

NORMAL SCHOOLS WILL GET INTO COURTS AT ONCE

All Phases to be Covered in
Suit Thought to be the
Better Action.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 4.—It was learned today on good authority that a suit to test all phases of the Normal School act is certain to be brought within the next few days. The suit will probably be filed by Auditor John J. Craig and will take up the constitutionality of the act, the right of the Legislature to create the commission, the right of the commission to erect buildings and to hire faculties.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 5.—That more than mere patronage is involved in the contention between the Normal School Commission and the State Board of Education over the right to elect a faculty and establish the new schools at Murray and Morehead was pointed out today by those interested in the tangle.

Assumption by the majority of the commission of the right to erect buildings and organize the schools would speedily commit the State irrevocably to the projects. The next General Assembly would be unable to act in the case, as there would already be a large investment and going schools. On the other hand, if the commission turns the sites and money over to the board, that body will do all it legitimately can to prevent the consummation of the plan adopted by the commission.

Another phase of the situation may develop if the commission is unwilling to accept the lands, buildings and contents at Morehead as worth \$100,000. The site includes the old buildings of a little college and a campus estimated at from five to ten acres. This with other land is offered as the \$100,000 required by law. According to members of the commission, citizens of Morehead have promised to raise the difference in cash should the commission decide the property is worth less than the amount named.

Wins Highest Scout Honor



In impressive ceremonies, Wm. Cannon, of Los Angeles, Calif., has been awarded highest scout honors, the National medal of Honor. Despite a terrific tide and high waves, he plunged into the sea at Honolulu last year, saving two women from drowning. Shown here, he is wearing his medal.

Two Confessions Alleged in Mine-Tragedy Plot

Paintsville. — Frank Conley and Burns Castle, two of a number of men indicted on a charge of participation in a plot which resulted in the death of two miners from Morgan county at Thealka mines, have made confessions, authorities state. According to the alleged statements, dynamite was put in a cutting machine by parties whose names are being withheld, and this was detonated when the victims, first of the miners to arrive, turned on the electric current.

Mrs. Weddington Dies at Fort Gay, W. Va.

Mrs. Susan Weddington died in Ft. Gay, W. Va., Saturday after an illness of long duration. She was the widow of Henry Weddington and

NORMAL REPEAL TAKING SHAPE

Poll of Legislators Shows
Large Percentage Favor Repeal.

Forty-four members of the Kentucky General Assembly will vote to repeal the Normal School Act if Governor Morrow calls the Legislators into extra session, the poll now being made by The Louisville Times shows. Eleven will vote to sustain the bill.

One hundred and three of the 133 Legislators have answered the queries sent out by The Times.

Of this number, twenty-five favor legislative action and twenty-six want the case taken to the courts of the State. Twenty-four were non-committal on the course they desired to be taken and sixteen said they preferred to leave the matter in its present status.

Craig May Bring Suit

Forty would not say how they would vote if the extra session is called.

Charles I. Dawson, Attorney General, said yesterday that another conference between Governor Morrow, Superintendent Colvin, Auditor Craig and himself will be held within a few days. "At this meeting," said Mr. Dawson, "it will be decided what action will be taken."

Mr. Colvin said yesterday that a lawsuit was unavoidable.

It is said that the presence of Auditor Craig at these meetings is for the purpose of grooming him to bring the suit.

Boyd County Has Gas Well on Keyser Creek

A water-filled hole prevents an exact surmise as to the value of the gas well brought in by Sam J. DeBord near Keyser creek last week. When gas was first struck, it was estimated to be about 300,000 feet but indications are today that the well will reach the 500,000 level.

The well was brought in last week. Some oil too was struck, running about a barrel a day. The drillers left the job to get the necessary equipment for running the well and when they returned 1400 feet of water was

SENATOR HARRIS FAVORS SPECIAL NORMAL SESSION

Is Opposed to Morehead as Site For The New Nor- mal School.

Senator Brig H. Harris, representing Boyd, Lawrnee, Johnson and Martin counties in the upper house of the Kentucky legislature, today declared himself opposed to the selection of Morehead for the site of the eastern normal school and asserted he favors a special session of the legislature to repeal the school act.

In reply to an inquiry from a Louisville newspaper, Senator Harris, who fathered the bill for the new normals, sent the following telegram today:

"I favor a special session of the legislature as against judicial action primarily because I believe it will save time in getting the school question properly settled. If court proceedings were resorted to it would be two years or more before it could be decided and would probably cost as much or more than a special legislative session.

"I do not approve of the location of the eastern school, feeling that the suspicion that trickery had something to do with it might reflect discredit on the established school.

"I believe a special session will be far better and I will vote to repeal the law and for the submission for passage of the same bill I originally introduced before it was amended. In the original bill the sites for the schools would have been selected by the state board of education."

Senator Harris said his original bill which was passed by both the senate and the house, only to be amended, called for the choosing of sites to be left to the state board of education. The amendment offered by Representative Jeter of Lincoln county provided for the creation of the commission of eight, three to be named by President Ballard and five by Speaker Thompson.—Independent.