

Editorial Comment

After all Gen. Hancock was right in 1880 when he was ridiculed for saying the tariff was a local question. The Louisiana Democrats are demanding a tariff on sugar, the Western Democrats on wool and so on down the line, every section wanting its favorite commodity protected and all others made free in the proposed revision.

The wholesale sowing of plant beds in Henderson county by night riders continues and about 100 beds have been destroyed by sowing them with grass seed. A reward of \$1000 has been offered for the apprehension of the guilty parties by J. S. Taylor of the Henderson County Tobacco Association.

Fredrick Kirchner and Miss Linda Land, after an acquaintance of two weeks, were married in the surf at Palm Beach, clad in their bathing suits.

L. W. Baldwin will succeed A. H. Egan as superintendent of the Kentucky division of the I. C. Railroad.

Financial experts estimate that after all J. Pierpont Morgan left an estate of only a measly \$50,000,000.

The London Daily Mail offers a prize of \$50,000 for the first aeroplane to cross the Atlantic.

Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner celebrated his 90th birthday on April 1.

Schoolmaster Wilson has turned over a new Page.

HOLE CUT

Into The New Bitulithic Street By Sewerage Company.

The first opening was made in the new bitulithic street yesterday in the Hooser property on Main street by the Hopkinsville Sewerage Co. A strip about 18 inches wide was cut out from the curb line to a point near the center of the street in order to make a connection that was not made last fall. The opening is made at the expense of the Sewer Company and under the five years guaranty the Southern Bitulithic Co., will have the opening repaired and put back as it was before. The opening of the street was a very difficult matter, as the four-inch topping was as hard as a rock and its enduring character was fully demonstrated. Many protests by citizens were heard against cutting into the street, but the Sewerage Company has a right under its franchise to make the connection but it will be an expensive proposition for it. It is likely that the Council will pass an ordinance requiring a cash deposit to be made for any future openings in the permanent streets.

NEW OFFICERS

Installed By Hopkinsville Elks Lodge Tuesday Night.

The new officers of Hopkinsville Lodge No. 545 B. P. O. E. were installed Tuesday night as follows: Hiram E. Brown, Exalted Ruler. H. W. Linton, Esteemed Leading Knight. T. L. Morrow, Esteemed Loyal Knight. Vigo Barnes, Esteemed Lecturing Knight.

T. C. Underwood, Secretary. Bailey Russell, Treasurer. A. C. Overshiner, Tiler. Odie Davis, Trustee, long term. Joseph Slaughter was named as Esquire by Exalted Ruler Brown.

Municipal Ownership.

I am in favor and do not suppose there is a candidate for Councilman in the city of Hopkinsville who does not favor submitting to the people the question of municipal ownership of the light and sewerage systems. S. G. BUCKNER.

Advertisement.
Visit Yellowstone Park tonight, free, Metcalfe's Avalon, 8:00 p. m., under auspices of the H. B. M. A.

CREST OF THE FLOOD

Is Reached at Cincinnati And Louisville.--Other Cities In Danger.

FALL WILL BE VERY SLOW.

Lower Ohio Valley And Mississippi Valley Now The Danger Zone.

Louisville, Ky., April 2.—As the water recedes from the upper Ohio and the cities of that section are relieved, the Southern and Western river communities are facing a desperate situation. The levee at Shawneetown, Ill., was cut below the town Tuesday afternoon to save greater damage if it broke. The drainage district levee at Caro, broke during the afternoon and all of the workmen were engaged on the main levee of the town to prevent its going out. At Hickman the water stood eighteen inches above the top of the levee, held in only by a thin board and sand wall.

The following special bulletin was issued from the Weather Bureau at 9 o'clock last night:

"The river is falling as far down as Maysville at the rate of one-half of one-tenth of a foot an hour. It has been stationary at Cincinnati all day—reaching a stage crest of 69.8 feet. It was reported stationary also at Madison. The crest will be reached at Louisville by morning, will remain nearly stationary for about twenty-four hours and then begin to fall slowly. The decline will be very slow during the next three or four days.

"F. J. WALZ,
"Professor of Meteorology."

Dayton is planning to ask the Federal Government to loan that city \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 for reconstruction purposes. The damage done by the flood was yesterday estimated at \$150,000,000.

Secretary of War Garrison yesterday, on his way to Washington, notified the Governors of ten flood States of the Government's readiness to aid them if emergencies arise.

LECTURE TONIGHT

Yellowstone Park to Be Seen In Moving Pictures and Graphically Described.

William B. Leffingwell, one of the foremost lecturers of the country, as well as a noted traveler, will lecture at The Avalon tonight. He comes under the auspices of the H. B. M. A., the lecture is free, everybody is invited and there ought to be a crowded house. There is a treat in store for those who have never seen the most beautiful natural park in the world and would like to learn something about it. From what the papers say where Mr. Leffingwell has lectured, the moving pictures might be cut out and still the lecture would be well worth everybody going out to hear. Lecture begins at 8 o'clock.

NEW LAWYER

T. F. Callard Admitted to Local Bar Tuesday.

T. F. Callard was added to the list of the Hopkinsville Attorneys yesterday morning, making a total of 44 lawyers.

Mr. Callard was examined Monday at Elkton by Judge Sandridge and Attorneys Benjamin Petrie and S. Walton Forgy. He answered all questions highly satisfactorily to the examiners and presented himself before Judge Hanbery and was admitted to the practice of law in Christian county.

THE DEAD FINANCIER

Something of J. Pierpont Morgan, The New York Money King.

John Pierpont Morgan started his business career half a century ago on the board of directors of a large maritime insurance company. He secured the position through the influence of his wealthy father. For a year young Morgan attended the directors' meetings, but never opened his mouth except to vote.

The president of the company told the elder Morgan that nothing could be done with his son, who seemed to take little interest in business. John Pierpont, however, all the time was laying his plans for his first railroad consolidation, which when accomplished, established his standing in Wall street as the only man who ever got the better of Jay Gould.

The president of the insurance company had mistaken taciturnity for indolence. The sobriquet of "Sphinx of Wall Street" later was applied to the man who at first was believed to have been without business acumen, but in time became the supreme head of the finances of the American continent.

Morgan's control over men and money was the dominate keynote of his life.

Others, perhaps, were wealthier than Morgan, but he commanded his wealth and that of others.

At the height of his power he is said to have controlled \$9,000,000,000.

In addition to finance, art, literature, philanthropy and sport came under his influence. His prestige was not confined to his own country—kings and emperors and even the Pope were wont to call him into consultation.

Mr. Morgan came from an old Puritan New England family which dates back in this country to 1636. He was born in wealth. His father, Junius Spencer Morgan, left him \$10,000,000, and also young Morgan inherited important banking connections. J. S. Morgan had accumulated his fortune in the dry goods business with Levi P. Morton and later as an associate of George Peabody, merchant, banker and philanthropist.

J. Pierpont Morgan was born April 17, 1833, in a modest, red brick cottage in Hartford, Conn. As a youngster he tended to write poetry gave him the nickname of "Pip." When he was 14 Morgan was sent to Boston to the English High School. He showed a particular bent for mathematics, but had no gifts indicative of unusual mental power.

Despite a life of strenuous endeavor Mr. Morgan found time for other things. He gave away millions in charity, but nothing perturbed him more than to have it mentioned to him. He was a devout Christian and vestryman of St. George's Episcopal church, where he could be seen every Sunday morning when at home passing the silver salver for the collection.

It is impossible to estimate with any degree of accuracy the size of the Morgan fortune. It has been variously estimated in recent years at from \$75,000,000 to \$200,000,000. If it is anywhere near the latter figure, it is equally true that Mr. Morgan made as much for others.

In 1861 Mr. Morgan married Miss Amelia Sturges, who died the following year. In 1865 he married Frances Louise Tracey, by whom he had one son and three daughters. The son, J. P. Morgan, Jr., is now a man of middle age, and a number of years has been the active head of the Morgan banking house in New York.

THE ATHENAEUM

Will Elect Its Annual Officers This Evening.

The Athenaeum will hold its April meeting tonight at Hotel Latham. On the program are Col. Jouett Henry and John Stites. They have not announced the subjects of their papers. The meeting is an important one as it is the time for the election of officers and the announcement of the program for the May Banquet.

NEW ARMORY FOR SOLDIERS

Handsome New Quarters Turned Over to Co. D. Monday Night.

MUSIC, SPEECHES, DRILL, BALL

County and City Think Nothing is too Good For the Soldiers.

Last Monday night was a gala time for the officers and members of Co. D, Kentucky State Guard. The new armory was formally taken possession of by the soldiery, without the firing of a gun or a bayonet charge, or a charge of any kind. Everything was free and everybody who could get into the building was there, large numbers having to return home for want of room.

The Third Regiment Band was there and opened up the program with a thrilling selection rendered in the usual perfect manner of the best military band of the South. Col. Heary made a happy address of welcome and Mayor Meacham followed with a tribute to the company's past and present. Hon John C. Duffy followed him in a speech in which he recalled the many good things that have come to the people in the past few years—two parks from the late John C. Latham, a Carnegie library, and a memorial hospital from Dr. Stuart. The next thing he is looking for is a big Y. M. C. A. building. But while we are receiving so much in the way of gifts the people are stirred up to the point of doing more for themselves.

After a violin solo by Prof. Fiedler, of Evansville, the competitive drill took place. The judges were: Col. Heary, Col. Bassett, Majors Tandy and Nelson, Adjutant Winfree and Lieutenants Smith and Cliborn. The contestants were put through the manual by Capt. E. W. Clark, who has given many years to the work of having the best drilled company in Kentucky, and with the assistance of his lieutenants, Smith and Cliborn, he has about succeeded. The drill was entered into with earnestness by the soldier boys, but one by one they dropped out until it narrowed down to Frank Logan and Harry Tappan. These two young men stood the work well, each alert all the time to catch the words of command until Tappan made a break and Logan won the medal.

Prof. Fiedler then gave a solo, the band played and the crowd dispersed excepting those who remained for the dance.

The new armory is all that the soldier boys could ask and they appreciate what the county and city have done for them.

NEW TAR PRODUCT

Is On Trial On a Section of Virginia Street.

A preparation of coal tar, a refuse product from the gas plant of the Kentucky Public Service Co., has been tried as an experiment on Virginia street from Fourteenth to Sixteenth streets. The street has been swept and oiled and the tar will be compared in its results with the oil heretofore used. The citizens are beginning to clamor for oil on the streets, as the dust is unbearable. The council is letting the dust problem help the people make up their minds whether they want oil or water this season. The streets will be oiled only at the expense of property owners who order the oil in advance. Sprinkling will be done by private contracts or with lawn hose as property owners prefer.

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POSTAL CLERK ARRESTED

I. G. Mason, of Adairville, Is Charged With Tampering With Mail.

Russellville, Ky., March 31.—I. G. Mason, who is chief clerk in the post-office at Adairville, this county, and who is the husband of Mrs. Mason, postmistress at that point, was arrested Saturday by Deputy United States Marshall Wise charged with tampering with the mail. Mason has been prominent in local Republican politics for some years and at one time was Democratic Sheriff of Logan county.

He was brought to Russellville and taken before United States Commissioner George S. Hardy. He waived examination and was put under \$500 bond to answer before Federal Court at Owensboro in May. Mason was licensed to practice law about two years ago. Post-office Inspectors Milliken and Culman have been working on the case since the first of March and through means of a large number of decoy letters the alleged evidence was secured. Mrs. Mason continues as postmistress, but Mr. Mason has been suspended as clerk.

NO AEROPLANE FOR WRIGHT

Inventor of Flying Machine Had to Save Himself on Foot Like Common Mortals.

South Dayton, Ohio, March 31.—Orville Wright, who, like thousands of other Daytonians, was engaged in shoveling mud from the Wright homestead today, had no chance to use an aeroplane when the flood came.

When warning of the flood came, his father, Bishop Wright and his sister, Katherine, left the place in a wagon. In some way they became separated and for two days the inventor could not find his father. When located it was found that he had experienced a mishap. Orville Wright fled soon after the other two and found refuge on high ground. His shop and its contents were not damaged.

NEW HOME

Of R. E. Cooper, on South Main Street in Hands of Contractor.

Mr. R. E. Cooper has let the contract for building his new residence, on South Main street, adjoining the home of H. B. Wallace. The plans and specifications were considered by several contracting firms, but the Forbes Mfg. Co. were the successful bidders. As stated in this paper a couple of weeks since, Mr. Cooper will have one of the most complete and up to date homes in the city, and that is saying much. The contract calls for quick completion, and the contractors are able to comply with it.

ODD FELLOWS

Will Give Big Carnival, Beginning Monday April 21.

The question of the time of holding a carnival was definitely fixed by the Odd Fellows at their meeting last Tuesday night. The date agreed upon is April 21 to 26 inclusive. It will be held in Mercer Park. The Moss Greater Shows will furnish the attractions. Although this company was here last year under the auspices of the Third Regiment Band the attractions this year will be on a much larger scale and will have many new features. The performances last year were well patronized and the return of the Moss Greater Shows will be worthy of large attendance every day. The Odd Fellows never do anything by halves and their support and financial interest in the carnival spell success at the very start.

MEETING OF THE GRANGE

Crowd Was Enthusiastic and Many Subjects Discussed.

APRIL SPECIAL, 100 HEAD.

Big Annual Sale and Fish Fry Has Been Planned For May 23.

The farmers of the Church Hill vicinity had a rousing meeting in their hall last Friday. Several important subjects were freely discussed.

During the meeting it was made known by several of the members that they had a lot of cattle that were in fine condition for the market and they did not want to feed them until the regular annual sale day. It was finally decided to sell about 100 head on Friday, April 11th.

The members of the Grange want it understood that this sale will in no way interfere with their annual sale in May. At the regular sale they will be prepared as usual to furnish dinner to those who attend. Anybody who has attended these sales knows what that means. This year the plan is to have a regular fish fry with the usual accompaniments.

Church Hill Grange has never shown the least symptoms of dying, as have most, if not all, of the organizations in Kentucky, if not in the South. On the contrary, the grange is very much alive. Though Dr. Clardy, one of the leading spirits of the organization will, probably, never be able to attend another meeting; though J. B. Walker, who was one of the organization's most active and useful members, has been called into the great beyond. Church Hill Grange still has on its roll many of the county's most useful citizens, who will not let the organization fail or cease to exist. These men know what their Grange has done for them, and they are willing to trust in its benefits for the future.

DELIGHTFUL PROGRAM

Musical and Readings at the Avalon Tuesday Night.

An appreciative audience greeted the four ladies who filled the program at the Avalon last Tuesday night. Whilst the attendance might have been larger yet the evening was a most delightful one. Every musical number being all that the most critical could enjoy with a zest. All enjoyed it and encore after encore followed.

The program was opened with a violin solo by Mrs. A. B. Anderson and never before had she used her violin with more effect. Throughout the program she seemed at her very best.

Mrs. Clark, one of Nashville's most gifted vocalists, was in splendid voice and in every number she soared from the lowest notes to the highest with the ease and sweetness of the songbird of spring. The range and carrying power of her highly cultivated voice is wonderful.

Miss Camp, the pianist, who is numbered among Nashville's magnificent performers, did her work like the true artist she is. Owing to a slight indisposition the audience was deprived of hearing her instrumental solo, The "Gnome Dance," by Liszt.

Miss Parrent's reading was a great feature of the program. She never looked more bewitching or read better than on this occasion. "The Message" was delivered so feelingly that it is hard to say whether her peculiar gift belongs to the realm of pathos or better is adapted to the temperament of those who take life in a happy-go-lucky way.