

**MAYOR MEACHAM'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.**  
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**RETROSPECTIVE.**  
During my incumbency of the office of Mayor, covering a period of eight years, the general revenues have increased from \$40,790 in 1906 to \$82,500 in 1913, the aggregate being \$491,190.23. More than two-thirds of these revenues have been paid out for the following purposes: Streets and sewers \$115,742, police \$71,064, lights \$51,223, fire department \$45,418, water \$39,231 and bridges \$19,475. Out of the remaining one-third have been paid the salaries of officials and the operating expenses of the city, including the workhouse, cemetery, courts, charity and incidental expenses. The street expenditures have increased from \$9,385 in 1906 to \$43,700 for the last two years combined, a part of the expense of 1912 being paid in 1913. The expense of lighting the city by contract has increased from \$5,219 to \$7,000. The water contract from \$4,590 to \$5,100. The Fire Department's annual expense has varied but little from year to year. The bridges have been no expense since their construction several years ago, except the minor item of painting and some repairs incident to a flood a year ago. The expense of the police department has been doubled, having increased from \$5,657 in 1906 to \$11,000 in 1913. The force has been increased from 8 men to 12 and the wages have been increased from \$53.50 to \$70 a month for patrolmen. The cemetery has been a source of revenue to the city, the unwise policy having been pursued of turning the proceeds of lots sold into the general fund, instead of using them to improve the cemetery itself. I have sought frequently to change this system. In retiring from office, I shall of course make no further recommendations, on this or other subjects, leaving that duty to be performed by my successor who will enter upon his duties in a few days. Looking back over the period of eight years that I have held my present position I will perhaps be pardoned for saying that I look with some degree of satisfaction upon the following accomplishments:  
Enactment of a stock law.  
Enforcement of laws against Sunday violating and gambling.  
Adoption of high license and rigid control of liquor traffic.  
Purchase of a city jail and other real estate amounting to \$19,000.  
Providing vault for city records and placing the Clerk's office upon a business basis, kept open during business hours.  
Annexation of several plats of territory.  
Establishment of sub-station for police department at L. & N. depot.  
Requiring I. C. Railroad Co to build retaining wall and to remove its tracks from Tenth street.  
Establishment of Colored Graded Schools, and erection of additions costing \$3,000.  
Establishment of Colored Cemetery.  
Establishing Park System and creating Park Commission.  
Financing the new \$100,000 High School building.  
Suppression of disorderly houses adjacent to the city, with the co-operation of the county judge.  
Improvement of Little river.  
Erection of U. D. C. fountain and D. A. R. memorial tablets by patriotic ladies.  
Purchase of Public Library site.  
Construction of 12 blocks of permanent streets in 1912.  
In conclusion, permit me to thank the members of your honorable body and city officers generally for the courtesy with which I have been uniformly treated, even when our honest opinions led us to hold different views upon public questions being considered. I trust I leave office with the good opinion of each of the 30 councilmen with whom I have been first and last officially associated.  
CHAS. M. MEACHAM, Mayor.

**To Clean Plaster Casts.**  
Dip the cast in cold liquid starch. When dry brush with starch. The dirt will come off.

**Purely Personal.**

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Waller, of Calhoun, Ky., who spent the holidays with Mr. Waller's mother, Mrs. Kate D. Waller, returned home today.  
Mr. T. C. Underwood and Mr. H. A. Long attended the Press meeting in Lexington.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hickman Lockett will leave soon for Hopkinsville, where Mr. Lockett will work for the Imperial Tobacco Company.—Henderson Gleener.  
Representative John C. Duffy left for Louisville Monday, on his way to Frankfort.  
Misses Kathleen Carothers and Louise Moore left this morning for London, Ky., to visit friends.  
Mrs. Millard T. Bartley has returned to Nashville to join her husband, after spending the holidays with her parents.  
Mrs. Lewis Gregory, of near Beverly, spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Adams, in Nashville.  
Miss Mary Belle Page has returned home after spending the holidays with Miss Effie Farmer at Elkton.  
Mr. B. W. Harned spent part of the Christmas holidays in St. Louis, visiting his daughter, Mrs. Holt Price.  
E. H. Brown who has been with Sable Bros. since they bought out the John Moayon Company, has resigned his position.  
John E. Trice Jr., left yesterday for Pittsburg before going to Philadelphia. Mrs. Trice will remain here until spring with Mr. Trice's parents.  
Miss Alice Lander, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Pauline Lander, for several weeks left Tuesday for London, Ky., where she will teach the coming term.  
Mrs. Cody Fowler, of Little Rock, Ark., who has been visiting her father, Mr. E. M. Jones, will return home tomorrow.  
Mrs. H. S. Mitchell and son Herbert, of Cadiz, are visiting Mrs. Ophelia Boyd, Jesup avenue.  
Mr. E. M. Jones and son, Emmett Jones, have moved to town and have rooms at Mr. Geo. Kolb's.  
Miss Lizzie Gower, of Trenton, is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Daniel.

**FISCAL COURT MET**

**Tuesday In Called Session and Fixed Salaries of Three County Officers.**

**ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT**  
The Fiscal Court met in adjourned session last Tuesday. It was the last meeting for the old year and there was but little business of general interest before it. All the Magistrates were present and Judge Knight presided.  
The first business transacted was the appointment of a committee to investigate and audit the accounts of County Judge Knight as commissioner of the county poor house fund, from April 1st, 1912, to January 1st, 1913. Magistrates Morris, Dade and Reese compose the committee, to report at next regular meeting of the court.  
An appropriation of \$50 was made to pay premiums awarded at the late county school fair, to pass through the hands of Miss Jennie West, who superintended the fair.  
The County Attorney was directed to investigate and report as to whether the county has any interest or claim on a one and one-fourth tract of land on the Palmyra road, near Herndon, which land is now claimed by Mrs. A. E. Word.  
County Attorney Smith and Magistrates Garrett, Morris and Fuller were appointed to investigate and make a report at the next regular meeting of the report of Low Johnson as receiver and treasurer of special bond fund of \$27,000.  
The salaries of county officers were fixed for four years as follows:  
County Judge, per annum...\$1,500  
County Attorney per annum...\$1,200  
Superintendent of Schools...\$1,800  
The County Attorney was directed to proceed as soon as practicable to collect from the L. & N. railroad the amount of expenses incurred by the county on account of the late smallpox epidemic, which was the result of the importation of a case into this county by the said railroad company.  
An order was entered appropriating \$50 for the pauper's fund.  
The account of S. L. Cowherd, for \$502, for pork furnished to county farm, was ordered paid out of any funds on hand not otherwise provided for.  
Court adjourned to meet in regular session next Tuesday.

**TURNED DOWN**  
**Illinois Central Refuses To Reduce Coal Rate of 75 Cents.**  
J. L. Durrett, Assistant General freight agent of the Illinois Central Railroad, visited the city Tuesday and notified the H. B. M. A. that his road had decided to make no reduction in the present rate of 75 cents per ton for hauling coal into Hopkinsville. A meeting was held to receive his answer, which was a disappointment. Other steps will be taken to secure the relief asked for.

**STARTLING PICTURE**



Among the foreign actors taking part in George Klein's startling picture, "The Last Days of Pompeii," which is to appear at the Rex theatre tomorrow and Saturday is the famous Italian actor, Sig. Ubaldo Stefani.  
Sig. Stefani will be seen as Glauco, the hero of Lord Lytton's popular novel. Signor Stefani is considered the most perfect formed man in Italy. Stefani is a sculptor by profession. Many of the public buildings in Italy and Greece are adorned by his hand-worked. He is a graduate of Padua University. He is a vegetarian and has never tasted alcohol. He rarely smokes.

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**Alfalfa in Kentucky.**  
Scattered about in many sections of Kentucky one finds farmers who have alfalfa growing upon their farms. From a productive standpoint many of these fields of alfalfa are very poor. They represent simply the possibilities of alfalfa, in the particular section, when the conditions necessary for the production of the crop are fully met. Here and there in the State, however, are found men who, with a thorough knowledge of the requirements of alfalfa, are eminently successful in growing the crop.  
A farmer may consider himself successful with alfalfa when he is able to harvest three or four cuttings a year, aggregating a yield of from three to five tons per acre, and from the field has been kept comparatively free from weeds and has been productive for several years.  
Every live farmer knows the question is, can he grow it?  
The climate of Kentucky is congenial to alfalfa, and in many sections the soil is sufficiently fertile to grow the crop successfully. The lack of proper preparation of the seed bed is often the cause of failure. Soils which will grow from forty to fifty bushels of corn per acre are rich enough to grow alfalfa, while some soils not quite so productive can be prepared for alfalfa by growing a crop of cowpeas to turn under. In sections low in phosphorus contents finely ground phosphate rock should be added.  
The Kentucky Experiment Station is so interested in the value of alfalfa to the farmer that the Extension Department is making a special effort to become acquainted with all successful growers, and in addition is offering its services in directing the work of clubs of farmers whose members wish to grow a few acres nearly all kinds of live stock of alfalfa under instructions. Extension Department has no good number of farmers in the State who in this way are learning to grow alfalfa, but is able to offer services to a few more groups of farmers for the coming year.  
Any farmer who has become interested in the growing of alfalfa community is invited to cooperate with the Extension Department, concerning the formation of an alfalfa club, and its sub-direction by this Department.  
H. B. HEWITT, Kentucky Experiment Station.  
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We desire to thank our many friends and customers for their hearty indorsements of the past year, and for their approval and appreciation of the co-operative work we have rendered in an effort to please and to create a better result for all concerned.  
Under these conditions, it is indeed a pleasure to be able to inform you that our plans for 1914 will be of even of greater benefit to our many patrons and friends.  
Wishing one and all a happy and prosperous New Year,

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