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Campbell County

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CAMPBELL COUNTY.

Campbell County was organized in 1798 and was the nineteenth county formed in the State; when formed, it included Kenton county and is bounded on the north and east by the Ohio river, on the west by Licking river and on the south by Pendleton county. It has two railroads running through it, the C. & O. R. R. and L. & N. R. R., together, about thirty miles. Fort Thomas is located in the north end about three miles south of Newport, with an electric car line from Fountain Square in Cincinnati to Fort Thomas, and a second line running to Evergreen Cemetery, a distance of three miles, with a fair prospect of being built to Alexandria, the county seat. It also has located in the county the Government rifle range on the bank of Licking river, where every regiment in the United States army comes to practice target shooting. The county is about twenty-five miles from north to south and about seven miles wide from east to west, and because of its being located between the Ohio and Licking rivers, it is said to be the best fruit county in the State, equal to the famous fruit belt of Michigan; all kinds of fruit that are suited to this climate are raised in this county to perfection and in abundance, some farmers having fifty to one hundred acres in small fruit. It was conceded at the Ohio State Horticultural Society that the apples and peaches that came from Campbell county had the finest flavor and the highest and brightest color of any that were on exhibition. The reason given for these qualities is, that no difference what course the wind blew, it came over one of these rivers that brought with it a mist or fog that induced this color and flavor, and as it is so close to Cincinnati, the market is as good as any in the county, and for that reason the county is so largely engaged in fruit growing.

There are several fine mineral springs in the county that have been analyzed by Prof. Decory, of Cincinnati, and he says they are of the finest of waters, equal to any in the State.

We have two county seats, Newport and Alexandria, have sixty miles of turnpike and four hundred and forty miles county roads, but have a good system of road and bridge work in the county.

The common schools are as good as any place in the Union. As a rule all the people take a great interest in schools and school buildings and fully 90 per cent. of the children at school age can read and write.

The original timber was hard wood, such as ash, oak, hickory, walnut, beech, maple,

sugar tree, poplar and buckeye, but 95 per cent is cleared. We have a stock law in this county and have no use for fences, only for each man to fence for his own stock, and it is as satisfactory as could be.

There is some immigration to this county, mostly Germans, and as a rule, they are good law-abiding people and good agriculturists and horticulturists. Our farmers vie with each other in having the best of farm implements and seeds. All kinds of grasses grow here; the Kentucky bluegrass is indigenous to this county. In the southern part of the county there is regular farming and stock raising, horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and all kinds of grain and tobacco, but in the northern part it is all tilled as a garden and fruit farm.

Campbell county is the third in the State in point of width and population. Newport has several iron plants, one large rolling mill, one nail and bolt works, one shoe factory, one pipe foundry, one watch case factory and has a population of about 40,000; has two iron bridges spanning the Ohio river and two iron bridges spanning the Licking river, and two suburban towns of about 7,000 each, and the county is as healthy as any place in the land. The face of the county is undulating, so no stagnant water is left. The Ohio river is navigable the year round. Licking is navigable as far as Falmouth, about six months in the year.

Our present congressman had an appropriation made for the improvement of Licking river, and the Government engineers are at work making a survey of the river with the view of having slack water navigation the year round. Geologists say the glacier flow reaches the upper end of Campbell county and runs through into Kenton and Boone counties and across the Ohio river into Indiana, and is the furthest south there is any marks of it. There is unmistakable evidence of it in Campbell county.

Campbell county is situated in the Sixth Congressional, Sixth Appellate, Seventh Judicial, Twenty-fifth Senatorial, and Eighty-third Legislative Districts.

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