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Editorial Correspondence

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DEAR MERCURY:

The Legislature is entering today upon its 21st day of the session and is now fully organized and ready for the serious work of the Winter. The number of important bills almost overwhelms one and it is going to take constant work to get even a small portion of them through.

The County Unit bill which has here-to-fore been a great hindrance, passed the House last Friday by a vote of 50 to 18, and it is now before the Senate where it will have its most serious time, but I have lots more about its passage to tell that time—if not as it passed the House in some modified form.

The contest for the nomination of a general primary election is and a contest that promises to be most interesting. If these two bills are passed, and of course "there" is no reason to have none. Under the primary law every man will have a fair chance to make a race, but the law will not make him nominate, he must be wanted to.

One of the most important bills will be the one to provide for the nomination of candidates by primary. Both political parties are pledged to the state primary and it looks as if it will be hard to beat such a measure. The great majority of the people are in favor of getting the nomination of their choice into the hands of the people, and it seems that from the election of the last Legislature, men who against the opposition of the machine will be nominated to the state. If the two Democratic parties now in power could make a great impression on the public mind as how much easier could one man do the work of two men, considering the matter the public should remember that our people are able and have proven that they are not always to be deceived, nor can be even for a short time, when re-election is another thing. An honest and able and fearless Governor can fool McCreary's crowd with the best of them, and if the office is sought for by men who understand the ins and outs of the office, and who are not controlled by the bosses, he can have a fair chance to win the other fellow, under a direct primary election. In a convention the people count for nothing, they are likely to choose people who are not the political power than would an Governor. So far the appointed Commissioners are concerned they are out of political power, and the direct vote is that which may provide for a machine that would make the old one look like a boy's toy wagon as compared with a traction engine with a whippersnappin bulldog behind it. This may sound like treason to those who have been "administration" and but I am willing to risk my reputation as a prophet on the statement that if those who are striving to have the appointing power given to one man, succeed, that kentucky will not see the equal of the end of the machine for a dozen years unless the people open up in their wrath and put the Republican party in power. As for me I am against all machines, big or little, and in favor of placing the chosen with the people, believing that if they make any mistakes no one but themselves can be blamed. I am in favor of the people choosing every officer from Constable to United States Senator—both inclusive—free from the dictation of any boss.

The following is a complete list of bills introduced in Senator Mathews' office to date: S. B. No. 1—To amend Section 2020, 2021, 2026, 2028, 2029 and 2031, Kentucky Statutes by striking out the words "County Court" and insert "Fiscal Court" Provides that the Fiscal Court shall select keeper of County Infirmary instead of County Judge.

S. B. No. 5—An Act to provide for the inspection of bulls, cows and calves held and sold in this State for the testing of same, for the destruction of those having tuberculosis.

S. B. No. 79—To amend section 2 chapter 941, Acts 1910, by inserting the word "supervisors" after word "overseer," and providing that supervisors and overseers cannot be re-elected for two years.

S. B. No. 97—An act to amend law classifying cities and towns by transferring Versailles, Corbin, Shelbyville and other cities to different classes.

Keep Your Eye On US

The sales on the Loose Leaf Tobacco Market since our last issue are certainly going some. Any one with common sense can see that we have "the market."

Compare grades and price with any outside markets (and don't forget that we are outside and where else) and see what advantage it is to you to sell your tobacco at home.

Every sale brings more buyers and more tobacco. Over 175,000 pounds on the floor yesterday with a big increase in buyers, better prices and more tobacco.

We have a few home knockers who have neither tobacco nor stock in the warehouse who will be disposed of at your own price either as "bright leaf or sweepings."

The machinery for the lower floor of the warehouse is being installed as fast as possible and will soon be finished.

The managers have received notices from factories and brokers stating that their representatives will be here from now on.

Come and see for yourself if we are able to report before going to press.

Archdeacon&Cummins—1230 lbs.$161.00; Mitchell&Co.—1,955 lbs.$252.95; Jno.Parker—1,895 lbs.$208.60; Chas. Ishmael—3,020 lbs.$387.95.

County School News

Friday and Saturday of this week is the County Diploma Examination. All pupils who have completed the eighth grade in the common schools should take this examination. Teachers should encourage all pupils who have thoroughly mastered the eighth grade to take it, but pupils who are weak in their studies should not be encouraged to attempt it because it takes strong eighth grade pupils to succeed in the High School. All pupils who pass successfully the County Diploma Examination can have their choice of attending the Carlisle High School, the tuition of which will be paid by the County Board of Education, or if those who want to prepare themselves for teachers prefer, we can give them four year appointments at Eastern State Normal where they will not only get one of the best High School courses in the State, but at the same time will receive instruction in school management, music, manual training, methods, etc. Every pupil who has taken an appointment at the