

Commission to Select Normal School Site at Frankfort Saturday

The Commission to locate the new Eastern Kentucky State Normal School has been called to meet in Frankfort on Saturday, November 18, at noon. The meeting will be held at Judge O'Rear's office. It is expected that a decision will be reached at this meeting.

The Courier-Journal's Frankfort bureau reports as follows:

"The eastern site still remains to be selected; but the situation is understood to be unchanged, and Morehead is expected to receive the votes of the five members of the Commission appointed by Speaker James H. Thompson of the House: Chairman E. C. O'Rear, Sherman Goodpaster, treasurer of the Kentucky Jockey Club; Judge E. W. Senff of Mt. Sterling; Representative W. S. Wallen of Prestonsburg, and Thomas A. Combs of Lexington. The three members, appointed by Lieutenant Governor Ballard, Alex G. Barret and Arthur Peter of Louisville, and J. S. Harmon of Bowling Green, have favored a Sandy Valley site."

The Big Sandy News continues to hope, and refuses to charge, that this commission will locate the school at Morehead. It is inconceivable to us that a body of men entrusted with a great public duty, involving the educational interests of the youths of our mountain section, would be influenced in their decision by anything except the object of doing the best thing for the greatest number of the people sought to be served. Everybody knows that Morehead is not the place for that school, and the numerous reasons have been set forth many times heretofore. We shall refer to just one thing in this connection, and that is the loss of \$250,000 or more from the New York Board of Education that would be sustained if Morehead were selected. We are unwilling to believe that these men will make such a mistake.

As To Louisa.

If Louisa is not the most desirable location for the new Eastern Kentucky State Normal School why is it a

fact that so many citizens living at other places in the Big Sandy valley express the opinion that it is the proper place?

It is true that a great many people are doing this thing right along. Those who have no other interest than to see if located where the most people will be best served are naming Louisa.

The objection offered to an industrial town, with the inevitable high costs of living, does not apply here.

Louisa has the environment and spirit that is needed for a school and its students. It is peculiarly a school town.

Louisa is more accessible to the territory sought to be served than any of the other cities.

There is a better farming and trucking country surrounding Louisa to supply the needs of the school, without shipping long distances and adding to costs, than is true of any other applicant.

Only Louisa and Ashland complied with the requirements laid down by the Commission to be met before the date of the Lexington meeting, and it was believed all applicant cities that failed to meet the conditions by that time would be eliminated. No other applicants have waterworks, for instance. We have been asked the question as to why cities were not eliminated that failed to qualify, but of course we were not able to answer.

If located at Louisa the school will be able to get a lot of money added to the amounts originally provided for. There is no doubt about this. The institution would become such a school that the entire state would be proud of.

The Commission will never be called upon to apologize for its action if it shall name Louisa for the location. The wisdom of the selection could not and would not be questioned. Louisa measures up to the requirements indicated by the questionnaire sent out in May by the Commission, and it is the only one of the cities now actively in the contest that does so.