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...FULTON COUNTY'S NEW \$15,000 COUNTY JAIL...

The above illustration gives one a good idea of the outward appearance of the new county jail, located at Hickman, and recently completed. It was erected by W. J. Spradlin & Son at a cost of near \$15,000, and on the site occupied by the old jail. The front portion of the building was designed for the jailer's residence (C. A. Murchison being the first and present occupant), while in the rear is located the cells or jail proper. The building is of grey pressed brick, and modern in design. This structure is as near fire-proof as can be made. Even the stairs and window casings are steel; while the roof, floors and walls are made of re-inforced concrete. The cell doors are all operated by levers and the jailer does not have to expose himself to an attack from his prisoners. Either one or all of the doors can be opened and closed by this mechanism. The cells occupy two stories. Underneath the building is a basement to accommodate the furnace and fuel supply. Jailor Murchison can furnish, without crowding, accommodation for twenty-seven prisoners. On the front of the building is a stone tablet bearing the date of building and names of county officers and magistrates. The new building was erected none too soon. The old jail was unsanitary and unsafe, and grand juries from time to time have expressed their disapproval of it. Quite a few prisoners have escaped in the past ten years from the old building by digging out. But this is not likely to occur in the new one. Fulton county—so far as one could on that particular subject—feel proud of her new bastille. There are none better in the State—except from a point of size, and it is to be hoped that our citizenship will not drop to such a low ebb that our jail will not hold the criminals. With the exception of the recent "night rider" flurry, the new jail thus far has had a capacity of more than double all requirements.

The Newest Spring Fashions Are Now On Display Here

We have had the pleasure of hearing nothing but praise for the new fashions we are now showing. Our customers seem to consider these the prettiest styles developed in many years. Simplicity is the keynote, with a marked absence of the extremely fancy and elaborate styles of the past few seasons.

It is not too early to select now the apparel you will need for Spring. By purchasing now you will secure first choice of the new fashions.

The Best Styles in Women's Suits are Here



The favor which these suits have met with speaks for their beauty and becomingness.

Colors are new blue, sand, putty and black-and-white checks. Prices

\$10.00 \$12.50
\$15 to \$20

An Admirable Display of the New Spring Coats

These are the styles that promise to be most popular this season. They are decidedly smart! The display is naturally of deep interest to every well-dressed woman. Short and long coats are here, in all fabrics and colors. Prices

\$5.50, \$7.50,
\$10.00 to \$12.50

The New Skirts are Here

Many clever new styles in Spring and Summer skirts made of fashionable fabrics, in the styles colors now in highest demand. Many new flare styles are shown. Excellent values are offered at

\$3.50, \$7.50 to \$10.00

New Silks For Spring

A collection of superb new plain and fancy silks in the most fashionable weaves and colors, suitable for the season's new styles. Crepes, poplins, taffetas and other favored silks are here, in the best shades. Price per yard

50c, 75c, \$1.00
\$1.50 to \$2.00

New Spring Ox-fords for Men Women and Children

Serviceability, style and comfort are combined in the footwear we sell. All sizes and lasts are here. We can fit you perfectly for the least cost. Our prices are

\$2.50, \$3 to \$5
in Men and Women's.
75c to \$3.00
in Children's.

A Superb Collection of New Millinery

There is a large number of hats in this assortment—every one a beauty! All of the newest style features are shown. Every woman can get a becoming hat from this assortment. Ready-to-wear hats at \$1.50, \$2.50 to \$5
Children's Hats
in every wanted style at 50c, \$1 to \$2



Opening Display of Millinery Next Wednesday and Thursday March 24 and 25

Smith & Amberg

Incorporated



As To Woman's Suffrage.

If we give women the ballot, here's a fact we need not hide: One season it will be narrow. While the next it may be wide.

And, Its Barely Possible.

Recent news specials were unanimous in their reports of heavy snow falls throughout the northwest. The Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska and parts of Wisconsin and Iowa were the scenes of the heaviest snow storms that they have experienced in twenty years. Some of the reports went up with a prediction of another big rise in the river. Al Fabs, Hollis Kirk and other Hickmanites are of the opinion that another rise may be looked for this spring.

Building & Loan Statement.

In this issue of the Courier will be found the 50th semi-annual statement of the Hickman Building & Loan Association. Notwithstanding the "hard times" this association, under the able management of Mayor Dillon and his board, has continued to prosper and shows a healthy gain. The footing aggregate almost \$50,000. This statement should have been given sometime ago, but its compilation was delayed on account of illness. The Building & Loan is a mighty fine institution for Fulton county. Hundreds of homes have been built and paid for that otherwise would never have been built.

Plenty of Liabilities.

Chester C. Maddox, of Hazel, Ky., yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy in federal court. He has liabilities amounting to \$5,908.75, with assets totaling \$140.50.

Yes, That Kind Should.

"Farmers Should Be looked After," reads a headline in the Winchester Sun. Yes especially the kind that dips his wool in the creek before he gets to town, or sells you a pound of butter two thirds salt.—Elizabeth-town News.

Test of Drunkenness.

We refer the following to the Hickman City Marshal: In Fulton they say a man is not drunk so long as he can cling to the grass upon which he is lying, and not roll off the earth. In Paducah he is sober so long as he doesn't insist on kissing the bartender goodnight. In Union City he is safe unless he sits in the gutter and tries to pick a fight with the fire hydrant. But best of all, he is drunk in Martin when he smells of whisky or shows by his voice, his walk, or gestures that he has been drinking. If his tongue is loose and his legs the least bit "waddley" they "pull him" and put him to beating rock.

Good Use For Lemons.

By taking a lemon and cutting it in two and squeezing the juice into the dish water no soap is needed. The lemon will cut all grease and in a few days' time the silverware, such as knives, forks and spoons, will become bright as new. All dark spots will also disappear from pitchers and cups. Use the lemon over and over again.—Ex.

Peculiar Market Condition.

Local real estate values are acknowledged to be rather down at the heel, and very little trading has gone on of late. On the other hand, rent, especially the more desirable property, still stays up around normal and there are no vacant houses. Then again, attempt to buy and you will find prices well up; attempt to sell and buyers are scarce. The whole situation presents a paradox. Evidently, property values are not off as much as one would think. It is simply that few care either to buy or sell.

Getting Along Better Now.

He was "soused" until it sloshed in his shoes and he smelled like a distillery running at full blast. He was telling the sad story of his life to the world in general. His words came slowly, drawingly, his gunwales being awash with the seas of red liquor that had swept over them. "Yes, me and mah wife been separated five years. Lived together 23 years. Ain't seen her in five years. We're gettin' long better now 'an we ever did before."

Possibly you've seen this gentleman (†)

Your Town—Your Newspaper.

The newspaper of this or any town cannot exist by merely giving the news. They are always the first concerns sought when boosting is necessary and no money is on hand to pay for it. No complaint is offered for being the recipient of this honor, which by the way we really enjoy, but we do say that it is unfair to the newspapers for any citizen of the county to send his

few dollars away for printing that may be done equally well at home. Think it over.

Some Government Economy.

To inspect a little postoffice in far away Guam, which pays its postmaster only \$125 a year, is the object of a 25,000 mile journey which Postmaster Inspector E. P. Smith is making. The inspector will get about 10c per mile expense money, plus a substantial salary. Figure it out. And, still, some folks wonders what becomes of the revenue.

League After Canning Factory.

The Business League has taken up the matter of getting a canning factory to locate at Hickman, primarily to give us a market for the late crop of tomatoes that our truck-growers will have on hand; and secondarily, to give employment to a number of boys and girls of Hickman. While the League has nothing to give out at this time, we might say they are negotiating for a branch factory with good prospects for getting it.

A Much-needed Reform.

Occasionally we buy a pound of butter at a store. Occasionally the butter is done up in a nice clean, white rag with a felled seam along one side. Far be it from us to be fastidious about our food while millions of Belgians are starving; but when this cruel war is over and Johnny comes marching home we propose to head an insurrection unless a law is passed to prohibit the marketing of nice county butter wrapped up in the segment of a east-off shirt tail.

The Spring Hats Come First.

Many Hickman people would be glad to contribute 25 cents to the hungry Belgians, were it not now necessary to spend \$15.00 on a spring hat.

Project Gone Glimmering.

The electric railway, which created so much talk in West Kentucky two or three years ago, and was headed for Hickman, has at last passed into the depths of oblivion. The last vestige of it is now gone, as it is announced

that the line from Paducah to Murray, which was the final effort on the part of the promoters has been abandoned. The European war is given as the cause for the failure of the project. Probably that is a reasonable excuse.

"Brought Home the Bacon."

Union City Commercial: Thieves broke into an old smokehouse on Sam T. Wade's new home place, southwest of Union City, last Monday night and carried away six joints of bacon and a lot of canned peaches and berries. The meat belonged to one of the men on the farm, and Tuesday Mr. Wade sent to Dyersburg for Mr. Simpson's bloodhounds, which were hurried over and put on the trail with success. The smokehouse door was found open Tuesday morning and the meat gone. Sheriff Mathes and his deputies were soon on the job, assisted by city officers, and on Wednesday four negroes were landed in jail. Jim Cleek confessed and implicated others. Curly Crews, Will Crews and Van Byers were in the lot.