

Hardyville July 31st  
Near Mt. Bailey.

I am writing this-  
morning to ask a favor  
of you which I sincerely  
trust you will readily  
grant & I feel that  
you will, knowing  
your kind genial  
disposition as I do.  
Mr Bailey you are  
aware of the fact I  
suppose that you are  
in possession of a  
"plain gold ring" which  
our daughter Ida

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let you have.  
I think I told you at  
Mr Russell's last summer  
that the "Ring" was  
my own. Given me  
by my father years ago  
I will kindly ask  
you to send the Ring  
to me - I will see  
that you get yours  
as soon as I receive  
my own. Yours will  
be forth coming.  
I would not take any  
thing on earth for the  
"Ring."

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as Mr Bailey I have  
always been a True  
staunch friend of you  
& I trust you will  
readily grant my  
request by return

mail.  
Wishing you much  
happiness & success  
I remain your True friend  
Mrs Anna. Bond.

P.S.

John is married & your  
Rings is here ready  
waiting for you when I  
rec my own

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July 1906

Come Friday and go with us,  
if you do not come Sunday.  
If you can drive here in  
a few hours - Come Sunday  
if possible and then  
we can make all our  
arrangements. Who knows  
how it will end darling?  
Now be my good boy.  
You shall not regret coming.  
With every good wish  
and all that - is good  
I am your loving Katie

Glasgow, Ky.  
R.F.S. no 1 July 27<sup>th</sup>

My dear Mr Railey:-  
Since writing you I have changed  
my plans a little I  
thought it best to write  
you again - We are all  
going to Mammoth Cave  
next Saturday (Aug 4<sup>th</sup>)  
and I want you to be  
sure to arrange to come  
here and go along  
with us - I have told  
my sister about you  
and Mr Lykins says

see their home and  
 farm. Say, you will  
 get this to-morrow  
 why not come up  
 Sunday? We do not  
 have to wait until  
 next Friday, and it  
 is not necessary for  
 you to write before com-  
 ing if you can come  
 Sunday. Oh, I would  
 be so happy - I have  
 just now gotten back  
 from a nice drive.  
 Now darling (Oh, let me  
 call you that -) Write  
 me as soon as you  
 get this that you will

for me to tell you  
 to come up. That they  
 would be delighted to  
 have you come - Oh  
 how would we restrict  
 let this chance of  
 seeing each other pass  
 this time. You know  
 how anxious I am to  
 see you darling. Why  
 I can hardly wait un-  
 til you come - So, if  
 you cannot come up  
 before Friday, be sure  
 to come then and  
 we will go Saturday.  
 You can stay right  
 there. I want you to

Edmonton, Ky.

July 26 - 06.

Mr. R. G. Railley

Tombkinsville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Your notification of the Superintendent's expecting me to play for Institute next week was received today and I appreciate your kindness in writing me, but am sorry to have to write that I cannot go, because I am not able.

I have been suffering with an ear for a week, but thought

little of it until today when  
it grew suddenly worse and  
have been suffering such in-  
tense pain with it that I  
fear I shall have the expe-  
rience of a bad rising in  
the ear and so will have to  
decline the place. Of course I  
appreciate it all very much  
and am very sorry to decline  
but feel it only justice to the  
Supt. and our friends to do so  
now & so let them have a  
little time to supply the  
place. I fully intended to go  
when I accepted and until  
today. But unless I should be

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much better between now and  
Monday could not fill the place  
and of course that would be  
too late to notify you so de-  
cline now. Hope my place can  
be easily supplied.

Thanking you for past  
kindness to Mr. Thompson and  
myself. I am,

Very Sincerely,  
(Mrs) J. R. Thompson.



Glasgow, Ky

July 25/06

My dear Mr Railey:—  
No  
doubt you will be sur-  
prised to know I am  
so near you, but I  
am here at my sisters  
Mrs Lykins' and they  
tell me I am only  
about 25 miles from  
Tompkinsville, and of  
course you was the  
first thing I thought  
of. Oh, darling, we  
failed to meet at—

Louisville but never  
 heard any more from  
 you. Excuse all  
 mistakes as I am  
 not suited enough to  
 write a letter since  
 my long trip. I came  
 here Friday -  
 now be good and  
 come. You will never  
 regret it. With every  
 good wish and my  
 best love, I am,  
 yours lovingly,  
 Katie C. Neagle  
 of Glasgow, Ky.  
 Mrs D.N. Lykins.

The "Home Coming" now  
 Can't you come 'up  
 here to see me? You  
 could come in one  
 day - It is beautiful  
 here, and they have  
 a lovely home. My  
 sister says she is per-  
 fectly willing for you  
 to come here to see  
 me. We cannot  
 afford to miss this  
 chance. I will be  
 here about two weeks.  
 Write to me just  
 as soon as you get  
 this. I wrote to you  
 while you were in

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Brechel, Ky., July 15/86.

R. G. Railey.

My darling Rowland.  
I appreciated your letter very  
much, and was delighted  
to know you had not forgotten  
me I would have answered  
sooner, but have been so  
busy picking berries I  
think we will get through  
this wk. I went <sup>to</sup> Sunday  
school this morning, and  
will write to you this even-  
ing I think I am putting  
the day in real well don't  
you?

# 2.

It was real funny to about  
you getting dog bitten. You  
must be more careful how  
you fool with dogs. No I  
never was dog bit who looked  
after your business, while  
you were sick? The Teachers  
Institute ~~met~~ of this Co. met  
at Louisville last week. I  
did not get to go. My cousin  
went she said they had  
a fine Instructor. I  
havent any school for this  
year. I am going out  
this week to look for a

# 3.

School I want a good school  
this time I am in hopes  
this will be the last time  
I will have to teach.

I want so much to see you  
when are you coming up  
again? My dear I looked and  
looked for you to come out  
to cousins that wed. morning  
I waited untill two o'clock.  
for you I walked up from  
the cars. Did you ever catch  
up with sleep after  
you got home? I did in  
about a week I never was

# 4

as completely worn out in  
my life. My dear do you  
know how many letters you  
have written <sup>me</sup> seventeen. I have  
them all. What do you do  
with my letters? Don't let  
any one see them for  
goodness sake. Well I  
will close I guess you  
are tired of reading  
such nonsense. My  
darling I want you  
to write me a long  
sweet letter at once,  
and tell me everything

# 5-

Tell me when you are coming  
again so I will have something  
to look forward to. Please  
accept a million of kisses  
from the girl who loves  
you dearly. Write me a  
long letter at once  
I am yours and yours only  
Till death!

Bessie

C. H. HATCHETT.

LUTHER JAMES.

OFFICE OF  
HATCHETT & JAMES,  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

GLASGOW, KY. July 14th, 1906.

Mr. R.G. Railey,

Tompkinsville, Ky.,

My Dear "Old" Friend Railey:

I have before me your letter of the 5th. inst. also the one of 13th. I have postponed answering your first letter thinking an answer would be unnecessary as I wanted to answer it in person. There certainly would be no greater pleasure to me than to be over a week with you, and go out to see the girls as we did of old, and over to the springs. I think you know something about my proclivities for courting, for credentials, I refer you to our Nashville trip. And too to be there and assist my old and true friend of school boy days in any way my humble judgment might suggest, would afford me a pleasure I assure you. I had intended coming, and until this morning thought I would be over but there are some matters here in a law suit, and some other matters "not in a law suit" which requires my individual attention at the present time. I thank you however most heartily for your kind invitation for me to be with you, and hope we can have a time together with the girls again in the future.

Hope you all success in the suit- Give my regards to Bob, and



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GLASGOW, KY.

tell him that I regret that I can not come. I think from what I have been hearing of you and your strides in the legal profession that any assistance is unnecessary in this suit. The only way to beat them as you have ofcourse discovered ere this is to stick to them and never give up, and if they get you down out and come again.

I hope you will let me hear how the suit goes.

I remain sincerely your friend,

Luther James

Defries, Ky. July - 11 - 1906.

Am R G Bailey

Campkinville Ky.

My Dear Friend Bailey

I am just in receipt of both your letters, they were seriously delayed. I regret very much indeed that it is simply impossible for me to reach Campkinville before Sunday. Two reasons. I am expecting some very important mail, but chiefly because my father & mother are both very sick, and help and attention can not be had. I think I shall be on hand Sunday. I hope this will do. Talk to, & advise with, Lawrence about Beauchamp's part in piano suit. I understand Ida Burr will be married in August to my Cousin in California - Geo Thompson. I have located positively at Mt. Pleasant Tennessee as principal - five salary. I may offer your sweetheart a position - if you want me to, pay nothing of Mt Pleasant at Campkinville. My revenues might fix me.

I have to go to Mt. Pleasant Sat of  
next week. Can't you go with me? As  
far as Bowling Green any way?

How are you and Miss Copers progressing?  
Does she talk of going to Florida?

I expect to go to Edinboro Saturday  
& to P-ville Sunday. Write me at Edinboro.  
I tried to telephone you this morning but  
could not get Campbellsville. I am

Your best friend  
Thompson

My Dear Friend Railey;

Your kind favor of some days past at hand, I assure you I will appreciate more than I can tell, any thing you may do in regard to the matter you mention.

Thanking you for the kindness you have shown me, - Should an opportunity ever present itself for me to return this favor I shall be glad to do so.

With many good wishes for your success and happiness, and trusting you are keeping cool this hot weather, I am,

July 19, 1906.

As ever  
R. B. Feay.

Fountain Run, Ky.

Ohio City

May 21/06

Mr R. G. Railey

Comptonsville Tg

Dear Sir

If you think  
we will want to try  
that business Nicol-er  
was talking of, your  
Frank come out to our  
mill on the south  
side of Dr Compton's  
farm. Come Tuesday or  
Wednesday if you care  
I will be out there.

You can buy  
a half just in that  
mill & it is the best  
one I know of  
Yours friend  
A. A. Moore

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Executive Department  
Frankfort.

J. C. W. Beckham  
Governor

March 20th, 1906.

Mr. R. G. Railey,  
Tompkinsville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning the case of Benton Brown, which will receive his careful consideration.

Very truly,

*Edw. C. Bugh*

Secretary to the Governor

Feb 21

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Mr. R. G. Bailey Dear  
Sir I received your note  
asking Marys address some  
time ago you was so  
Bassy & Madrit Tenn. to  
know her address is  
Clarksville Tenn. R. D. 2.  
Box 9 I also sent the letter  
to her she is all O. K. I  
heard Saturday she is all  
Dunt let her see I sent you  
her address please she would  
not like it please excuse  
my pencil & give in a hurry  
Chapman this will send  
you will I will love you  
ii. Friendship Mrs. Loman.



BOWLING GREEN  
FEB 21  
5-30P  
19 06  
KY.



R. H. Railey,

Tompkinsville,

Kentucky

Box 20.

Ans. 3-1-05.  
*[Handwritten signature]*

TOMP KINS  
FEB  
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Doyle Sta, Tenn.  
Jan. 5, 1906.

Evans, Kidwell & Co. Inc.,

Fromptonsville, Ky.  
Gents: Bob just now forgave  
your letter, as to Survey hire.  
When I settled with W. G. Taylor &  
Son, I supposed they used their  
own Survey & Paid them in full  
for the Trip & Paid their expenses &c  
So, if you they have not Paid  
you for the Survey & used yours  
they should do so, for this  
was for my's not for Bob.

Besides this you owe me a Bal-  
ance on an acct. of more than  
3 times that amount.

Go to R. G. Taylor & see Book  
Account. Neither Bob or I owe  
you a cent.

Most Truly,  
J. J. Grissom.

Doyle Sta. Tenn

Jan. 5, 1906

Mr. R. G. Rayley Atty.

Loysville, Ky

My Dear Sir:

How are you & all?

I enclose a letter that I wish you to read & then if you have not already done so, to contact and get a copy of his acct. against me & then contact & see if I have not already given him the name of Evans, N. C. by far all I got of them or that they did for me. Henry owes me an individual acct. & then the Stable, or Evans, or, He or man owes me, so get this first & then give him or Henry my letter & if old Rayley has not paid him \$40 get same by ~~Bob~~ give him ~~to~~ or the Stable & credit for same, write me.

Most truly  
Joe Garrison

My Clarksville friend  
is coming to see me  
next week. Are you  
jealous. Won't P. J.  
I am afraid I like  
him. I met him since  
I saw you. Have  
known him only 3 weeks,  
and there seems to be  
something fatal about  
it all. You know I have  
always been honest with

Sunday Evening  
8-10 o'clock.

My dear P. J.  
I was so glad  
to get your sweet little  
note yesterday, - and  
although I have al-  
ready written seven  
letters and one postal,  
I am not too tired to  
write you.  
Mr. Vance came last

night on the 16-18  
train and stayed  
until this evening at 6.  
No other company  
to-day, except a cousin  
from across the  
street.

I have been very  
busy since I came  
home helping Auntie.  
She leaves her for  
Russellville two weeks  
from last night. I  
am going to keep

house while she is  
gone. She is also  
going to see my  
sister at Clarksville.

Florence is coming in  
and stay with me  
while Aunt Florence  
is gone.

I may go down to  
Russellville with her  
and stay till Monday  
morning.

But I believe I could  
have a man more  
who did not forget that  
I have a heart.

Write me when you  
expect to be in Bowling  
Green. I'll explain all  
when you come.

Sincerely,  
"Maye"

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you and I shall in  
this instance. When  
you come I will  
tell you everything  
and then you may  
with-draw your prop-  
osition if you desire.  
Remember I do not  
control fate and  
cannot say nor  
how this will end.

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My Dearest Boy -

I didn't have my  
letter today nor will  
it come tonight? Hope so.  
You must not fail - don't fail  
a single day! You must be  
thinking of how ill you  
the day I don't get any - you  
tell me how you feel.  
Write me a letter -

It's so damp and gloomy -  
very trying weather - so chill.  
Wish it would shine -

I ought another day now.  
Will get Brother Merrill's  
pay today. The month  
closed Friday - going "tolable"  
well - will take a new week on  
with me. before Xmas.

HAY LONG COLLEGE,  
J. R. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT,  
MT. PLEASANT, TENN.



Only one week now I can't  
Xmas - till I see you. Write  
me right away where you'll  
stay from there - or what  
day. I want to know now.  
Be sure I do. Don't fail  
to tell me now. I want you to  
get here by a week from  
today any day. I must see  
dear. Next tomorrow week  
is Xmas day. You can travel  
on holiday rates, Xmas week.  
Be sure not to disappoint me,  
and tell me on what day  
you'll leave there. I want  
to meet you at depot. Be-  
sides there are some arrange-  
ments to make here and  
it's necessary for me to  
know when you will arrive.

wouldn't I be so glad? My  
you about court? When  
will it break? Has the case  
been decided? —

HAY LONG COLLEGE,  
J. R. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT,  
MT. PLEASANT, TENN.

Had a Xmas present from  
my Mrs. Ben, — a dear little  
book "Voice's message to the  
people of the 20th century", of  
which he is the author!  
It's about the size of the  
little ones ~~you~~ sent you.  
A good, beautiful book  
published by a Philadelphia  
Company. — Love it so  
much, you can see why.  
Bless his dear heart. He  
tried and continued to succeed.  
I am so glad. — Love him  
and all of them so dearly.

Hope you are well now

and feeling splendid.

Keep well--

Write daily and  
tell me all you know.  
Long kisses and love,  
Your little "cup",  
Flourel

HAY LONG COLLEGE,

J. R. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT,

MT. PLEASANT, TENN.

Sunday Afternoon - 3:10

(1906) My Dearest Wife:-

Went to church and S.S. saw the usual crowd and heard a splendid sermon by the pastor - "Have individuality" - It was fine individuality in your actions (and thoughts) in your business, in all the ways of life we live and "tody" to no one. Dick's honesty and honor and go your own way no matter what other folks like it or not - be individual. He told them he meant to preach what he conceived to be right, to them whether they liked it or not

and if they wanted a more compromising and easy pastor, all they had to do was to say so and he'd go. - I just liked him - He's right. Every body knows it, too. I admire moral courage. He'd just like he said - I wish you like to be determined on the right course and fearless as to what people think about it? It's grand. It's the only true way to success moral, intellectual, material - in any thing. It makes dollars and cents, and it makes character. Fearless courage. -

Wish you'd been here last night, dear. I'd enjoyed Ralph Bingham, my! He's a "world wide" man, and he speaks so. Great broad way of thinking, and high minded and a knowledge of all things, and an appreciation of the highest

in the intellectual as well as business  
or any other phase of life. The atmosphere  
about him was that of a "citizen of the world".  
You would have liked him very much indeed.  
It just does ones being good to come in  
contact with those "big souls and minds". He dis-  
cussed with those "big souls and minds" on  
Crowned down here at the hall at length, on  
"Mrs. Ballington Booth" and her grand work  
for the "ding-ding prisoners" and, there he  
stopped to speak of the spirit of such work.  
"Isn't that grand? I just think it is perfectly  
beautiful", he said with light in his face,  
and so thought I. I do love such a grand spirit  
as she has and the noble tone of the work.

You would have so enjoyed the account.  
I would have done your some good.  
Dear, there is Mr. Jones out there in the  
hall and Prof. and Mrs. S. and they've called  
me. All have to go out awhile. Be back directly.  
Give a long kiss, till I get back.

Mr. Jones gone now and we've had  
supper. We all entertained him. He enjoys us  
because we are natural and his family  
is "high flown" and not in sympathy  
with him. He talked much and laughed  
for he is very jolly. He really came to see me  
and I knew it, but you'd never know it by

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his demeanor. He paid a  
much attention to the school as to me. But  
he likes me best. At church, that tonight after service  
Miss Roy practiced a song and Mr. Jones came  
over by the register where I was standing and  
talked a little. He said he'd come to church if  
you no other reason just "to look at me". That it  
was about to see me. That I had the sweetest face  
and such a voice. I laughed and told him he  
was exceedingly kind and thanked him, but  
shook my head and told him no, no.

He invited me down to spend Xmas this off.  
said no need of my staying home alone. I didn't  
tell him you were coming, but I wish he'd

soon see you out alone. He invited Miss  
Roy, too. - Poor man, he has no happiness in his  
home and he is heart-hungry. I feel sorry for him  
but I can only help him in general. - Tell you about  
him, when you come. This is all for you,  
you. never tell. - Don't you fail to come Xmas  
for any thing. I want you, only you there. Get  
delves all together and alone but my cozy fire on  
my little sofa. I have the coffee, brown. - I am  
waiting for you - Say you're coming without fail.  
I can't stand anything else.

How goes everything there now? Have they  
finished Nolan case? What seems to be the trend?  
and how about Prof. V's case? Tell me please, you.  
Write me a real budget of news. - Hope you wrote  
me a long letter today, ad. - It's just pouring  
the rain here now. Must be coming a flood.

Dear, had your letter of Friday night today - It's  
the dearest letter I ever had from you in my  
life, the dearest. When I had approached the end my  
heart was swelling with happy feelings and my eyes  
were almost tearedimmed. It was a great tone,  
a revelation, - the spirit though - I loved you more  
after that letter. We were nearer than ever before.  
It was like my heart longed for you and I love you  
for it. You make me happy when you show your  
self like that. You are a new spirit in this letter.  
Please you dear, my dear boy who loves me and  
understands me. Working letters, I would not take away  
things from you. A heart to love me, to cherish, to  
comfort, to trust me, to live in me and love you  
me to live you and love and trust - It's the  
greatest happiness - I had your picture sticking  
up in the front of my jacket and was lying down  
on my sofa waiting for dinner and reading the  
paper you sent me, when Prof. T. brought me  
your letter. I jumped up and took the letter and  
read it and then looked at your picture more.  
My dear boy, I wish I could see you and  
say a "dear goodnight" before I sleep.

An everendy embrace and love and  
and kisses,  
your true sleepy one,  
Florence -

Friday 1:30 P.M.

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>

Rowland, my own darling:—

I just want to hear from you so much I can hardly write you a letter. I was so sure I would hear something from you to-day.

I cannot stand this anxiety my darling, but oh, Rowland I do try so hard to be patient but you know I want to see you darling. You are my very life! When, oh when will I ever hear from you! Oh, Rowland do you think if you should hunt the world over you would find one so faithful and true as I have been? I cannot write. My heart is breaking — and I cannot see for tears. All the love of my heart and a million kisses — Forever your own Katie



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Summer Shade, Ky.

Oct. 10, 1906.

Mr R. G. Railey.

Tompkinsville Ky.

Dear Mr Railey:

No doubt you will  
be surprised to get  
a letter from me,  
and I truly hope  
it will be fall B.K.  
with you.

How are you?  
Fine and dandy I  
guess. You have  
deserted Summer Shade  
I thought sure you

I:

would come back  
sometimes but you  
didn't. We were just  
perfectly delighted  
with your visit  
over here. And I  
know if it had  
been as pleasant  
for you as it was  
for us, you certainly  
would have come  
back or come back.

Alma and I think  
you storiied a little  
bit about sending  
your photos you

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promised us that you would send us one of your photos (one apiece) and you haven't yet. I wish you would for we would be perfectly delighted with them. Be sure and send them. We are going to look for them right away.

Oh I say we have had two of our girls to marry

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lately.

Ella Watson and  
Bertha Pedigo.

Ella was married  
at home. But Bertha  
went to Tenn.

perchance you saw  
them pass through.

Oh! say we are  
going to have a  
spelling up at our  
School house tomorrow  
night. Come and  
let's you and me  
go.

Mr Railly we

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have a voting contest  
in Metcalf Co. The  
most popular lady  
gets a watch.  
Pearl Pedigo Lula  
Shives and myself  
are candidates in  
Dis # 3. do you take  
the Edmonton News  
or will you. It is  
\$1.00 per year. and  
you get 100 votes  
and can vote for  
any one and I  
am going to ask  
you to subscribe

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for the paper and  
vote for me. I know  
any one would not  
appreciate it as  
much as I will.  
Well I guess I had  
better close for this  
time. Come soon

I remain your  
truly  
Jennie E. Wapp.

# Popularity Contest.

The management of the News has decided to present to the most popular unmarried lady in each of the three Magisterial districts of Metcalfe county a handsome

## GOLD WATCH

Our Subscribers are to Name the Candidates.

The contest will be subject to the following regulations. Each candidate must reside in the district from which she is a candidate and we reserve the right to withdraw the offer in any district where only one candidate is nominated.

### How to Nominate Candidate.

In each copy of the News will appear a nominating blank and a ballot. Cut out the blank, write the name and postoffice address of the lady you wish to nominate and send this with at least one vote to this office. The lady will then be a candidate and may be voted for by anyone.

### DISTRICTS

#### From Which Candidates Must Come.

District No. 1 embraces the three precincts; Edmonton, East Fork and Randolph.

District No. 2 embraces the three precincts; Lafayette, Sulphur Well and Antioch.

District No. 3 embraces the three precincts; Summer Shade, Cleveland and Moore Spring.

This contest will close on the 30th day of November this year. No employee of this office or member of employee's family will be permitted to enter the contest as a candidate.

### EXTRA VOTES

In addition to the ballots in the paper extra votes will be given. Every One Dollar paid on subscription whether arrears or advance will entitle the subscriber to 100 votes; every 50 cents entitles the subscriber to 45 votes. Nominate your choice now and help her win one of these beautiful watches.

### Watch Contest.

The following candidates have been nominated in the News' Gold Watch contest.

District No. 1.	
Carrie Shirley, Edmonton	337
Sallie Pursley, Edmonton.	310
Winnie Yates, Edmonton	270
District No. 2.	
Zoye Miller, Knob Lick	2
District No. 3.	
Jennie Depp, Summer Shade	217
Lula Shive, Marrowbone	101
Pearl Pedigo, Summer Shade	97

The ballots will be counted Wednesday night of each week and the votes given in Thursday's paper.

Bowling Green Ky.

Oct 7. 1906.

Mrs. B. G. Bailey.

Fomphinsville Ky.

Dear friend,

I am real glad to have  
the opportunity of writing  
you once again  
I was certainly glad to  
rec- your interesting letter  
would be pleased to read  
a letter from you. Often  
you may think me  
rather hosty in and  
your letters but will  
tell you how I am  
about letter writing  
I never liked to put  
off answering a letter if  
I can help doing so  
if I do I am sure to  
wait to long and  
perhaps never and  
Mr Bailey this is such  
a beautiful day it makes  
wonder what you are  
doing ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> poss time and  
enjoyment it seems



that every one without  
a great cause should  
feel happy on such a  
-a day as this after  
having so much rainy  
gloomy weather.  
I did not go to church  
this morning and should  
have done I never like  
to go alone and that  
would have been my  
chance this morning.  
so I decided I would  
wait until this eve.  
and be in better comp  
any. guess you will  
wonder what I would  
have to go alone so will  
explain and go along.  
I am not at home  
as usual on Sunday  
am in Bowling Green  
have been here two weeks  
and will be until  
I know I was out home  
last Sunday it was  
so rainy and I  
did not get to go any  
place but enjoyed  
myself very much  
any way.

3.

Mr. Bailey I came with  
a clear conscience from  
you that I will not  
get married until I  
see you again unless  
you wait to long to come  
I do not intend to  
live single for ever.  
But for me getting  
married soon is  
the least of my thoug  
hts as I have no arran  
gements to that effect.  
I suppose that is  
more than you can  
say if all reports are  
true and I have no  
cause to doubt them  
I heard you were  
going to get married  
soon possibly not  
before Amos this  
was told to me by  
a party that does not  
I ever heard of you as  
I have never mentioned  
your name to them  
But never the less I  
would be very much  
pleased to see you  
again any way just

For old <sup>H</sup> times sake.  
and in remembrance  
of the pleasant day we  
spent together.

I have not been back  
to Franklin since that  
day but have had the  
pleasure of seeing many  
of our friends we were  
with. one of the (Miss)  
Tates were to see us  
two weeks ago. She  
is here in school  
our Cousin Miss. Donk &  
and Miss. Maggie Tate are  
to visit us soon.

I have not visited  
any place this summer  
as we have had company  
any most of the time  
have had three visitors  
they were very pleasant  
and we enjoyed these  
visits just fine.

I have spent a very  
pleasant summer  
have had a good time  
all the time  
You ask if I had  
attended any proha  
cted meetings we  
had a four weeks

5.  
meeting out at our  
home churches they  
were quite a success  
I certainly did enjoy  
them, my baby & mother  
were converted - So you  
know it was a grand  
meeting with us all.  
We are all members  
of the church now but  
one our oldest bro.  
and I am praying for  
that time when I can  
say we are all saved.  
Mr. Riley I see your  
cousins quite often  
saw them last night  
down at the skate-  
ing rink. saw one  
of the boys get such  
a hard fall dont  
suppose he was hurt  
he got up and started  
again.  
I think I shall soon  
close this uninteresting  
letter I will have to  
ask you to please spare  
this miserable writing  
my pen and never  
will not allow me  
to do better this morning  
Guess you can read

b.  
any way. I can read  
your writing fine it  
is all right I seldom  
see a hand that I  
cannot read all right.  
I am going to expect  
a letter from you  
sooner this time and  
hope I shall not be  
disappointed and tell  
me when you are  
going to get married  
So I can send congrat-  
ulations

Please do not write  
any thing to me you  
do not mean  
If I were to write you  
ten years I would  
never write you any  
truth I would be  
just as true to you as  
I would be to my Mother!  
I am not insinuating  
at all that you are  
not truthful I believe  
you are. I have made  
it a point long a  
go not to tell the  
boys stories so I never  
have any trouble or any  
thing to take back

With the pleasant thought  
of hearing from  
you real soon I  
now close with very  
best wishes.

I am very resp.  
Dressal Rank  
624. 8th St.  
Bowling Green Ky.

Friday, 12:30 P.M.

October 5<sup>th</sup>

Oh, Rowland, Rowland, my dear darling: -

Your dear  
sad letter of Wednesday received this  
morning and Oh, darling you know  
when you wrote that letter that it  
would almost break my heart, but Oh,  
darling, while it is the greatest dis-  
appointment I ever had in my life,  
I will be brave, I will be hopeful  
and cheerful, for your sake darling.  
For I am first so sorry for you  
and all your family, tears blind  
my eyes so I can scarcely see to  
write - and Oh, how I wish I could  
take all this suffering and trouble  
off your shoulders darling. I am as  
grieved as you are darling about  
your dear sister and I will pray  
for and with you all the time

darling for ~~the~~ complete restoration  
to health and happiness. The change  
may do her good darling, but-  
sometimes I think they live longer  
to keep them at home. We have seen  
it- tried in our own family - My father's  
niece, a beautiful girl, the picture  
of health married a consumptive she  
contracted the disease, a baby was  
born. They took her to Virginia Texas  
New Mexico and every place - but  
it did no good, and then my brother took  
his brother-in-law to New Mexico and  
Texas and stayed for months. Just-  
did get home with him but Oh, darling  
I know how it is we want to be doing  
something for them. Mr Koogler always  
said Florida was the place to go.  
I think from what you told me



your sister's sickness was brought on by  
taking cold and I firmly believe  
she could be cured. Oh, Rowland how  
I wish it - so I could be there with  
you all and of some help and com-  
fort - Rowland, Rowland, you know my heart  
is broke because you cannot come now.  
but - Oh, darling you know I cannot ex-  
pect you to leave now. I know you are just  
as anxious as I am - and when I read your  
letter I just thought - I could not live. My  
whole body hurt me. You know darling how  
I have been looking forward to seeing you  
my own darling boy. But you be cheerful  
darling - Don't you despair. It will all  
come right - I will be good, and patient,  
and God will surely reward us. It  
may all be for our own good - but Oh,  
Rowland it was just like taking me

out-of doors and plunging me into  
total darkness. Oh, darling, don't you  
think my bitterness has over-  
flowed! But Rowland I don't want you  
to worry. What would I do if you should  
get sick - my darling, my darling! You are  
so good, you are an Angel on earth.

If you send your sister away, who will  
go with her? You want go, will you, baby?  
Just night before last I dreamed I  
was away up on top of high building,  
my sister that is in Va was with me,  
I thought she climbed down a ladder  
and just as she got down the ladder broke  
and I did not know what to do, I looked  
away off and saw you coming, I called  
to you and said "Oh, Rowland how will  
I ever get down" and I thought you  
told me to jump and you would

catch me, you opened your arms and  
 I fell right-into them so easy- and  
 same night- I dream of pulling all  
 my teeth. I told Mrs. [redacted] my dream,  
 something I seldom do. She said I  
 would hear sad news. I must  
 stop and go to Office in Rowland  
 don't you worry darling- I know you  
 will come just- as soon as possible.  
 I'll try to keep well and cheerful for  
 your sake darling- And I want you  
 to take special care of your ancestors.  
 Don't- forget darling you are all the  
world to me. I'll write every day- and  
 darling do please write me often  
 as you possibly can and let me  
 know how Mrs. Turner is getting.  
 With our- old long sweet Good-Bye  
 (only a million times sweeter)  
 I am and always shall be  
 your own true loving  
 May God bless and keep you darling! Katie.

Thursday 1:15 P.M.  
Oct 4<sup>th</sup>

Oh, Rowland, darling; I

was so disappointed at  
not hearing from you  
to-day, but I think  
you will soon be  
here now - I am  
all anxiety - you  
cannot imagine  
darling how bad I do  
want to see you.

It seems like it -  
has been a year since  
we were together -

Well it still rains -  
and Oh, so dark and  
gloomy - but I would  
not care for that - if  
I could only hear from

you - I am looking  
for you every train -  
With a long sweet -  
Good - Bye and good  
tight - embrace.

I am

Forever your own true  
Katie

Wednesday 1:15 P.M.

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Oh, Rowland, my own Rowland: -

I was so sure I would hear from you to-day but - was doomed to disappointment! Oh, darling when are you coming? I am just - all anxiety - now, and really I look for you on every train. To-day is dark and gloomy but I would be all right - if I was only with my boy. Oh, we will be so happy darling! I don't think I can ever let you leave me again Rowland. It just kills me to have to be away from you. You are my whole thought day and night - My brother (The Dr) came up this a.m. With all the love of my heart - and ten thousand kisses and good tight-hug. I am,  
Forever your own True  
Katie

[02 October 1906]

Tuesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Oh, Rowland, my dear darling:-

Now that- October is really here I can hardly wait- until you come.

I sure hope I will hear from you to-morrow telling me when you will be here! We have company since Sunday and I have been so busy- and to-day being wash day you can imagine how it is- but Oh, I am feeling fine - am so glad. I want to be perfectly well when you come, you know. I just - cannot write for thinking I will soon be with you - and then "some body" is going to get some awful sweet kisses and good tight hugs - Oh, Rowland, I can

Oct 2, 1906

hardly wait-- So Good Bye  
with all my love and a  
million kisses--

Forever your own True  
Katie



Thursday, 12:30 P.M.  
Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

Oh, Rowland, my own sweet darling:—  
Oh, how happy I was to hear from you  
to-day— and to know that I  
will soon see and be with you  
darling fills my heart with joy—  
Oh, darling I am so happy!  
I have been just-crazy to hear  
from you— and I am so glad  
you are coming here instead of  
his meeting in Louisville. I  
did not want us to do that—  
unless it was the last-chance.  
It will be so much better every  
way for you to come here. We  
will have the best-time on  
earth darling— Say, Rowland,  
(now aint you ashamed? I am) But  
I will tell you tho, darling for

I am yours and yours only, but I  
want you to come as soon after  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> as possible. You under-  
stand darling. That is the date.  
Generally four days ahead. Oh, Rowland!  
My darling, my darling, don't you  
think I am placing my very  
life in your keeping? But I love  
you far better than life itself.  
Without you I would not try  
to live. Don't just wait - we will  
be the happiest people on earth.  
I am too happy to write, for  
I am thinking of first week  
in October. My darling I  
think it would be best to  
come by way of Lexington. That's  
the way I came back, and the  
most direct route. After you

get to Louisville take the C.T.O.  
over the Lexington division.  
You can come through from  
Glasgow here in one day by  
taking the early train at Glasgow.  
My darling you must write as  
often as possible. I know how busy  
you are, but you must not work  
too hard. You want to be at your best  
when you come. I am so sorry  
Mrs Turner is no better but I  
think now that the weather is  
cooler she will improve.  
With air and long sweet Good-Bye  
and a million kisses and  
good tight-hug I am  
your own true  
Katie

Cuff, Monday  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

Oh, Rowland, my darling:—  
I did

not hear from you to—  
day and I so fully  
expected a letter—

but— Oh, darling I try  
to console my self  
with the thought—

that— you are trying  
to get ready to come  
and Oh, I would

be so happy if I could  
only get a letter say-  
ing for me to meet—  
you at Ashland—

Just think sweetheart  
I have only had two  
letters from you since

I came home, and  
the time has seemed  
like a year to me.

Oh, I want to see  
you so bad I cannot  
write - Write to me  
darling just as soon  
as you get this saying  
you are coming.

With our old long  
sweet Good-Bye  
and a million  
kisses I am

Forever your own true  
Katie

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Cliff, Ky.,

Sunday Night  
Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1884

Oh, Rowland, my darling:-  
I wonder if you  
have been as lonesome <sup>as</sup> I have been this  
day. Oh, darling I just could not live  
away from you another month. The  
time seems so long, and no one in-  
terests me any more, since I have  
met - you darling a complete change  
has come over me - and oh, I long

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So much to be with you  
darling I cannot be con-  
tented any place. To-day  
has looked so gloomy and  
I just wanted to see you  
so bad I did not know what  
on earth to do with myself.  
I tried to pass the time  
off playing and singing,  
and then went and wrote  
a letter to the Independent,  
and then my cousin  
came in to wait for  
the train and we all  
went over to the station.  
Now all are gone to bed and  
I am writing to my sweet-  
heart. Oh, Rowland I sure  
hope I will hear from you  
to-morrow. How happy I  
would be if I would get  
a letter saying you was

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stir in society.

Monday Noon

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

My dear darling:—

No letter from  
you to-day, and you can't im-  
agine how I feel darling,  
for I have had only one letter  
from you since I came  
home and oh, that seems  
like a year. Oh, I think  
perhaps you are getting ready  
to come up here. I would  
be the happiest person  
on earth if you would  
only come right-away—  
I want to see you so  
bad—so bad. When is  
Court again Rowland?  
Did you tell me it was  
every third Monday or not?



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No letter from  
you to-day, and you can't im-  
agine how I feel darling,  
for I have had only one letter  
from you since I came  
home and oh, that seems  
like a year. Oh, I think  
perhaps you are getting ready  
to come up here. I would  
be the happiest person  
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stir in society.

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my brother (the Dr) is here  
to-day - you know he is so  
interested about our mineral.  
Pa is going to Paintsville  
this evening to see a "big"  
mineral man about see-  
ing. Rowland I enclose you  
a letter for mother. She wants  
to know if you know anything  
about this place or if not can  
you find out. How far is it  
from you? There might be a  
bargain in it - for us -  
I am making tomato  
catsup to-day - am going  
to add some up for our  
own use Rowland. I got  
some red pepper on my  
hand and it - is just -  
about - to set me crazy - so  
you must - not look for  
mistakes and writing.  
Oh, Rowland, do please write

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*Handwritten notes:*  
Can't find letter, but will try to find it - up to number  
on these papers  
received of  
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often if only two times. Be my  
good boy you know what we promised  
each other darling. I mean to keep  
that promise until I die.  
With all the love of my heart-soul  
and body and a million kisses,  
I am  
Forever your own true  
Katie

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Cliff Ky., .....

Coming up soon but Oh, darling if you  
cannot come i've must meet at Fair  
I cannot live away from you but as I  
love you I think it would be to our  
interest for you to come here - I want  
you to get in with them. You under-  
stand why I tell you this darling - be-  
cause I feel and know that soon we  
will be as one anyway and you ought  
to know these things. Oh, darling, darling

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what- if we had not met?  
Rowland, Rowland, do you  
realize how much I love  
you? Oh, do you love me  
as good as I do you darling?  
I just- cannot- find words  
to express myself ~~darling~~  
when I go to write to  
you. But- just- wait- until  
after we are married  
darling and then I  
will prove to you the  
depth of my love. I will  
make you the happiest-  
man on earth- you will  
never have any regrets my  
darling- Good night- and  
may the Angels' guard  
your slumbers- How I wish  
you could sleep in my arms  
with your head on my bosom!  
With all my kisses, I am  
Forever your Own True, Katie

Edmonton, Ky.

Aug-11-1906.

R. G. Railey.

My Dear Sir:-

I am still full of hope and enthusiasm in regard to our Bank at your place.

Please let me know what you have done along that line and whether we can get the building we were speaking of or not and what are the prospects at the present time.

Please notify me as to  
the time of your first  
vacation and I will come  
and see what are the pros-  
pects.

I remain yours Rest.  
James Ogden



## Gallatin Cash Hardware

RUTLEDGE & SCHULTE

Belgrade, Montana, August 3 1906

Mr. R. G. Raily  
Fairbairnsville Ky

Kind Sir

Read your letter some time  
ago. Was glad to hear from you again  
I am well and hope this may  
find you and father fairly well  
I have been and I can but  
had no time your letter followed me  
to Glendive Mont.

I will leave here  
Sunday morning for Spokane Washington  
I'll be in Spokane 2 weeks and then  
to Idaho Terr. you wanted to know  
how much money I paid Lewis  
I paid him 17 <sup>00</sup> I think and hope  
you got your parties and thank you  
for the time I will be out here  
in my return from California I have  
a 9 months R.R. ticket I have a  
good job I will go to Portland Oregon  
and to Nevada I'll go to Maricopa Idaho

# Gallatin Cash Hardware

RUTLEDGE & SCHULTE

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Belgrade, Montana,

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Well R. G. When I was a school  
boy I know thought I would like  
to be a trading man but I can sign  
them up and what is what the company  
like I \$18 or more of goods in a  
week I wish I was with you at Taylorville

Say R. G. I will write you again  
When I hear from you

If there is  
anything again me at  
Taylorville I

Want you to write me at Gokum  
If it has been settled I  
paid a man to settle it but  
I don't know your name C. C. C  
When it was done

Write and tell me if it is true or  
not or what has become of it  
I will look for an answer at  
Gokum Washington

school mate but wishes to you A. M. Bushong

all is well at  
home in Langen  
Michigan  
tell my folks  
I'll do

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I will try to keep from  
flirting with Mr. Vance -  
He used to be my friend,  
but is Florine's sister now -  
Aunt J. is going to Clarksville  
within two weeks and Florine  
is coming to stay with me -  
I bet you can spare a time,  
you ought to see my widow  
I met - at our last party  
at Clarksville - Mel - if to

Wednesday Morning -

My darling P. G. -

I arrived in Bowling  
Green Monday at 9-40 A.M.  
Hubert and I came  
together.

Am simply dying to  
hear from you. Why  
do you wait so long?  
I know you are busy,  
but it seems hard never  
to hear from you.  
I wrote you a card

last Friday. Suppose you  
received it.

I am not going to work  
in Clarksville before Sept,  
if I do then. Aunt J.  
wants me to help her and  
I'll make more money  
than I could there.

We live now where Mr.  
Vance lived when you  
were here. Just two

doors from where we  
did live. Old Mr. Vance  
died and Sizzie and her  
brother are boarding with  
us. If you remember  
Mr. Vance was sick the  
night you were up here.  
I will be glad when  
court is over so you can  
come to see me.

I hope you will get  
a million dollars for  
your late and dull  
soon get things & there  
because I want to be  
with my sweet-heart all  
the time!

Wm. W. W.

1906  
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a shame to flirt with  
him while he is so  
serious, but I cannot  
resist the temptation. He  
is such a good subject.  
You do not object to  
an innocent flirtation  
with a widower do  
you. I have given  
Mr. Mason up, and  
I don't see how you  
could.

Well - it is time to

eat breakfast now, as I'll  
have to drop this and  
test my appetite -

Don't forget that I love you  
more than "Annie Laurie",  
"Juliet" and "The Lady of  
the Lake" all rolled into  
one, and please pen me

a few immediately.

With heaps of love I must  
kiss you good by in my  
mind and hasten to discharge  
my everlasting duties -

Yours forever & ever,  
Prayer LaVene

834 Eleventh St. (over)