

ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY  
AUGUST 8

Newspaper War Is  
Raging In Wetzel

In a struggle over control of the *Wetzel Tribune*, on August 8, 1912, the editor sought an injunction to prevent the new manager from publishing the newspaper.

**CSO: SS.8.6, SS.8.7, SS.8.9**

**Investigate the Document:** (*Sistersville Daily Oil Review*, August 9, 1912)

1. List the names of the individuals involved in the feud.
2. What was the name of the newspaper that was created in opposition of the *Wetzel Tribune*?

**Think Critically:** Does your family subscribe to a newspaper? If not, how do you get your news?

**Wetzel Tribune Goes Out of Publication Through Peculiar Deal.**

**HIGHLAND INTERESTED**

**Injunction Proceedings Blocked by the Illness of Judge's Mother.**

Perhaps one of the bitterest feuds that ever held the attention of the people of Wetzel county is that which has reached the climax stage between the Highland faction and the "Mack and Mackens."

Several years ago "Ceace" Highland came to Wetzel county from Clarksburg and within a few months developed surprising proclivities as a party organizer and political leader. He was aggressive and fearless of consequences, and generally considered rather unscrupulous by those who opposed his schemes. Within a remarkably short period of time he had mastered the political situation perfectly and set about to manage affairs of the Republican party. From almost the very first he was opposed by such men as Jim McIntire, Am. and Jim McCaskey, Ed. Rouse and others of equal prominence.

Highland and his following, which was made up of some of the leading Republicans of the county met every onset of the opposition and generally managed to gain the day, however, they were given a great deal of annoyance by the "Macks and Mackens" as the other faction was called. The Wetzel Republican in time fell into the hands of Highland and his crowd and from that time he had things very much his way until a corporation was formed and a new paper launched. This publication was named the Wetzel Tribune often dubbed the "Bald Hornet," on account of the stinging articles which appeared from time to time. The editorial column of the new paper was under the direct management of Attorney James McIntire and T. P. Jacobs.

For a while the fellow Highland was lashed from pillar to post by the "Macks and Mackens" and was in a sense really beaten, but he as often bobbed up in a new field and with a persistence that is little short of phenomenal stuck to the game.

Campaign after campaign passed over. Democratic victories always characterized these political struggles, but in all committee contests, or

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