

# State Normal Commission Deadlocks Again on the Selection of Site for School

## Wins School Rifle Championship.



Helen Stokes, of Washington, D. C., is the champion school girl rifle shot of the U. S. She won the Astor cup in competition against the best rifle shots from all parts of the country.

## NORMAL BREACH SEEN IMPENDING

### Deadlock Cannot be Broken Is Belief; Resignations Are Hinted.

(The Courier-Journal Frankfort Bureau.)

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 20.—To all appearances hopelessly deadlocked on the location of the Eastern Normal School and approaching show-down in regard to opening the Murray school, the State Normal School Commission will meet in Lexington next Saturday morning and has invited the State Board of Education to confer with it about the Murray school, the site for which the commission selected here last Saturday.

Whether the State Board will accept the invitation could not be learned today. State Superintendent George Colvin has not consulted his associates about it, Attorney General Charles L. Dawson is out of the city and Secretary of State Fred A. Vaughan is sick.

Forty-one ballots have been taken on the site for the Eastern School without any town receiving a majority and at the last two sessions the balloting settled down to a four-and-four tie between Morehead and Paintsville. J. L. Harman of Bowling Green, was frank to say that he will not vote for a location outside of the Sandy Valley, believing that the Educational Survey was correct in its opinion that the school is needed there and convinced that the establishment of the school at Morehead would leave Eastern Kentucky still needing a Normal school as much as ever. His opinion is shared by Judge Arthur Peter and Alex G. Barret of Louisville, and Representative W. S. Wallen of Prestonsburg, has voted unwaveringly for the Sandy valley.

The other four members, Chairman E. C. O'Rear of Frankfort; Sherman Goodpaster, treasurer of the Kentucky Jockey Club; former Senator Thomas A. Combs of Lexington, and County Judge E. W. Senff of Mt. Sterling, have stood by Morehead. Some of the members left here Saturday impressed with the futility of further efforts to get together. The situation is pregnant with possibilities, including resignations and the continuation of the deadlock until the 1924 General Assembly convenes.

The deadlock in itself will not affect the fortunes of the school at Murray, if the problem of organization and building is solved. The law provides that "if gifts and donations are made, sufficient to establish one of said schools, then the sum of \$30,000 shall be available for the maintenance and operation of said school."

Promoters of the Murray school are working to commit the State to that project, regardless of what is done about the other school. Chairman Rainey T. Wells of the State Tax Commission, is taking the lead in this and appeared before the commission Saturday with a delegation from his town, who, after closing negotiations about the bonus and site, received the assurance of the commission that the organization of the school would be taken up at the next meeting.

That will bring about a show down between the commission and the State Board of Education. The law, which originally provided for the State Board of Education to attend to the matter of selecting sites, was amended to provide for the commission, a majority of whom were to be selected by the Speaker of the House, and it retained the word "establish" in the commission's duties, while it said "the management and control, when established, shall be vested in the State Board of Education."

The Commission is understood to be willing to name Dr. J. W. Carr, High School supervisor under the General Education Board, as president of the institution. Dr. Carr declined today to say whether he would accept.

"The presidency has never been offered me," he replied when asked. "I don't mind saying that I never have been an applicant. I am not an applicant now."

**State Board Refuses to Meet.**  
Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 21.—The State Board of Education will not confer

with the Normal School Commission in Lexington Saturday in regard to the election of a president for the Murray School.

The board stands pat on its own prerogative to choose the president and faculty and adopt a course of study, and proposes that if the commission is in doubt about which body is designated to perform this duty, it ratify the action of the board.

George Colvin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, made this reply in a letter sent today to Alex G. Barret of Louisville, member of the committee delegated to invite the board to the conference. The letter was prepared by Mr. Colvin and Charles I. Dawson, Attorney General, both of whom are members of the board. Superintendent Colvin said he had consulted Fred A. Vaughan, Secretary of State, the other member of the board, and the decision is unanimous.

The letter to Commissioner Barret follows:

#### Desires To Co-operate.

"I have advised the State Board of Education that you have been authorized by the Normal School Commission to invite the members of the State Board of Education to meet with the members of the Normal School Commission in Lexington, Saturday, November 25, for the purpose of selecting a president for the new normal school to be located at Murray and to consider the advisability of opening the school in January, 1923.

"In this connection, I wish to repeat what I stated to your commission at its session in Frankfort last Saturday, that the State Board of Education stands ready at all times to co-operate with your commission in all legal ways to the end that a Normal School adequate to meet the needs of the people of Western Kentucky shall be established as contemplated in the law, providing for the establishment of a Normal School in Western Kentucky at the earliest possible date.

"As the State Board of Education views the matter, and as we are advised, the law providing for the establishment of two new Normal Schools places certain distinct duties upon your commission to select the sites for the two new Normal Schools and to receive gifts of land, buildings or money for the establishment of these two Normal Schools and to erect such buildings as in the judgment of your commission are necessary for the proper conduct of these schools. This duty and right on the part of your commission has always been recognized to the fullest extent by the State Board of Education. The law places the management and control of these Normal Schools, when established in the manner above indicated, in the hands of the State Board of Education.

#### Meeting Would Be Futile.

"We are advised that the management and control of the two Normal Schools by the State Board of Education necessarily implies the duty and the right of the State Board of Education to select the faculty and prescribe the course of study for the schools. This is a duty and a right that was not sought by the State Board of Education, but the law having placed it upon us, we have no disposition to shirk it.

"In view of the conclusion, it appears to us that no good purpose can be served by a joint meeting of your commission and the State Board of Education for the purpose of selecting the president of the Western Kentucky Normal School. I am, therefore, directed by the State Board of Education to advise your commission that whenever your commission officially notifies the State Board of Education that Murray has been chosen as the site for the Normal School and that a suitable building, in which to conduct the school, has been secured, the State Board of Education will at once proceed to the election of a president and faculty and adopt a course of study."

## Johnson County Sheriff Shoots a Moonshiner

Sheriff Grant Daniels, of Johnson county, is reported to have shot a man named Meek, of Henrietta, at the railroad station near there yesterday. The sheriff and deputies were there to capture a bunch of alleged moonshiners and when they got off of the train the trouble began. Meek resisted, it is said, and drew a gun. The sheriff lost no time in landing him with a shot. It is thought he will recover.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 18.—Eighteen ballots taken by the State Normal School Commission this afternoon resulted in a deadlock between Morehead and Paintsville, and the commission adjourned to meet again next Saturday morning at Lexington when, in addition to voting on the site for the Eastern school, a conference will be held with the State Board of Education in regard to opening the Western School at Murray.

The commission today accepted Murray's bonus of \$100,000 and selected the site on the thirty-acre tract just outside the town, owned by Rainey T. Wells, chairman of the State Tax Commission, and Dr. E. B. Houston. The selection was unanimous.

Chairman Wells and a delegation from Murray appeared before the commission. They were assured that the commission is in favor of opening the school January 1 if possible. The question whether the commission of the State Board of Education is empowered to elect the president and faculty was discussed, and it was decided to confer with the board, which is composed of State Superintendent George Colvin, Secretary of State Fred A. Vaughan and Attorney General Charles I. Dawson.

Dr. J. W. Carr, at present supervisor of high-schools in the Department of Education, an office maintained by the General Education Board, a Rockefeller Foundation, is talked of for president of the school. He is a Columbia graduate and formerly was superintendent of schools at Dayton, O.

After disposing of the business in connection with the Murray site, the Commission heard a delegation from Paintsville, who offers twenty acres and \$100,000 and then proceeded to ballot on the Eastern school site.

The votes were scattered on a few ballots and then settled down to Paintsville and Morehead.

On the concluding ballot it stood just as it had at the last meeting: Chairman E. C. O'Rear, Thomas A. Combs, Sherman Goodpaster and E. W. Senff for Morehead, and J. L. Harman, Judge Arthur Peter, Alex G. Barret and W. S. Wallen for Paintsville.

Mr. Wallen resigned as secretary because his home is at Prestonsburg, he thought, too far away from the chairman, and Judge Senff was elected secretary and treasurer.—Courier-Journal.

## MAN KILLED IN OIL FIELD

Edward Russell of Tennessee who has been working in the oil field in this section for the past year was killed last Friday night at a well being drilled for J. K. Wells. He was assisting in the drilling and when the bailer was pulled out it fell on him, killing him instantly.

His remains were brought to Paintsville and prepared for shipment to his home in Tennessee. Mr. Spiane who has charge of the work for Mr. Wells sent a man with the remains to his old home.—Paintsville Herald.

## Funeral of O. W. Endicott Held From Residence

The body of Oscar W. Endicott arrived in Louisa last Sunday evening from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and was taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Emma Endicott. Funeral services were conducted at the residence on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. D. Brame, pastor of the Baptist church of this place, the Rev. Midyett, of Prestonsburg also taking part in the service. Members from the different choirs of the town furnished the music. A large number of relatives and friends was present. The floral tribute was beautiful, several pieces being sent from Prestonsburg.

Interment took place in Fulkerson cemetery beside his father, Jerry Endicott.

## \$10,000 Verdict Given For Injuries in Crash

The jury in the case of Max Callihan vs. George Hunt, in the circuit court at Catlettsburg, brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$10,032.64. The case is an old one and is the outcome of injuries sustained by Callihan five years ago in a collision on Lexington avenue, Ashland, with an automobile driven by Hunt. Callihan at the time, was riding a motorcycle. Callihan claimed the loss of his right eye and other injuries.

The case had been tried once before several years ago and resulted in a disagreement of the jury.

#### LOT SALE AT GRAYSON.

Elsewhere appears an advertisement of an auction sale of lots at Grayson, to be conducted on December 2, by the Bowman Realty Co., the well known real estate operators of Huntington, whose success in this line of operation is merited. The property offered adjoins the grounds and buildings now going in of the Normal Institute at Grayson which under the capable direction of Prof. Lusby is rapidly taking shape as a permanent institution in new and modern quarters at Grayson.