

Beckham County.

More Facts and Observations About Its Public Servants, Etc.

Oil in Wolfe County and Lodges at Torrent, Etc.

If the readers of the *ADVOCATE* wish to keep in touch with this last addition to the sisterhood of 120 counties of our State, they will for a few minutes lend us their eyes. If more interested in the people of Russia and Japan, the latest naval conflict (not in Mt. Sterling), the proceedings at Frankfort, etc., gently pass these Observations by and don't kick.

The writer left this city Saturday morning at 9:25 and in due time joined the throng at Olive Hill, the county seat of Beckham. We asked a stranger at depot if any of the new officials were near by. He pointed out a man of fine physique and genial manner, saying there is the

SHERIFF.

We knew that the Sheriff was named Goodan. A tap on the shoulder attracted his attention. T. L. Goodan is a native of Carter, now Beckham, county; was born in 1858, hence is in his 46th year. He married Miss Martha Tolliver. They have six children. He is a member of the firm of Goodan Bros., merchants at Jacobs. He is a farmer and stock dealer, and for 15 years has been a school trustee. This is the only office he has held. He is the youngest of six brothers, all living.

GIVING BONDS.

We stepped into the private office of the Olive Hill Deposit Bank. Here were some of the new county officials and their friends. The officials were taking the oath of office and preparing their bonds. They seemed to be a mutual aid society.

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

W. L. Gearheart was born at Prestonsburg, Ky., 44 years ago. For 20 years he has lived in what is now Beckham county. He has a wife and four children. His business is that of a farmer. For 27 years he has been a teacher in country schools. His father served in John Morgan's command. His wife was born in the house in which she has continuously lived. This house was first located in Carter, then in Elliott and now Beckham county. Their post office is Limestone.

COUNTY JUDGE.

Last week we failed to see Judge C. C. Brooks whom we had previously known. In the rush of business our interviews were short. He was born in Tazwell Co., Va. At the age of five years his family moved to Kentucky and located in what is now Wolfe county, near Hazel Green (the birthplace of the writer). In 1861 he entered the Confederate Army and served for four years. During first year he was with Gen. Jno. S. Williams. He was under Capt. H. C. Swango

who was killed in Wolfe county near Campton, and later under Capt. David Swango who was killed in the fight at Mt. Sterling. He was a comrade of, and mess-mate with Hon. G. B. Swango, now of our city. Their friendship of young boyhood, strengthened by their common experience, animations and hardships has continued until the present. After the war he engaged for fifteen years in rail-roading in Virginia then located at Olive Hill, where he has since lived. Now at the age of 65 years he assumes the duties of a Judgeship, which we trust he will discharge to the satisfaction of all. He has a wife and five children living.

DEPUTY SHERIFF

Jerry Underwood is the first deputy of Beckham county. He has a wife and three children. He is a farmer and lives at Lawton.

The bill assigning Beckham county to the following districts has passed the Senate and will no doubt pass the House:

Congressional—Ninth.

Appellate—Sixth.

Judicial—With Morgan, Elliott, Carter, Boyd and Lawrence, under Judge Kinner.

Representative—With Lewis county.

Senatorial—With Menefee, Bath, Rowan, Fleming and Carter, under W. B. Whitt.

The people of Beckham county are especially indebted to Senator W. B. Whitt, through whose untiring energy and wise management the formation of the county was secured.

MISCELLANEOUS.

We met Editor Littlejohn, of Grayson, and G. F. Friel, of the Ashland Daily Independent.

On Friday, Feb. 12, W. H. Scott opened a furniture, wall paper and trunk store.

From time to time we will see other officials and tell of work of the Commissioners.

FIRE.

On Wednesday night fire destroyed the barn of the Harbison-Walker Company, including two car loads of hay, one car of corn, three horses and two mules.

ENROUTE HOME

We met F. P. Webster, who recently moved from Soldier to Morehead. He has bought the livery stable owned by W. A. Young and rented it to present occupant.

R. B. Neal was a passenger from Soldier. On Friday Neal Academy, an annex of Morehead Normal, was dedicated. Mrs. Sinclair, President of Hamilton Female College, Lexington, and F. C. Button, of Morehead Normal, were present and assisted in the opening. Miss Jessie Spencer, daughter of Rev. I. J. Spencer, of Lexington, is in charge of the school. Small schools at Rodbourn and Brady are also under the fostering care of the Normal.

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