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One on Judge Yost.

(Harrodsburg Democrat.)

Tuesday morning Col. Phelps, Capt. Thompson and Judge Tom Hardin were taking a sun-bath on the bank corner, when Judge William Yost, the sound money orator, came down the street from the hotel. The Judge is only six feet seven inches tall, and is shaped in proportion, and the crowd began guessing at his weight. Some of them offered to bet that he weighed as much as 325, another that he would go 340, and another put it a 350, but Judge Hardin insisted that he would fall a few pounds below the 300 mark. By this time the Judge had joined the crowd, and after the usual salutations one of them asked him what he weighed, and he replied 292, "and the most I ever weighed was 297." The Judge, who is a fine story-teller, as well as a brilliant speaker, then told this one on himself:

Recently, in an Eastern, Kentucky town, where he had an appointment to speak, he came out of the hotel after dinner, and noticed three men eyeing him, and knew that they were either discussing his height or weight. He took a seat some distance above them and noticed that they were in a heated discussion, and that two of them pulled their rolls from their pockets and each placed a bill in the hands of the third. Finally the one who held the money sauntered to where he sat, and said to him: "Those two fellows down there have just bet $10 on your weight; do you object to giving it?" The Judge replied that he was not a bit sensitive on the subject; and that he weighed the day before and pulled the beam at 510 pounds. The stakeholder walked back to the other two and turned the money over to the winner, who gave the other the laugh. This so riled the loser that he pulled out a ten-dollar bill, and flourishing it, said: "Here's another ten that he told a d–n lie about it," which the Judge plainly heard, but which, under the circumstances, he did not resent.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

At a meeting of the Democratic Committee of Nicholas county, held on Monday, Sept. 27, 1897, the following members were present: Eli Westfall, F. H. Adair, John T. Alexander, Abner Henry, Chas. McVey, Jos. W. Dalzell, Thos. M. Sharp and John J. Sparks, with Robert Richie and H. C. Throckmorton by proxies in the hands of A. B. Campbell and Elmore Throckmorton.

After the reading of Mr. John A. Campbell's card declining the nomination for County Court Clerk, Elmore Throckmorton, with a second from Eli Westfall, asked that Mr. Campbell be invited to come before the Committee, that he might reconsider his step. Mr. Campbell appeared and said his card was his final decision in the matter, that owing to declining health he could not accept the nomination.

After Mr. Campbell retired, a committee of three composed of Elmore Throckmorton, Thos. M. Sharp and F. H. Adair, were appointed to draft suitable resolutions thanking Mr. Campbell for his long and faithful service to the Democratic party.

Upon motion of Eli Westfall, the Chairman was allowed to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie, in place of the Secretary as heretofore.

It was then ordered that a primary election be held on the 9th day of October, 1897, by viva voce vote to nominate a Democratic candidate for County Court Clerk of Nicholas County, and that the polls be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and closed at 4 o'clock p. m., the same laws governing this election that has heretofore governed primary elections.

It was further ordered that all persons who desire to enter the race for County Clerk make the same known to John W. Powling, the Secretary of the County Committee, on or before 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, and deposit with him sufficient sum to defray the expenses of said primary.

It was further ordered that the Sheriffs of each precinct deliver to the Committeemen of their respective precincts the poll-books, properly sealed, on the night of the election, and that the Committee assemble at the Court-house in Carlisle, Ky., on Monday, Oct. 11th, at 10 o'clock to count the vote and declare the nominee.

It was further ordered that the Clerks hereby appointed to serve at this election call on the Secretary of the Committee on or before the 8th day of October, 1897, and take the necessary oath of office, so they can be prepared to swear in the other officers.

The following officers were selected to conduct the primary election on the 9th day of October, 1897, as hereby ordered:

Headquarters—Jno. H. Collier, Carl Gaunce, Judges; Frank Miller, Clerk; Owen Conway, Sheriff.

Taylor's Store—Mack Gaunce, Will Early, wine, Judges; Jerry Ogden, Clerk; T. J. Harney, Sheriff.

Kenton's Store—James Fryman, Henson Laughlin, Judges; Chas. Westfall, Clerk; Geo. Rafferty, Sheriff.

Goose Creek—Jos. A. Mayes, R. T. Carter, Judges; Jas. O'Neal, Clerk; R. D. Mann, Sheriff.

Buzzard Roost—Thos. Moran, Bruce Mc[illegible] ...

OBITUARY.

It is my painful duty to record the death of one of the brightest and most promising children I ever knew—Anna Celia, daughter of C. W. and Nannie Shankland.

Her death from meningitis was very sudden and unexpected to her parents, and was a great shock to them. This makes three out of four they have given to the Lord in the last three years.

So affectionate and bright, she was the light of the household, the pride of her parents' and grandparents' hearts, and loved by all who knew her.

She breathed her last on earth and first in heaven at 9 o'clock a. m., Sept. 10th, 1897. Funeral services were held at the home in the presence of many sympathizing relatives and friends, after which the loved remains were laid at rest in the Carlisle Cemetery beside the little twin brother and sister who went up to God three years ago.

God had beyond question inspired our darling, for when the message came she looked up with an amazed look on her little face, which gradually changed to one of joy, and looking at her mother with a glad look, she said, pointing upward: "Look in the room, Mamma; look in the room!" She then said, "Mamma up!" and again pointing the precious finger up, she requested that each of those she loved most should meet her above, and when she found that the dear grandpapa's face was not in its accustomed place beside her grandma's, she implored her Savior to send him to her, which he most mercifully did.

Then she held her little lips to be kissed just as when she was going away. She suffered so meekly, and when the final summons came she closed her eyes, and with a smile, more than earthly, she passed away and up into the arms of Jesus. Thou art gone, dear one, and God helping us we will meet you above.

Dear brother and sister Shankland, while we cannot understand all the ways of God, we do know "all things work together for good to them who love the Lord." Had she lived and grown into womanhood we don't know what may have been in waiting for her; what messenger of Satan may have buffeted her, but she has passed beyond the reach of her foes and is safe—so safe in the arms of Jesus.

Roses fade—all flowers die—
But flowers eternal bloom on high;
Beyond the reach of sinful powers
Anna Celia's safe in Eden's bowers.

God bless father, mother, brother and all who loved that dear, sweet child, and may we live so that when death comes to us we may meet her and all the children in the kingdom of God.

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Grade V.—Lizzie Brinegar, 97.

Grade IV.—French Mastin, 96; Fletch Ward, 95; John Brinegar, 93; Pearl Banta, 90; Marcie Banta, 88; Archie Deer, 80.

Grade III—Jas. Martin, Anna Ward, Mamie Fitzgerald and Geo. Lawrence, 99; Fannie Conyers, Forest Curtis and Mary Kelly, 97; Josa Clancy and Pearl Dixon, 96; Maud Conyers and Herman King, 95; Wade Watkins, Sallie and Marcus and Maggie Linville 94.

Grade I.—Ida Lawrence, 99; Warden Ramey, Phebe Snapp and Lizzie Watkins, 98; Clarence Ward and Kittie Fitzgerald, 96; Jesse Parker and Herman Hubanks, 95; Bessie Curtis, 94; Stella Ramey, 92; Hazel Linville and Geo. Watkins, 91; Janey Clancy, 90.

There are 26 enrolled that are not named in the grade.

Average attendance for the month is 44.6.

Letter From a Subscriber.

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