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Dear Mercury:

There is little material for a newsy nine and reliable one by 4 that I can write from Frankfort at present. Everything is quiet, and will remain so for the next two months, in January, and it takes the greater part of the session to get started. The Governor's message is being put into its executive form, after which the Legislature will get down to business. Until then there will be little of interest to write about. Several bills have been introduced looking to "Time Reform" and will be changed without doubt, one of the most important of which is the bill to abolish the present system of holding Circuit Court in Carlisle and Mayfield, and to provide an exclusive Circuit Court for each of these cities.

The House passed the bill to prohibit the marriage of first cousins, but it is believed the measure will be killed in the Senate.

The Senate Judiciary Committee of the Kentucky Legislature will report favorably on the bill to abolish the Court of Appeals and the Circuit Courts. The bill provides for the election of Supreme Judges who shall be authorized to appoint Commissioners to hear all cases appealed to the Supreme Court. Each Judge is to receive $5,000 per annum. The Court of Appeals and Circuit Courts have been unofficially reported. The bill will be introduced in the Senate by Senator Bronston, and will be reported favorably by the Judiciary Committee of the Senate. The Senate Judiciary Committee of the Kentucky Legislature will report favorably on the bill to abolish the Court of Appeals and the Circuit Courts. The bill provides for the election of Supreme Judges who shall be authorized to appoint Commissioners to hear all cases appealed to the Supreme Court. Each Judge is to receive $5,000 per annum. The Court of Appeals and Circuit Courts have been unofficially reported. The bill will be introduced in the Senate by Senator Bronston, and will be reported favorably by the Judiciary Committee of the Senate.

Lobbyists are already here in force, attending to such of their interests as they have at stake. Notwithstanding the fact that the Legislature will not get down to business before the first week in February, there are a number of lobbyists here now. Mr. Pollard, of Louisville, is here looking after the interests of the Louisville Trust Company. Mr. Pollard is a pleasant gentleman to meet, and is well liked by all who know him.

Mr. Lafferty, of the Committee on Senate, will introduce a bill to establish a normal school at Bowling Green. I had a talk with Mr. Lafferty this morning, and he is very much delighted to hear some one say that all of them, or at least a majority of them, were in favor of normal schools. He says he is not a normal graduate himself, but he has a brother who is a graduate of the Bowling Green Normal, and that he thinks that all the State should do is to establish a normal school at Bowling Green, and at one of the Normal Schools in Northern Kentucky. He pointed out the fact that the Bowling Green Normal was centrally located, and that it would be the most convenient for the greatest number of people in the State. He further stated that he would not be in favor of establishing more than one normal school, and that he would not be in favor of establishing a normal school at any point unless the people of that locality would donate the ground and erect the buildings. He says that he is not in favor of the State appropriating money for the purchase of ground and the erection of buildings, and that he is not in favor of establishing more than one normal school. He says that he is not in favor of establishing a normal school at any point unless the people of that locality would donate the ground and erect the buildings. He says that he is not in favor of the State appropriating money for the purchase of ground and the erection of buildings, and that he is not in favor of establishing more than one normal school.

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