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## OUR GUESSING CONTEST DECIDED LAST MONDAY

The Lucky Number Was 6147; Erwin Scates Came Nearest to It, Guessing 6149.

We, the undersigned, who counted the jar of beans in the Hickman Courier Guessing Contest on Monday, the 15th day of February, 1904, hereby certify that the said jar contained 6147 beans, no more and no less; and further that neither of us had any interest whatsoever in the said contest, other than to see that the count was honestly and fairly made.

HENRY AMBERG,  
EUGENE BLAKEMORE,  
MRS. G. W. WILSON

Erwin Scates, of Union City, who is attending school at the Hickman College this term, is the lucky winner of the first prize in the Courier's guessing contest, his guess being within two of the number of beans contained in the jar. The jar contained 6147 beans, and Mr. Scates' guess was 6149. He beat Willie Amberg by one bean, Willie having guessed 6150, and Miss Annie Sharon by four beans, she having guessed 6153. Following are the lucky ones, their guesses and the prize each won:

Erwin Scates, 6149, \$40 parlor suit.

Willie Amberg, 6150, \$20 gold watch.

Miss Annie Sharon, 6153, \$10 dress.

W. J. Spradlin, 6139, \$5 hat.

J. O. Barnes, 6162, \$3 pair of shoes.

John Pyle, 6131, \$2 umbrella.

Each of the following won a cash prize of one dollar: S. A. Wade, 6173; Erwin Scates, 6175; 6120; John Purcell, 6185; Erwin Scates, 6190; S. A. Wade, 6190; W. J. Spradlin, 6200, Feb. 6; P. J. Frenz, 6200, Feb. 15; J. W. Purcell, 6205, 6212.

Each of the following won one year's subscription to the Courier and in consequence the figures opposite their names on our subscription list will be advanced one year: Mrs. Joe Graves, 6214; M. R. Carrigan, 6079; J. W. Purcell, 6215; Mrs. Louis Kreiger, 6050, Feb. 12; Ward McClellan, 6050, Feb. 13; J. O. Barnes, 6237; W. J. Harper, 6238; Tom Powell, 6247; A. R. Boone, 6251; W. J. Harper, 6259.

### THE COUNT.

The counting of the beans was a tedious duty and required the undivided attention of the counters for upwards of three hours. A large table, covered with white paper, was placed in the center of the office, the unbroken jar of beans placed thereon, and the counters seated themselves about it. Mr. Blakemore opened the jar and passed it to Mrs. Wilson, and the count began. Mrs. Wilson took five beans at a time, passed them to Mr. Blakemore, who notified Mr. Amberg that he had counted five, and Mr. Amberg recorded on a tally sheet

that five beans had been counted. In the meantime Mrs. Wilson had taken out five more beans, which were examined by Mr. Blakemore, the same as the previous five; and so on all through the count. The counted beans were dropped into a box specially prepared for them. The possibility of error was reduced to a minimum, and we unhesitatingly declare the result to be accurate.

Much interest has been manifested throughout, and we are highly pleased with the results. There were some guesses that were a long way off, the largest being something over 60,000 and the smallest a trifle more than 1,600. There were more guesses beginning with 6,200 than any other, and next came those beginning with 5,800. There were only twelve numbers beginning with 6100, each of which drew a prize. Erwin Scates had four guesses, and as they were all between 6100 and 6200, he drew four prizes, the parlor suit and three \$1 cash prizes. He is the luckiest man we ever saw.

The prizes will be awarded to the winners from the Courier office upon demand, and they are requested to call in person for them at their earliest convenience. In closing the editor desires to thank all those who have in any way contributed to the success of the contest, and especially to the counters aforementioned who unselfishly gave up nearly half a day of their valuable time to our use.

### SETTLEMENT AFFECTED.

A settlement of the diversified interests of the firm of R. E. Dodds & Bros., was this week affected, W. A. Dodds selling out all his interest to his brothers, S. L. and J. F. Dodds. Ernest Johnson has been made general manager of the business with authority to act in all cases. The office will be in the store of Baltzer & Dodds and Miss Sadie Amberg will keep the books. S. L. Dodds, who had been in town for two weeks affecting the settlement, completed his task and left for his home at Clarksdale, Miss., last Friday. The estates comprise many thousand acres of farming and timber land in Kentucky, Arkansas and Mississippi, town property in this and various other towns, and some twenty-two saw mills that are scattered throughout Arkansas and Mississippi. It was one of the largest deals in the history of the county.

### STOP SNORING.

Open up the nose and head by using Paracamp. A positive cure for catarrh of the head and nose. Discharge from the ears can be cured quickly by using this wonderful medicine.

### PYRMONT.

"The Lay of the last minstrel." From the classics often is quoted, But the first lay of the Plymouth Rock hen From the morning meal is noted.

Deserve respect and you will always command it.

Prosperity does not come in leaps and bounds to the toiling farmer; only by steady and close attention to details is he successful.

### POULTRY POINTERS.

Never feed broken crockery to poultry for grit. There is more or less lead in the glaze which is dangerous to the health of the fowls eating it. Grit can be purchased so cheaply that it is almost a waste of time to bother cracking it.

Proper feeding is of more importance for good results than is the breed. The best laying varieties in existence would be poor layers under indifferent treatment.

A noted authority on poultry says that it will take a bushel of corn to make ten pounds of pork and the same amount of grain will make twenty pounds of poultry meat. Which is the most profitable?

For best results, now that the breeding season is approaching, pick out your best laying hens, of generous size, color even and pure, of stout constitution and symmetrical form. From among their product select the best pointed and most perfect in general characteristics, for future breeding and you will be largely successful, as a rule in the end. In choosing your male it should be done with a view to re-producing his superior form, stamina and color—whatever they may be—in the variety selected. The cock must possess these indicated qualities in full vigor and beauty. Always choose males from the progeny of good layers. — M. R. Boyer, in American Poultry Journal.

Mrs. Marsh Rice—Miss Nannie, her friends call her, takes just pride in her White Langshans, and well she may, as they are not only beauties but repay her pains taking efforts with them with an abundance of eggs. To see one of them nicely broiled on her table would make a preacher's mouth water. They are not only good egg producers but also a good table fowl. Mrs. Rice knows a good chicken when she sees it and woe to the one that shows brass in its plumage. They are just so good that many of them are fit to appear in the best company; in fact would be strong competitors for the blue ribbon in a show room.

### INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS.

Some weeks ago we called the attention of the Courier's readers to a few individuals who had made their mark in their chosen callings. This was not done because we were partial to the ones we called attention to, but for the direct purpose of encouraging painstaking efforts in particular branches of industry and enterprise. With the editor's permission, we shall from time to time write up individual effort in different parts of the community, with a view to stimulating the making of strenuous efforts to bring to the front and thus to public notice, the productions of careful and skillful manipulators in their various engagements. Are you engaged in butter making or dairying? Subscribe for a good dairy paper and get the experience of people skilled along these lines. Are you raising poultry for profit? Subscribe for a good poultry journal with the same purpose in view. Do you want to know what our merchants have to sell, and who carries the best line of goods? Subscribe for the Courier. And so along all lines, in all callings, of whatsoever name or nature. Post up and keep posted. Try to beat the other fellow and when you get him beat keep him beat. It isn't the large manufacturer alone that gives prestige to a city or community but the individual effort of each one in the community. If you are proud of your neighborhood show your pride by doing something to make your neighborhood proud of you. If

## SPECIALS

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Kitchen Lamps, with  
Fount and Reflector, **5 Cents.**

TUESDAY,

Decorated Plates, **5 cents.**

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Clairette Soap, **5 cents,**

THURSDAY,

10-Inch, Cold Handle  
Steel Frying Pan, **10 Cents.**

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you want Hickman and Fulton county to get to the front, get there yourself and it will be a long stride toward the survival of the fittest.

### NOT GUILTY AS CHARGED.

Indiscreet words are often given utterance in the heat of debates or at indignation meetings from no malicious intent on the part of the person speaking. In many cases individuals are innocent of the acts attributed to them before the object for which meetings are called have been put into execution, or after the enactment of the same. We refer to the compromising position in which the editor of the Courier was placed, prior to the abominable and reprehensible action of Luby Hargrove in the Kentucky Legislature, by certain remarks made in the indignation meeting held at the city hall. Mr. Wilson's interests are here. The Courier is a representative news paper of Fulton county, and especially this part of it. It isn't shortsighted enough to take part in any movement, or hide an act having for its object the working of injury to its supporters. Its life would soon be punctuated with a period. That the Courier was with its readers in the condemnation of the Hargrove act, its editorial of the previous week confirms, and it cannot reasonably be held accountable for anything it did not do until such time as it became public property, which was prior to the date of its issue. The remarks made in the indignation meeting of Saturday, 6th instant, were beyond doubt made unadvisedly. Mr.

Tyler is too honorable, we take it, and stands too high in the estimation of his fellow citizens to make an unwarranted attack on anyone. — ARAGON.

### VALENTINE PARTY.

The Valentine party at the Episcopal Rectory, from 7:30 to 11:00 o'clock Monday night, was one of the most enjoyable of the season. Mrs. Price was assisted in receiving by Mrs. T. T. Swayne. The house had been appropriately and beautifully decorated for the occasion with thousands of colored hearts from the size of a dime to the size of a man's body. They were strung upon strings and draped from the center to the corner of every room, along the walls and in every place where they could be effectively placed. The decorations of the dining table, consisting of beautiful cut glass, potted plants and two large candelabras, were most attractive, and added a flavor to the delightful supper served by the ladies of the church. Many games were played and other amusements were plentiful. Several tables were occupied by flinch and pit players, who enjoyed the evening im-

mensely. Mrs. C. L. Walker and Cowgill Rogers made even scores and had to draw straws to decide the winner, Mr. Rogers winning, the prize being a free supper. The postoffice, a new idea introduced by the ladies, was one of the most pleasant features of the evening. Through it everyone received a valentine, the ladies some quite pretty ones. The other inmates of the jail, as they always are, are the origin of the jokes and gibes, and the valentines some of them received would have proven disastrous to any ordinary timepiece. The postoffice created much amusement for all and was possibly the most pleasurable part of the evening.

The supper was a grand affair. It was prepared by the ladies and nothing was left out that would add in the least to it. Everyone in attendance partook of the delicious viands, for which a nominal sum of 25 cents was charged, and all were well pleased with it. The affair was given for the benefit of the church and realized something like \$20.00.

Registered Jersey bull, \$2, at farm of J. W. Caldwell, one mile south of Hickman.

## Special

In Clothing Department.

## Saturday,

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One-Half Hose,

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Fancy Northern Clover Seed.

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