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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.

President Wilson in his message to Congress makes vigorous prosecution of the war, with no alternative but victory in the end, the condition of peace with Germany. In urging a declaration of war with the other belligerent enemies, he takes the only practical view of a necessary step in the more speedy and successful prosecution of the war. It is estimated that there are more than a million alien enemies in the country from those nations who are in sympathy with Germany. A declaration of war with Austria and the other hostile nations is necessary in order to put a better check upon the secret agents of these foreign nations, and upon the German propandists and pacifists, that many of our people may not be misled into the pitfalls and snares of German intrigue which have brought about the downfall and disgraceful desertion of Russia.

The Presidents message will have a wholesome effect upon the entire country, and will tend to allay any fears, that this country will allow the Russian desertion of her allies and benefactors, to stand in the way of victory, that peace, when it does come, may be dominant and enduring for the worlds safety, and for world democracy.

LINDSEY-WILSON TRAINING SCHOOL.

Nothing has pleased us more on our advent to Columbia than to find a community of such universal culture and intellectual refinement. By comparison with many less fortunate small cities, it does not take the visitor and new-comer long to discover the incentives that have brought such high standards of social life, and the causes that have made this delightful city of Columbia so attractive to people seeking homes. This, when one looks around, must be attributed to the splendid institutions of learning that have been long fostered under the influence of a patronage whose first aim has been to maintain at home the facilities for a liberal education for their children. No institution of learning has done more for a community in Kentucky than has the Lindsey-Wilson Training School, founded and maintained for the purpose of meeting a need that has long been splendidly supplied for this section of Kentucky by this great Institution. It is a school of the highest merits where the opportunities for a good secondary education are superior. It has

been manned since its foundation by the best of Kentucky's educators, and is at this time under the management of Prof. G. L. Crume, who has for twenty years taken rank among the foremost and most successful of the State's educational leaders. On coming to Columbia we were glad to find at the head of this Institution for christian learning our former associate in the work, and efficient former colleague on the State Board of Examiners, whose work as a member of this important Board did much for the raising of standards for the common schools of Kentucky. Under this management Lindsey-Wilson will continue its splendid career for the cause of civilization and culture.

THE LOOSE LEAF MARKET.

A leading farmer in Adair County sold last week his crop of tobacco outside of the market, where competition is afforded by the presence of buyers who establish market values, for an average of 17 cts per pound. This farmer saw this same tobacco sell the next day on the loose leaf floor for an average of 22 cts per pound. The disparity in price and consequent loss to the farmer represents practically what tobacco use to sell for when the farmer was at the mercy of the man higher up. Now when the farmer has an opportunity for good living prices for his products, he is, here in Adair county, handicapped for the lack of a market at home. Hundreds of farmers who would market their tobacco at Columbia and spend more of their money here, would gladly support the organization of a loose leaf market here. They are already seeing the great loss to them, by not having had a loose leaf market already organized, for the sale of the crop of this season.

DIGEST OF STATE POLITICS.

The people and tax payers hoped that the extra session of the Legislature in 1917 would pass a tax measure that would accomplish at least three things: More equitable distribution of taxes; the greater exploitation of our resources by putting into general development large amounts of idle capital and bringing into the state more outside capital; and diminishing as rapidly as possible the outstanding debt of the state. The new law looks better than the old one, and with amendatory simplification will in time accomplish the first two objects. The third can never be accomplished, we fear, except by constitutional provision for a bond issue and sinking fund. It will certainly never be accomplished thru the promises of candidates of political parties. Wilson and Hager vied with each other in platitudinous pledges, McCreary and O'Rear made it appear a cinch for each in their pledges to the people, while Morrow and Stanley in their almost tie contest of 1915 could on occasions cease to prate about "the wizard of finance" to promise by the saints in glory that each would in four years make the platter clean. We have seen little difference between the two men as statesmen save that one is a republican and the other a democrat; and until both parties get away from the weaknesses of nominating "wind jammers" and ornate declaimers

to the helm of state, there is little assurance that the state's finances can be placed upon a sound business basis.

It is a matter of the political history of North Carolina, Virginia, and other Southern states that until the issues of sound educational and economic development of the state were put squarely before the people by leaders brave enough to defy temporary reverses at the hands of the demagog and political juggler, the great reforms that have in recent years put these states so far forward did not come. The signs indicate that things are beginning to take such shape in Kentucky tho long delayed by chronic subordination of real issues and real needs to the antics and prantings of professional politicians and demagogues.

Many changes will come as a result of war conditions. New leaders in both parties will be made to espouse more encouragingly for the masses of the people, old issues and new issues. Public sentiment is predicting already that many things and conditions are opening the eyes of the people to the folly of blindly following longer the corn-stalk gods of office seeking. Some private, corporal, or sergeant in the ranks "over there" or here, may soon appear to disturb the political equilibrium of both the old political parties in the state.

Rumor this week has it that we failed to cover the ground in our last talk, and that there are many others than were mentioned, being quietly considered in the minds of people as probable and good timber for various high offices to be filled next year and thereafter. Our attention has been especially and frequently called to Harry Sommers of Elizabethtown, as one eminently fitted for the office of Governor of Kentucky. We have hesitated to take his name in vain knowing his aversion to political mention. But that has been the trouble with Kentucky politics in the past. Too many of our real and solid men fear, thru dignity and modesty, to be considered as real leaders of the people.

Many of the wise dopesters are awaiting the outcome of the 1918 General Assembly before giving much consideration to the aspirants to minor state offices and probable candidates for other offices. It is not to be gainsaid, that in spite of administration handicaps as has often been the case in the past, there are several men at Frankfort now holding office either by election or appointment who have made for the people most excellent public servants and who ought to be continued there as an endorsement of their splendid and efficient services. Chas. Morris the present Attorney General is a big enough man to continue as he is or go higher.

Considering that Roy L. McFarland has been one of the few expertly qualified school men of the state to be elected over the protest of the old order of politicians to the State Senate, he will no doubt be a strong possibility for the very important office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. McFarland made a great record as county superintendent of Davies County and

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would be well equipped for the larger job His friends are hoping for him an unscathed record in the Senate.

Here in our home Senatorial district people are wondering whether and when Major Trigg will resign, since the office of Senator and his commission in the Army are incompatible. It has been suggested that in the event of his early resignation and an election to fill the vacancy, an "administration" man could not be elected in the district. On account of this there may be "technical" and otherwise explainable delays in this matter. The democrats of the district are very greatly interested in this, since the time is short and the special election must probably be called by the Governor.

As indicated heretofore the "digest" will be continued at opportune sundry times.

Hon. R. B. Trigg, of Glasgow is the State Senator from the counties of Adair, Barren and Metcalfe. He is a Major in the army and is assigned to Camp Lee, Va., and it is not believed that he will be able to attend the coming session of the Legislature which will convene at Frankfort in a few weeks. The district should be represented, and we take it that Mr. Trigg will resign in due time for some one to be elected in his stead. Barren county will be entitled to the candidate for the short term, and Adair county will take pleasure in supporting the candidate she puts out. Mr. D. E. Hatcher, who was defeated for the nomination by Mr. Trigg, will probably be a candidate and perhaps others. This end of the district will cheerfully support any candidate named by Barren county.

The statement that Senator Beckham and Governor Stanley have made up, and that Beckham has agreed to not be a candidate for United States Senator

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to succeed himself and to give the track to Stanley, and that Stanley is to see that Beckham has no opposition for Governor to succeed him, reads mighty fishy in this neck of the woods. We doubt that Beckham has as much as moved his hand in token of recognition of Stanley in the last four years.

Pellyton.

Every body is talking tobacco now, since high price are being paid. Most every body has sold in this neighborhood.

John D. Lowe, the well-known shoe drummer, called on our merchant this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Pelley have bought a new piano.

The new Church and Mason Hall is moving along fairly well. The lumber is on the ground and the carpenter's work will begin this week.

Ben Jones, J. T. Lemmon and

Film Adkins have returned from Illinois, where they have been husking corn.

Virgil Gabbert, who has been in bad health for some time, has almost completely lost his mind. His father and mother have the sympathy of this neighborhood.

The writer was in Columbia and Campbellville last week. Found the roads in a very bad condition. The thing we need most is good roads and more of them.

Lenine hedges on his peace proposals and says now that Russia will not make separate peace without consulting her allies. The general impression is that his government will not last thirty days.

The Italians are more than holding their own and the German-Austrians have now switched their main attack from the mountain points to the Asiago plateau.