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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

AUGUST ELECTION, 1888.

For Sheriff—F. B. HENRY.
Deputy Sheriff—S. A. SATLEY.
Constable—JOHN HARVEY.

DUTTER FROM FRANKFORT.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 7, 1888.

Dear Mercury:

The Legislative session of sixty days is over half out and the talk of an extension is beginning. I know that what I say will be construed as indicative of selfishness in me, but I will express my perogative of free speech. The Legislature of Kentucky can't be tended to the matters that it has before it in sixty days, and the time will never be when a Legislature in this State will be able to do all of the business that must final, and the man who expects to see a session of the Legislature that is for eight not to be. The sixty days limit was fixed near forty years ago, and it may have been time enough then, but I doubt it, but is certainly not enough now, and the man who finds himself have under pledge to adjourn at the end of sixty days, finds that he has placed himself in a false position, that if he carries out the pledge given he his and to get votes, is a only unpalatable for him, but injurious for the people of the State. There are many matters of vast importance to the people that must be attended to, and no doubt will be attended to if there are hundreds of local matters that can not be attended to elsewhere, and must be attended to here, so if the people do not find that Legislative servants at home the first of March they need not go into opposition. The little dereliction is thrown out as my individual opinion, and can be accepted for what it is worth.

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THE JURY LAW

Commentary.

Mr. Settle's bill amending the law relating to the peremptory challenge, was amended so as to give the State and the defense ten peremptory challenges, and it then passed the House by a vote of 45 to 35.

This is a notable victory for law and order in Kentucky, was by the young men over the old, staid, and eminently conservative gentlemen, who felt that the right to trial by jury was in peril, and that it allowed that any strong willed lawyer would smooth the way to the accession of a prominent Justice in the trial of some prominent difficulty and it is time it was determined.

A little prejudiced from this chicanery are purely imaginary. The law permits counsel for the accused to state his objections to any juror. If they are sound his objections are sustained by the judge and the juror is excused.

It is only when in the opinion of the Court the objections are unsound, frivolous, and or obstructive to the course of justice that counsel resort to peremptory challenges. To give the counsel the privilege of over ruling the Judge in this instance is surely liberal enough.

As to the number allowed the State it is essential that more latitude be given the State in order to check the abuse of peremptory by the counsel for the accused; most of the harm is done after the State has exhausted its challenges and the making of the jury is confided to the judge.

The suggestion that the prosecution is not to expect to more than fair, also and willing to best patiently, and without bias, is not commented by the Courts.

No Commonwealth Attorney seeks a conviction if he is aware that law and the evidence fail to convince that officer of the guilt of the accused, and if he actually takes his fee, not as to time past to secure for his client a fair and impartial trial, but to secure his acquittal regardless of law and evidence, and the danger we have to guard against under this circumstance is not that one innocent man will suffer, but that nine hundred and ninety-nine guilty men will escape.

Ten challenges to each is a conspicuous that meets the exigencies of the case. It protects the innocent against the evil designs of some earnest prosecutor, if such there be, and gives every hope that jury trials hereafter will not be as long as they have been, and are for lessening crime. When the Senate approves the good work of the House life will be more secure in Kentucky.

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Only the Unexpected That Occurs Always.

It was on Tuesday, Feb. 14th, 1888, that the 215th Grand Monthly Drawing of the far famed Louisiana State Lottery took place at New Orleans, La (as usual) under the sole management of Gen'ls G. T. Beauregard, of La., and Jubal A. Early of Va. Things went as they generally do (if is only the unexpected that always occurs." No 21,427 draw the first capital prize of $150,000 which was sold in fractional tenths at $1 each, sold to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La. One to C. Schmidt, Petaluma, Cal., one paid through the Wells, Fargo & Co., Bank Francisco, one paid through the Memphis National Bank of Memphis Tenn. one to J. W. Nichols, through Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco Cal., one paid through Angelo Cattleman Bank (L.C.) San Francisco Cal., one to Mrs Kittie Wells, Galveston, Tex. 78,195 draw the second prize of $50,000 also sold in fractional tenths at $1 each. One was sold to Miss Augusta Filone, of No 2,027 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La., one to John Trimble, 315 South Water Street, Aurora, Ill., one paid through the Metropolitan National Bank of Cincinnati Ohio; two through Wells Fargo & Co., San Francisco Cal., one to Miss Kittie Dillon, 203 Bremen St., one paid by August Harzelman, 126, Chartres St., both of New Orleans, La., one paid to a man named Jay-Eye-See to be sold in fractional tenths at $1 each. One was sold in tenths. One went to Toronto, Union Stock Yards, Ontario, one to A. McLeish, Jersey City, N. J.; one to Mrs. Dauphin, Fort Worth, Tex., one to Mrs. Fort Worth, Tex.; one to T. C. Tucker, Paris, Tenn.; one to J. C. Shader, Indianapolis, Ind., one to Mrs. Dillon, 203 Bremen St., New Orleans, La. The next drawing on March 13th, 1888, will be a Monthly Grand Extraordinary drawing, when the first capital prize will be $150,000 and the grand scale of giving application to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La.

In "Cupid", has omitted any one who has any claim to marriage, let him or her stepped to Richmond, Va.

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