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NIGHT RIDERS CAUSE HICKMAN FIRM TO QUIT BUSINESS

HICKMAN HAS "THE HABIT."

Scared by Night Riders.

The Hickman Packing Co., a branch of the J. C. Burdick fish and game business, which has been under the management of Chas. Wilson, has quit business in Hickman. The doors were closed last Friday. Warning letters received through this and the Union City postoffice containing dire threats of destruction to both life and property, if this company did not quit business here, was the cause of them pulling out of Hickman.

As told in last week's Courier, this firm's buildings and other property, valued at \$3,000, were destroyed at Samburg—a little fishing hamlet on Reelfoot Lake, 12 miles southwest of this city—and fear of further destruction caused the owner of the building which the company occupied to refuse to rent it longer for this purpose.

The letters received by the management of this establishment are not fit for publication, but contained crude drawings of coffins and other epitaphic inscriptions which were in

harmony with the text of the letter. Outside indications, together with their example of last week, is proof that these Riders mean business.

The Hickman Packing Co., last year, paid out over \$21,000 in this city, and the loss of the business means just that much to the town.

Sold Interest in Land.

Last Tuesday a transfer was made conveying the right, title and interests of John Shaw in the West Tennessee Land Co. to Quinten Rankin, of Trenton, and of Walter Pleasant to R. Z. Taylor, of Trenton.

This company was organized recently, having claims to a large part of the body of land covered by the waters of Reelfoot Lake. There has always been more or less contention over these titles.

The late organization undertook to limit the fishermen in their pursuit. The fishermen have in various instances refused to comply with the company's mandates. This led to an injunction by the company against the fishermen and the sale of the

interests which took place this week.—Union City Commercial.

In a nut-shell, this business is the cause of Night Riders invading Hickman, and is beginning to look like a "white elephant" on somebody's hands.

Farmer Receives Warning.

Weidon Benthol, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of the Coomb's Springs neighborhood, five miles south of Hickman, received a notice the latter part of the week, signed "Night Riders," for him and one of his hands to leave that part of the country. The letter was mailed at Union City, and threatened whipping and death if the demands were not complied with in a certain time.

Mr. Benthol is a good citizen and can assign no reason for having received such a notice. We are told that he will pay no attention to this matter.

The Night Rider Oath.

"I—, in the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, do

LOST
Byron Williams.



I am not feeling well 2Day
Bcaws I hear it said
thee teacher that I love so true
next Christmas will be wed.
I seen her Sunday walking 'round
with that new Doctor White—
thee Sun wuz setting in thee West,
and it wuz almost Nite.

I seen them stop beside thee Brook
when no one wuzn't near,
and then I seen him squeeze her hand
without a sime of fear!
I wuz a hiding by theee bridge
and seen them plain as Day—
I didn't think so nice a girl
wud carry on that way!

for next he kissed her on thee Mouth
and hugged her offul tite—
I guess she must have liked it though
Bcaws she didn't fite!
I told mi mother and she laffed
and said, "They have it bad!"
I wonder what it is they have
that makes them feel so glad?

I hate 2 think of losing her!
it make me awl cast down,
there aint a single girl I know
as nice as my Miss Brown.
I spose I mite as well give up,
fer what I seen last Nite
gist makes it plane I aint thee man
2 cut out Doctor White!

Precinct Conventions.

It is ordered by the Republican State Central Committee of Kentucky that the Republicans of the various voting precincts of Fulton County shall meet in mass conventions on the 2nd day of May, 1908, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., at the polling places in their respective voting precincts for the purpose of electing a Republican Precinct Committeeman in each of such voting precincts for the ensuing four years. Said mass convention shall, for the purposes of said election, be organized by being first called to order by the present precinct committeeman, the first thing being the election of a temporary chairman and secretary of the mass convention, after which the nomination and election of a precinct committeeman will be in order, which, when done, will complete the business of the convention, and then it shall adjourn sine die. It is further ordered that if the regular precinct chairman or any of the members of the precinct committee are not present to call the meeting to order, any Republican shall have the right to call the meeting to order, and proceed with the business as heretofore set out.

Given under our hands as Chairman and Secretary of the Republican County Committee of Fulton County, Ky., this the 13th day of April 1908.

T. F. BEADLES, Chairman,
A. T. CHURCH, Secretary.

Notice.

I have sold my grocery business to C. B. Wright, my brother, and would be pleased to have those indebted to me call and pay their accounts at once.—E. P. Wright 45-2p

Grand Jurors For May.

Following is a list of Grand Jurors for the May term of the Fulton Circuit Court:

- W. S. Seat,
- J. E. Hall,
- L. J. Stanfield,
- O. C. Henry,
- W. H. Spradlin,
- N. B. Morris,
- L. P. Ellison,
- V. B. O'Neal,
- Joe Ferguson,
- R. N. Phipps,
- A. O. Myatt,
- E. C. Rice,
- J. W. Mayfield,
- J. M. Gifford,
- M. C. Chambers,
- C. C. Smith,
- C. A. Bondurant,
- Will Beshear,
- L. E. Thomas,
- W. H. Guyn.

Mr. Business Man: The Courier will have the swellest line of 1909 calendar samples that will be shown in Hickman this year. We have no traveling salesman's expenses to pay, and can furnish you these goods at a less price than out-of-town firms. Don't buy until you have seen our line. You advocate "home trade," and have an opportunity to practice what you preach.

Now that the price of meat is going up again we ought to be thankful for the prospects of an abundant blackberry crop.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taking internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative power that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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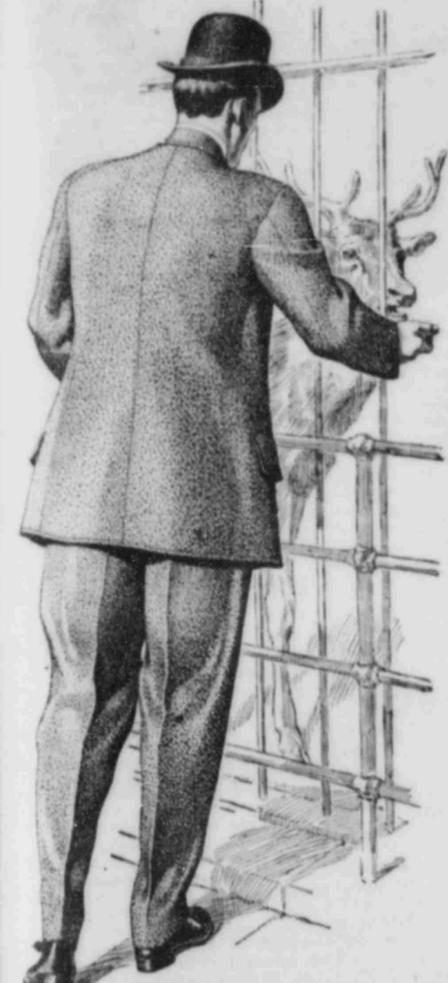
President Roosevelt says the five greatest men living in this country Wm. Jennings Bryan, Grover Cleveland, James J. Hill, Andrew Carnegie and John Mitchell. These are the five men he has invited to attend the great Conference to be held at the White House May 10th with the Governors of all the States, Supreme Justices and members of Congress.

Rev. Heathbeth, of Hopkinsville, will begin a protracted meeting at Mt. Hermon the first Sunday in August.

The Courier and the weekly Commercial-Appeal one year for \$1.25.

YOU'VE overlooked something you want, if you haven't been in here to see our Hart, Schaffner & Marx suits.

There's no clothes for men so popular as these. Other makers imitate them, and other dealers sell the imitation; but they lack the style that Hart Schaffner & Marx get into them; and for the most part they lack the all-wool quality.



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Suits \$18.50 to \$25.00

In our medium priced lines would like to show you three lots of suits at \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00. Nowhere else in Hickman can you find such an assortment at these popular prices.

If you give us a chance we will show you some clothes that are really worth while; such clothes as will be a credit to you and to us.

solemnly promise and swear to become a member of this order. If I should betray this order in any way by signs, acts or writing or cause to be revealed the secrets of this order I shall have to submit to the penalty which is put upon me which is death. I solemnly promise and swear that I will obey all orders which may be given me and I will go at any time they may call upon me unless I or my family are sick."

Posted in Hickman.
The following worded notice, written with pen and ink, was found nailed to a telephone pole, in Hickman, Sunday morning:

"NOTIS
To the Nigros of Hickman You are expected to Be absent May the 1st 1908—espsly H—s and Lofers or there will be Something doing. We Mean Buisness. We are the 800 mounted Well armed. Fare Warning."

No importance is attached to this notice by the more conservative citizens of the town. It is doubtless all bosh—and not a good case of bosh. However, if the night riders want to help us get rid of the negro loafers who hang around the depot and some of the negro dives, they have our consent.

In Our Opinion.
Most of the anonymous letters and notices which are being received in this part of the county are written by some individuals who have some grudge at the party warned, and are only masquerading as Night Riders. Such as warning the negroes to leave, according to our way of thinking, is all tommy-rot and there is little or no danger of such threats being put into execution. The conservative, law-abiding citizens will not tolerate it. The man who posts such notices is laying the foundation of future trouble for himself, and will find to his sorrow that the law is very merciless when once he is within its toils. Graves and Callaway counties are making it very unpleasant for those who participated in the business in those counties, and our advice to the bogus night rider of Fulton county is to quit—while you can and before it is too late.

FOR SALE:—Good, home-made sorghum, sealed at evaporator; also rice country lard.—C. S. Patterson. 45-2p.

Standard Oil Gets it in Neck
By the judgment of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, in an opinion delivered by Justice Neil last week,



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER
HEAD OF THE TRUST

the Standard Oil Co. is ousted from the State of Tennessee for the acts of the company at Gallatin, Tenn., in restraining trade.

Serious Accident.
A son of J. W. Matthews, William, had his ankle mashed very badly last week. He was riding a self-dumping rake when the machine tripped and caught his heel.

While the injury is very serious it is thought that he will not suffer any serious consequences as a result.

A Sure Thing.
See J. W. Crawford. He will sell you any grade piano or organ you want, right here in Hickman, and guarantee a lower price than you can get elsewhere on same quality of instrument. He handles twenty different makes of pianos and can please you with quality, price and terms.

UNDERWEAR.	BOYS SUITS.	SHIRTS.
A large line in plain and fancy shirts and drawers, good quality at..... 25c Men's drill, balbriggan and nainsook shirts and drawers, plain and fancy, at..... 50c	You'll find in no other Hickman store such varieties in stock or values given. The newest spring models in Knickerbocker or straight pants styles: in all the stylish shades and materials. Prices \$1.50 to \$7.50	A very attractive and dependable line in neat and fancies, coat and plain styles, attached and detachable cuffs. 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50 A full line with soft collars, at.....\$1.00 and \$1.50

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