

Hopkinsville Kentuckian.

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HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY.

A live and growing city of 8,500 inhabitants, situated in a county of 40,000. The Louisville and Nashville has two lines of railroad in the county and the people have recently voted aid to new roads. Largest tobacco growing county in the world. Wheat, corn, hay, coal, live stock and fruits produced for export in large quantities. The city has four banks with an aggregate capital of \$1,000,000. A planing mill and wagon factory, three carriage factories, lime factory, tobacco manufactory, two foundries, three brickyards, iron factory, steam laundry, ice factory, two large flouring mills in the city and several in the county. Splendid driving park and fine opera house. Five turnpikes centering in Hopkinsville. Building and Loan Association, Commercial Club, a telephone exchange, numerous streets and houses and city lighted by gas. Macadamized streets and brick sidewalks all over the city. Electric chairs, two colleges, a high school and the finest system of public schools, white and colored, in the State. Western Kentucky Lunatic Asylum with a population of 600, two miles east of the city. A \$100,000 court house with town clock in the dome. A fine fire department and a company of State Guards. Little River furnishes an abundant supply of water for all purposes. Heat, steam and rents cheap. Fine opening for woolen mill, pork packing establishment, fruit cannery, lard and many other enterprises. Climate so mild and invigorating and exceedingly healthful.

Perhaps President Hamner, of Switzerland, could give Gen. Harrison some points about cabinet-making.

A washboard trust has been formed but trust on another kind of board would get closer to the hearts of the vox populi.

The Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad has been mortgaged to the Central Mortgage Company, of New York, for \$3,000,000.

The House passed the "Omibus Bill" Friday, providing for the admission of five new States. It will now go to the Senate.

Senator Blair's "Sunday Rest Bill," is one of considerable importance, but what the country really wants to be given is a rest on cabinet speculations.

A thousand cigar-makers have struck at New York on account of a cut in their wages, made a year and a half ago. The leaders must "draw" better than their wares, to get so many to follow them.

You had better examine any old trunk you have about the house. \$100,000 in greenbacks and bonds was found in an old trunk at New Orleans the other day, which had been the property of a miser.

The Clarksville Chronicle has enlarged to seven columns and the Progress promises to do likewise in a few days. These two sprightly dailies are just now engaged in the foolish undertaking of cutting and slashing at each other's vital organs, and what may result in the annihilation of both of them.

What does the Hon. Jim McKeezie want and when is he going to ask for it? Kentucky would like to do something handsome for him, but he must do the selecting.—Louisville Commercial.

Perhaps at the proper time he will make his wants known, whatever they may be.

The editor of the Frankfort Capital is publishing a series of answers by prominent persons to the question: "What is the best thing you ever read." As our question has not come to hand, it has probably been lost in the mails. However, we do not remember to have ever read anything that made a better impression on us than the simple inscription: "Dear Sir—Enclosed find \$2.00, for which please send me the Kentuckian for another year."

The merchants are all pleased with the business outlook and satisfied with the season's business. Hopkinsville has never done such a winter trade before, although the weather has been unusually mild for winter goods. One firm that brought on 900 overcoats has sold over 800 of them, and nearly all merchants who have advertised their goods have had good trade. Times are getting decidedly better and 1889 is going to be a prosperous year all round if the signs are not misleading. Just be a little patient, the boom is coming.

The Hurricane precinct of Crittenden county had an election on the 16th on a proposition to vote \$10,000 to the capital stock of the Princeton, Marion & Ohio River Railroad. It was one of the closest and most hotly contested elections ever held in the Purchase, and resulted in a victory for the railroad then by 3 majority. The road is part of the Cairo short line system. It will be controlled by that road when built. The scheme is to connect with the O. V., at Princeton, giving St. Louis and Cairo an air line route to the Southern cities.

A Railroad Man at Pembroke.

A correspondent at Pembroke, Ky., contributes a very readable article to the Clarksville Progress of the 18th inst. over the signature of "Pembroke." It is hard to tell exactly where to class "Pembroke" as a writer. He seems to be a cross between a humorist and a boomer. He appears to be an ardent railroad man and shows a lively interest in the matter of building up Clarksville at the expense of his own home interests. Here is the way he begins:

"The Cairo & Cumberland Gap railroad is in course of construction, commencing at Cairo, on the Mississippi, connecting with north, south, east and west roads at that point, coming up the Tennessee and Cumberland river valley, tapping coal and iron fields to Hopkinsville, Ky. Christian county has subscribed \$200,000 to that enterprise. It remains for Clarksville, by proper encouragement, to direct that road back to the Cumberland river valley. The road will come up the Russellville road five miles, and can then cross to Pembroke, which with its three large steameries and one large factory for chewing and smoking tobacco, and two flouring mills can easily be induced to give \$25,000 to get the road to cross the L. & N. There the road then goes down the rich valley of West Fork to Clarksville, up East Cumberland valley to Ashland City and Nashville, thence up the Cumberland valley to Cumberland Gap."

Growing more eloquent as he proceeds he declares:

"Clarksville should with this road, be the rival of Louisville in the tobacco trade, and should ultimately control all tobacco known as Clarksville's and raised from the mouth of the Cumberland to its source. This road if directed to Clarksville should double its population and manufacturing facilities in ten years."

Then he turns with mingled alarm and hope to another phase of the subject:

"It will break up all railroad monopolies, giving her independent connection at Nashville with the south and east and at Cairo with north and west road tapping every north and south road from Mississippi to the blue ridge. With this road it will tap all the coal, iron, lumber and agricultural products of the Cumberland valley. It is now at the mercy of the L. & N. road. . . . If this road keeps in the Kentucky counties, Clarksville will be irretrievably injured."

"Pembroke" fails to remember that these advantages have already been contracted for and in the following paragraph proposes to deliver his own people into the hands of the Philistines:

"Hopkinsville sees the point and made in the contract with the O. V. road that it shall not go to Clarksville. The same contract does not exist in the other road. Pembroke stands ready to contribute enough to turn the road to Clarksville if Clarksville will put forth her hand."

"Her schools will be doubled by the increase of population. This road will add 20 per cent. to real estate in five years. It will double its population in ten years. It will double its schools, its commerce, its wholesale and retail trade and give it control of the tobacco trade, which it has held heretofore against heavy odds, or will build up a large wholesale trade for Clarksville."

"Then summoning all his eloquence "Pembroke" closes with this impassioned appeal:

"Will you not call a meeting of the citizens and appoint a committee to report on this project. Hopkinsville gave 1,800 majority to the county vote for a subsidy for \$200,000. Clarksville has but to put forth her hand and reap the benefit of this liberal donation at Hopkinsville. Clarksville will have independent connection through the O. V. with Evansville up the Ohio. She will have all the communication needed and will be a railroad center, with a strong east and west road crossing and north and south road there, with her improving river connection, always controlling rates. What says Clarksville? It is now or never. Sink or swim. Live or die."

The last paragraph is especially good and further comment is unnecessary.

A number of enterprising citizens of Owensboro are preparing to organize a building and loan association, Hopkinsville, which generally leads all other western Kentucky towns in the way of progress, has had an association of this kind for a number of years and it has been not only a profitable investment, but a blessing to scores of poor men who have paid for nice and comfortable homes with monthly payments that formerly went for rent. Under the plan operated here, it takes about five and a half years for a poor man to pay for his home and be free from rent the balance of his days. No one thing save our superior public schools has done more to bring Hopkinsville to the front than our well conducted building and loan association.

KENTUCKY KNOWLEDGE.

At Monroe, a village near Horse Cave, Ky., Richard Hicks, aged 22, shot and killed himself. He had quarreled with his sweetheart.

Tom Cannon took 30 emigrants from Henderson to Sheffield, Ala. last week.

B. F. Guthrie was elected to succeed Alderman H. C. Merrill, deceased, in Louisville.

Jonas Gray, of Hardin County, dropped dead of heart disease.

Mayfield wants a Commercial Club.

A ten-year-old boy has made his debut as a burglar at Mayfield.

John Shepherd, of Meade county has been arrested for stealing registered letters from the Carnwell post-office.

Chas. E. Washburn, a brakeman, was killed by the cars at Louisville.

W. M. Kizer was shot and mortally wounded from ambush in Rowan county. John Weskit was arrested on suspicion.

We'll Be There. Speaking of the coming meeting of the K. P. A. next June, the Owensboro Messenger says:

"A program will be announced in a few weeks by the executive committee of the Press Association. It will probably cover, with the entertainment contemplated here, a stay of three days in Owensboro. The first two days will be devoted to the business of the Association, and on the evening of the second day a banquet and ball as usual. On the third day a river excursion on one of our fine packet boats is contemplated, and finally Col. Park is anxious to take the editors and the ladies accompanying them to Mammoth Cave. An official announcement will possibly be something slightly different from this, but a fair idea of the plan of entertainment contemplated is given here."

ANTIOCH ITEMS.

ANTIOCH, Ky., Jan. 19.—If you will allow the space in your most valuable paper, I will endeavor to give a few notes from this point.

The farmers are busy farming, stripping tobacco, plowing and burning plant beds. Mr. James Yancey has burned one with sixty yards in it. James Wilkins has one with three hundred yards in it.

Miss Sue Wilkins, of your city, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. T. Yancey of this week.

Misses Ora Barrow, Mary Debow and Tina Debow attended a party at the residence of Mr. Shepard on the Clarksville road last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cox spent Sunday with Mr. William Davis of the Concord neighborhood.

Mr. Richard Yancey spent Saturday night with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Yancey, at their home here.

News reached this neighborhood this week that Mrs. Tilman was dead. Several of her relatives attended the funeral at Goshen church near Fairview. The bereaved family have our sympathy.

I will close this time by saying I will write again. RICHIE.

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