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THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF FLIMFLAM IN KENTUCKY

Governor Sampson moves swiftly to save his political hide. His administration stands condemned by the people; his anti-Sampson attitude of the next Legislature is apparent. The Governor sees the hand-writing on the wall and looks to his weapons.

One of the most effective of these weapons, these "political persuaders," is the Highway Commission. Remoldered nearer to the heart's desire of the Governor, it may be expected to function as a club to be used on recalcitrant Senators and Representatives, who prove weak enough, to quote the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, to "trade their souls for a shirt tail full of gravel and then not get it."

So the Governor demands resignations from his Highway Commission, with tongue in cheek, so far as the former office of those members who may be elected, judging from past performances, to "play ball with the Governor," is concerned. But he didn't "get his man" in the case of Ben Johnson, who has been "Chairman Ignored" of the Governor's "buffer" Commission. So he fired this Cabo of the Commission, who has listened, protested and been over-ruled and who knows what he knows.

Thus endeth the first skirmish in the battle of Mr. Sampson to control the next Legislature and incidentally to squash a Legislative investigation of the Highway Commission, as recommended by the Franklin county grand jury. And thus, if our judgment of men and the temper of the times is not sadly awry, begins the ending of the reign of flimflam in Kentucky.

For Ben Johnson will fight. No weakling he, but a man who has hides his time and knows what he knows. As Chairman of the Highway Commission he would be in position to give every aid to a thorough Legislative investigation—a consummation most desperately to be avoided by the Governor—as this man whose objections to acts of the Commission of which he is Chairman have been "expunged from the record," this man who has "talked in grand-jury rooms is removed "by executive order."

But the executive orders of Governor Sampson have not always proven court-worthy when protested, and Ben Johnson protests. It begins to look like an unfortunate winter may be expected at Frankfort. That's what the people want. That's what the people will get, if Senators and Representatives show the requisite stamina to resist "trading" for roads and begin an investigation of the manner in which public money is being spent for roads.

Of course, there will be at once, "a full and complete audit." The Governor recommends it; the accountants are selected. "Merely a gesture," says the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer. And who may doubt it? Pertinently the Courier-Journal observes:

> Chairman Johnson expressed himself as dissatisfied with a former audit. That is not necessarily a reflection on the accountants. They made the kind of audit they are directed to make.

Our nothing-of-cut-progressive Governor, seeing his political fences riddled, follows good military precedent at least, and attacks. But there are good fighters on t'other side—and not the least of these is Ben Johnson.

The era of flimflam in Kentucky nears its close.

IT WON'T HURT TO TRY.

According to the Lexington Herald, the Federal Government is now receiving three times as much from taxes on cigarettes as the tobacco farmer received for the leaf contained in the cigarette. This tax was born of wartime exigencies, but no longer exists, yet the tax remains.

"The actual tax," says the Herald, "may be collected from the manufacturer, but the purchaser stands the burden, because the price that is paid to him is held down to where the manufacturer makes a profit."

The farmer and the ultimate consumer generally pay heavily taxes. Manufacturers of luxuries hoist over the actual cost to the Government, but the farmer re-imburses the manufacturer when he sells his crop a few cents lower, or when he buys a car or a package of cigarettes. That the manufacturer, in the matter of warfare for violation of the constitutional limitation upon the State debt, the accountants testified that they had been instructed not to inquire into the origin of the road debt. That is what the taxpayers wanted to learn. This audit might show all the revenues of the department, how they were expended, how much the State is obligated in contracts and whether or not anybody had "tapped the till," without touching upon the things the grand jury and Governor have had in mind. It is not to be assumed that the department is actuated by a sympathetic spirit in connection with the Franklin county grand jury.

THE GOVERNOR'S WAY

(Courier-Journal)

Governor Sampson has a way of walking right over the law in the authority and prerogatives of departments heads and their sensibilities if they have any, that was inadequately forshadowed by his contemptuous disregard of the date specified for appointing Highway Commissioners and his explanation for ousting the Textbook Commission. He said he must have a Commission in sympathy with his policies. What he meant was a Commission subservient to his desires.

In connection with the arbitrary dismissal of the highway chairman, he announces that he is accepting the resignation of the highway engineer. The engineer is the employe of the Commission which appoints him. The Governor doesn't even extend his Commissioners the courtesy of going through the form of reorganizing their election. He trusts no one. He required his sympathetic Textbook Commissioners to hand him their undated resignations before he delivered their evidences of appointment and one who attempted to act on one when a member refused to do his bidding. A moderate degree of self-respect was insufficient, to account for Chairman Johnson's attitude toward some of the things that have been going on at Frankfort.

Where the Governor can't coerce he quarrels. His concern over dissensions in the Highway Commission is ludicrous. Where hasn't he fomented dissension? It developed in his Textbook Commission. He has tried to bully the State Superintendent of Public Education, the Attorney General and the Commonwealth's Attorney. He charged that book commissioners offered to bribe him and members of the Textbook Commission and resented the inquisitiveness of a public grand jury which would have returned indictments if he hadn't denied the possession of facts to support his accusations. He has been enjoined five times from attempted illegal acts in the State textbook adoption and another injunction suit is pending. He has been enjoined from the sale of $10,000,000 worth of bridge bonds by private dickerings of contracted bids were opened. His quarrel with the State Superintendent was about these illegal actions. He dismisses the Chairman of the Highway Commission who opposed the illegal bond deal.

The Highway Commission wrangle as the Governor admits has been going on since the adjournment of the Legislature [illegible] Governor Sampson promises that they would be named for the Commission at the summer session of the Legislature. Democratic legislators have evinced a disposition to partisan politics even on the eve of the convening of the legislature.

The vote of condemnation given Sampson's administration in the recent election and signs of possible Democratic solidarity in the legislature have brought him to a realization of the fact that he is facing political situation which are methods are required to in an effort to break into the Democratic majorities in both the branches to accomplish his defeat.

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30 Years Ago

Thursday, December 14, 1899

Miss Lelia Clay takes position as clerk in store of Cole & Fisher.

Henry Letton buys 150 acres of the David Judy farm for $50 per acre.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sims, of Carlisle, on the 8th, a daughter.

Married—Miss Ella Coy and Mr. John T. Lucky, both of the county, on the 10th.

H. N. Rankin sold the E. D. Fuster farm of 200 acres, which he purchased recently to Arris Wiggins for $40 per acre.

William Johnson, colored boy living in Henryville, develops smallpox, first case near Carlisle, although there are many cases in the county.

"Gen. W. S. Taylor was inaugurated as Governor Tuesday. The ceremonies were short and the plain will probably be likewise," Mercury editorial says.

Died—Dr. Preston Lindsey, 62, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mollie Robertson, in Carlisle, on the 11th—Mr. James Mason, 61, at his home in the Jackstown vicinity on the 10th.

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FROM OUR READERS

"From a Frankfort correspondent we learn that the Jockey Club Tax Commission and Highway Department are moving heaven and earth to name the Governor's ticket next year, and if they can't put Milliken over then they will insist that a compromise candidate be satisfactory to them, be put in the chair.

We do not understand by what right these closely related political professes presume to have any voice in legislation at Frankfort next January after the walloping they got at the hands of the voters last November. If Galvin, Glenn, and their henchmen think they are going to dictate the legislative program, as well as the organization of House and Senate personnel, they are mistaken, and they will soon be disillusioned.

One of the Governor's new appointees on the Highway Commission is in the bus business, between Lexington and Independence, and between Independence and Covington, on the Main Dixie Highway. Mr. Rouse, who is classed as a Sampson Democrat, will insist, no doubt, that all the cuts be installed on roads over which his busses operate. Also, we learn that about two weeks and a half previously Mr. [illegible] Democratic Chairman, met the Governor in Louisville and [illegible] Johnson out? We do not think he is, but that he will have much to say in the selection of a Speaker.

We also learn from Frankfort that the parents of school children in Kentucky will not have any hybrids, or cheap, or tawdry, or "matchless Firm," school books inflicted on them by the administration; and that, if we do not have an honest-to-God Textbook Commission now, then we will have one before the Assembly adjourns.

—Taxpayer

POOR PICKING

There is nothing more pathetic than a horsefly on a radiator.

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NEWS OF KENTUCKY

William Barker, Confederate veteran, celebrated his 86th birthday at his home in Sharpsburg last week.

Three persons in Madison county are said to be suffering with tularemia, a disease caused from dressing rabbits.

Lee Coldiron, 22, was acquitted by a jury at Harlan Friday on a charge of killing his brother-in-law, Preston Gill.

J. D. Adams, 14, died at a hospital in Harrodsburg from injuries sustained when he fell from a sled while coasting.

Two hundred children in the Paris city school system received toxin-antitoxin for the prevention of diphtheria last week.

Thieves broke into the office of the county clerk in the court house at Catlettsburg and stole $67 from the money drawer.

Ira Lyons, 20 years old, was stabbed to death by William Atkins, 20, after a quarrel at a church in Lawrence county.

At a meeting of the Harrison fiscal court last week an appropriation of $5,061 was made for 56 indigents of the county.

Malcolm Moss, star baseball pitcher, has been sold by the Louisville base ball club to the Chicago Cubs for $30,000.

William Johnson, 77, and, Mary Groves, 67, both of Washington Court House, Fayette county, were married at Maysville Monday.

Dr. John G. South, present Minister to Panama, is expected to be named Governor last week to be Minister to Portugal.

Miss Mary Shay, 87, was fatally burned at her home in Louisville Friday when her clothing ignited from an open grate.

Members of the board of Kentucky Wesleyan College, at a meeting at Owensboro Friday, said the college is in debt $150,000.

About 1,200 pounds of tobacco was stolen from the barn of Hugh Clark on the Maysville road near Mt. Sterling last Thursday night.

Senator Beckett has recommended the reappointment of Fawyer Smith as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Superintendents of county and city schools over the state will meet at Frankfort December 11, 12 and 13 in their annual session.

Scott Jordan, 23, of Lexington, was seriously burned Sunday night when the bed on which he was sleeping was ignited by a cigarette.

16,000 acres of land between Richmond and Berea have been leased for oil drilling purposes and operators will sink a test well this week.

The population of Lexington at the opening of 1930 will be 62,301 according to an estimate made by the News-papers Features Bureau.

James Craig, negro, was killed and Joe Evans, negro, was probably fatally wounded in a gun duel at the home of Evans in Cynthiana Sunday night.

The will of Mrs. Louisa Mayer, probated at Covington last week, provided a fund of $500 for the care of white collie dog belonging to Mrs. Mayer.

Mrs. Katherine Langley has introduced a bill in Congress which creates a third federal court district in Kentucky with headquarters at Ashland.

Hollie E. Keown, state inspector and examiner, last week filed a report with Governor Sampson which he stated was in $1,119 collected from Mason county officials.

Andrew Pyfer, 44, of Maysville, was killed Thursday morning when he was struck by a C. & O. passenger train while walking along the tracks near Maysville.

In the Johnson circuit court at Paintsville last week, Mrs. Minnie Farley was acquitted on the charge of murdering Jesse Meadows, her half-wit lover.

Dr. Clarence Moore Dannelly, who succeeded to the presidency of Kentucky Wesleyan College last summer, will be formally inaugurated on Friday morning.

Three negro boys were injured, one of them perhaps fatally, when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a train at Hutchison, Bourbon county.

The Court of appeals last week affirmed the three years prison sentence imposed upon Mrs. Sarah V. Thacker by the Clark circuit court on a charge of selling liquor.

Miss Myrum Simpson, 16, was probably fatally injured at her home in Mayfield when a pistol which she attempted to hand to her brother-in-law accidentally discharged.

Joe Wendling, serving a life sentence in the Eddyville penitentiary for the murder of Alma Kellner, 9-year-old girl in Louisville twenty years ago, was denied a parole last week.

The Anti-Saloon League of Kentucky, meeting at Louisville last week, adopted resolutions asking for the appointment of Sam Collins, of Whitesburg, as prohibition administrator for Kentucky and Tennessee. Mr. Collins resigned from this office October 1, 1925.

Scattering nearly a dozen of his relatives with the threat, "I'm going to take this place," Douglas Kendrick, 33, attacked his step-father, Henry Dupin, 62, with a large sacking needle at Louisville Sunday and seriously wounded Dupin.

The congregation of the Broadway Christian church, at a meeting Sunday, extended a call to Rev. W. E. Sweeney, pastor of the Columbus, Ind., Christian church, to become pastor of the Lexington church when Rev. Mark Collis retires January 1.

At Winchester last week Walter Shrout, deputy sheriff of Bath county, was exonerated of any blame in connection with the death of James B. Johnson, 75, who was killed when struck by Shrout's automobile at Winchester last week.

Estill Hamilton, 21, of Bracken county, died at the Haywood hospital in Maysville Saturday from blood poisoning resulting from injuries sustained when he fell on a stile while hunting. Hamilton is survived by his wife and six young children.

Robert McNeal, Laurel county coal operator, was shot and killed at a dance at East Bernstadt Saturday night when he remonstrated with some young men who were stealing a dinner. Seven men were lodged in jail at London pending an investigation.

A land can containing 21 sticks of dynamite, two keys and several percussion caps was found Saturday afternoon beneath the Bankhick Christian church even while services were being held. The discovery was made by workmen while digging a basement to install a furnace.

Mrs. Annie Haywood, arrested at Ashland last week on a charge of stealing milk from porches of several residences, was released on $500 bond after she had promised to stop taking milk for her young children as she did not have enough to pay for it. Mrs. Haywood's husband is serving a term in the penitentiary for manslaughter.

Ruth Meadows, former Cincinnati business man and star base ball player on the Lexington team in the Blue Grass League in 1922 and 1923, was sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary at Los Angeles, California, for financial discrepancies in several transactions.

Three bridges purchased by the State Highway Commission are averaging a gross return in tolls of almost 44 per cent on the capital investment; figures made public last week by the State Highway Department showed. The three bridges are at Clay's Ferry, Rio and Mundorville.

A 17-year-old boy giving his name as Bill Donald was found last week in the railroad yards at Corbin suffering with exposure and with both feet frozen from the recent cold weather. He gave his home as Rome, Ga., and said he had been a hobo since he was nine years old.

A proposal to consolidate Kentucky Wesleyan College at Winchester and Logan College at Russellville into a Grade "A" Methodist College to be located at Louisville was discussed at a conference of the boards of education of the Louisville and Kentucky conferences last week.

Dr. H. E. Youmans, young physician of Harrodsburg was arrested Saturday on a warrant charging him with placing poison in drinking water at an apartment house in Harrodsburg. Dr. Youmans is accused of putting the poison in the water after the manager of the apartment house had forced him to move his residence and office from the building.

Walter Jamerson, 81, oldest prisoner ever to be confined in the Frankfort reformatory, arrived at Frankfort from Tompkinsville Thursday night to serve a five-year sentence for manslaughter. The old man, feeble and walking with a cane, told the warden he didn't want to be confined but wanted to be allowed to "knock around a bit." He will be quartered in the hospital with two other prisoners, 79 and 75 years old.

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