

### Editorial Comments.

More than 1,000,000 bushels of corn have been imported from Argentina to New York under the new tariff law.

The desertion of one general at Ojinaga doesn't make much difference, as there are ten others left, or one to every 400 soldiers.

Prof. C. W. Richards, formerly of Princeton, Ky., now of Ardmore, Oklahoma, is a candidate for State Superintendent of Schools in his adopted State.

Hostilities are about to be resumed at Ojinaga with the federals preparing to put up a determined resistance. Poverty stricken Mexican refugees have overrun Marfa and Presidio, Texas, and the people have asked for help in caring for them.

The female lobbyists who are moving upon the Legislatures of New York and Maryland in armies marching on foot, are also expected to soon be in evidence in Frankfort. It is to be hoped that the present Kentucky Legislature will put an end to women suffrage agitation by repealing the school suffrage act passed by the last Legislature. Let's keep our Southern women out of politics.

The Evansville Courier, always a good paper, excelled itself last Sunday with a mammoth New Year's edition of 82 pages, covering every phase of Evansville's business activity, commercial, manufacturing and educational. The illustrations are profuse and the prosperity of the city is stamped on every page. None of the Courier's excellent news and literary features are lost in the big Sunday edition. It is gratifying to note that the Courier's prosperity is keeping pace with that of the city of Evansville.

## HOPKINSVILLE'S POPULATION

Official 1910 was 9,419, In 1912 Was 10,146, New 10,957, Same Rate Increase.

In April 1912, the Caron Directory Co. took an official census of Hopkinsville, by authority of the city council and made the following report:

To the Board of Council:  
Gentlemen—We have the honor to submit our report on the census of the city of Hopkinsville, authorized by your honorable body some weeks ago. We have made the enumeration with great care and find the population as follows:  
White.....5,705  
Colored.....4,441  
Total.....10,146  
Respectfully submitted,  
Caron Directory Co.

This did not include a suburban population of 1,754. It showed an increase of 8 per cent. over the population of 9,419 taken by the government census of 1910. The same rate of increase since 1912 would add 811 more to the population, bringing it up to 10,967 or in round numbers 11,000. It is quite probable that the increase has been much larger and the present population is at least 12,000. At any rate it is at least 3,000 more than the constitutional limit for fourth-class cities.

### Grew After 36 Years Old.

Aurora, Ill. Jan. 7.—Hamilton Cherry, who was six feet nine inches in height, died near here, aged 78 years. Cherry was of ordinary height until 30 years old when he began to grow. He came from a family of giants, every member being more than six feet four inches tall.

Mrs. F. C. Hille is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Percy Richardson, in Clarksville.

## MAYOR SNADON IS DEPOSED

### Guthrie Council Chooses a Successor To The Mayor Elected.

A peculiar situation exists in Guthrie, two men claiming to be Mayor of that city, and the courts may be called upon to settle the controversy.

By an act of 1910 Guthrie became a city of the fifth, instead of sixth class, and at the regular city election in November, 1911, George Snadon was chosen Mayor. There were no candidates for Mayor at the city election last fall, but a new Board of Councilmen, politically opposed to Snadon, was elected. When this board met and organized on Monday night, it declared a vacancy existed in the office of Mayor, and thereupon proceeded to elect one of its members, Dr. J. M. Robinson, to fill the vacancy. Mr. Snadon insisted that, having been chosen at the first election held after Guthrie became a fifth-class town and for a term of four years, he is entitled to hold the office two years longer. The Councilmen held that he was in fact elected to serve until his successor was chosen in 1913.

With Dr. Robinson recognized as Mayor and presiding, the Council proceeded to elect the following officers: A. G. Grube, treasurer; J. A. Webb, secretary, and Capt. W. R. Bruce, of Russellville, marshal. A change of classification does not remove officers elected for a term and Mayor Snadon's claim will very probably be upheld by the courts.

### SEEMS ASSURED

### Interurban From Nashville To Adairville, Kentucky.

Another interurban railway line, which proposes to tap further into the heart of the bluegrass region of Tennessee, with Nashville as its base and Franklin, Ky., as its terminus, has been successfully launched. The new traction company will be known as the Tennessee & Kentucky Interurban Railroad Company, articles of amendment to the charter issued ninety days ago to the Tennessee & Kentucky Railroad Company, permitting a change in name and an increase in capital stock from \$10,000 to \$15,000 having been filed on Tuesday with Register West Morton.

According to officials of the new interurban road, ready response has been accorded stock subscriptions throughout the territory to be traversed and right of ways have been granted to the Kentucky state line. George D. Bruce, of North Carolina, regarded as one of the leading construction engineers in the country, is at present in the field with a large corps of engineers, three trial routes having already been submitted to the company for consideration.—Tennessean.

### WELCOME SUNSHINE

### For Three Weeks Weather And Mud Were Horrible.

The sun rose in a clear sky Wednesday and the source of light made it a glorious day after three weeks of rain, snow, sleet and mud. Many say that they have never seen the streets so muddy, and the country people assert that there has been more mud in town than in the country. The city engineer began "scrapping" the streets at the crossings of the principal streets Tuesday.

### Sneak Thief Robs House.

Last Tuesday night a thief entered the home of W. C. Lacey, on West Thirteenth street, while everybody was from home, and got away with \$9 in money. Other valuables and money were overlooked by the thief, who entered by forcing open a side window.

## GEN. SIMON BOLIVAR BUCKNER SUCCUMBS TO EXTREME AGE

### Last Surviving Lieutenant General of The Confederate Army-- Wife and Only Son at His Bedside When He Died.

Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, last surviving Lieutenant General of the Confederate army, died Thursday night at his home, Glen Sily, in Hart county. He was born in 1823 on the farm where he died, and during his long and distinguished career he was an American soldier in Mexico, an officer in the Confederate army, Governor of his native State and the nominee of the National Democratic party for Vice President of the United States. He will be buried in Frankfort.

His critical illness was not generally known. He had been ill for two weeks, gradually growing weaker. Gen. Buckner was a graduate of West Point and his son is a Lieutenant in the army. Though 91 years old his mind was clear until his last consciousness.

Gen. Buckner was prepared for West Point at the schools of Munfordville and Hopkinsville. He entered West Point in June, 1840. It is interesting to note that his son, Simon Bolivar, Jr., entered West Point in 1904, just sixty years after his father was graduated from that famous school for soldiers. He is

now an officer in the Ninth Infantry, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Thomas, Ky.

He was three times promoted for gallantry in the Mexican war and came out a captain. He was wounded at Cherubusco. He declined a Major General's commission in the Union army and entered the Confederate army and was left to surrender Ft. Donelson when Gen. Floyd, who was responsible for the defeat, escaped with his body guard.

He was Governor from 1887 to 1891. His second wife, who survives him, is a grandniece of Betty Washington Lewis, sister of George Washington, and also a grandniece by a different line, of his wife. She and her son are believed to be the last direct survivors of the Washingtons. As Miss Delia Claiborne she was married to Gen. Buckner in 1885. His only daughter by his first wife, who married the late Morris Belknap, survives him with three children.

Gen. Buckner was closely related to a number of Hopkinsville families and frequently visited his cousin, Mr. John Buckner Trice, before he was enfeebled by age.

### ANOTHER GREAT PLAY

### Saint George and The Dragon At The Rex Monday.

People who have seen Dante's Inferno and Homer's Odyssey at The Rex will be glad to learn that they will have a chance to see the equal of either of them at the popular place of amusement next Monday. The story of "St. George and The Dragon" is familiar to all. It has been dramatized and staged by G. De Liguoro, who gave to the world in pictures the first two productions mentioned. The pictures have all been painted by artists and the effects cannot be described. Go and see them, at the regular prices. Mr. Shrode has been at great expense in bringing this play here, but nevertheless has not advanced the price. This is not a religious play, but in the wind-up the pagans are converted to Christianity.

### The Christian County Good Roads Association

As a direct result of the King Drag campaign which has made Christian county famous in good roads circles, and incidentally put Hopkinsville on the map as a free lunch town, the Christian County Good Roads Association has been organized as a permanent institution. We hope and predict that this will prove one of the greatest achievements of the combined efforts of the farmers of this section and of the H. B. M. A., and that the letters C. C. G. R. A. will gather that significance attaching to H. B. M. A. When such progressive farmers as S. L. Cowherd, G. H. Stowe, J. J. and C. W. Garrott, W. A. Glass, Holland and John W. Garnett, David Smith, C. E. Barker, B. F. Fuller, C. L. Dade, Herbert Dillman, David McCord and Frank Kelly and numerous others of like quality get behind a movement, there will be great things accomplished. A big attendance of all interested in this big question is expected at the next meeting, Monday, February 2, at 10 o'clock at the H. B. M. A. headquarters.

### Pastor of Fredonia Church.

Rev. E. W. Barnett has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Fredonia, Ky., and has moved to Caldwell county to live. Mr. Barnett has been visiting the family of his father-in-law, Mr. W. E. Adeock, in this county, since his return from Virginia last fall.

### THREE VIRGINIANS

### Wilson, Owen and Glass Born Near Same Spot.

Woodrow Wilson was born at Staunton, Va., in 1856. Robert L. Owen, chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, was born at Lynchburg, Va., in 1856. Carter Glass, chairman of the corresponding committee of the House, was born at Lynchburg, Va., in 1858.

Other men had much to do with the enactment of the new banking and currency law, but these three, born within fifty miles of each other, two of them in the same year, had the greatest responsibilities. One is President, elected from New Jersey; another is a Senator from Oklahoma, a State never dreamed of in his youth, and the other, a Representative, still lives in his native town.

In a country so vast and so new as this Fate plays many pranks, but in all its history there have been few coincidences more interesting.

### MUCH DOING

### In Hopkinsville Mule Market and Prices Are Up.

Quite a number of dealers from a distance have been here buying mules for some time, which naturally raised the price for good mules. Prices this week have ranged from \$200 to \$260 for the best, while the ordinary have been sold at from \$125 down to \$75. Extra good animals are not for sale by farmers able to hold them, though several really good animals have been brought here from neighboring counties. Shipments this week by Layne & Leavell amounted to five cars Thursday.

### Things worth Knowing

We spend over \$5,000,000,000 annually for things we could do without. Here are some of the items:  
Intoxicating liquors...\$2,000,000,000  
Tobacco.....1,200,000,000  
Jewelry.....800,000,000  
Automobiles.....500,000,000  
Confectionery.....200,000,000  
Soft drinks.....120,000,000  
Tea and coffee.....100,000,000  
Millinery.....90,000,000  
Patent medicines.....80,000,000  
Chewing gum.....13,000,000

In comparison with the above expenditure it is estimated that contributions to church work at home are \$250,000,000 and to foreign missions \$12,000,000.

## CAMERON IS COMING

### To Talk To The H. B. M. A. On The Coal Rate Question Again.

Secretary Bleich has received a letter from C. C. Cameron, coal traffic manager of the Illinois Central railroad, saying he will come to Hopkinsville next week for a further conference with the H. B. M. A. on the coal rate question.

Upon the occasion of the recent visit of Mr. J. L. Durrett, who gave notice that the I. C. would not reduce its rates below 75 cents, Mr. Durrett was given to understand that the decision would not be accepted as final, but there would be an appeal to the Railroad Commission.

The coming of Mr. Cameron, the official having in charge the fixing of rates on coal, is encouraging and relief may yet be obtained by conference and agreement.

### GETTING TOGETHER

### New Superintendent and Board of Education Meet.

Great innovations just to make people talk is by no means the policy or part of the policy, of Prof. L. E. Foster, the new superintendent of county schools. Wherever changes are needed he will not hesitate to make them, but any radical departure from old and tried methods is not in his program for the coming four years of service. We believe his administration will be such as he will be proud of and will meet with general approval. Last Tuesday he and the county board of education met and talked matters over and got better acquainted. His having secured the help of county agriculturalist Morgan to assist in teaching the young the rudiments of successful farming will certainly meet with the approval of the people.

### CHILD SHOT

### Playing With Pistol and May Die of Wound.

"Papa, I've shot myself," was the greeting the 6-year-old daughter of Clarence Gossett, of the Red Hill neighborhood, gave him Wednesday as he rushed to the house from his barn on hearing a pistol shot. The child was left alone in the house and somehow secured possession of a .32 caliber automatic pistol. She fired two shots, but no attention was paid to the first report. The bullet from the second entered her left breast, passed entirely through her body and then went through the partition wall and spent its force against a nail in the next room. The child is in a very critical condition and there is barely a chance for her to recover.

### Ashton Boyd Dead.

Ashton A. Boyd, a native of Hopkinsville, died at the Hazelwood Sanatorium, Louisville, last Tuesday, at the age of 41 years. His father was a member of the Hopkinsville bar 35 years ago and left here about 1878. The deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Walter F. Shrader, of Louisville. He was a first cousin of Dr. L. G. Alexander, of this city.

### Sold Farm.

Farm property has changed hands considerably in the past two months with a marked advance in prices for the most fertile lands. The latest transaction of magnitude was Mr. and Mrs. John C. Thurmond's transfer of 292 acres of land near Gracey to A. T. Vinson, of Trigg county. The consideration was \$12,000.

### Lucky Thirteen.

Thirteen survivors have been accounted for out of 38 on board the wrecked tank steamer, Oklahoma, off the Atlantic coast.

## ANNUAL REPORT

### For Health District Embracing the Two Hopkinsville Magisterial Districts.

Register W. H. Martin, of the State Board of Health department, whose district embraces the city of Hopkinsville and the suburban districts of Palmyra and Concord, has compiled his annual report for 1913, which is as follows:

	White	Col.
Deaths in Hop'ville	73	112
" Palmyra	112	45
" Concord	6	12
	191	169
Of the 185 in the city, 16 were stillborn children, nearly all of them colored. The total deaths was 360.		
	White	Col.
Births in Hop'ville	99	91
" Palmyra	19	20
" Concord	8	13
	126	124

The 250 births included 16 stillborn children above referred to in the city. The deaths in detail were:

IN HOPKINSVILLE.

Tuberculosis.....41
Typhoid Fever.....5
Pneumonia.....20
Pellagra.....2
Stillbirths.....16
All Other Causes.....81-185

AT WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL.

Tuberculosis.....31
Pellagra.....9
All Other Causes.....90-130

PALMYRA DISTRICT.  
(Except State Hospital.)

Tuberculosis.....6
Pneumonia.....4
All Other Causes.....27-157

### IN CONCORD DISTRICT.

Tuberculosis.....2
Pneumonia.....2
All Other Causes.....14-18

The heavy mortality at the State Hospital, more than one-third of all the deaths, is due to the feeble condition of the patients, many of them old and in very poor health when brought to the institution. Many of them die in a few days or weeks after their arrival.

Of the 80 deaths from tuberculosis, 31 were in the hospital. The fearful mortality from this disease is shown by the fact that it caused more than 22 per cent. of all the deaths. In Hopkinsville alone there were 41 deaths or 22 per cent. from tuberculosis. The sanatorium authorized by a vote of the people cannot be established any too soon.

### TELEPHONE QUESTION UP.

### Fiscal Court Takes Steps To Sell a Franchise Under Late Decision.

The Fiscal Court has appointed a committee to confer with interested parties in regard to the sale of a county franchise for a telephone system. The Christian-Todd Telephone Company has not yet indicated that it will be a bidder for such a franchise, the matter being under consideration. Judge Knight, Attorney Smith and Justices Morris, Rogers, Hamby and Garrott constitute the committee.

John W. Richards was appointed to make the annual tax settlement with ex-Sheriff Low Johnson.

A final settlement was made with Mr. Johnson as receiver and treasurer of the turnpike bond fund of 1910 and he was allowed \$150 for his services.

### The Youngsters.

The youngest man in the house is Eimer Brown, of Owensboro. He is 24. The next youngest member is R. B. Hutchcraft, Jr., of Paris. He is twenty-five years of age. Will Duffy, of Louisville, is also one of the younger members, being but twenty-six.