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THE C., M. & G. EXTENSION. Some Inside Facts About The Proposed New Line.

As a general rule the inside workings of railroads are carried on with the utmost silence. Those not connected with such a corporation but who enjoy the confidence of its management likewise adhere to the taciturn rule governing railroad business. But, in the instance of the C., M. & G., the new road from Dyersburg to Hickman, which proposes to extend its lines from Hickman to Metropolis, Ill., we consider it no breach of confidence to give some facts concerning this movement.

The public is well aware that the C., M. & G. is in litigation with the Illinois Central. The latter road is trying to get control of the new one. Thereby hangs a tale.

Hickman people should be interested in the outcome of this suit, which is pending in the courts of Tennessee. Its outcome would of course be of no great consequence as regards the future operation of the present line; the service would doubtless continue satisfactorily. But we are interested in the extension of the line from Hickman to Metropolis, or rather Paducah. The building of the road from Hickman to Metropolis would give us an eastern outlet, connection with roads at Paducah and the I. C. at Clinton and the M. & O. at some point in the vicinity of Moscow. These would mean more to us than the road we have in operation; although the line from Dyersburg to this city has been of great benefit to us in many ways, one of which is the supplying of our biggest local industry with timber.

But to get this eastern connection, in short, means that the C., M. & G. must build before the settlement of the suit in question. If the I. C. should get control of the line, it is almost a cinch that they would never build the line from Hickman east—they would have no good reason for doing so. However, they have made several grand stand plays by surveying between Paducah and Hickman; in fact, it is thought that they have a surveying party on the route at work now. But if the C., M. & G. succeeds in making the extension, whatever the outcome, the road and service would have to be maintained. It is therefore a matter of interest to us that the C., M. & G. build the line from Hickman to Clinton, at least, before the first day of November, at which time the final decision in the railroad fight will be forthcoming. If anything is to be done, it should be done at once. If the matter is of sufficient interest to us to want the extension made, we should hit while the iron is hot. This is the present status of the matter, as we understand it, and is given without reserve, because we should be interested in an eastern outlet, which will mean much to Hickman in a business way.

The Crystal—5c and 10c.

Coal at summer prices.—A. A. Faris.

WEATHER: Unsettled today; Friday fair and warmer.

Bargains in shoes and slippers at Millet & Alexander's.

Hearn Brown and McKee Johnson were in Fulton Sunday.

Judge W. J. McMurry has been commissioned a notary public by Gov. McCreary.

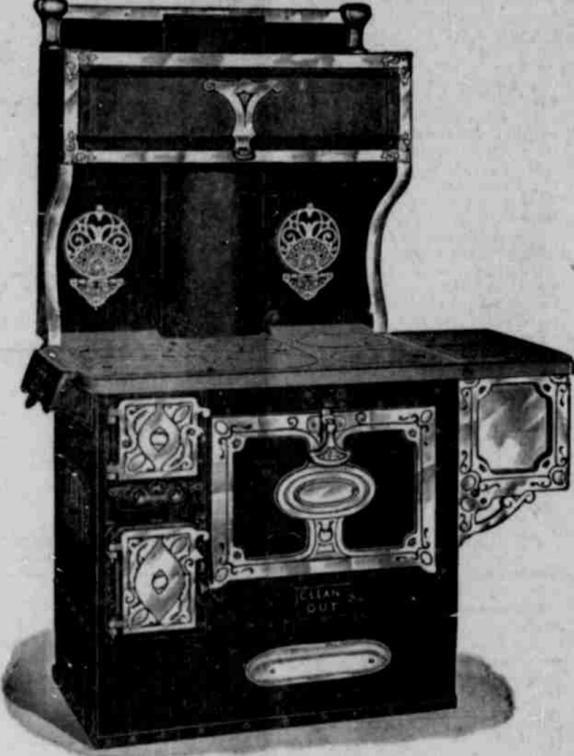
Moving pictures at the Lyric Saturday night. Three big reels of pictures and illustrated songs.

Miss Lela Copeland and William Weeks, both of near Wingo, were married at Fulton, Sunday.

Don't miss the bargains that Millet & Alexander offer in broken lots of Mens, womens and Childrens Oxfords and Slippers.

J. M. Moore was here from Union City, Tuesday, looking after the Hickman exchange of the Cumberland Telephone Co.

The cool, damp weather of the past ten days has been anything but beneficial to cotton and corn crops of this section. Reports from the bottoms say the cut worms have about ruined all corn that was up and have attacked the cotton. Unless we have some hot weather right away, the crop conditions are not going to be very encouraging.



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GINS CHANGE HANDS. Bondurant and Driver Sell To Roberts Cotton Oil Co.

The two big cotton gins at Hickman were sold Monday to the Roberts Cotton Oil Co., with headquarters at Memphis, but who operate extensively through the South. One of these gins was owned by C. S. Driver, being established several years ago by S. L. Dodds, and the other, known as the Farmers Gin & Grain Co., was organized by local capitalists three years ago and was the property of C. T. Bondurant.

At the same time Mr. Roberts, president of the Roberts concern, was negotiating a trade with Bondurant and Driver, the East St. Louis Cotton Oil Co., which is a big concern operating a large per cent of the gins in southeast Missouri, started a crew of men on the construction work of building a big gin here for themselves. The new gin is being erected on the property in West Hickman, used as a baseball park, and will be of generous capacity.

In a word, there is a fight on between these rival oil companies; it may not be a question of the survival of the fittest, but merely that of dollars and cents—and it is to be presumed that both companies are financially able to make the thing interesting. Unless something new develops, the cotton planter of this section will have a chance to get the top price for his product this year—if he succeeds in raising any cotton. This state of affairs is brought about by the fact that both companies claim this territory, and in addition to this some local business sparks fell in the powder keg.

There is also another cotton oil concern—the East Tennessee Cotton Oil Co.—looking into the Hickman field with longing eyes and increasing appetite. Their representative was here a short time ago and secured options on such sites as he thought might suit his corporation. It is possible that they may yet install a gin here. Prospects then become good for four gins in this city.

All this is well and good; but there is one danger. While two opposing companies operate here they will pay right prices; when the weaker one is forced to pull out, then trust policies as a rule are brought into play. It is necessary, as they figure, to get back what they spent in the fight—also what their opposition put into the fight—and the planter with a big crop, encouraged by good local prices, suddenly finds the bottom dropped out of the market. The surest preventative for such an evil is the existence of a small gin owned and operated by local men; even then, an oil concern has the best of those who depend exclusively upon ginning. The oil men can make their profits on the oil products.

For the present our cotton growers will sit in the grand stand and watch the fur and feathers fly as the commercial giants lock horns for the championship in Hickman territory.

"FIRE."—Kennedy.

"Better be insured than sorry."—Kennedy.

Lam Carter and wifewere here from Cayce yesterday.

We have several Refrigerators to close out at about cost.—Hickman Hardware Co.

Carl Johnston, of this county, but formerly of Memphis, and Miss Ola Whitworth, also of this county, were married June 25.

LOST: Deep red cow, with horns, split in each ear, branded "W" on hip. Got away Sunday night. Notify Courier office and get reward. 3p

D. P. Leibovitz is spending the week with home folks at Lewisport, Ky. His brother is here looking after the store during Dave's absence.

The Cumberland Telephone Company moved their office yesterday from over Cowgill's Drug Store to the second story of the Courier building. The company has installed a new switchboard and called the Hickman system. There is every reason now to expect first class service. There is every reason now to expect first class service. The change has cost several thousand dollars. The Western Union Telegraph Co., now under the same management as the Cumberland, will also have their office in the Courier building.

By the sale of the ball park to the East St. Louis Cotton Oil Co., Hickman loses the training grounds for Joe Cantillon's Minneapolis base ball team, besides grounds for our fast local team. Efforts are being made to find another place but if none can be found, Hickman will not have this team training here any more. This club coming here every year is an excellent advertisement for Hickman and we should not let them go elsewhere if we can help ourselves.

W. L. Mosby, the levee contractor in partnership with C. T. Bondurant, is dangerously ill of pneumonia and reports from his bedside this morning say that he may not recover.

Atty. T. N. Smith is here from Fulton today on business.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Fred McClain et al vs. T. E. Brady. Plaintiff sues by next friend for damages he claims to have received by being bitten by a dog owned by the defendant. He claims he is damaged to the extent of \$750.

Ellison's Grocery vs. Sam Salmon. Suit on note for \$257.75.

Georgia Pate vs. Andy Dowd. The plaintiff says some cotton that she raised is being held unlawfully and is suing for possession of the cotton valued at \$89.59 and \$19 damages.

Grover Salmon vs. Joe Cantillon. Suit for \$65 for balance due on contract for painting.

Standard Oil Co. vs. Smith & Sparkman. Suit for account of \$89.27.

Lon Binford Guardian et al vs. Mrs.

R. A. Robinson. Settlement of estate.

Ella Vincent vs. Wm. J. Vincent. Suit for divorce.

Walter D. Wallace vs. Dorothy M. Wallace. Suit for divorce. The couple was married in Troy, Tenn., on March 21, 1911, and plaintiff claims she was abandoned by her husband April 1, 1911.

Margaret Gilbert vs. Ike Gilbert. Suit for divorce on the grounds of abandonment. They were married in March, 1909.

Ganey Smith vs. Rastus Smith. A suit for divorce and custody of two children. Abandonment is alleged.

C. G. Schlenker was in Union City Monday.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?

Prof. E. S. Clark, who was elected principal of the Hickman school, visited the town and then decided he would decline the position. He must be hard to please if he doesn't like Hickman.—Clinton Gazette.

Gen. Edward S. Bragg, commander of the famous Iron Brigade during the Civil War, died at Fon du Lac, Wis., June 20. Gen. Bragg had been in feeble health for a number of years. He was 85 years old last February. He served several terms in Congress as a Democrat from Wisconsin. After his retirement from Congress he represented the United States in diplomatic positions in Cuba, Mexico and China.