

NORMAL SCHOOL GOES TO MOREHEAD

Paintsville Loses Fight As Wallen Changes Vote; Split at Murray Seen.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 25.—Morehead, the county seat of Rowan County, was today selected as the site for the new Eastern Kentucky Normal School at a meeting of Normal School Commission held in Lexington.

W. S. Wallen of Prestonsburg, who had been holding out for Paintsville in the previous balloting, broke the apparent deadlock on the fifth ballot by casting his vote for the Morehead site.

The final vote follows:

Morehead —O'Rear, Goodpastor, Senff, Combs, Wallen.

Paintsville —Peter, Barret and Harman.

The decision for Morehead follows a long fight between Morehead and Paintsville.

Green Named Murray Head

The selection of Morehead is subject to its being able to qualify as required by law. A committee consisting of Judge Senff and Senator Combs was appointed to investigate and render a report to the commission.

Robert P. Green, former member of the State Tax Commission was elected to head the Western School at Murray. The vote for the selection was seven to one, Alex G. Barret being the only one opposing the move. Mr. Barret said that he voted against the election of Mr. Green on the ground that no one should be elected head of the new school who had not been recommended by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The offer of the School Board of Murray of the new Murray High School building for use of the Normal until the Normal building is erected was accepted by the commission.

Wallen Praises Site

West Liberty had a large delegation on hand today with the hope of a compromise on that city. The voting however, centered on Morehead and Paintsville as in the previous meetings.

The site offered by Morehead is the old Morehead Normal School, and as Mr. Wallen said in a telephone conversation tonight, "It is the most beautiful site offered in Eastern Kentucky."

Mr. Wallen, when questioned as to his reason for changing his vote for the Rowan County seat, said "I saw after our meeting last Saturday that it was a hopeless deadlock; that we could not get the school for the Big Sandy and the bill we passed to create these schools would have been a useless piece of legislation.

"I voted to break the deadlock in favor of Morehead because I thought it was for the best interests of Kentucky as a whole.

"I did not think it was the proper thing to stand in the way of the establishment of this school."