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Talented Professional Men of Murray.



RAINEY T. WELLS.

Rainey T. Wells, son of J. K. P. and Fannie (Thornton) Wells was born in Calloway county Dec. 25th, 1870. Graduated at Murray Institute in 1894 and took A. M. degree at Southern Normal University in 1900. Mr. Wells was principal of the Calloway Normal School for four years. He was elected to the Kentucky legislature and served in three sessions, and in educational work he was easily the premier of the body; and being an orator of unusual ability he was foremost in shaping legislation for public good. Mr. Wells was admitted to the bar in 1901 and at once came into prominence as an able practitioner. He is unalterably committed to anything that tends toward the advancement of Calloway county. He is always in the forefront of every movement that tends toward progress. In short, and without further embellishment, he is a live wire. Mr. Wells is a man who stands for fraternity and good fellowship. He is Head Consul for Kentucky of the W. O. W. and is prominently identified with other orders. We can say that fraternally and politically he is one of the most brilliant young Kentuckians in the state. He thinks Calloway is about the best county on the map, and we agree with him. He is a man of exemplary habits and high moral character, and a man who can be trusted with any duty within the gift of men.

Mr. Wells was married Dec. 31, 1896 to Miss Fannie Daniel. Two girls and a boy meet the subject of our sketch when he goes home at eventide, and his sympathetic and genial nature finds full fruition in the companionship of his lovely wife and interesting children.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Since the war the following talented Calloway county men of Kentucky, lowland names: Bryant, Alfred, J. L. Irvan, Daniel Matthewson, W. W. Ayres, T. C. Gardner, B. C. John, S. L. Holmes, John Mc. Mc. Rainey T. Wells, and Swan.

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JAMES H. COLEMAN.

James Henry Coleman, son of Robert S. and Fannie (Williams) Coleman was born in Henry county, Tennessee, May 5, 1863. At the age of nine he came to Murray with his parents and has since resided in this town. Graduated at Murray Institute, attended law school and was granted license to practice law in 1885. Has been county attorney of Calloway county and since admission to the bar has practiced his profession in Murray, now being the senior member of the firm of Coleman & Wells. Mr. Coleman is recognized as one of the ablest lawyers of the state. Jim Coleman is a man of great personal charm. He has steadily advanced to the goal of success. In him we find charity of thought, of word, of deed, sympathy and tenderness of heart. He has been twice married, first to Miss Roberta Hamlin daughter of the late Richard F. Hamlin. Two children, daughters, survive her. Second, to Miss Hontas Hart, daughter of Dr. J. G. Hart, in 1902, one daughter being born of this union.



J. B. WALL.

John Bates Wall, attorney-at-law, son of James B. and Sarah (Russell) Wall was born in Calloway county near the "old reliable" village of Pottertown in 1878. He attended the common schools and completed a normal school course in the high school at Kirksey. Some years ago he came to Murray and engaged in merchandising, being known as one of the most popular clerks in the county. But Jack's ambition was to

be a lawyer. He burned the "midnight-oil" to that end, and in 1905 was admitted to the bar. He kept up his studies and recently has devoted his entire time to his chosen profession. Being an amiable and popular young man he has met with remarkable encouragement and has already built up an extensive practice. He has the confidence of a large clientele, and being possessed of a legal mind there is no question that in a few years he will be known as one of the best lawyers in Murray.



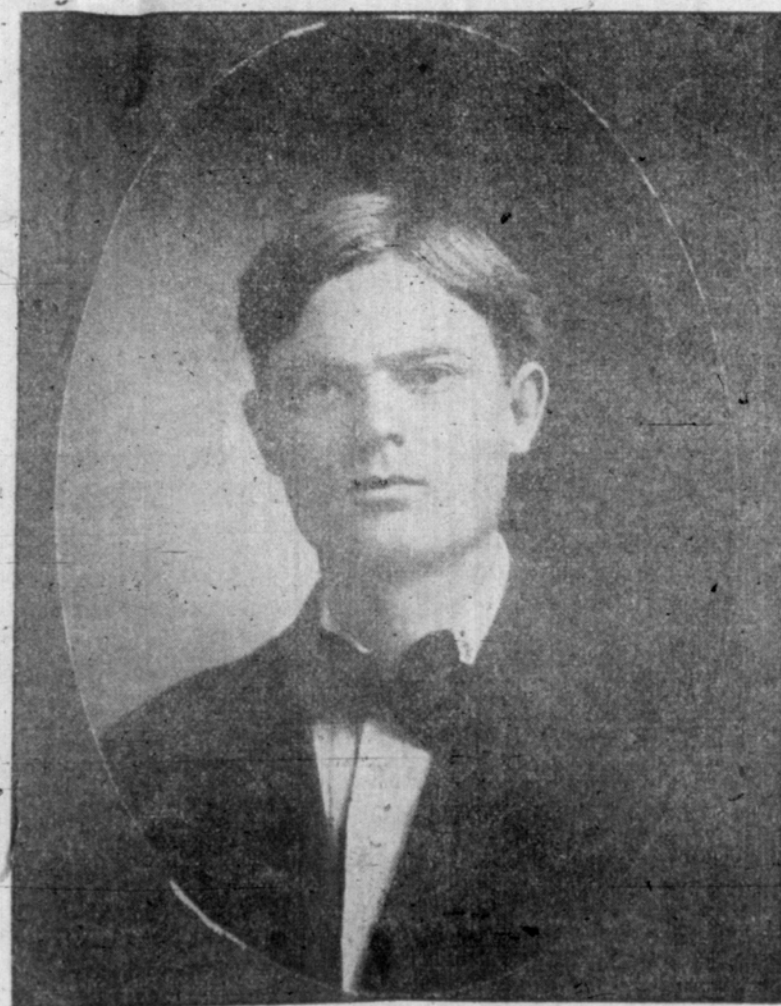
EDWARD P. PHILLIPS.

Phillips was born in 1862 six miles north east of Murray. After acquiring a good education he commenced teaching school, taking rank with the leading edu-

cators of the state. In 1892 he was elected County court clerk and served two terms and the consensus of opinion is that he made a very fine clerk. He was admitted to the bar in 1895 and has engaged in the practice of law since his term as clerk expired. Aside from this he is interested in various other enterprises in the town and county. He assisted in organizing the Murray Ice Co. and is a partner in that splendid business; is also interested in claylands and has been actively at work interesting Northern capital on our clays, some of which are known to be the finest in the world. He was the Democratic nominee for county judge at the last regular election and his defeat caused general regret among the conservative citizenship of the county. Mr. Phillips is regarded as one of Murray's most substantial business men. He is a man of high moral character, a leading Mason and a Methodist.

For every thing you have missed you have gained something else; and for everything you gain, you lose something. Emerson.

The Gazette Does Fine Job Printing.



FESTUS ACREE.

Festus Acree, of the law firm of Acree & Speight was born Aug. 28, 1880. At an early age he became a student of the law and was admitted to the bar and shortly afterwards established a law office in Murray. Being en-

tergetic and having confidence of a wide circle of influential friends he soon built up an extensive practice. No man labors harder for his clients than Festus Acree. He was married at Hazel, Ky in 1902 to Miss Bertha Marsh.

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Some Progressive People of Town and County.



J. B. SWAN ESQ.

Esq. J. Brack Swan was born December 23, 1866 in Calloway county. At the age of 21 he was married to Miss Alice Key, also known as Esq. Swan. They are blessed with eight children, five boys and three girls. Esq. Swan has been foremost in shaping the Kentucky nation for public good. He is a farmer, admitted to the bar in 1907 by occupation, at once came into prominence as a teacher and practitioner. He is using a diploma from the University of Kentucky, which he has committed to anything that he is member of the advancement of the county, acting as deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school at Sinking Springs. He owns the famous "Pigeon Roost" farm. Esq. Swan has always taken a great interest in the affairs of Calloway county. He served as magistrate of Swann district eight years and as county chairman of the Planters Protective Association for two years. His voice has often been raised on behalf of the farming people and he is an influential man, being very popular with his neighbors and acquaintances. He is a worthy son of W. C. Swan, a pioneer citizen of Calloway.



J. B. SWAN ESQ.

Good likeness of him is a "sticker" of grim determination and energy and now has his

leading business of his kind in west Kentucky. Not only has his business grown in volume but he has become more expert as an artist and his work always pleases his customers. About one year ago he added a 5, 10, and 25 cent counter as a side line to his main business and this department has grown far beyond his expectations. He will in the near future, as soon as he can have his house arranged, open one of the largest and most complete lines of 5, 10, and 25 cent goods ever brought to Murray.



ABITHA DOWNS, P. M.

A. Downs was born in Trigg county, Ky., in 1854; was educated in the Trigg county public schools and followed the occupation of farming for a living. He is the son of the late E. Downs and moved to Calloway with his father at the age of 16, and remained on the farm until he was 32. He then came to Murray and opened a dry goods and general store in which business he was successful. All the Downs boys are thrifty and good lawyers. Mr. Downs is an astute Republican politician and stands high in the councils of his party. He called the first real public convention of Republicans ever held in Calloway. About the first one he ever attended was held behind a warehouse and others in a secret lodge room. Mr. Downs turned the scale that caused Taft to get the Republican endorsement of Kentucky. He was a leader in the last county campaign when our Republican friends attained sufficient strength to capture the offices of county judge, sheriff and county attorney. Mr. Downs says, and we guess he is right about it, that Republicans are more respected in Calloway now than in days gone by. He was appointed postmaster of Murray April 19, 1906 and reappointed by president Taft March 7, 1910. His work as postmaster has been satisfactory to the entire delivery. His first assistant is Mr. Clyde

Collie, a very popular young man. The Gazette editors have had a great deal of business with various postmasters throughout the country and we can say truly, that we have never found a more efficient working force in the services of Uncle Sam than Mr. A. Downs and his untiring co-laborers. The business of the post-office is rapidly increasing, here which of itself shows the strides being made by Murray business men.

Bowling Green has 9,173 population, a small gain over 1900.



CLYDE COLLIE.

Collie, deputy postmaster of Murray, was born Nov. 12, 1882 in Calloway county. He attended the common schools graduated at the Calloway Normal school and took a business course at Bowling Green. He taught school in Calloway four years and kept books in Paducah for two years. He came to Murray in 1906 and was soon afterward appointed deputy postmaster and his first assistant has proven of valuable aid to his chief and is very popular with the public who recognize in him a thoroughly competent and reliable official. Mr. Collie was married Nov. 30, 1905 to Miss Virginia Gilbert.

JAMES A. EDWARDS.

James A. Edwards was born on a farm south of Murray in 1858. He was educated at the Murray Inst. and taught school in Trigg county and Henry county, Tenn. and afterwards engaged in business with W. P. Gatin for several years and was in the tobacco business two years. He served as deputy sheriff and was elected sheriff in 1906, filling the office four years. His administration of public affairs was without spot or blemish and he will in all probability hold this office again some day. He is now in the tobacco business with W. B. Kennedy. Mr. Edwards was married at the age of 20 to Miss Alice Irvin. They have six children, three handsome grown sons and three beautiful daughters. The eldest son is a manager of the Postal Telegraph Co. at Hot Springs, Ark. The oldest daughter, Mrs. A. H. Kindred, lives at Fulton, Kennon, the second son, is employed by the



E. G. HOLLAND.

Emanuel Gibson Holland, son of Joe and Mildred (Miller) Holland, was born in Calloway county in 1847. He was reared on a farm and attended such schools as they had in those days and Dick says they were "very common" schools. When the civil war commenced young Holland enlisted as private in Co. F, Kentucky, C. S. A., Capt. Stubblefield's company. Close of the war he returned to his old home in East Calloway.

In 1867 he was married to Miss Albina Seagren. They have ten children, all living but one, nine boys and one daughter, Mrs. Randolph. In 1891 Mr. Holland moved to Murray and established a transfer business and has become one of Murray's most popular citizens. He is optimistic in temperament, big, fat, jolly and happy. For twenty years he has been a deacon of the Christian church and is a man of deep religious convictions and well versed in the scriptures. But he is not of the long-faced kind and his hearty laugh and hand-shake has brought many a poor devil out of the slough of despond. May his shadow, which is an exceedingly large one, never grow less.



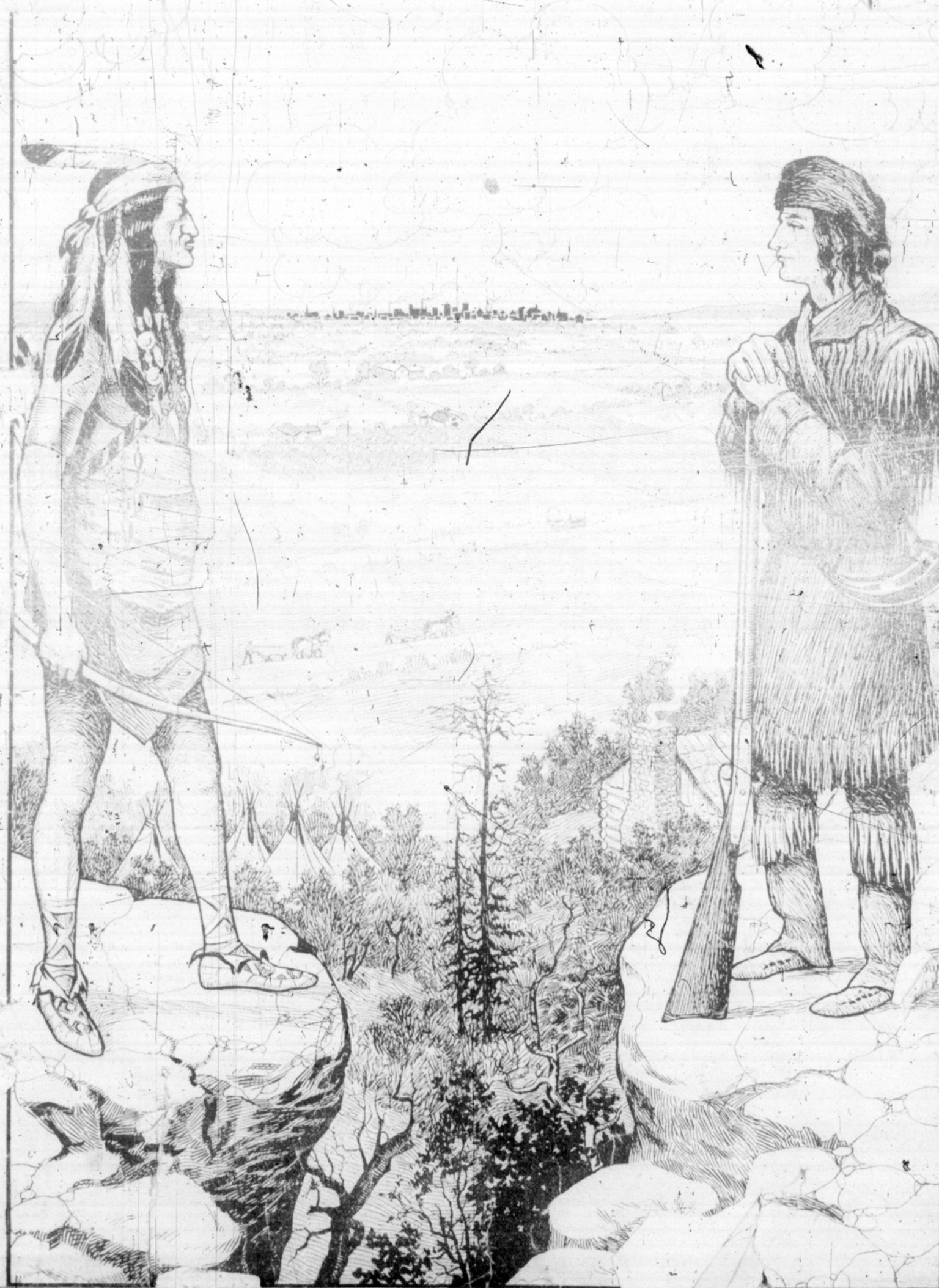
L. & N. railroad at Memphis. Roy, Misses Margie and Bernice are at home. Mr. Edwards life has been marked by fair and honorable dealing and he has a host of friends.

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Special Magazine Edition

New Year Greeting to All

WITH THIS EDITION we present to the public our first effort in publishing for the benefit of the whole State and country a special edition showing the resources and undeveloped opportunities of our county. To those who have so ably assisted us with their patronage our thanks are due and given. We have determined upon a line of publicity for our community, and shall frequently in the future issue Industrial editions for the sole purpose of boosting our town.

Thousands of people are leaving the States where high-priced land is the rule, rather than the exception, by reason of intense cultivation. But these same people are passing us by, because they do not know of the wonderful opportunities of Western Kentucky. Right here we have a county rich in opportunity, where land is cheap, where nature has endowed us with all that the heart could desire. Where riches untold abound, where the very earth is crying out to us to accept the gifts it is so ready to bestow. The great march of progress is with us. Let Calloway County keep a straight line. To-day the United States boasts of 100,000,000 people. Millions are coming every year; we are growing by leaps and bounds. To-day is the day of golden opportunity, especially for the citizens of rural communities. We, as the expression of our people, are proud of our city, our county, our State. We urge our people to lay aside, if any exists, any little disposition to knock. We want to present a solid front, a united effort and the result will be the rapid growth and development of our whole interests.

This is our home; all we love and live for is here. Let us make it the best and most progressive town in Western Kentucky. We can do it. Everybody boost. Don't knock. Murray needs a new court house, a public library, a government building, free mail delivery, more factories, co-operation in pushing the interests of the city, and the united efforts of every citizen for a better town and county.

Make the motto of the great State of Kentucky the motto of Calloway County. "United we stand, divided we fall." Be ever ready to do your part, and the rapid progress of the county will be pleasing and surprising to all.

"The Gazette" has adopted a policy of progression and beginning with this issue intends to issue a weekly second to none in the State of Kentucky. We will have the newsy, bright, pithy paper of the county. Got it now, but better every issue shall be our aim.

We wish for all the coming year prosperity and happiness. "The Gazette" will enjoy it to the fullest extent, because it is working for that end—prosperity. Do you likewise and we will all enjoy a happy and prosperous year.

Murray Kentucky, Friday, January

1911.

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Reminiscences of Old Calloway

Calloway, the seventy-second county in order of formation, lies in the south east corner of the Purchase district, and embraces an area of 395 square miles, or 252,800 acres, bounded as follows, to wit: Marshall county on the north; Tennessee river on the east, the state of Tennessee on the south and Graves county on the west. Its topographical features are considerably varied. The country bordering the Tennessee river is broken and hilly with rich valley intervening, while the central and western portions are comparatively level and characterized by a light gray soil, well adapted to general farming. The north-west corner of the county is broken in places and considerably cut up by ravines.

The northern and eastern parts of the county are well timbered, and though it has been cut away there still remains sufficient for all practical purposes.

The principal varieties of the old forest growth are the different kinds of oak, maple, beech, sweetgum, hickory, ash, cypress, along the Tennessee river, and birch and swamp willow skirting the various water courses.

The timber of the barrens consists of hickory, post oak, white oak, red oak, and such hard woods as have grown up since the fires have been kept off by the settlement of the country.

These barrens which comprise fully one half of the county were originally devoid of timber, and when first seen by the early settlers presented all the barrenness without the monotony, which is broken by their rolling surface of the prairies of the West. Along the streams, even in the barrens grow forests of the very best timbers hickory and oak predominating.

The principal streams of the county are the east and west forks of Clark's river and Blood river. East fork heads in the south-western part of the county and flows a north-easterly course through a well cultivated district. It is a stream of considerable importance, and receives a number of small tributaries, all of which play an important part in the drainage of the county. West fork rises about twelve miles west of Murray flows northerly and then through a rather flat and timbered region. These banks frequently overflow their several miles on either side, the county, the eastern part of stream. It receives sluggish tributaries, flows a rather small course, and empties easterly the Tennessee river.

In the early history the

country it appears the first influx of settlers came principally from Virginia and the Carolinas and located by preference in the northern part of the county. This preference grew out of the fact that they only were to be had both timber and water in abundance. The barren or prairie part of the county, which afforded fine pasturage for their stock was not settled till a much later period. Corn was par excellence the most important crop, grown by the early settlers. It was in the highest sense, the staff of life and for many years constituted the only material for bread.

Wheat though one of the early productions was not grown to any great extent till after the largest tracts of barrens came into cultivation. After the timbered district had come under more general cultivation, and the facilities for making flour increased, the crop became more general. The other cereals indigenous to this latitude are profitably raised. The farmers pay the greatest attention to tobacco which is the most important crop grown in the county. The soil seems particularly adapted to the growth of fine varieties, and the weed from Calloway is sure to command a superior price in all the markets of the State.

In 1846 the total value of taxable property in Calloway county, which at that time included the present county of Marshall, was \$860,004.

The number of acres of land in 1870 was 238,918; assessed value of taxable property for that year \$196,765. The following are the figures for 1884, as prepared by the county clerk. Number of farms, 19,796; number of acres of land, 271,488; value of lands, \$1,230,555; number of town lots, 183; value of town lots \$58,640; number of stores 54; value of stores \$127,445; total assessed value of taxable property, \$1,230,555; bushels of wheat 40,000; bushels of corn, 513,680; pounds of tobacco, 2,847,000.

In 1830 the county had a population of 75,463; in 1840 there were 9,794; 1850, 8,096; 1860, 9,915; 1870, 9,419. The following is the population of the county by districts from the census of 1880: Murray, including the town of Murray, 3,914; New Concord, 2,161; Liberty and Shiloh, 1,806; Brinkley, 1,883; Swan, 1,938; Wadesborough, 1,595.

The county was named in honor of Col. Richard Calloway, who removed with his family to Kentucky, in 1776. He speedily became an efficient actor in the affairs of the infant settlement, and his services were numerous and valuable.

As early as 1777 he and John

Todd were elected the first burgesses to the General Assembly of Virginia, while in the spring of the same year he was appointed justice of the peace. In 1779 he, with others under an act of the Virginia Legislature was appointed trustees to lay off the town of Boonsborough. The trustees declined to act, and others were appointed. Mr. Morehead in his elegant Boonsborough address, classes Col. Calloway among the law givers and defenders of the frontier.

His career in the new settlements however, was short. Like a great many other daring spirits of the times, he was killed before he had an opportunity to greatly distinguish himself.

According to the historian, Collins, James Stewart and David Jones were the first white men to locate within the present limits of Calloway County. They came here, he says, as early as 1818, from Caldwell county, and opened farms about one mile east of Wadesboro. Others, well versed in the early history of the country located Stewart's settlement about one mile north of Wadesboro, which would place him in Marshall county but there is no doubt of his having made a temporary settlement in Calloway as early as the year mentioned. Mr. Stewart died at an early day, leaving a number of descendants several of whom reside in the county. Of Mr. Jones but little is known save that he was a true type of the pioneer, and a man of many excellent parts. A number of hunters and trappers came to the county as early as 1819 or 1820, and erected temporary habitations along the Tennessee and Clark's rivers. They spent their time hunting the game with which the country at that time abounded, and made no improvements beyond clearing small patches of ground around their little cabins. Their stay was transient, and their names have long since faded from the memories of the oldest inhabitants. Among the first settlers deserving of special mention was Banister Wade, who first visited the county in quest of adventure as early as 1817-18. He was a daring hunter, and a noble specimen of the frontiersmen of sixty years ago. He made a permanent settlement on West Fork about the year 1820, and reared a large family. Contemporary with Wade was Samuel Watson, who settled near the river in the same locality. A little later came William Smith and William Derrington, both of whom opened farms in the northern part of the county not far from West Fork. The Duncan family, consisting of Asel Duncan and his

William, Thomas, John, Crawford, Samuel and Lewis were among the early pioneers of northern Calloway.

William Chester settled on the creek, which bears his name, in an early day, and opened one of the largest distilleries ever operated in the county. William Sutherland and family made a settlement in the northern part of the county prior to 1822, and about the same time or perhaps a year earlier came William Jones, who settled in the same locality. Jones raised a large family and claimed the honor of having been the first school teacher in the county. John Harp was a resident of the county as early as 1821, and one year later, there were living on Duncans creek, John Swift, Luke Langston and number of other families. The first settlers in the vicinity of Wadesboro were the Jones, Stewarts, Sperrys and Wades. The Taylor family settled in the southeastern part of the county, and the Wyatt family were among the earliest residents of north west Calloway. The early settlers in the territory of the county, near Murray, were Charles Linn a man by name of Crow. Mr. Ferrar about two miles northeast of town, the Saunders family, Seth Pool, Robert Pool, William Melton, Peter Boggess, Coleman Wicker, Mr. Merriman, Henry R. Bailey, Thomas Garret, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Skaggs and others all of whom located within a radius of six miles.

In addition to the settlers enumerated, the following persons were residents of the county prior to 1830, viz: John Lassiter, Vincent A. Wade, Lewis Wells, James Ingram, James Clayton, Luke Dees, William McElrath, Jacob Sanders, Harrison Wadston, William Curd, Spencer Milliken, Dennison Dees, William Edwards, John Keys, Mosa Grisham, Bailey Anderson, John Hodge, Edmund Taylor, David Shelton, Charles Curd, John Allen, Bins Derrington, Reubin Nelson, William McWade, James Bell, John McGraw, George Goodwin, Chapman Miller, Gibson Gray, William Easley, Robert Whitnell, A. D. Jackson, John Hodges and a number of others. The following non residents purchased government lands in the county between the years 1825 and 1830, viz: John Eaker, Nathan G. Hale, John Strow, John Elliot, John M. Gardener, Lewis Wells, William Anderson, William Clayton, George Owings, John Byrne and James Witherpoon.

In June 1822, the Legislature passed an act authorizing the opening of a land office at Wades-

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ALLOWAY COUNTY GAZETTE.

The Murray Public School

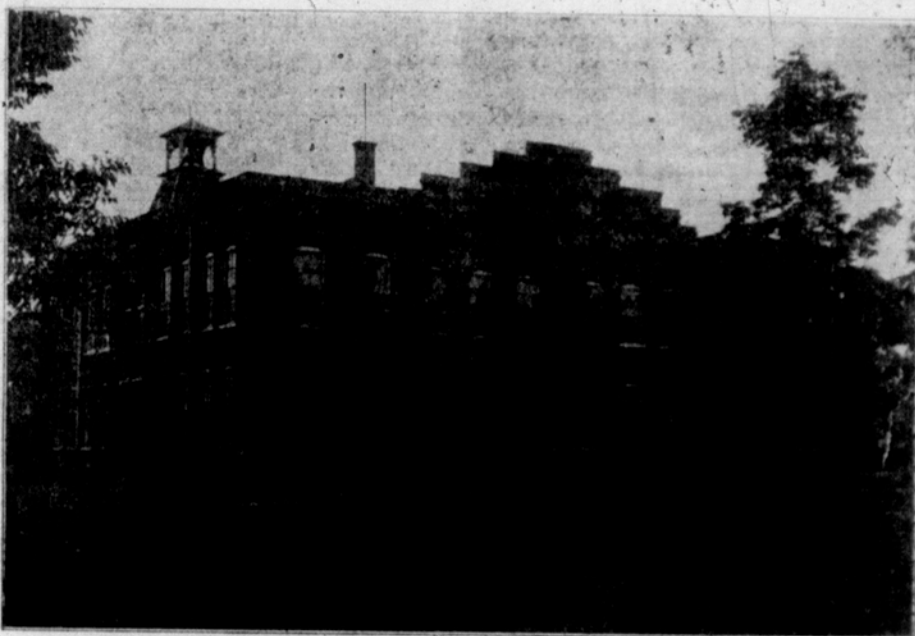
By
F. E. McREYNOLDS.

One of the best barometers of the civilization of any community is the public school of that community. Go where the people know little and care less about their school; where they give their school and teachers a bad reputation, where they think of the school as a necessary and expensive evil, where the attendance is poor and the buildings out of repair—go to such a place and you will find that the economic, social and religious life is at a low ebb.

While the town of Murray has been developing in other lines the schools have not lagged behind. It is not mere chance that has caused the young men of Murray and Calloway county to take such a prominent place as students of the State, and to occupy such positions when they have finished these colleges. It is not by accident that we have so many agreeable, refined and cultured people in and around Murray.

It is not because we are lucky that our criminal docket is shorter and our court expenses less than in most counties of equal population. These things, which are just cause for pride, resulted from definite forces, not the least of which is, that for forty years Murray has maintained a real school. This school has had influence on the ideas and aspirations of the people. It has affected the home life, the social, political and religious life.

But the school of the past resulted in many conditions of which the people should be proud, it is clear that we can not look to the past for models of the present day schools. The schools of the past were ahead of their time; and the schools to-



MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

day must be ahead of the present time. The task of education is not the same as it was; the child, to be sure, has the same nature; but he is being prepared for a different environment. The people of Murray know that the preparation, which was suitable for the father, is by no means suitable for the son.

Education consists, on the part of the child, in getting those experiences which will enable him more effectually to adjust himself to future conditions. And the task of the educator is to judge the probabilities of the future by an intimate knowledge of the past and present, and then present to the child only such experiences as will aid him.

School is experience getting.

It is no longer a preparation for life; it is life itself. It is not theory without practice, but both. And there results for the real teacher a harder task, requiring more knowledge, power and skill.

My conviction is certain, that if the schools of Murray are not doing this great work for which they are maintained, the responsibility rests on us teachers. The patrons are doing their part. Eighty-eight percent of those of school age are enrolled; for the State, the per cent is sixty-six. Ninety-three percent of those enrolled come every day. This is twenty-four percent better than the average over the whole State. The average child in our school is tardy once in forty-five

days. Few schools can show such a record. The faithfulness of the patrons has made the teachers responsible. And I am sure that the teachers are accepting this responsibility as a great opportunity, and are doing their work with skill and energy. We must not be satisfied, and for this reason cease to advance. But it is not giving more credit than is due to say that the teaching force has a right to be proud of the results of their efficient and persistent work.

Bowling Green has 4,778 population, a small gain over 1900.

The present population of Paducah is 22,790, a gain of about 4,000 over 1900.

Calloway County

Schools Progressive.

By F. E. McReynolds.

It would be difficult, indeed, to overestimate the importance of the work of the public schools of Calloway county. During the past year more than five thousand students have been enrolled in these schools. They came from two-thirds of the homes of the county. They were taught by more than a hundred conscientious teachers. They learned lessons not only in text-book studies, but in love of country, love of home and devotion to duty. And they took these lessons to their homes and spread them among their neighbors. These lessons have affected and will affect the life of our county. One of the most vital interests is to see that the public schools are so conducted that this effect will be to make the county more nearly what it should be.

There are three essentials of a good school; a comfortable and

well-equipped school house, a good neighborhood, and a well-qualified teacher. These conditions are not independent; a good house or neighborhood attracts a good teacher; on the other hand, a good teacher often promotes a good attitude in the neighborhood, and a better building results. But there are districts where no one could teach effectively; and there are teachers who could not succeed anywhere; and buildings in which a real school would be an impossibility. And the reason for such conditions can always be traced to that worst of human weakness, selfishness. We want a good school building, to be sure, but we do not want the taxes to increase. We want a higher standard for our teachers, but would consider it a personal insult if the board of examiners should refuse to give our daughters a certificate. We want peace and harmony in the community; why can't the neighbors see things exactly our way? And thus progress is checked, and the work of education hindered. And soon the child is a year old-

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er, and not a month wiser. But an ample proof that the selfish spirit is on the decline in Calloway county, may be found in the remarkable progress of the schools, which is going on from year to year. This progress is manifest in every phase

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HENRY CHUNN.

Henry Chunn, son of William and Sadie B. Chunn, was born at Brown's Grove, Calloway county, December 5, 1899. He was reared on a farm and attended the common schools and the Murray Institute and afterward taught in various places in the county. In 1929 he was elected a member of the Kentucky legislature, lower house, without opposition either in the primary or the general election. He was one of the youngest members of the body. He was an active mem-

ber and always voted in the interest of the people. At present Mr. Chunn has charge of the Dexter schools and his work here is highly commended by the patrons of the school. Mr. Chunn will probably make the race for the legislature again and he courts an investigation of his previous record, promising the same faithful service as before and with a more mature experience and ability, he expects to give even greater satisfaction to his constituents.

ALLOWAY SCHOOLS.

There are a number of graded schools in the county. In all of them the teachers are working for the course of study. The teachers are now more than they have ever been before to prepare for their work. Last year there were about thirty from this county who attended the State Normal School. This year the number will be increased. Many who do not attend the normal will enroll in the high school at Murray or at Hazel. And one of the most hopeful

signs is the fact that they are not simply hunting for a place where they can cram for examination; they want courses which will really broaden them, give them a grasp of the subject, and fit them for the high profession they have chosen. More than ever the teachers are pointing their students to higher education, and more than ever they are leading the way. Another good sign of progress is the fact that the patrons are paying more for good teachers than they formerly paid. The people are beginning to see that it does not pay to let their best teachers go to other states to teach, because they cannot make a living at home. Two years ago the aver-

age salary of those teaching in the county was less than \$300 a year. Has it been a wonder that some of the best teachers have been leaving the profession? Would you stand before a school, be responsible for the mind and soul of forty children, take orders from twenty bosses and get \$300 a year or would you prefer to go behind a counter be responsible for sales only and to only one boss and get \$600 a year? Those who serve for money only must be few indeed. It is a sign of progress that the people have be-

gun to see that the one who guides their children is as worthy of a living as the one who sells them goods or buys their crops. The time is not far when all the schools will be taught at least eight months and all will be graded; when every school house in the county will be comfortable, sanitary and beautiful; when the requirements and emoluments of teachers will be a great deal higher. The people of Calloway will not be satisfied to follow progress at a distance.

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For further information see or address,

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Our Efficient County Officials.



WERT ALDERSON.

Wert Alderson was born on a farm in Calloway county 38 years ago. At the age of 23 he was married to Miss Bettie Wilkinson and their home is brightened by four children, three girls and one boy. Mr. Alderson is now serving his second term as jailer of Calloway county. He bears the distinction of being the only county democratic nominee who

JESSE D. WELLS.

Jesse D. Wells, son of J. K. P. Wells and Fannie Thompson Wells, was born in Calloway county in 1880. He was reared on a farm near Murray and attended the common schools and Murray Institute. At the age of



17 he was married to Miss Eliza Stubblefield. He is the father of five children. He is a brother of Hon. R. T. Wells, Mrs. A. B. Lassiter, Mrs. Albert Lassiter, Mrs. John Strader, Mrs. Robt. Meador and Mrs. J. B. Stubblefield. Mr. Wells has served as deputy marshal of Murray and in 1910 was elected constable. He is making an active and efficient officer. Mr. Wells is a Woodman and a member of the Christian church.

had opposition to be elected in the election of 1909, winning over Richard Langston by 19 votes. Wert is a jolly, whole-souled fellow and makes an excellent official.

REUBEN H. FALWELL.
Reuben H. Falwell was born in Calloway county July 9th 1885 which makes him 25 years of age at this writing. At the age of 18 he received a first certificate and

Is Making an Enviably Record as Sheriff of Calloway County



C. L. JORDAN.



J. R. LANGSTON.

John Richard Langston, son of J. C. Langston, was born in Calloway county in 1878. Was married to Miss Cora Gunter eleven years ago and has four children, three girls and one boy bless their home. Mr. Langston was reared on a farm and later engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1909 he made the race for jailer, as the republican nominee but was defeated by only 19 votes. When sheriff was sworn into office he appointed Dick Langston as deputy and if he had search the county over he could not have chosen a more popular man nor one who would have more efficiently discharged the duties of the office. Mr. Langston is enthusiastic member of the Women's



REUBEN FALWELL.

for six years taught school in the county. At the age of 20 he completed a sophomore course at Centerville, Tenn. in the Centerville training school. Mr. Falwell was married Dec. 23 1908 to Miss Frocie Outland. In the fall of 1908 he was nominated for county clerk, elected in 1909 and took charge of the office Jan. 1, 1910. As soon as he got the "hang" of official affairs Mr. Falwell inaugurated some needed reforms and he is making a first class county clerk. All who visit his office receive a hearty welcome and business is transacted with care and dispatch.



JOE LANCASTER.

Joe Lancaster was born in Humphreys county, Tenn., Jan. 9, 1881. Moved to Calloway county in February 1892. In addition to a common school course he attended school at Huntington, Tenn., during 1905, 1906 and 1907 and took the B. S. degree there in May 1907. He taught in the public schools for seven years and was elected circuit court clerk in 1909 and took to

agreeable and it is a pleasure to transact business in his office. He never gets too busy to be accommodating. Mr. Brewster was married to Miss Emma Paschal in May 1887.



JUDGE T. W. PATTERSON.

Thomas William Patterson was born in Cadiz, Ky., Nov. 23, 1859. He is a son of S. H. and Francis (Russell) Patterson. He was educated in the common schools of Trigg county, being a fellow student with John C. Dabney, now county judge of Trigg county. At the age of 16 he left Trigg county and moved with his parents to Mayfield, where he served an apprenticeship as a tinner, and worked at his trade in the western states for a number of years. He afterward came to Murray from Mayfield over the old hack line and was employed by the firm of Slaughter & Schroeder. Becoming connected with the firm of E. S. Diuguid, he remained in its employ for 20 years and then traveled for seven years for a hardware concern. In January 1909 he was appointed county judge of Calloway by Gov. Willson, afterward nominated by the republican party and elected county judge by 222 votes over the democratic nominee in a most remarkable race in this county.

Judge Patterson is a versatile genius. He is a machinist, musician, editor, tinner, salesman, artist and versed in agricultural pursuits, having been reared on a farm. He is an small shaker of a poet and numbers his friends by thousands over west and Kentucky.

Judge Patterson was married in 1880 to Miss Kettie McKnight, daughter of the late Samuel McKnight, of Murray. They have four living children, two dead. His oldest son, Harry Patterson, is operator and assistant station agent for the N. C. & St. L. at Murray. The other living children are, Paul Patterson, Ruth Patterson and Mrs. Palmer Johnson. Judge Patterson is serving his constituents faithfully and we doubt not that his party will further honor him in the years to come.



J. CLAY ERWIN.

J. Clay Erwin was born and reared on a farm in Calloway county near Crossland. He is a son of Washington and Minnie D. Erwin. When a boy he attended the common schools and at the Southern Normal University at Huntington, Tenn. He studied law and was admitted to the bar at Mayfield Ky. in June 1906 and has since engaged in

the practice of his profession. He was elected county attorney of Calloway county in November 1909, and was sworn in Jan. 1 1910. Since assuming his official duties he has looked carefully after the people's interests in every way. He has been of valuable aid to the grand juries and magistrates of the county.



J. A. ELLISON.

Joshua A. Ellison was born in Murray, Ky., Aug. 27, 1854 and has lived in Murray nearly all his life. He has served as deputy circuit clerk, deputy sheriff, constable and is now justice of the peace and county inspector of Weights and Measures. He is a son of Paris M. and Mildred R. Ellison. His father was deputy county clerk at old Wadesboro when the county of Calloway was first formed and filled several responsible positions, holding the office of county judge, circuit clerk and master Commissioner.

Mr. J. A. Ellison has been married three times, the last time to Miss Katie McCuiston. He has five children, Ida H., Lula D., R. Paris, Chas. W. and Roy M. As a magistrate, Mr. Ellison might be termed the "watch dog of the treasury" as he keeps a good eye open for all suspicious or excessive claims. He was recently appointed inspector of Weights and Measures and is equipped with a splendid set of government instruments for this work. It is his duty to annually test every weight and measure in the county.



LEE CLARK ESQ.

Lee Clark, one of the county's youngest and best magistrates was born near Crossland in 1882. He is a son of Mr. A. Clark. He was reared on a farm and is a good farmer himself, and lives upon a splendid plantation near Lynn Grove. He was married in 1903 to Miss May Myers. They have two children. He has served as deputy county clerk four years and is now acting for magistrate defensor pro tempore in a hot rage. In his official position he looks after the interests and his record in the fiscal court shows that he stands for economy and reform, with an eye single to the advancement of old Calloway.

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JUDGE JACK HANBERY.

J. T. Hanbery, circuit Judge of this judicial district, was born in Christian county in 1867. Upon attaining legal age he was elected city attorney of Hopkinsville and served six years, and city judge four years. He was elected circuit judge over McCarrall in 1909, carrying every county in the district by large majorities. His record as circuit judge is pleasing to contemplate. To say that the people are well satisfied with his judicial career is putting it mildly. In 1890 the subject of this sketch was married to Miss Rowe, of Crofton, Ky., and her gentility and personal graces have done much to add to the popularity of plain old Jack Hanbery. She thinks he is one of the best fellows on earth, and nearly everybody who knows him will testify that her opinion is well founded.

Judge Hanbery was admitted to the bar in 1893. He is a working member of the Baptist church, a Mason and a K. P.



E. C. K. ROBERTSON.

E. C. K. Robertson, known to everybody as "K.", son of Elias Robertson, was born and reared in the Wells school district, west of town and came to Murray in 1888 to take the place of deputy postmaster under the late W. T. Scott, afterward engaged in the grocery and hardware business in 1898, and is now the senior member of the firm of Robertson & Bucy, which does flourishing business. Mr. Robertson was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland and no man ever made a better one. He was city clerk two terms, trustee of the jury fund six years, and was recently appointed Master Commissioner by Judge Hanbery. In all these places his work was efficient and his accounts proved as straight as a die. Mr. Robertson takes great interest

in fraternal affairs and has served as Master of Murray Lodge of Masons. He is one of the county's most active workers in democratic circles. He was married to Miss Lenora Hunt in 1890, and their beautiful home in South Murray is made cheerful and happy by four children, three sons and one daughter.



ELLIOT SCOTT.

Elliot Scott was born June 10, 1855 in Calloway county. Was married 27 years ago to Miss Alice J. Williams. They have one daughter, Miss Myrtle Scott.

Mr. Scott was constable of Liberty district four years and of Murray district four years, and has worked off and on as special policeman for 18 years. It never got too hot, too cold, nor too dark for Elliot Scott to perform his duties. He is a useful citizen and a true friend. He is now connected with the tobacco warehouse of T. D. Smith & Co.



JOHN A. HOWLETT.

John A. Howlett, farmer, was born in Virginia Nov. 17, 1848 and came to Calloway an orphan at the age of eight. In 1874 he was elected city marshal of Murray, afterwards elected assessor, in 1887. Mr. Howlett has always actively interested himself in public affairs and is a man of intelligence and culture. He is a past Master Mason and one of the brightest fraternal workers in the state. He is a leading light of the Methodist church. Mr. Howlett has been twice married first in 1876 to Miss Mary Vancleave, daughter of the late James Vancleave. She died in 1897 and in 1898 Mr. Howlett



PENNY P. SMITH.

Was born in Trigg county near Elgin's Ferry, Nov. 9th, 1866. Attended high school at Temple Hill in Calloway in 1887. Attended the Southern Normal School (now State Normal) at Bowling Green for two years. Attended State College (now State University) from 1888 to 1893 and graduated from that college with degree of Bachelor of Science in June 1893. Entered the primary department of the State College proper and made all his expenses while in college by working at ten cents per hour when not engaged in college duties. The last two years he was in college

he acted as assistant in the chemical and biological departments. During this college period he received no help from home neither for books, clothes, board or other expenses.

He taught the Cadis Public Schools for three years after graduation, and was admitted to the bar in 1895, having in the time while he taught school, studied law in the office with Col. Fenton Sims.

Mr. Smith was democratic nominee for representative of Trigg county in 1895, and was defeated by a republican in the fall.

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and Miss Addie Smotherman, were married. The above is an excellent likeness of the subject of this short biography.

We are obliged to have out the pictures of pretty houses on account of lack of room. They will appear in subsequent editions.



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