

Many Ancient Statutes On Kentucky Law Books

Century-Old Enactment Blocking Dix River Project Repealed; Kentuckians Settle In Many States; Sentiment for Game Preservation Growing.

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THE Kentucky law books are cluttered with a lot of ancient and obsolete statutes that are rarely invoked and few persons know about. They relate to all sorts of things and it happens that they are often violated by those without the slightest knowledge of their existence.

An antiquated statute had to be repealed to assure the completion of the mammoth Dix River hydro-electric project. It was discovered that a century-old law stood in the way of the water power development. The statute declared Dix River a navigable stream, which precluded any obstruction like the mammoth dam and the Legislature was invoked to remedy the situation. Dix River never was navigable for other than a westward drift of the river. The Legislature and the lawmaking body had to go through the form of repealing the ancient law which had the effect of taking Dix River out of the navigable classification which it enjoyed.



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Many States Draw Kentuckians.

In the last few years many Kentuckians have gone to Florida to aid in the development of that State and make their permanent home. This recalls that in the last forty years there have been four general exodus of Kentuckians to other sections of this country and Canada. The first general exodus occurred when the lure of the Great West, then at its height, attracted thousands to Kansas, Nebraska and other sections of the prairie country in the development of which Kentuckians played a prominent part. About ten years later hundreds of Kentuckians emigrated to the new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada, and many familiar Kentucky names are included among the population of that section of the Dominion of the North. While some of them came back the most remained to grow up with the new country that they have helped to make an empire.

Then many Kentuckians became involved with the Oklahoma "fever" and more thousands left the "Old Kentucky Home" for what is now the "Sooner State," where it is said you cannot throw a rock without hitting a former Kentuckian. One of the first Governors of Oklahoma was a Kentuckian and from United States Senator down transplanted Kentuckians have more than held their own in public preference. Texas, too, has attracted many Kentuckians in the last two decades as have some of the other Southern States where cheap lands were the inducement for the exodus.

Kentuckians have contributed much to the development and upbuilding of other sections and countries, and it often has been a subject of comment that had they remained at home and put the same energy into the development of their own State, blessed with such rich natural resources, Kentucky would now be more advanced in progress and commercial importance. In this connection it is pointed out that much of the progress that Kentucky has made has been due to newcomers attracted here from other parts of the country.

Sentiment for Game Preservation.

Beyond a closed season that was constantly violated by "pothunters," Kentucky had only the semblance of a game law until 1912, when the Legislature passed the first comprehensive act for the propagation, protection and conservation of the fish and game animals and birds. This act has since been strengthened and the provisions enlarged.

Public sentiment for the proper protection of fish and game was at a low ebb when the Legislature in response to the insistence of sportsmen took hold of the situation a dozen years ago. This was shown by the opposition the measure encountered from many sources. It was vainly tried to amend the law so that a landowner would not be required to obtain a hunting license to shoot game on his own premises. The point of

view was pressed that the game belonged to the premises and that the owner had the right to bag it at his pleasure and in any way he chose.

It was the same with the provisions of the law regulating the catching of fish. Owners of land with streams on their premises insisted that they had the right to employ any means to catch the fish and they resented the passage of the act as an invasion of their rights and the privilege to seine and dynamite the streams at will.

The viewpoint has undergone a gradual change in the last decade and opposition to what was termed by many as an outrageous law has greatly diminished. Men have been elected to the Legislature whose principal plan was repeal or modification of the fish and game law but this spirit seems to have given way to a better understanding of the matter and toward the law that was designed to foster and protect the feathers, furs and scales of the State that appeared doomed to extinction.

Breckinridge Leads in Pickle Growing.
Breckinridge County enjoys the distinction of leading the remainder of Kentucky in growing cucumbers. Indeed, Breckinridge has no competitor in raising the essential product that enters in the pickle industry.

Pickle farming was introduced in a section of Breckinridge County a few years ago as an experiment that proved highly successful and paid well. The cucumber growing area has been extended to other parts of the county and only recently a hundred acres around Cloverport were pledged for growing the gherkins that now constitute a pretentious item in the county's agricultural activities. Pickle farming at first was regarded by some as a joke, but they soon came to the conclusion that the joke was on the fellows that did not try the experiment and raise a crop of cucumbers.

Extension of cucumber growing in Breckinridge County has served to solve the problem of tobacco acreage and hundreds of acres that formerly were devoted to cultivation of the weed are now planted in cucumber vines. In addition to promoting crop diversification pickle growing is a quick money crop that has put thousands of dollars annually in circulation in that section to tide over between other crops.

The Breckinridge County cucumber growing industry again illustrates that Kentucky is well adapted to diversified farming and that a venture away from the time-honored grooves and ruts more than often pays well. Other experiments have been made elsewhere in Kentucky with equal success but Breckinridge County, having blazed the way, will continue to pin its faith in producing tons of the lowly pickles.

Indians as Cave Victims.
In the last few years a number of smaller caves have been discovered in Kentucky in which the skeletons of Indians were found. In nearly every case the position of the bones indicated, it is said, that the victims died huddled together. It was believed that the aborigines had met their fate by massacre at the hands of opposing tribes after seeking refuge in the caves.

In the light of the recent Sand Cave tragedy in Barren County, it is believed by many that the Indians whose skeletons have been found in recent years were similarly trapped by slides and cave-ins and met their deaths in that manner. Confirming this view it is held that having been trapped and pressed out of the easy passages would naturally have huddled together and that explains the position of their bones in a heap.

So far as is known no skeletons of the aborigines have been found in the larger caverns for which the State is noted and hence is an absence of evidence to show that the existence of the big caves was known to the primitive race that roamed in what is now Kentucky.

That Kentucky abounds in immense caverns is attested by the new caves being discovered in every part of the State. The daring but ill-fated adventure of Floyd Collins made possible another cavern that many believe may rival in magnitude and formations the others that have excited the marvel of scientists and sightseers from all over the world. A cave has a strong lure but the fact that thousands of visitors have passed through the tortuous passageways of Mammoth Cave would indicate that for the slightest cave inspection is far from being hazardous.

Throes of Changing Charter.
Ashland is now in the throes of a change in its classification. This always results when a Kentucky city or town has its classification changed by Legislative enactment.

In Kentucky cities and towns are divided into six classes and any change in classification is attended with subsequent confusion as the charters of the various classes differ radically. Moving up from the third to the second class, Ashland has had to confront a number of problems in adjusting its municipal affairs to the new order. The same thing has been undergone by other towns that since the classification became effective have moved upward.

When the present Constitution was adopted it provided for municipal classification and the matter of drafting charters for the various classes was performed by charter commissions composed of the representatives of the cities and towns in each class. This accounts for the lack of uniformity in city government as it relates to the different classes, since each class worked out a charter that best suited the towns of that class.

Differences had to be composed and the various charters adopted represent the composite view of the men engaged in their compilation with compromises that were agreed on. The city and town charters have been altered and amended from time to time but in the main they follow the original drafts that entailed much thought and labor. It has been stated by those having had experience in both that drafting a State Constitution is comparatively an easy job compared with framing a Kentucky city or town charter.

Sheriffs and Deputies.
The recent disclosure that more than a hundred deputy sheriffs were serving in one county calls attention to a situation that has long existed in Kentucky and for decades has become a recognized institution. This has to do with the office of Sheriff as it is made up and conducted in nearly every county in the State.

Usually the best paying county office many eyes were fixed on the shirerality. Due to the system in operation the Sheriff's office becomes a self-perpetuating organization with the "ins" having the advantage and more often tending to dislodge from their hold. This comes about from the way the force is made up and deployed. The personnel of the Sheriff's office is in most cases a "ticket" arrangement. Only one candidate runs for the office but he relies for success at the polls on a field of deputies that make up his ticket and who are carefully chosen with regard to their individual strength and popularity as well as their connections that count much. In this way a single deputy with extraordinary popularity in one precinct may carry the entire ticket to success. Elected to office in this way the Sheriff at the next election drops back as a deputy and another is put up and so on until the ticket is finally destroyed by a stronger aggregation that may be gotten together.

Today's Radio Programmes

C K A C—Montreal, Canada: 410.7 m. B. (La Presse).
3:30 P.M.—Band concert.
D K A—Pittsburgh, Penn.: 369.1 m. B. (Westinghouse).
8:10 P.M.—"God's Time Is Best" by Carnegie Institute of Technology.
K F L—Los Angeles, Calif.: 467 m. B. (The Examiner).
9 P.M.—Stage acts and specialties.
S G W—Oakland, Calif.: 361.2 m. B. (General Electric Company).
9:30 P.M.—Little Symphony Orchestra.
G W—Portland, Ore.: 491.5 m. B. (The Oregonian).
9 P.M.—Colburn Concert Orchestra.
K H J—Los Angeles, Calif.: 494.1 m. B. (The Los Angeles Times).
10 P.M.—Classical programme.
R P O—San Francisco, Calif.: 420.3 m. B. (Hale Brothers, Inc.).
10:30 P.M.—Fairmont Orchestra.
S S D—St. Louis, Mo.: 454.1 m. B. (St. Louis Post-Dispatch).
10:30 P.M.—Chicago Sunday Evening Club Service.
W B A F—Fort Worth, Tex.: 475.9 m. B. (Star-Telegram).
11 P.M.—Church services.
W C A—Pittsburgh, Penn.: 461.3 m. B. (Pittsburgh Press and Kaufman & Baer Company).
9 P.M.—Church service.
W C A—Northfield, Minn.: 336.9 m. C. (St. Olaf College).
8:30 P.M.—Symphony.
C N—Detroit, Mich.: 516.9 m. B. (Detroit Free Press).
9:30 P.M.—Church services.
W P—Kansas City, Mo.: 363.6 m. B. (The Kansas City Star).
8 P.M.—Programme.

W L W—Cincinnati, Ohio: 422.3 m. B. (Crosley Radio Corporation).
8:30 P.M.—Orchestra concert.
W M A—Chicago, Ill.: 447.5 m. B. (Daily News).
8:30 P.M.—Omaha, Neb. 526 m. B. (Woodmen of the World).
8:15 P.M.—Western Glee Club.
W O—Denver, Colo.: 483.9 m. B. (Palmer School of Chiropractic).
8:30 P.M.—Palmer Little Symphony.
W O O—Philadelphia, Penn.: 308.4 m. B. (Wanamaker's).
8:00 P.M.—Organ recital.
W O R—Newark, N. J.: 405.2 m. B. (Bamberg Company).
8:30 P.M.—Brantford Theater programme.
W O S—Jefferson City, Mo.: 440.7 m. B. (State Marketing Bureau).
7:30 P.M.—Church services.
W S A—Cincinnati, Ohio: 324.9 m. B. (United States Playing Card Company).
8:30 P.M.—Church services.
W S B—Atlanta, Ga.: 428.3 m. B. (Atlanta Journal).
11:00 A.M.—Church services.
W T A—Cleveland, Ohio: 380.4 m. B. (Willard Storage Battery Company).
8:00 P.M.—Church services.
W T A—Detroit, Mich.: 332.7 m. B. (Detroit News).
8:20 P.M.—"Rocky and his Gang."

PARENTS OF SCOUTS FORM BOOSTER CLUB

Formation of the Booster Club, composed of members of parents of Boy Scouts in Troops 63 and 163, was accomplished at a meeting recently. John Hardeman was elected president of the club. Other officers elected are vice president, W. F. Obrecht; secretary, Mrs. E. G. Thompson; and treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Hollis. The club will sponsor a social to be given Thursday night at St. Luke's Evangelical Church. Colored picture slides will be shown.

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Sunday, March 22.
9:57 A.M.—Organ music.
10 A.M.—Church service under the auspices of the Methodist Temple, the Rev. Charles A. Humphrey, pastor.
Music furnished by the choir, under the direction of Miss Jane Graves, organist.
4:30 P.M.—Choral Evensong service at Christ Church Cathedral, The Very Rev. Richard L. McCree, dean; the Rev. Frank W. Hardy, senior canon; the Rev. J. M. Nelson, canon missioner.
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Monday, March 23.
4 to 5 P.M.—Selections by Miss Mary P. Gaines and Hildegard Nussbaum, of the studio of Lionel L. Sinclair, form the Louisville Conservatory of Music.
Selections by Jack Little and Paul Small, song writers.
Police bulletins.
Three-minute talk by Peggy True of The Courier-Journal.
Weather forecast for Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee.
Readings: Selected Courier-Journal and Louisville Times editorials.
Late important news bulletins.
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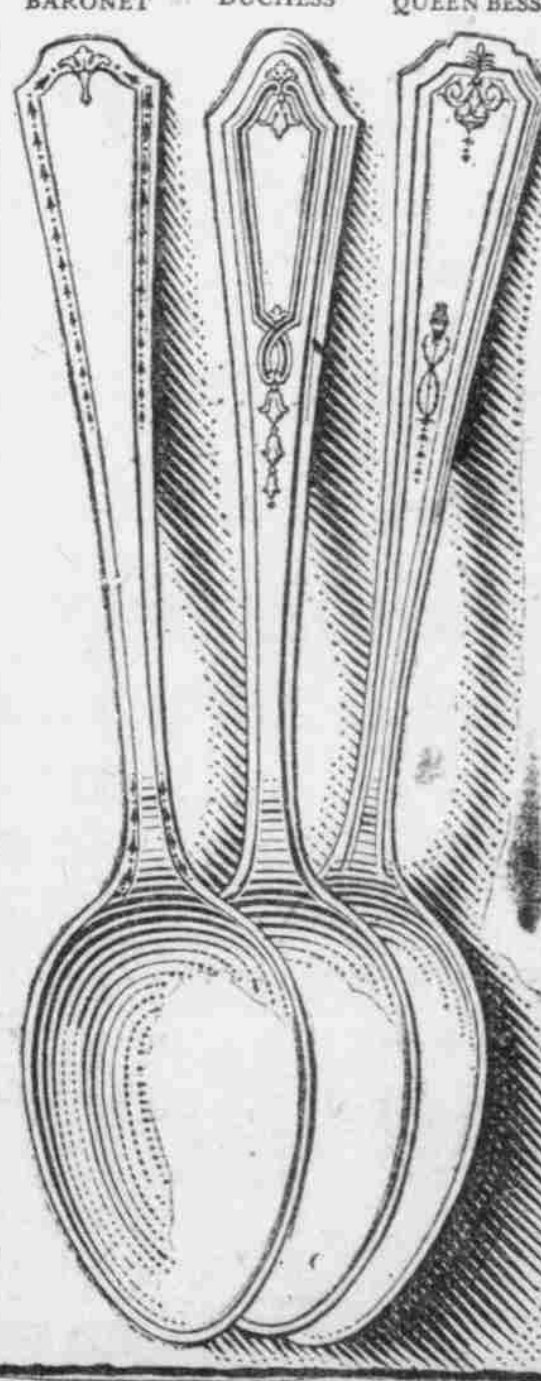
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