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## ANOTHER BUILDING OCCUPIED

### Hix Brothers Have Commodious Quarters at Twelfth and Main.

### TWO STORE ROOMS

Handsome Offices On the Second Floor—News Office in Basement—Old Commercial Hotel Site.

Visitors coming to Lexington after an absence of six months or a year will be surprised and pleased to see a beautiful two story business building, built of Lexington Press Brick, standing on the site of the old Commercial hotel, which burned several years ago and whose neglected foundation marked an ugly spot in Lexington's business district. The corner on which the old hotel stood is one of the best locations in the city, but nevertheless the lot was not purchased by anyone with definite plans for its use until recently when Hix Brothers bought the site for the new building which has just been completed. The Hix Bros. firm has been in the dry goods business but a few months. Yet it has made a record for progress in that line of business. The firm started with the stock of the bankrupt Palace Mercantile company in the room now occupied by Kriehn & Wilker. After several months' stay at this stand during which the company enjoyed a lucrative trade, the stock was moved to new quarters in the Kriehn building. It was at this time that Hix Bros. decided to build and now they are housed in their modern and beautiful location.

Hix Bros. occupy the corner room in the new building, the second room being rented by the new firm of Barron and Sheets. The latter firm is composed of Charles Barron and Roscoe Sheets. Messrs. Barron and Sheets handle confections, tobacco etc. In addition to this they are prepared to serve meals. The store furniture is fixed up beautifully, everything is new and up-to-date, all of the fixtures being made in Lexington by Winkler company, and the store on the whole is a decided credit both to the enterprise and progressiveness of the owners and to the city.

The second floor has been fitted up elegantly and the rooms will be rented for offices. Miss Alice Spencer has secured a suite for her studio. Dr. Claude Johnson will have his dental parlors and Dr. Payne his offices in this building.

The basement will be occupied by the office and plant of the Lexington News. This is an excellent and commodious home for the News and will undoubtedly be a great improvement over its old quarters.

### Judge Smith Dead.

After a protracted illness Judge Joseph F. Smith died Tuesday night at 9:30 from old age and general debility. He was in his eighty third year.

Judge Smith was a pioneer of this city and for many years was one of its most prominent citizens. At one time he was a director of the Commercial bank and he served for several years as a county judge. He was a prominent member of the local Episcopal church and took an active part in religious work.

During his entire life, Judge Smith bore the respect and esteem of his acquaintances and his reputation for honor and integrity was high.

During the last part of his life Mr. Smith has lived at his home on East Main street. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Price had care of his house and during his last illness attended him faithfully. His wife died many years ago. His brother, Coleman Smith of Butler, arrived Tuesday night to attend the funeral. His niece, Mrs. Anna Trigg of Kansas City, had been here for several days.

The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Episcopal church. Interment in Macphelah.

Mrs. Harry Blodgett who has been visiting relatives in this city for the past few weeks, returned to her home in Kansas City Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Robert Taubman went to Kansas City yesterday for a few days' visit.

### Death of J. R. Davis.

J. R. Davis died at the home of his son, Dent, Brush, Colorado, Feb. 20th, of paralysis. He leaves a wife and four children as follows: Dent, of Brush, Col., William, of Scotts Bluff, Neb., Floyd, of Percy, Ill., and Julia, of this city. One daughter, Mrs. Louis Eckle preceded him to the grave about four months ago. Mr. Davis is also survived by three sisters and one brother—Miss Lucy P. Davis, Mrs. Mary E. Hays and Miss G. A. Davis all of Kansas City, and E. M. Davis of Lexington.

Mr. Davis was born in Virginia and moved to this county when but a little boy and always lived here up to the time he moved to Col. He was 62 years of age.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. T. M. Cobb, from the residence of his brother, E. M. Davis, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

### Death of an Old Resident.

Died Wednesday morning of heart disease at his home in West Lexington, Isaac Talbot, aged 85 years. Mr. Talbot was a Civil War veteran and had been an inmate of the soldiers' home at Ft. Leavenworth for several years. He returned to Lexington a few days ago. Four sons: Ike, Joe, Ed and John; two brothers, Nathan Talbot of Orrick, Mo., and Butler Talbot of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Kate Thomas, of Higginsville survive him.

The funeral was held from Winkler's undertaking rooms Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## COURT ADJOURNED

### There Was Not a Single Jury Trial During the February Term.

The Criminal court adjourned Tuesday after a most prosaic session. There was not a single jury trial, so that all the petit jurors had to do was the claiming of attendance fees. During this session of the court there were a good many pleas of guilty, a lot of continuances and extensions of paroles.

Tuesday the prosecuting attorney filed information against Matt Boldridge for perjury. The trial was set for June 29. Warrants were ordered issued for S. R. Smith and Bud Banks, charged assault with intent to kill.

Jesse McCue entered a plea of guilty to attempting to vote illegally. He was fined one dollar and costs.

The prosecuting attorney filed information against Charles Amor for forgery. A plea of guilty in the third degree was entered and sentence for two years was pronounced.

Arthur McCurdy entered a plea of not guilty to burglary and larceny, and the case was set for June 22.

The three cases against Mrs. Minnie Dreyer were continued until June 22.

The cases against W. A. Caulfield, Clayton Haggard, R. S. Riggs, Chas. Mills, S. P. Kelley, Mike Hughes, Ed Hughes and Fred Bowers were continued until the June term.

Ben Scott was sentenced for three years in the penitentiary.

### Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to:

J. Edwards Boyd.....Odessa  
Marie Stewart.....Odessa  
W. H. Ratliff.....Higginsville  
Mittie White.....Roanoke, Illinois  
Earl E. Neece.....Mayview  
Eddie May Witty.....Higginsville  
Claude McClure.....Hodge  
Addie Osa.....Corder  
Fred M. Seba.....Benton, Mo.  
Emma W. Meinershagen.....Higginsville

Mrs. William Hoge and son, Kenneth, visited in Kansas Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Poage went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.

A. Lumberg was in Kansas City Wednesday on business.

Oscar Andreen has returned from Kansas City.

Frank Harrison and Otto Stalling went to Marshall Wednesday for a brief stay.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hix and daughter, Miss Blanche, spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

The Wentworth basketball team was defeated at Warrensburg Tuesday by the score of 52 to 16.

Mrs. William Spurlock and her three children went to Amsterdam, Bates county, Mo., to join her husband who is now located there.

### MAYVIEW NOTES.

James Blevens went to Higginsville Wednesday on business.

Jack Wells came in from Utah this week to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wells.

A. J. Johnson, the jeweler of Odessa, was here last Thursday on business.

Robbie Lankford has rented the farm known as the Seawell farm for the coming season and will take possession March 1st.

Jo Powell of Odessa spent last Friday here on business.

T. D. Williamson transacted business with the Probate Court last Monday.

Hugh Smith returned from his western trip last Saturday. He was much pleased with what he seen.

John Haner and family left last Tuesday for Salline county, where he will live in the future.

Dan Herr mixed with the people of Higginsville last Saturday.

J. C. Calfee and wife with Miss Ada Browing spent last Sunday in Kansas City.

Miss Meta Wohlbecker of Higginsville was the guest of Miss Nettie Heidbrink last week.

Mr. Heffer of Corder spent last Sunday here enjoying the companionship of friends.

The Bell and Home Telephone companies have a lot of men here fixing up the line damages caused by the recent ice and storm.

Miss Savilla Williamson was the guest of Miss Mabelle Green last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Janis Sherwood visited with Miss Viola Puckett last Sunday evening.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church netted \$12.81 with their supper last Saturday evening.

Fred Sanders left for Lexington last Monday. He was on the regular jury panel.

Thos. Sanders was in Kansas City last Monday on business.

Mrs. Mary Dobson of Higginsville is visiting her sister, Mrs. Anna M. Jones, this week.

Thos. Staley of Odessa was down to see his mother last Wednesday.

Elder Morrison, pastor of the Higginsville Christian church, gave a stereopticon talk here last Monday night. His scenes were good. His "Ninety and Nine" was fine. The night being dark and the road about impassible, his crowd was not large. We would be pleased if he would do the act again when the roads are better.

### A Correction.

Owing to an error in the record it was announced last week that the cases in the Criminal court against J. G. Worthington were dismissed at cost of the defendant. They were dismissed at the cost of the state.

### Methodist Church.

Rev. O. M. Rickman has pronounced a series of Lenten revival services to be held at the Methodist church beginning March 21st. Mr. Rickman will be assisted in the meeting by Rev. Marvin T. Haw of Jackson, Mo.

### Episcopal Church.

There will be a services at the Episcopal church Sunday, February 28, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Bishop Atwill will conduct the morning service.

E. N. Hopkins visited in Kansas City yesterday.

Ed Aull spent yesterday in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer spent yesterday in Kansas City.

Ben Steele went to Kansas City Thursday evening for a brief stay.

E. M. Taubman and his two sons, Edward and Robert, went to Kansas City Thursday evening for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Schaefermeyer returned yesterday from St. Louis where they were called recently by the death of their son-in-law, H. W. Wessendorf.

Miss Laura Davis and Mrs. Mollie Hays returned to Kansas City Tuesday evening after attending the funeral of their brother, Robt. Davis.

Judge J. E. Burden was in Kansas City Wednesday.

O. W. Wilcoxon went to Kansas City Wednesday on business.

Rev. George Gibson returned from Kansas City Tuesday evening.

### CORDER ITEMS.

Edd Highley of Sweet Springs transacted business here Monday.

Miss Virginia Steele spent the past week in the country with the family of Robert Corder.

Miss Hazel Beattie was in Corder visiting her friend Miss Helen Greves.

Joe Jones was in Blackburn last Saturday.

Miss Mary Barley of Central college of Lexington is visiting her parents north of town.

Miss Eva O'Mally spent Saturday and Sunday in the country with J. D. Zentmeyer.

A fine entertainment was given at the Christian church last Saturday night by Rev. Morrison of Higginsville, on the Philippine Islands. The program was opened by an illustrated song after which pictures taken from the Philippines were shown. Rev. Morrison explained each picture and after about an hour's entertainment the program was closed by an illustrated song, after which the congregation was dismissed. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Charley Layne left for Kansas City Tuesday where he will visit for a few weeks.

A home talent play which is to be given February 28, is "A Scrap of Paper." Admission 50 cents. Seats on sale at Benton's Drug Store.

Willie See's sale last Saturday proved a success.

E. S. Willis will have a public sale on next Tuesday, March 2, after which he will move to town while he looks up a location.

Willie Lieser was in Higginsville Monday.

Prof. W. H. Hughes transacted business in Higginsville Saturday.

Mrs. W. D. Hall of Kansas returned home Saturday afternoon after a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Everett Bassett.

Forest Wright and family spent Sunday in Blackburn with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright.

Col. Logsdon helped Col. Hitt with the sale of W. H. Dean. A large crowd was present and the proceeds amount to about \$2,000.

Walter Schulz and Denver Neimier walked to Alma Sunday evening and returned on the mail.

The Telephone Co. began to mend the wires broken by the storm this week. About all wires running east were broken and a long task remains to be done.

The indictments laid against S. P. Kelly and Hughes were compromised by forcing the closing of the Club house.

Berry See and son were in Higginsville Monday.

Steve Kelley spent Sunday in Blackburn.

Wm. Nieman was in Alma Tuesday.

Taylor Alcar returned from St. Louis Saturday.

A fine program was rendered at the high school auditorium last Monday in honor of the one-hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. After the program had been given Rev. Squires and Rev. Bowman made a talk and Miss Kena Kidd read for the crowd. The pupils of four rooms were present besides a large number of visitors. This was the first program given in the new auditorium and of course the pupils could have done better if only a small crowd had been present. The hall is much larger than the ordinary program room which added to the embarrassment of the children.

Walter Keating went to Kansas City Thursday evening to visit relatives for a few days.

Mrs. George Gaffin and daughter, Gladys, went to Kansas City yesterday morning for a brief visit.

John Price and James Cheatham went to Kansas City Thursday evening to near Gipsy Smith.

Mrs. Sam Walker of near Higginsville arrived Thursday evening for a visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Gus Weber and Mrs. J. A. Howes went to Kansas City yesterday morning for a short stay.

Mrs. Richard Field, Mrs. E. C. Gordon, Mrs. John Eggleston and Mrs. Young Ewing went to Kansas City yesterday to attend a Gipsy Smith meeting.

Prof. J. M. Patterson returned yesterday from Chicago where he has been attending the meeting of the Department of Supts. of the N. E. A.

John Worthington went to Higginsville Thursday for a short stay.

### Graduating Recital.

The first graduating recital of the year was given in Murrell auditorium, Central college, Thursday evening by Miss Marie Youngs of the piano department and Miss Nettie Marie Marvin of the school of expression. This year there are so many candidates for graduation in the music and expression departments at Central that it was deemed advisable to dispense with the old requirement of a recital unassisted and allow two pupils to give a joint program. If one may judge from the reception which the entertainment of Thursday evening received, the new arrangement is altogether acceptable to the public. The monotony of work by a single person is eliminated and a program of pleasing variety is the result. There was no doubt that either of the young ladies who appeared at this first recital could have given an entire program.

Miss Youngs has appeared frequently at Central recitals in previous years and is a pianiste of known ability. Her work bears every evidence of thorough study and musical understanding. Her first number consisted of the Allegro and Scherzo movements of Beethoven's Sonata, Opus 31, Number 3. She executed these movements with ease and grace, with clean attack and lack of trepidation.

Mr. King, her teacher, relied upon the Missouri Pacific to bring him from Kansas City on time and hence was absent. So Miss Youngs was deprived of the encouragement of her teacher's presence. Yet she showed not the slightest trace of embarrassment or uncertainty.

On her second appearance she played Grieg's "To Spring" and Schumann's "Whims." Her third number was a Perpetual Movement by Weber. The audience tried repeatedly to get an encore, but Miss Youngs only bowed in response.

Miss Marvin is a reader of great capabilities. Her stage presence is attractive, her voice full and clear and her enunciation exact. She had no difficulty whatsoever in holding the closest attention of the entire audience. Her first selection—"A Scrap of College Life" by A. W. Drumgoole—was a tragic narrative, read in a most convincing manner.

Her second was a double number—Corday by Aldrich and Evelyn Hope by Browning. On her third appearance she was at her best in two scenes from Sheridan's "School for Scandal." The scenes both depicted Lady Teazle and Sir Peter quarreling and Miss Marvin's interpretation of the dialogue was delightful. The audience tried in vain to force an encore.

The recital was in all ways a success and reflected great credit upon Mr. King and Mrs. Alexander, the teachers of the young ladies.

### Jayhawkers Coming.

The Wentworth basketball team will close a most successful season this evening when they will take on for the last game the Kansas University freshmen team. This team is doped up to be one of the toughest aggregations among the younger lights in the West. The freshmen have mopped up with several classy teams of the Kansas City Central High type; but nevertheless Wentworth, who has also done some mopping up this season, will make an extra strong bid to give the Kansans a warm reception. The two defeats administered by Warrensburg are the only games the soldiers have lost and in those two mix-ups Wentworth was traveling in a foreign class. This on the whole has been a most successful season for those in the Wentworth camp and their helms are decorated with several scalps of worthy opponents. Such teams as the Kansas City Midgets, who are at present leading the Kansas City league, and the Independence league team are no easy propositions but Wentworth came out winner in both of these battles. And the way they cleaned poor old Kemper is still a source of regret to the team that they should be guilty of jumping on anything so easy. This game will be a corker and should draw a goodly crowd.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Hyde went to Kansas City Thursday to hear Gipsy Smith.

W. G. Eggleston returned to Slater Thursday morning.

Geo. Cohrs returned to Kansas City Thursday morning.

Dr. J. L. and L. G. Peak spent Thursday in Kansas City.

## ARE NOW ON THE LAST LAP

### The City Part of the Intelligencer Piano Contest Closes Saturday.

### RESULT PROBLEMATIC

Candidates Are About Even and the Work of the Coming Week Will Decide the Winner—County Contest Close.

The last stages of the INTELLIGENCER piano contest have been reached as far as the city contestants are concerned, and the two young ladies—Miss Grace Honor Goodloe and Miss Elizabeth Graves—who are striving for the possession of the piano for the young lady from Lexington who turns in the most votes by 6 p. m. next Saturday are preparing to head every energy during the coming week.

These two young ladies have both done creditable work throughout the contest and now stand almost even. The work of the coming week, therefore, will be all important as it will decide the winner of the fine Smith and Barnes piano. The friends of these two contestants are helping them out considerably and are expected to show their loyalty next week. The voting during the week will in large measure be secret and so nobody will know just how the contestants until the judges have made their final count.

In the county the contest progresses in lively see-saw fashion. Last week Miss Bardet of Wellington led by a slight margin and this week Miss Martin of Higginsville has again passed her. If the weather continues favorable the closing date of the county contest will be announced very soon.

The exact method of closing the city contest will be announced in next week's issue, which will come the morning of the last day of the struggle.

### Gustave Pirner Passes Away.

Gustave Pirner, an old and highly respected German citizen of this city, died yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock at his home on North 11th street after a protracted illness. Mr. Pirner had been practically an invalid for the past year, but his condition was not considered dangerous until about four days ago.

Gustave Pirner was one of the pioneer citizens of Lexington. He was born in Germany in 1831, but crossed over to this country when but a young man. He had lived in Lexington many years. Mr. Pirner was a carpenter and pattern maker by trade and enjoyed a good business until ill health forced him to retire. He is survived by his wife, who is a sister of Mrs. Weber, and five children as follows: Misses Emma and Fannie and Mrs. L. B. Bullard of this city, Otto Pirner of California and Miss Meta Pirner of Kansas City.

The arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

### Another Wreck.

There was another wreck on the river route Thursday afternoon. A freight was derailed between Hodge and Waverly. So the passenger at night had to back up to Boonville, go over the Katy tracks to Sedalia and proceed to Kansas City.

Dr. G. W. Bates went to Waterloo Thursday morning on business.

Miss Leonora Gordon returned Wednesday evening from a brief stay in Kansas City.

Misses Nell Shottliff and Roxie Cumm returned Thursday from a trip to Chicago and St. Louis.

Mrs. B. H. Ireland, Mrs. A. J. Chalkley and Miss Mary Henry spent Thursday in Kansas City.

It was reported Wednesday that the Post Office had been held up and robbed of \$100. It is unknown who started the report.

Miss Vera Dell Hurt returned to her home in Lawson Wednesday afternoon, after a visit with Misses Mayme and Bess Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hawkins left Thursday for their home in Mangum, Okla., after a visit with Mrs. Hawkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Upton Wilson.