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THREE HOUSES BURN. LOSS ESTIMATED \$9,000.

Two handsome bungalows and a smaller cottage, located on the old Riverview school grounds in the east part of town, were totally destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon, the blaze being discovered in the unoccupied bungalow owned by S. L. Dodds. How the fire originated is a mystery. The house where it started has never been occupied, had no electric connections and supposed to have been locked up. All three were new homes, finished during the past summer.

The largest bungalow was purchased a short time ago from Mr. Dodds by Dr. H. E. Prather, who occupied the property, and it was many one of the prettiest homes in Hickman. They had just a week gotten the home "fixed up" and settled down comfortably in their new quarters.

There was no such thing as controlling the fire with our present equipment, as a strong wind was blowing and the water pressure in that vicinity is never very great. The fire spread rapidly from one house to another and the three were a mass of flames.

Vintners responded and worked heroically. A good portion of the furniture of the lower floor of the Prather home was saved, but everything upstairs, together with kitchen equipment, was lost.

None of the other houses were saved.

The Dodds bungalow was valued at \$3,400, with \$1,800 insurance. The Prather home was valued at \$4,200, with \$3,000 insurance on house and \$1,200 on contents. The Dodds cottage was valued at \$1,100, with \$700 insurance.

We understand the Prather home will be re-built—and probably the others. For the present, the Prather family are occupying the M. B. Shaw residence, opposite the Mrs. Kate Witting property.

The friends of Dr. and Mrs. Prather gave them a surprise "unseasonable shower" Saturday night, expressing in a "social" manner their sympathy in the loss sustained. The whole affair came as a big surprise. The company were deeply touched by the manifestation of friendship. Later the whole crowd gathered at their emotion by singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Dr. and Mrs. Prather, by reason of the fire, have lost a lot of worldly goods, but no more misfortune was a source of proving they possess mental wealth in love—esteem—respect.

RAINY SPELL FOLLOWED BY FIRST WINTER WEATHER

A cool wave struck this section early Monday morning, coming on the heels of a rainy spell of several days. Open water Monday morning showed considerable ice, tender vegetation, and ground by slight frosts of weather, was laid low by the weather. Winter seems to have arrived at last—and in most instances, a welcome by both farmers and merchants. The fall has been unusually fine for harvest and crops and folks are now prepared for the winter season.

The mercury Monday morning at 6 o'clock had crawled down to 30 degrees.

The third judicial district, composed of Calloway, Christian, Trigg, Lyon counties gave a Republican majority of about 500 in the election held on the 2nd inst. Republicans who aspired to the judgeship and attorney's offices were among the beautiful bird they let get away, while Judge Dancy and Attorney D. P. Smith, who had no opposition, are still suffering of "hucknagie."

Miss Homer Green returned home Thursday after a visit to Mrs. J. H. Baldwin, of Paducah.

Mrs. Phil Wright was the guest of Mrs. Oscar Beckham, in Union City, several days last week.

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Items of Timely Interest to All

For your convenience we have prepared the following a list of some of the most important articles of cold weather merchandise which are most needed now. It is by no means a complete index to our stocks—just a small, easily read list which we hope will prove helpful to you in selecting your present requirements.

Prices will be found liberally reasonable when qualities are considered.



SOME INTERESTING NEW

Suits

They're made of gabardines, serges and poplins (three of the season's most favored fabrics), in the handsomest patterns and colors, tastefully trimmed with fur and velvet. Excellent values at

\$12.50,

\$17.50

\$20.00

New Plush and Pile Fabric

Coats

These plush and pile materials are by far the most popular for coats this season, so, of course, we have a splendid stock of coats made of these fabrics. Included are the newest styles with high military collars. Some are fur trimmed. Prices are moderate.

\$15.00 to \$30.00

Cloth Coats That You'll Like

Clever models made of various approved fabrics in solid colors and mixtures. Excellent values, at

\$5.00, \$10.00 to \$30.00

Coats for Misses and Children

Charming styles, made of pile and smooth materials. You'll find no prettier coats than these.

Sizes 2 to 8 yrs. \$1.50, \$3.50 to \$6.50

Sizes 10 to 18 yrs. 3.50, 5.00 to 15.00

Blankets and Comforts Needed Now

Cool nights are here, making warm blankets necessary.



Cotton Blankets \$1.00, \$2.00 to \$3.00
Wool and Wool Mixed Bl'kets 4.00, 6.00 to 10.00
Comforts 1.00, 1.25 to 1.50

Boys Clothing That Satisfies



Parents who want to procure the best looking and best suits for their sons, and still want to please the boys, will find this stock ideal. We have splendid clothes, strongly made of all-wool fabrics in the best styles. All sizes, of course.

Overcoats \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5 to \$10

Suits 2.50, 3.50, 5 to 10

Athena Underwear

Wonderfully Good For Women and Children

Our large stocks are composed exclusively of garments in reasonable weights that are of the most dependable quality, and that fit perfectly, because they are made over scientifically accurate models. Our prices no higher than less worthy garments sell for.

For women, cotton vests and pants, 25c, 50c to \$1 garment union suits, \$1.00 to 2.00 the suit

For children, pants and vests, 25c, 50c and 75c a garment union suits, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 a suit

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"A SAFE PLACE TO TRADE"

The Home Tele. Co. has bought the party telephone line from Brownsville to Hickman. It was known as the Brownsville Tele. Co. All subscribers will continue their service as heretofore, except that the local company will own and keep it in repair.

The Barkett Wholesale Grocery Co. are sporting a new delivery wagon.

N. R. Holcombe left Tuesday for Memphis to spend a few days.

Harvey Caldwell, of Nashville, was here a few hours Saturday. He was one of the two conductors that ran the first train to Hickman when the N. C. & St. L. was built. He met a number of old friends while here.

J. T. Piggott, of Memphis, arrived a few days ago to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. B. J. Hortweck.

Mrs. Emma Tyler has bought a big six Hudson car.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold their annual bazaar at the home of Mrs. F. S. Moore on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 2 p. m. Those contributing will please send the articles on the morning of that day.

A. W. Davis attended the Western Kentucky Independent Tele. Association convention at Fulton yesterday.

Judge R. B. Platt was here from Clinton Friday.

A. Owsley Stanley will be inaugurated governor of Kentucky December 7, and Democrats all over the State are preparing to attend the ceremonies in Frankfort.

FOR SALE: Three four year old mares in foal by Jack. Also one standard bred mare by John B. Gentry. Apply to Sam McConnell.

Miss Mildred Bamage was in Union City Saturday.

NOTED FIRE CHIEF HERE. MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS.

Maj. Fillmore Tyson, ex-fire chief of Louisville, now representing the Ahrens-Fox Fire Engine Co., was here this week in the interest of his firm and to make a survey of local conditions as regards our needs in the way of a fire engine. The major is probably the best known fire chief in the country and is a man of recognized ability along these lines, therefore what he has to say is worth consideration.

He was frank to say that Hickman, as a whole, was unusually hazardous from a point of fires. Hickman College, he said, was our most dangerous fire-trap and should, by all means, be provided with some form of fire escapes. Statistics show that twelve school buildings burn each year in the United States, with great loss of life in many instances.

In a meeting with the city's fire engine committee and others, Maj. Tyson outlined the needs of Hickman as he saw them. He was of the opinion we did not need an engine of as great capacity as we were figuring on; in fact, the capacity of our water mains did not warrant the large type of engine. His company has an engine of the smaller type that will develop 300 pounds pressure at the nozzle of a hose attached to a hydrant with only 12 pounds pressure. It is not the quantity of water used but force that counts in fire-fighting; the same theory one observes in fighting a grass fire with a broom or wet sack. Many other points were brought out which the laymen had overlooked.

At a meeting of the council Monday night, it was decided to issue the bonds and advertise for bids on same, to be opened Dec. 15th. These bonds are to be in denominations of \$500 each, with 6 per cent interest payable annually. The city fathers will push the fire engine proposition as rapidly as the legal wheels will turn. This means we may get the machine some time in January.

CORN CROP NEARLY GATHERED.

The farmers of Mississippi county are finishing gathering what is probably the largest crop of corn ever produced in the county. The increased acreage of wheat caused much new ground to be plowed in corn, and in some localities the yield has been as high as 80 bushels per acre. Conservative estimates place the average yield at about 50 bushels per acre.

The sunflower and cotton crops have been harvested and the returns were gratifying, although less cotton was planted last season owing to the drop in price. The sunflower crop has taken its place with the leading products of the county.—Charleston Republican.

MARKET.

The Ladies Presbyterian Aid Society will have a sale of things for your Thanksgiving dinner at the new Dodds building on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 24, at 2.30.

ELM LOGS WANTED.

Will pay highest market price for No. 1 Elm logs, delivered on our yards in East Hickman, or U. M. & G. Ry.—Hickman Hoop Co.

The Republicans will have ten members in the next State Senate, having elected nine Senators this month to join their single holdover member, Senator Robert Antle, of Jamestown. The Republicans elected Senators in the Seventeenth, Twentieth, Twenty-third, Thirty-first, Thirty-third and Thirty-fifth districts. The Democrats, with twenty-eight members, will be an overwhelming majority in the upper branch at the coming session.

A man never has a very hard time thinking up some good excuse for staying away from church.