. L. A. Gaal, residing at 2841 Fortin street, shook her wedding ring off her finger while cleaning tea leaves out of a teapot on the rear porch of her home. The little band of gold, which her husband had placed on her finger five years before, fell out in the grass and search by a dozen neighbors and by Mr. and Mrs. Gaal for hours failed to reveal a trace of it.

A short time ago it was found at the very spot lost by a daughter, Miss Viola, who was but three weeks old when the ring disappeared in the weeds.

"It's now treasured beyond anything in the world," said Mr. Gaal, with the happiness of a child over a new toy. "The ring is just as pretty and shiny as it ever was. Its long slumber in the ground has not hurt it a bit."

"My daughter was digging artichokes when she turned up the ring with a spade full of dirt. She brought it to me and I was a proud man to slip it onto the third finger of my wife's left hand for the second time."

Dr. Horton's Lecture Monday Evening.

In the Epworth League course of lectures being heard from time to time, in the Methodist church of this city, Dr. B. C. Horton, pastor of that church, delivered Monday night one of the most entertaining lectures that has been heard in this city for many a day. His subject, "Some Pictures Seen in a Home-Ly Gallery," was a catchy and attractive one and he handled it in a masterly way. It was a delight from start to finish. The speaker showed himself an artist in portraying real life. His pictures were so vivid that his audience saw and heard what the pictures represented. Some of his pictures were so ridiculous and funny that the audience was convulsed with laughter. We can still see and hear the preacher with Asthma sailing down the street through rain and darkness with his made-up rain coat on. Another picture was of an invalid husband in a Pullman car with the wrong man forgetful of the mustard plaster. Dr. Horton portrayed pictures of the sublime until his audience felt lifted up till only the high and holy seemed worth while.

The speaker impressed upon his hearers the great influence that pictures exert in the home and that they not only help mould home character, but that the lesson taught by the picture reveals in unmistakable terms the character of the one who possesses or admires the picture.

The lecture throughout was greatly enjoyed by those who heard it. Those who failed to hear it can never know how much they missed.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. D. L. Cobb entertained at Bridge on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Jett has been quite sick with la grippe.

Mr. James Tribble is quite ill at his home in the county.

Mr. C. F. Higgins spent Thursday in

Lexington on business.

Mr. Arthur Merrill, now of Berea, spent last week here.

Mr. Clay Kaufman, of Lancaster, was a court day visitor here.

Mr. Thompson Burnam was over from Danville for the week-end.

Mrs. Roy Newman returned to her home in Knoxville, Saturday.

Mr. James W. Stone, of Lexington, was in Richmond, Monday.

Miss Marian Keene is visiting friends and relatives in Middlesboro.

Mr. Frazier Hillis, of Chicago, is visiting his mother Mrs. J. P. Mann.

Mr. E. C. Wines, Sr., was in Lexington, Wednesday last, on business.

Mr. Clinton Dykes, of Clark county, was a visitor in the city Monday.

Mrs. Mary Neale Thompson has returned from a visit to Cincinnati.

Mrs. H. B. Hanger and Mrs. G. G. Corzeliuss spent Saturday in Lexington.

Mrs. Hubert Griggs has returned from a stay at Dry Ridge Mineral Springs.

Mr. Talt S. Todd left Monday afternoon for a business trip to Maysville.

Miss Martha Burke, of Illinois, is the attractive guest of Miss Jane Stockton.

Mrs. Bessie Chenault is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. F. Spears, in Lexington.

Mr. Sidney Kelley, of Red Lick, Estill county, was a visitor in this city Monday.

Mr. Thomas J. Smith, of Frankfort, was in Richmond last week for a short visit.

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On account of a very mild Winter we are making Special Low Prices on Boots, Bootes and Heavy High Shoes

Also on Men's Winter Underwear in Union Suits and Two-piece Suits. Many other bargains in broken lots. IF YOU NEED A PAIR of Boots or Shoes to finish out the winter you can't afford to miss these

RICE and ARNOLD
THE ONE PRICE HOUSE

Hon. J. Tevis Cobb, who has been quite ill for several months, is greatly improved, being able to be up and about the house. The many friends of this excellent gentleman will be gratified to know that he is on the road to recovery.

The condition of Mrs. Mary F. Burgin, of White Hall, who was stricken some time ago with paralysis has not improved as her family and friends had hoped for. During the past few days she has gradually grown weaker, and her family and friends are very apprehensive regarding the outcome.

Attorney A. R. Burnam, Jr., Referee in Bankruptcy for this district, was in the city several hours Saturday on legal business in connection with the case of Sims Brothers, bankrupts. Mr. Burnam is one of the best known young Republicans in the State, a brilliant lawyer and popular with everybody he knows.—Winchester Democrat.

Rev. J. V. Logan, of Middlesboro, filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, Sunday, delivering impressive sermons at both services. Having been born and reared in this city, his father being the honored president of Old Centre University for so many years, Mr. Logan has many friends and admirers, who are justly proud of his career and talents. While here Mr. Logan was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Thompson Burnam, and was the recipient of many social attentions from his friends.

Mrs. Elmer E. Tate entertained with a beautiful five course luncheon Saturday at her home on the Irvine road, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Hanly Nippert, of Cincinnati. On account of the very inclement day quite a number of friends who were invited to partake of the lovely hospitality were deprived of that pleasure. However, those who "laved the elements were: Mesdames L. J. Schlegel, J. D. Dykes, S. J. McGahey, B. H. Luxon, W. S. Broadus and Miss Elizabeth Wagers. With glowing hearts and hearty greetings, all were unaware of the cold outside. Mrs. Tate is an ideal hostess and her luncheon Saturday was one of the pretty affairs of the winter season.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Curtis entertained with a magnificent dinner last Tuesday night in honor of the tobacco buyers on this market and the directors of the Madison Tobacco Warehouse Company. Mr. Curtis being one of these and an officer in that company. A more elegant or delicious dinner could hardly have been served than Mr. and Mrs. Curtis gave on this occasion. Young guineas, boiled country ham, several varieties of cake, including the prize cake of Mrs. Curtis, salads, hot rolls, beaten biscuits, tutti fruit ice cream, in fact, every delicacy that could be imagined was served before the company in the lavish and cordial way in which Mr. and Mrs. Curtis always entertain. Those present enjoyed to the fullest the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, and their son, Charles. After dinner the many phases of the tobacco market were freely discussed, and all voted the treat a rare one. Those who attended were: Mr. Elmer Deatherage, Judge E. C. Millon, Dr. C. H. Vaughn, Mr. Jesse Cobb, Mr. J. S. Leach, John Ivy Smith, Mr. J. S. Leach, Mr. J. S. Thomas, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Will Arbuckle, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Curtis and Mr. Chas. Curtis.

Miss Hallie Coy, of Kirksville, has been the guest of relatives in this county. Mr. Walter Burnside, of Alabama, is on a visit to his kinspeople in the county. —Mrs. Addie Sebastian, of Richmond, is the visitor of Mesdames W. J. Romans and Malinda Cotton. Mr. and Mrs. Long have returned to their home in Madison county, after a visit to their daughter, Mrs. John N. Ross. Mrs. Sallie B. Welch, of the northern section of the county, is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Deatherage, at Richmond. —Miss Stella Hendren, a teacher of Richmond, and Miss Allie Hendren, a pedagogue of Paint Lick, were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hendren, last Saturday and Sunday.—Lancaster cor. Lex. Leader.

The Cotillion on Friday evening was a beautiful social event of last week. Mr. Preston Smith and Miss Callie Miller Shackelford were the leaders, and among the other dancers were: Mr. Overton Harber and Miss Marianne Collins, Mrs. George Goodloe and Miss Martha Burke, Mr. William Smith and Miss Jane D. Stockton, Mr. Neale Bennett and Miss Dorothy Perry, Mr. Paul Hanger and Miss Duncan Foster, Mr. Wm. Millard and Miss Tommie Cole Covington, Mr. Ben Cassidy and Miss Elath Buchanan, Mr. Jack Phelps and Miss Julia White, Mr. McCreary Simmons and Miss Sydney White, Mr. Robert Burnam and Miss Hester Covington, Mr. Edwin Stockton and Miss Emma Watts, Mr. Paul Burnam and Miss Jamie Caperton, Messrs. Barnett Chenualt, T. E. Baldwin, Jr., Sam Burnam, T. H. Pickels, D. B. Shackelford, and the patronesses, Mrs. and Mrs. Neale Bennett, Mrs. J. W. Caperton, Miss Sara Shackelford, Mrs. J. S. Collins and Miss Myne Wagers.

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