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W. S. PIERCE.
(Deceased.)

MENEFEE'S FIRST COUNTY JUDGE.

Judge W. S. Pierce was one of the best citizens of Menefee county. He died at his home in Frenchburg, of typhoid fever, September 19, 1893. He was born in Bourbon county January 1, 1821. He was a Mexican soldier, and served under the late Cerro Gordo Williams throughout the war between Mexico and the United States. Upon his return home after that memorable trouble he brought with him a remnant of the flag carried by his command, all of which he gave away by piece-meal until there only remains but one golden star attached to a few shreds of blue, which is still in the possession of his daughter, our better-half. At the breaking out of the war between the States he cast his lot with the Confederacy, and held the rank of Colonel during the four years of that never-to-be forgotten unpleasantness. After the war with Mexico he bought a farm in Morgan county and married Mrs. James Gooch, a daughter of the late Thomas D. Perry, who survived him until March 2, 1897. He moved from Morgan county to the place recently owned by Jas. Greer, near town, and at that time known as Rock House, in 1867.

During the winter of 1868-'69 Robt. E. Frisby, of this place, wrote and had circulated a petition for the establishment of the County of Menefee, and he with W. S. Pierce, Shelby Kash and Newt Perry each subscribed \$25 with which to employ a lawyer to look after the matter at Frankfort. Mr. Pierce was commissioned to take the petition

to Frankfort, which he did, and employed Wm. Lindsey & Son, lawyers, to attend to the matter during the Legislature then in session, the result of which was the passage and approval of an act by that body March 10, 1869, establishing the County of Menefee from portions of Bath, Morgan, Montgomery and Wolfe counties, with the county seat at Frenchburg. At the first county election held, which was the first Saturday in May, 1869, Mr. Pierce was elected county judge and served one term. He took the oath of office before Justice of the Peace L. H. Hackney at a called term of the Menefee County Court, May 28, 1869, and executed bond with Solomon Rothwell and James R. Nickell as sureties. He afterward served ten years as circuit court clerk of Menefee, and at the time of his death he had served about eight years as master commissioner.

He was a Master Mason, having joined the order at West Liberty about the year 1855. At the time of his death he was a member of Beaver Lodge, No. 505, F. and A. M., of this place. He had been a member of the Christian church for more than 40 years, and had been an elder in the church for over half that time.

While in this life Judge Pierce enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him, and as his honored remains rest in the small and silent little city of the dead near town, it is the consensus of opinion that the soil of Menefee never covered the dust of a better man.

[From the Walnut Grove Herald.]

The first run for regular transportation on the O. & K. railroad from Jackson, Breathitt county, to Caney will be made on or about the 10th of this month.

The tent meeting of two weeks at this place seems to have been attended with ordinarily fair results. A number of persons, mostly women and children, have been reclaimed, converted or sanctified. God bless the good women and children—the life and hope of the country.

Uncle Johns Adams and Aunt Zilpha, his wife, of Maytown, this county, attended the gospel meetings from Saturday until Tuesday last. They think they would like to locate here and preach to and pray with and for the people. We are advertising for good men and Uncle Johns fills the bill. We have thought he could come nearer bringing heaven down with him when he falls to his knees to pray than any one else we have ever yet seen or heard.

TIME TO DEVELOP.

A man from Georgia, one of the delegates to the industrial convention, was talking yesterday about Hoke Smith.

"Down in our State," said the Georgian, "the name of Hoke Smith is held in veneration. Appropos of this they tell a story about a couple of 'crackers' who were sitting on a fence talking politics. It was when Hoke Smith was serving as secretary of the interior in Cleveland's cabinet.

"Hoke Smith's a great man, suh," said one cracker.

"Yaas, he's a great man, but he ain't es great a man as Grover Cleveland," said the other.

"Yaas, suh, Hoke Smith's a greatah man than Grover Cleveland."

"Wall, ah reckon he ain't es great a man es Gen'l Robe't E. Lee."

"Yaas, suh, Hoke Smith's a greatah man than Gen'l Robe't E. Lee."

"Ah reckon he ain't es great a man es Jeff'son Davis."

"Yaas, suh, Hoke Smith's a greatah man than Jeff'son Davis."

A long pause followed and each chewed meditatively.

"Hoke Smith ain't es great as God," remarked the doubting cracker.

"This argument seemed a clincher, but the other cracker proved equal to it. He spat copiously and then drawled out: "Mebbe not. Hoke Smith's a young man yit."—Philadelphia Record.

The young man who knows how to lay off corn and potato rows, and to regulate the distance of the same so as to get the crops, is worth a cow pen full of nice, kid gloved, fancy overcoated fellows who know how to lead a fashionable waltz. Setting a plow just right and adjusting the gears so that backs and shoulders of the horses will never hurt, are worth a thousand fold more to the country than knowing how to pose in the parlor. Yes, and a girl who can bake a loaf of bread and make a sweet roll of butter is worth a whole seminary of those soft hand angels who sit in the "pahlah" and let their "mas" do the kitchen work.—Ex.

Here is the world beater as a marriage elopement story. Near Sturgeon, Owsley county, there lived D. L. Whittaker, aged 80, widower, with 12 children. Near by lived Miss Bertha Robinson, aged 16, poor, but handsome. The old man and the young girl fell deeply in love—he with the worldly goods, he being called rich. The old man's children locked him up in the second story. The girl went with a ladder and her two brothers at night, stole the old man out, took him to a town in an adjoining county and was married to him.—Ex.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

We are authorized to announce
HON. I. N. GREEN a candidate
for re-election to the Legislature
from the 90th district composed
of Montgomery and Menefee
counties, subject to the action of
the Democratic party.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

J. F. Osbon.

FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK.

H. N. Gose.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

L. T. Havermale.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

G. W. Buchanan.

FOR SHERIFF.

E. E. Cope.

FOR JAILOR.

E. D. Hackney.

FOR ASSESSOR.

F. M. Power.

FOR SURVEYOR.

G. W. Reffitt.

FOR CORONER.

J. D. Nickell.

Uncle Joe Chambers

REGISTERS A KICK ABOUT
OUR FIGHT AGAINST
WHISKY.

MEANS, KY., Aug. 1, 1901.

Editor NEWS:—I see in your
paper that you are advising the
Fourth precinct to vote against
whisky. You have had local op-
tion going on four years; you
have allowed it sold all over the
county and they are still selling
it. I have made and sold whisky
at Chambers Station for the past
21 years, and there never was a
man hurt at my place.

Cut your dogs loose; we are
going to fight you prohibitionists.
Without whisky you have knock-
ed the county and State out of
\$300, and have had worse behavior
than at any time during the 21
years I have sold whisky. I am
going to sell and make it accord-
ing to law. So this concerns the
Fourth precinct; you prohibition-
ists fight the Big Woods in your
end of the county.

J. J. CHAMBERS.

Yes, Uncle Joe, I am advising
the people of the Fourth precinct
to vote against whisky, and my
reasons for so doing are that as
long as it was sold in that pre-
cinct by license, just so long did
crime run rampant until the
court records of Menefee for the
past eighteen or twenty years,
prior to the institution of prohi-
bition, were blackened by some
of the lowest, foulest and most
dastardly of crimes, among

which can be mentioned robbery,
rape, hogstealing, horse stealing,
bawdy houses, adultery, fornica-
tion, vote selling, gambling, shoot-
ing, cutting and murder, all of
which crimes, or nine out of
every ten of which, are the fruits
of whisky selling. It is an un-
disputable fact, and the records
of the county will show that al-
most nine-tenths of the crime
perpetrated in the county from
1880 up until prohibition carried,
was committed in the Slate pre-
cinct. If you doubt this asser-
tion examine the records in our
circuit clerk's office.

As I said, these crimes were
were mostly the fruits of whisky,
but whether you sold any of the
whisky that occasioned any of
these crimes I am not prepared
to say. But if you have made
and sold whisky in that precinct
for the past twenty-one years, as
you assert, it is reasonable to
suppose that some of your whis-
ky was the cause of some of
these crimes.

You also state that there never
was a man hurt at your place on
account of whisky, but you fail
to say anything about the num-
ber of little hungry mouths, the
number of little half-clad bodies,
the number of unhappy wives
and sorrowing mothers that could
have been fed, clothed, made hap-
py and contented by the dimes
and dollars spent by men at your
place for the damnable stuff called
whiskey.

From what I have been told by
those who know you best, it is a
pity that a man who possesses
your quality of heart should per-
sist in continuing in an evil which
he knows, if he has a grain of
sense, is the worst curse that we
have in our country. Get out of
it, and spend the balance of your
days in making, as far as your
few remaining years will allow,
reparation for some of the evils
in which you have, unintentional-
ly no doubt, been a partner.

You asse t that prohibition has
knocked the State and county out
of \$300; you evidently meaning
the State, as the county does not
receive one cent of the money
paid for whisky license, but you
attempt to give no figures as to
what it costs the State and coun-
ty to prosecute the crime occa-
sioned by whisky, or the thous-
and and one necessities, conveni-
ences and pleasures the mothers
and children of your neighbor-
hood have been knocked out of
by the sale of whisky in your pre-
cinct.

If the sale of whisky had one
scintilla of respectability about it
men would not have to chase
around with a petition and get
signers in order to hold an elec-
tion so they can engage in it.
You never see anyone running
around with a petition who wants
to engage in the dry goods, gro-

cery or any other legitimate call-
ing.

A vicious dog chained can't do
as much damage as if he were
loose, neither can the blind tiger
who skulks among the hills and
gaves of the mountains, do as
much damage as the wild-eyed
lyon upon the public highway.

POMEROYTON.

Rev. Bill Davis and son preach-
ed at Union on the 3d and 4th.

Two of W. C. Catron's log man
returned from the woods a few
days ago badly hurt.

E. R. Little sold \$1,200 worth
of stock this week. He is now in
Winchester on business.

Powell Catron and his sister,
Mrs. Tilda Trimble, left here a
few days since for Illinois to
spend the summer and fall.

CARRINGTON.

R. B. Sexton is no better at
this writing.

Mrs. Pearl Roberts has return-
ed from Illinois.

C. F. Craig is going to move
his mill to Richardson.

Johnnie Craig struck ice water
by digging twenty-five feet.

Pete Bashaw is preparing to
move west to make his future
home.

Elder Kendall baptized sever-
al converts at Salt Lick on the
fourth Sunday.

On the 31st ult. Elder Kendall
united LaFayette Kerrick and
Miss Alice Carrington in mar-
riage. The groom is the young-
est son of Hugh Kerrick, and the
bride is the bright and charming
daughter of J. W. Carrington.
They have the well wishes of
many good people.

HEAD OF BEAVER.

The sick at W. J. Havens' are
rapidly recovering.

Cards are eut announcing an
approaching wedding on Hatha-
way.

Eddie Dennis, who has been
very low with typhoid fever, is
gradually improving.

H. H. Long and wife visited
the latter's father, J. G. Greer,
at Camargo, last week.

Mrs. Joe Cobb visited her sis-
ter, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, of
near Frenchburg, last week.

Mrs. C. W. Greer, of Ashland,
after a week's visit among rela-
tives and friends at this place,
has returned home.

Misses Darthula Collier, Eliza-
beth and Dora Cobb, visited the
latter's sister, Mrs. H. S. Sam-
ple, of near Means, Ky., Sunday.

J. J. Ratliff, who has been at
Mt. Sterling for some time hav-
ing his eyes treated, is at home
for a few days. His eyes are
much better. He will return for
further treatment.

D. S. GODSEY WITHDRAWS.

To all my friends in the 90th
Legislative District I hereby ten-
der my sincere thanks for their
promised support and kind en-
couragement given me during
my canvass in this district for
Representative, and I hereby an-
nounce my withdrawal from said
race in the interest of Democra-
cy. Respectfully,

D. S. GODSEY.

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