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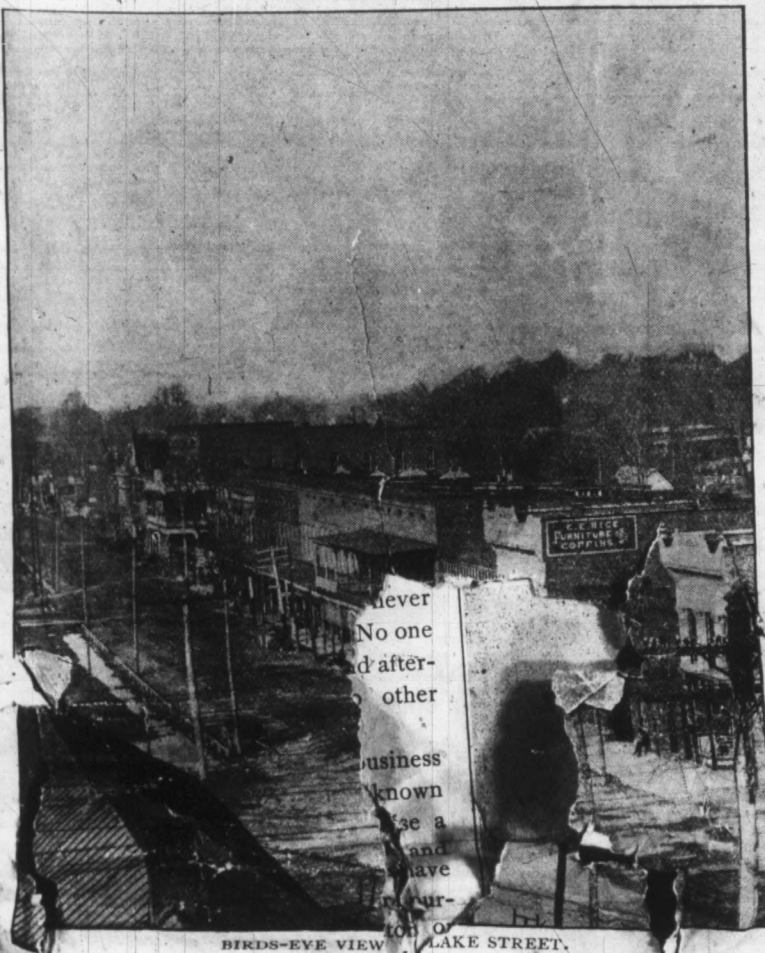
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FULTON DAILY LEADER.

OUR MOTTO:--Give The News Regardless Of Person Or Persons.



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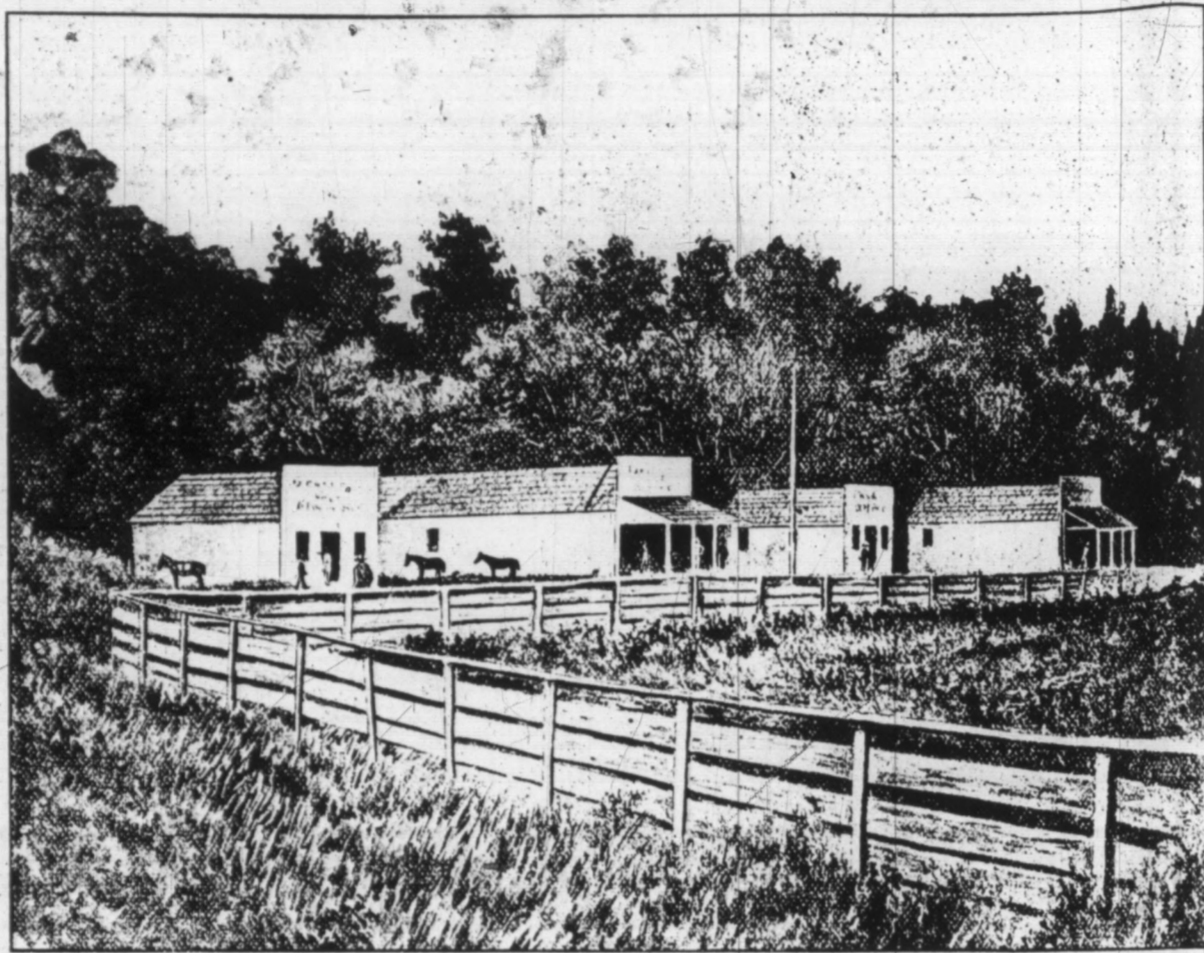
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THE FULTON DAILY LEADER

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ILLUSTRATED INDUSTRIAL SUPPLEMENT—FULTON, KY., JUNE, 1899.



TOWN OF FULTON IN 1871.

FROM AN ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH BY BOB BARCLIFT, NOW IN POSSESSION OF MR. J. A. COLLINS.

Taken looking north from a point near Brann's mill over Buck Thomas' horse lot (now Childers' place). The woods forming back ground is what now is West Fulton. The store on the right was J. A. Collins' (now Cohn's store site), the second was Terry & McCall's (now Weeks'), the third was Carr & Eddings' store (now Citizen's Bank), and the fourth, Patterson & McDowell (now about where Kirk is located).

A FEW FACTS ABOUT FULTON.

The city of Fulton has had a history not unlike other cities of the world. At the breaking out of the rebellion it was the terminus of a short railroad running out from Paducah, and had but one or two stores, and a few dozen inhabitants. During the war it made but little progress, as it was in the range of both armies, and was frequently visited by both, and its citizens were made to suffer from the foragings of both sides. But the location of the town was such as to make it a desirable center of trade, and it was surrounded by such a fertile farming section, as to give certain assurance of future growth that would be astounding to those who are not accustomed to rightly calculate the possibilities of modern cities.

Soon after the war closed a few substantial men like the Paschalls, Normans, Tomlinsons, McFalls, Eddings, Carrs and such like, began to plan for some growth for their town. They laid off lots, sold them at reasonable rates, invited a few newcomers, built a few houses and showed the possible growth of a neat little village. But not one of them probably ever dreamed of the present city of which their descendants and successors are now so proud.

Later on the present Illinois Central railroad was extended from Jackson, Miss., to Cairo, Ills., and was known as the Mississippi Central. It passed through the then little town of Fulton, and gave to the town a very substantial business uplift. The Paducah road was also completed so as to connect with Memphis, and over

the two lines of road a splendid business was transacted, and as Fulton was the junction of the two lines, it naturally became more and more important. In view of the splendid shipping facilities afforded, Fulton rapidly became the point of shipment for the tobacco, cotton, hay, live stock and produce of every kind from a large and prosperous section of country. This reacted favorably on the business of the town, and houses began to multiply, and business assumed enlarged proportions, until the air of a real city were easily apparent to everybody. Now people moved into the town, new business enterprises were inaugurated, new houses were erected, and the denizens of the place could see fifteen years ago that Fulton would at no distant day become a town of considerable importance.

About this time the movement for building Carr Institute was put on foot, and a beautiful and commodious school house was the result. This was followed shortly after with the building of Fulton Normal and Business College, which has had a checked career, and is now being used for common school purposes. With the building of these schools, however, an air of general prosperity seemed to come over the town. The Illinois Central Railroad became the purchaser of the road from Louisville to Memphis, and Fulton became the most important junction on all their lines, and with commendable enterprise this wide-awake railroad company began to improve their grounds,

and buildings, and prepare themselves for enlarged service. As a result of their local work all the railroad grounds were beautified, new tracks were laid, and preparations for what the people all believed to be great improvements, were making on every side. The people all caught inspiration from this railroad spirit of enterprise, until at the present time the hum of the wheels, and the strokes of the hammer of industry are to be heard on every hand.

At this time Fulton is one of the most thoroughly business points in the south and west, and its present satisfactory business situation has been reached by easy and natural stages, so that it is certain to be permanent.

There has never been a real boom in its business, but each passing year has marked a steady, unflagging and solid increase in its growth. At this time the city of Fulton can congratulate itself on the fact that it has come to its present satisfactory condition without the use of any catch-penny schemes, or fraudulent booms, but solely on the merits of the town and its vicinity. It is not necessary that we speak of the present state of Fulton's development, as the announcements of the different business enterprises in this edition of the LEADER fully represent that fact.

Any visitor to the city will readily discover that there is everywhere a spirit of enterprise and push that shows the citizens of Fulton are made of the stuff that in time will make a city of large proportions.

But of the future of Fulton we may be allowed to say a word. To divine the future fully would require prophetic insight, such as we do not claim to possess; but in all ages it has been regarded as a safe rule that we judge the future by the past. In doing this we may with safety say we have not yet come to the borders of our greatest prosperity. The magnificent farming lands that surround us, that are so rapidly being brought to a high state of cultivation, and that will so certainly support a large population, may be put down as a safe backbone for the succor of all our material interests.

Then the business push and enterprise of the town itself is a guarantee that a spirit of commendable industry and thrift will quickly supply the means of carrying forward every proper business interest, and give employment to every sober, industrious man that is in our midst.

We have timber, water, electricity, healthfulness, men, money, enterprise, intelligence and all else that can be required. Why then shall we not be full of reasonable hopefulness for the greatness of our thriving city?

Fulton as a railway center is most

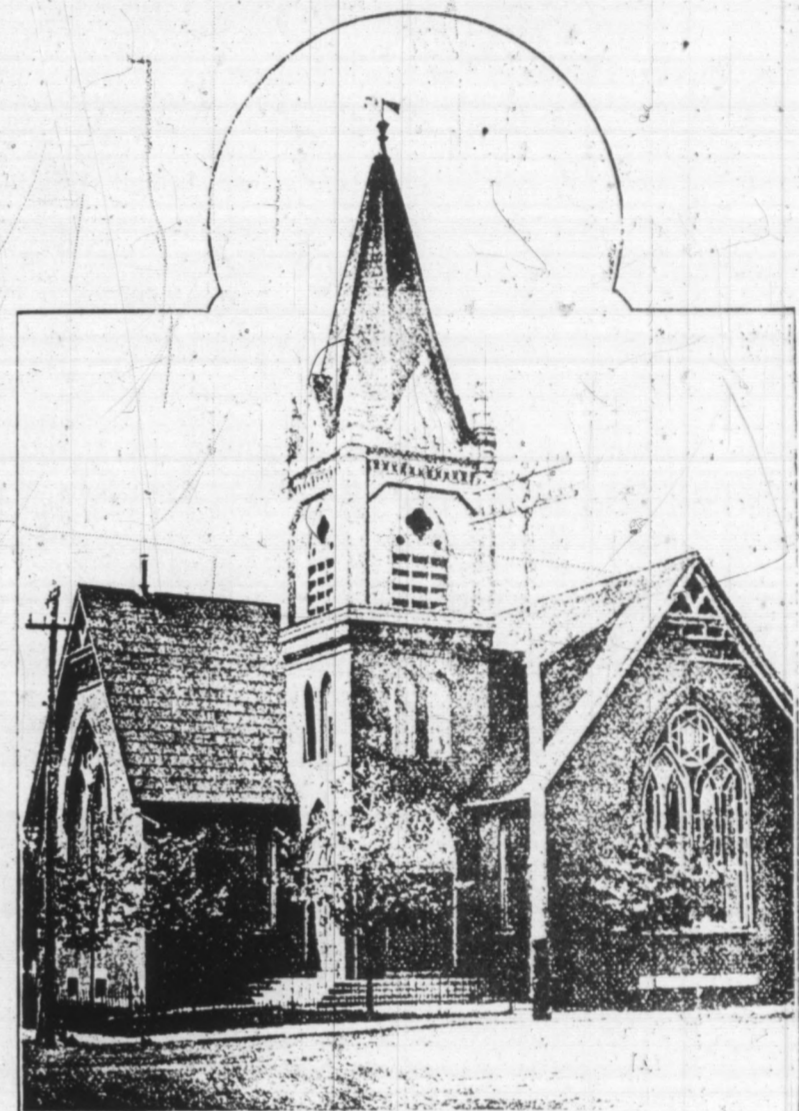
favorably located, and it is soon to be one of the greatest railway centers of the Illinois Central railroad system, being conveniently situated for a railway division, which is to be established, from Louisville to Memphis, and from Chicago and St. Louis to New Orleans.

Already extensive railroad yards are built and under construction southeast and southwest of the city—just beyond the corporation limits—and the railroad company is preparing to invest thousands of dollars in additional improvements in the way of car shops and round houses. In a month or two Fulton will no doubt have resident train dispatchers, as it will then be the end of four divisions on the two trunk lines of the Illinois Central railroad. With the proper encouragement and active efforts on the part of our local business interests to co-operate with the railroad, there is every reason to believe that in the next two years Fulton will double in population and be a proud and flourishing little city of ten thousand inhabitants. Already a Commercial Club has been organized, looking to the expansion of the business interests of the place, and inducing manufactories and other industries to locate in Fulton. This club is composed of our best citizens, who are energetic and wide-awake to the benefits to be had by the rapid growth and improvements of the town, and the prosperity to follow the advent of hundreds and thousands of new settlers and business factors.

The superior advantages of locating in and around Fulton have never been questioned or debated. No one ever establishes himself here and afterwards wishes to remove to other points.

There is less of the credit business done in Fulton than any town known in this section. The farmers raise a great variety of things for home and foreign consumption, and always have ready money to pay cash for purchases. In markets where cotton or tobacco alone is raised, the producer is always several years in debt, and in opening a new account for any succeeding year, he has to mortgage in advance the possible product of his farm to his home merchants. In Fulton this is never known. Our farmers always pay cash or settle at the end of thirty days, and always have a surplus for the luxuries of life. This is due to the excellent management of our farmers, and the abundant harvest that rewards their year's toil.

One of our chief industries is the shipping interests of Fulton. Car load after car load of cattle, hogs, chickens, geese, turkeys and ducks are shipped from here every month. One shipment of chickens will sometimes bring a return of five thousand dollars in a single instance. The shipments of poultry, including eggs, is a growing feature of our local industry. And since the live poultry business of Jack Hall has been turned into the Reeves & Nicholson's



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Poultry and Packing Company, with M. W. Wingo and Clayton, dressed poultry is packed on ice and shipped to New York and even Europe, where the supply is sufficient to allow.

The tobacco interests of Fulton is one of her chief industries, since it furnishes occupation and support for about one-fourth the population of the town and one-half the population of the county.

Tobacco is brought here from Fulton, Graves, Obion, Weakly and as far east as Henry County, Tennessee, mostly loose in shape for re-handlers.

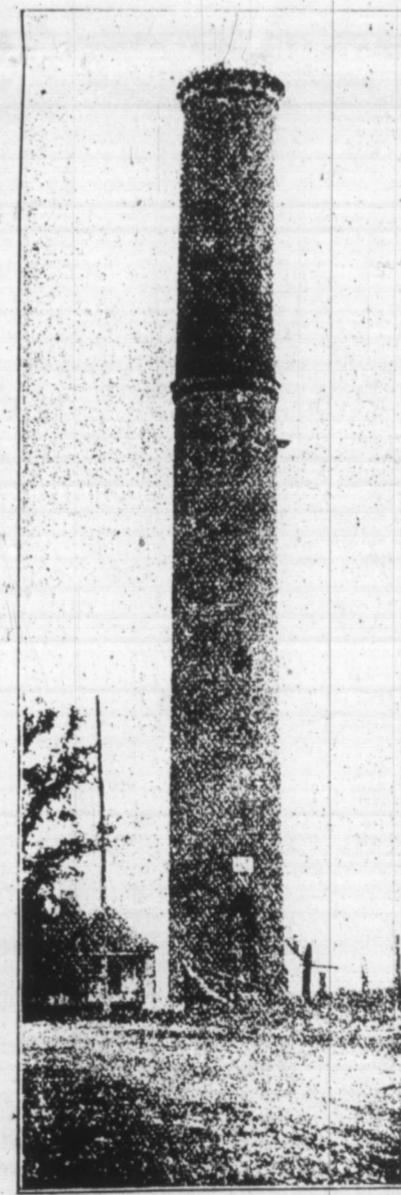
There are eight re-handlers in town, with a combined capacity of 92 hogsheads a day, or 14,000 hogsheads during a season, sometimes even more.

Fields Bros. have the largest re-handling interests, occupying two large barns on Carr and Second streets and giving employment to over eighty-five hands.

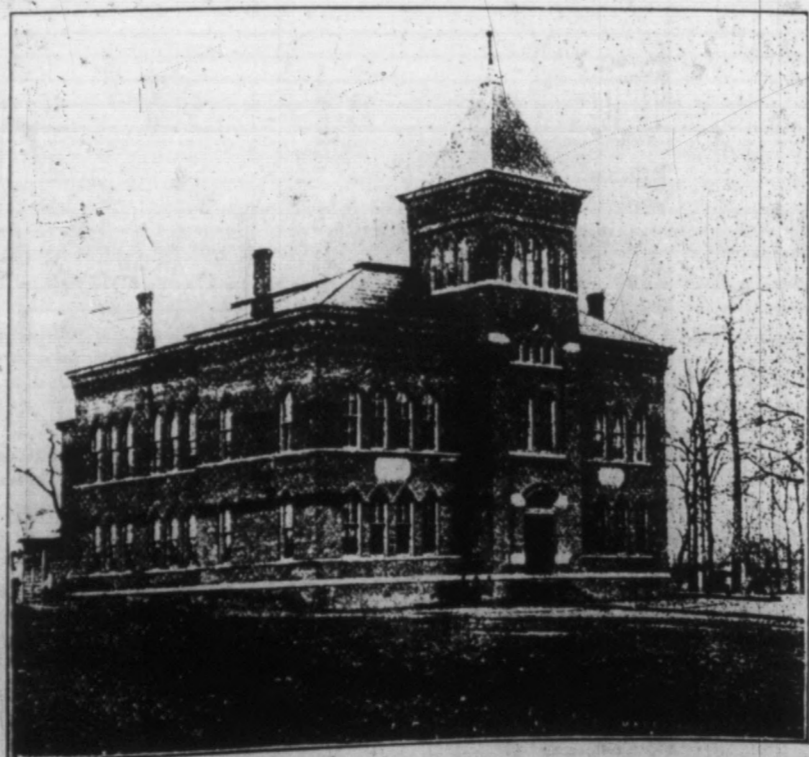
The next in order are Joe Browder, I. G. Felts, J. W. Lewis, Usher & Ellis and Wm. Herring.

Tobacco is shipped from here to Louisville, New York, France, Italy, England, and Germany for manufacturing purposes. It brings back considerable money to be put in circulation and improving our town.

There are two colored schools—Anderson's Persistency high school, taught by Prof. D. H. Anderson, and Fulton's consolidated secondary high school, taught by Prof. W. A. Singleton. Prof. Anderson compiled and printed the County Institute programme for the colored schools of Tennessee, and did it well. He believes education is the only means of civilizing his race.



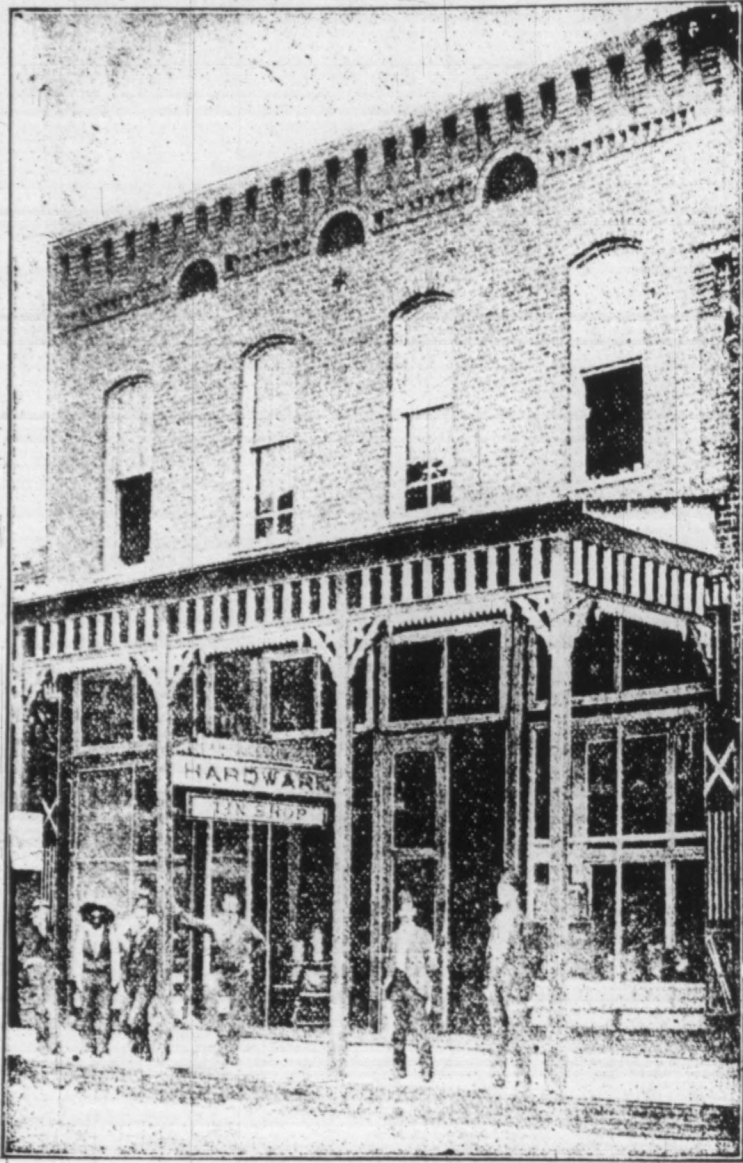
FULTON WATER WORKS STANDPIPE.



CARR INSTITUTE, Erected at a Cost of \$15,000.



BREAKING GROUND FOR THE NEW RAILROAD SHOPS.



HARDWARE ESTABLISHMENT OF A. HUDDLESTON & CO.

There are quite a number of private schools in and around the city, and if the next generation is not fully educated, it will be because the youth of today were too indifferent to the advantages offered in the school room to better their condition.

Fulton is the best hotel and restaurant town for hundreds of miles around. Knight's Hotel, completed two years ago, is a magnificent building, four stories high, and furnished

sient people being unable to find accommodations on account of the large city patronage.

Rascoe & Mitchell have an excellent restaurant and rooms in the Murrell block, and they are well patronized.

The town is blessed with churches. The Methodists have the strongest following. The Christian and Baptist churches have large memberships, while the Presbyterians, Cumberland

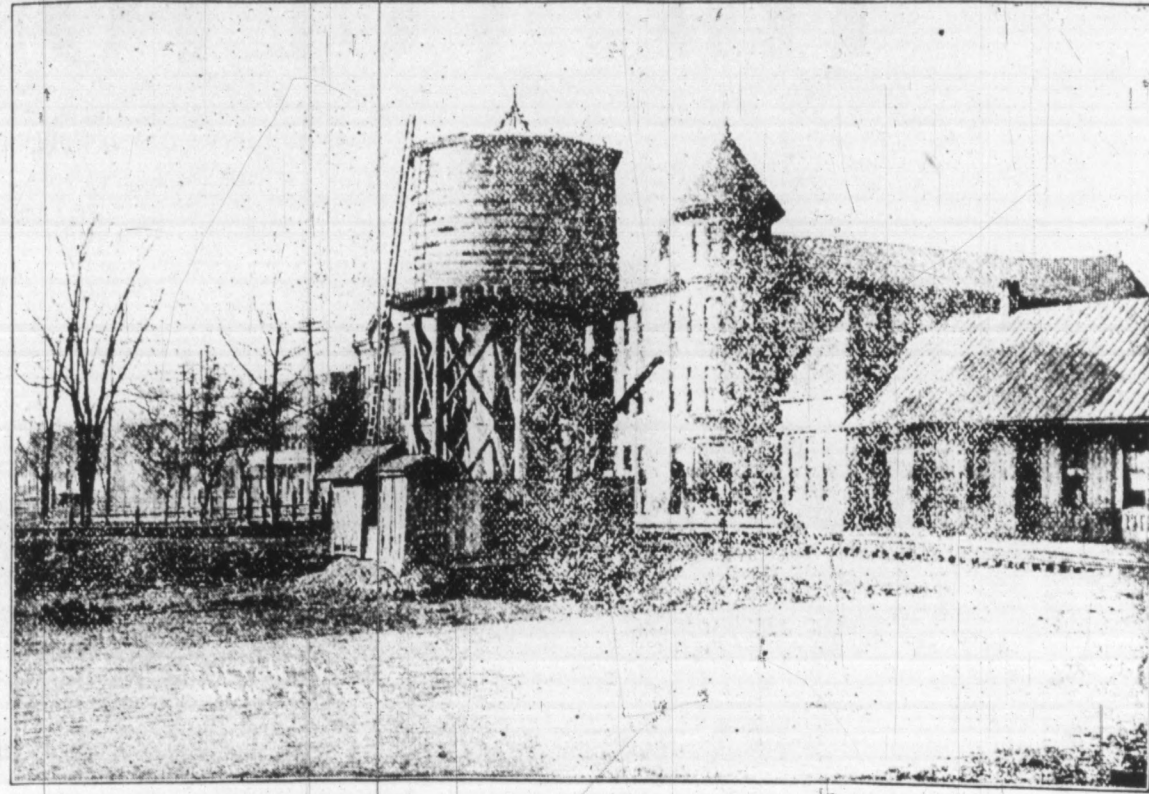
telligence of our people. Brains constitute capital. Morals are invaluable. Greatness is goodness, and there is no true greatness where there is no true goodness. There are some vicious people in Fulton, of course. There are a few pest-holes that breed vice, also. But it can be truthfully said that the large majority of the substantial citizens are of a high type of moral manhood. Our women are especially pure and good. The influence of our home life is wholesome and saving. Our women are keepers at home. In conversation they are chaste, and in conduct pure. A refined power they exert. This we regard as a most hopeful guarantee of a substantial rising generation who will fill up the business, political and religious columns of the future with an honest, industrious, frugal and capable manhood and womanhood.

When we, therefore, look over the field we are assured that we will not be charged with idle dreaming when we declare our growing faith in Fulton's growing greatness.

To such strangers as may read this paper we extend an invitation, asking that they visit us, look over our ground, share our hospitality, and prove that the things we here assert are true, and that the hall has not been told. The LEADER will always take pleasure in displaying the utmost

EARLY RECOLLECTIONS.

It would interest the average Fulton resident of the present time to look back into the history of the town when she was in her swaddling clothes.



GENERAL VIEW AROUND THE PASSENGER DEPOT.

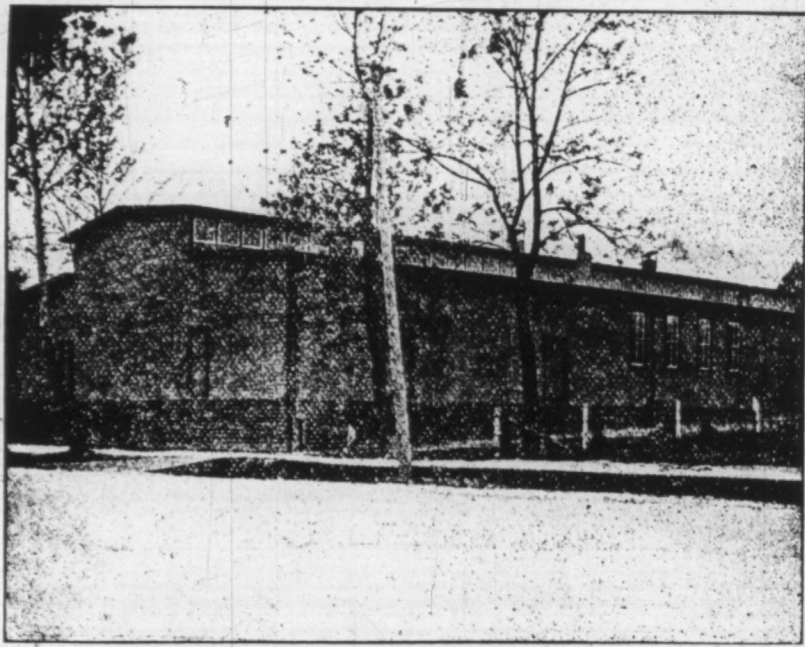
present site of Joe Wade's furniture store and also built a residence on the lot now occupied by Dr. Whitehead's residence. At that time there were three stores in Fulton—Dr. Patterson's, Carr & Eddings, and a small store owned by Terry & McCall.

Later J. A. Collins bought from B. F. Carr a lot 50 x 100 feet for the purpose of erecting a store house. It was the present site of Wm. Cohn's store. Mr. Collins paid Mr. Carr \$100 for the lot. That was in 1867. The first residence built after the

the lot just east of Fisher & Reed drug store. The public school house was a small structure situated on Chapel Hill, near the present site of J. N. Hall's residence and taught James Casly.

Mr. Pink Stillely was the first killed in the new town, having been murdered by a railroad man near Belts.

Mrs. Wes Childers was the hotel keeper, and still runs the Childers house. G. W. Thomas erected the



ONE OF FIELDS BROS.' LARGE TOBACCO WAREHOUSES.

throughout with the latest appliances and furniture. It is one of the most beautifully finished hotels in the state. Knight also has charge of the Grand Central hotel.

Another large hostelry is the new Meadows Hotel, lately constructed in Meadows' block.

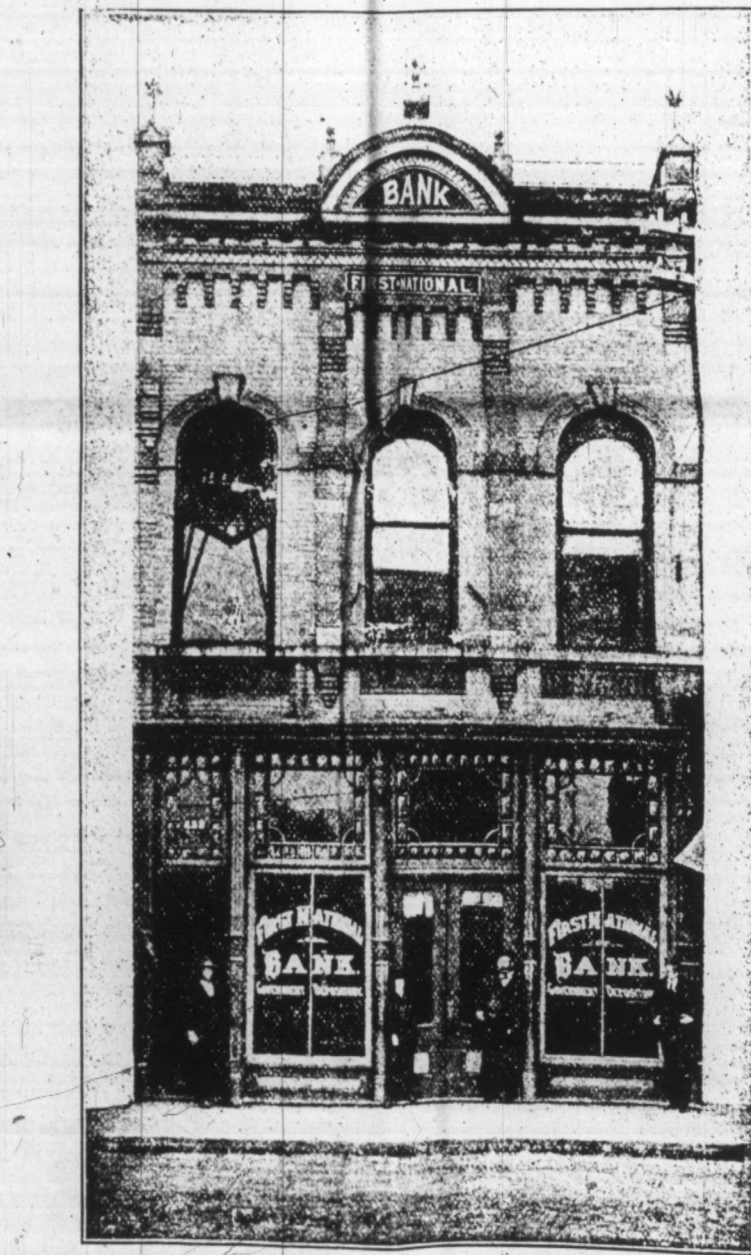
The Commercial hotel, under the charge of Mrs. J. H. Milburn, is the favorite place of a large number of city boarders and railway men, trans-

Presbyterians and Episcopalians are also prominent and have regular services.

There are three colored churches—Freewill and Missionary Baptists and Methodists.

The Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Honor all have strong orders here.

A factor that is not to be overlooked in this matter of Fulton's future greatness is the morals and in-



HOME OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

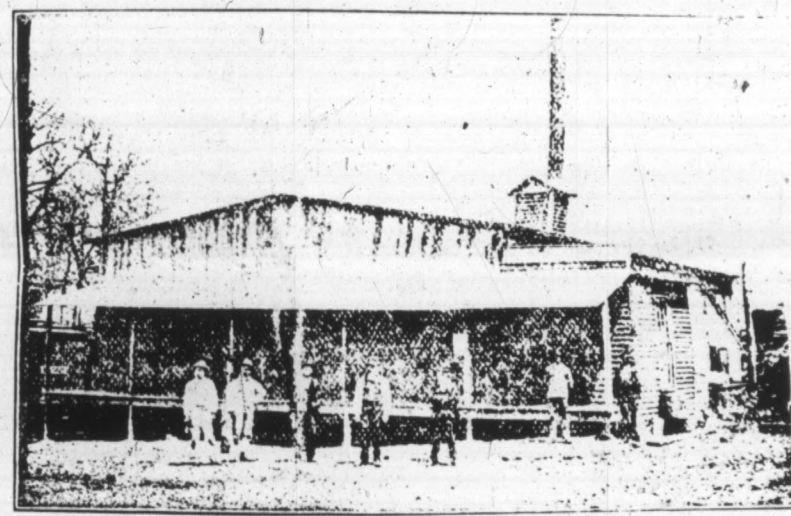
courtesy in correspondence, and in the amenities of social life, to all who will put us to the test. Our doors are open, our tables are free, our heart is warm, and our service is subject to orders. Come share with us the present greatness, and the greater future greatness of our pushing, thriving, social, moral, business city.

Early in the fifties when the United States mails were carried on horseback from Old Feliciana, in Graves county, Ky., to Jacksonville, Tenn., (near Harris), a postoffice was established on the State Line road in a little cabin built by Mr. B. F. Carr, one of the first settlers in Fulton. The cabin stood on a mound near the present dwelling of Rev. R. A. Cooke and was at that time in front of Mr. Frank Carr's house. This postoffice was called Pontotoc, and Dr. V. A. Hawkins, a pioneer medical practitioner, was the first postmaster of Fulton.

About that time there were but three families living in Fulton (or what is now the site of the town). They consisted of B. F. Carr, F. G. Bard and Noah Norman. The first named gentleman had settled in what is now West Fulton.

The first store of any kind was owned and conducted by Messrs. B. F. Carr and Fernando Roots in the depot building, and embraced dry goods, notions, groceries, etc. Later the firm changed to Carr & Eddings.

About May 30, 1865, Dr. S. G. Patterson moved to the new settlement and opened a physician's office in a small house on State Line road that was formerly used as a saloon. A few years later the doctor built and opened a dry goods store near the



PLANT OF THE FULTON ICE COMPANY.

survey was by Dr. G. W. Paschall, and the second by F. M. Thomas. The first brick house was built by W. T. Carr (the Carr block) on Lake street.

The first lot sold was to William Woodriddle for a store house, A. D. Collins being given as reference.

Dr. T. C. Parker was the first police judge, and Flem Sellers the first marshal.

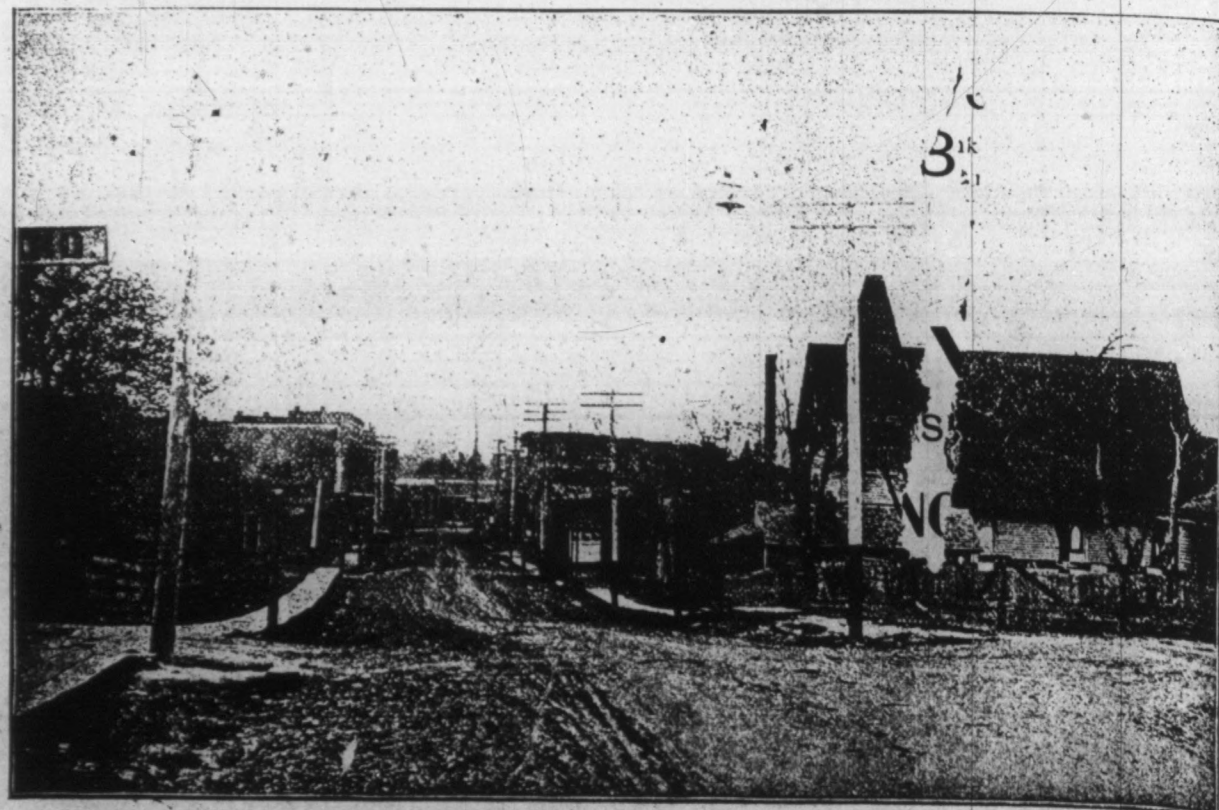
Mrs. A. D. Collins and Jas. Harvey Gardner taught school in the first Seminary—then a fine frame house on

brick hotel at the railway crossing having paid \$225 for the lot of hundred feet square. Latterly it was the Fleming Hotel, when it gave two years ago to the present fine building known as Knight's Hotel.

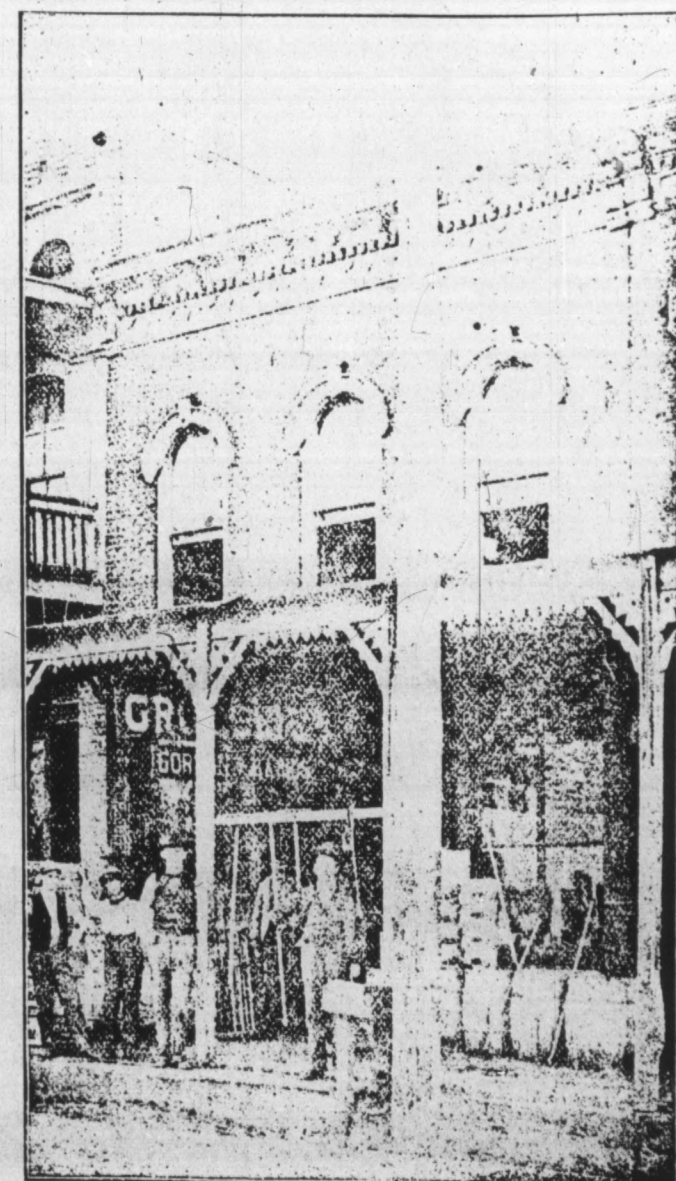
Uncle Charley Knight opened the first restaurant at the crossings, wh

Henry Knight bore off brick at Allen brick yard at 50 cents a day. The familiar face of Uncle Charley is s

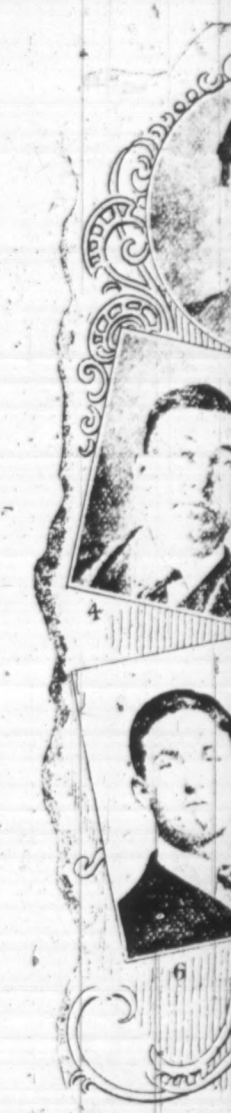
to be seen in the hotel restaurant is likely to be for years to come. A. D. Collins was the first c



A VIEW OF MAIN STREET FROM THE HILL.

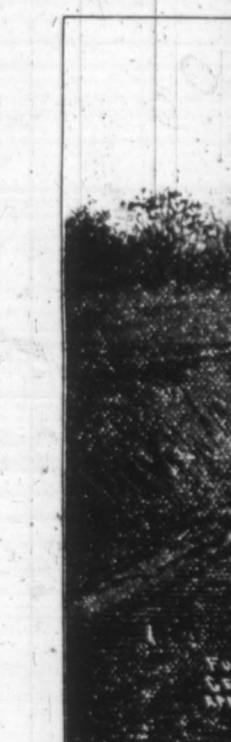


ENTERPRISING GROCERY FIRM OF GORDON & HARRIS



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1—E. P. Russell, Agent of Paris, Tenn.; 2—Clarence Williams, write insurance in R. A. Browder, Dr. S. Murrell had the first which was on the P.D. L. Norman was raised in the territory Leroy Collins the first who can still be found. The first newspaper Fulton was the Times. The first bank was with A. T. Mitchell a



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A GROUP OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

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| 1—E. P. Russell, Agent. | 5—P. H. McCormick, Roadmaster. |
| 2—Clarence Williams, Supervisor's Clerk. | 6—Nat. G. Murphy, Baggage Agent. |
| 3—Robt. Johnson, Clerk. | 7—H. E. Hay, Cashier. |
| 4—D. T. Creedle, Ticket Agent. | 8—Earl Russell, Yard Clerk. |

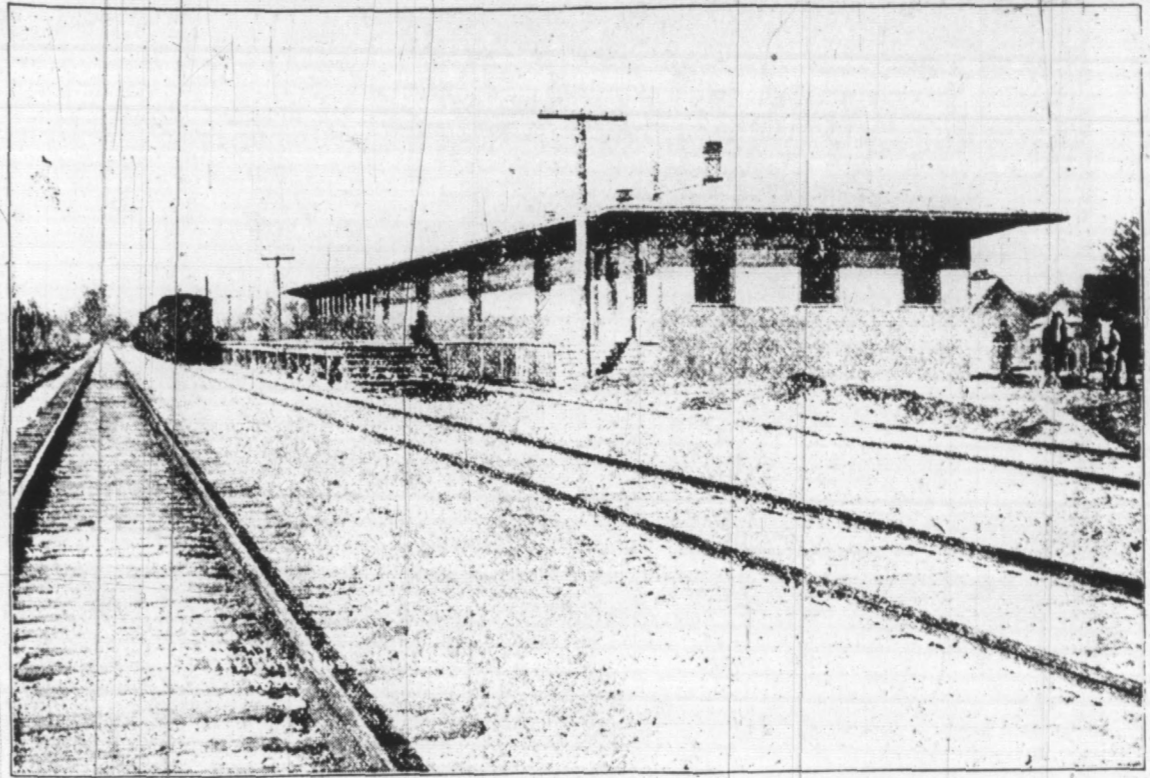
years with the intermission of one term, when B. H. Freeman occupied the position. Sam Bedford defeated Starks in 1893, only a short time before the latter's death. J. W. Chambers and W. P. Felts have held the office since. J. F. Fall is the present incumbent.

The first police judge under the new order of things was C. F. Rice, followed by Bruce Eddings, Mor Ayres, W. P. Nolen and the present police judge—J. W. Sellars.

The first city marshal was T. H. Boaz, then Albert Huddleston, Green Neely, John Pullen, Frank Brizendine, Fate Rascoe and Albert Huddleston, the present officer.

John Tyler is city clerk at present. John Huddleston water works superintendent, Billy Harpole street commissioner.

It is interesting to listen at our old settlers tell of the early history of this thriving city so recently but a mere forest.



NEW ILLINOIS CENTRAL FREIGHT DEPOT.

MOST FERTILE COUNTY IN KENTUCKY.

Fulton county has long held the name of being the garden spot of the product of labor, and their farms well stocked with the latest improved agricultural districts of the South and West. There are no high altitudes except a few hills about 1,000 feet above the sea level, mostly on the northwest of the city of Fulton, and the entire country surface is a rolling level, running somewhat towards the Mississippi river.

The immense native wealth of our farming lands has attracted attention from all parts of the United States, and every year many prospectors come to this section and locate.

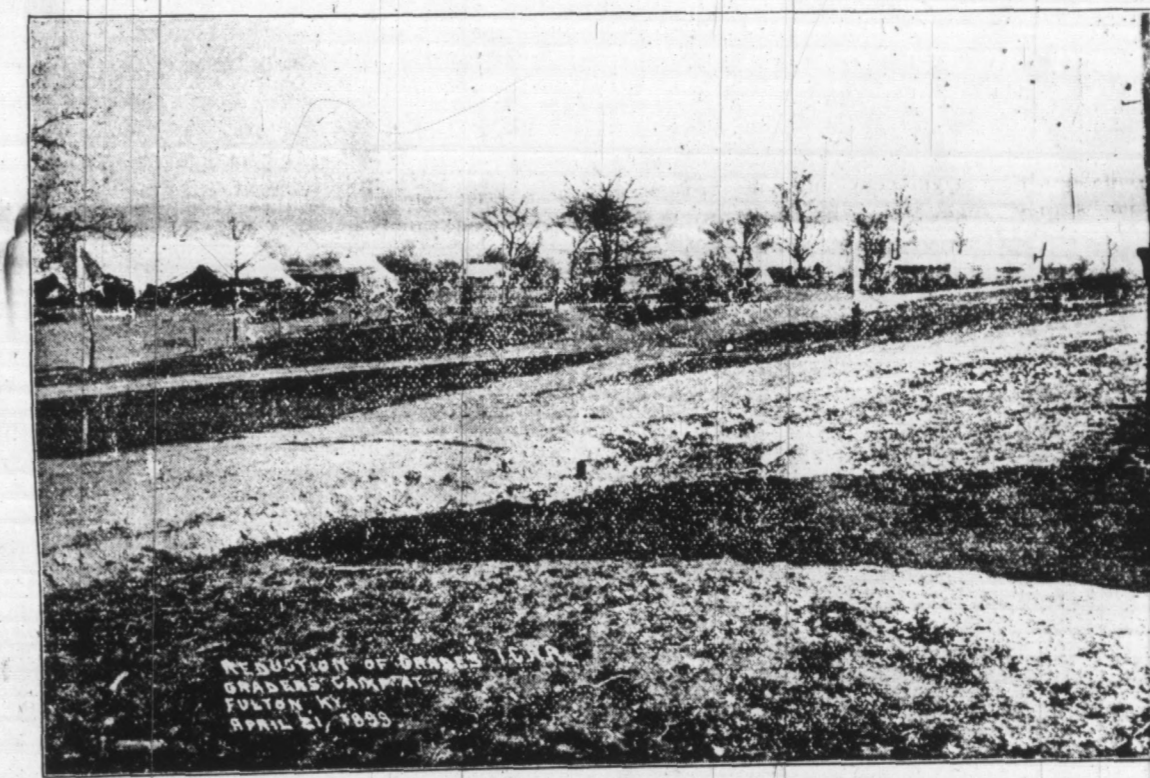
In both east and west the productiveness of the land is something remarkable. The farmers have large down to a system, and greater returns from a few acres than farmers elsewhere get from large acreage. Further South the soil of a farmer is made by the number of acres he owns, but here in Fulton county the importance is the greatest profits to be derived without injury to the soil. A small farm in the fertile valleys of Fulton county would keep

termed Jackson Purchase in Kentucky. Hickman county was named after Captain Paschall Hickman, a native of Virginia, and the first settlement was effected in the county in 1780, at Fort Jefferson, near Wickliffe. After all the other counties in West Kentucky had been cut off from Hickman county there only remained what is now Fulton and Hickman counties embraced in one, with Columbus as the county seat. Columbus was settled in 1804, where there was little more than a block-house as a protection from the Indians. Mills' Point, the present site of the

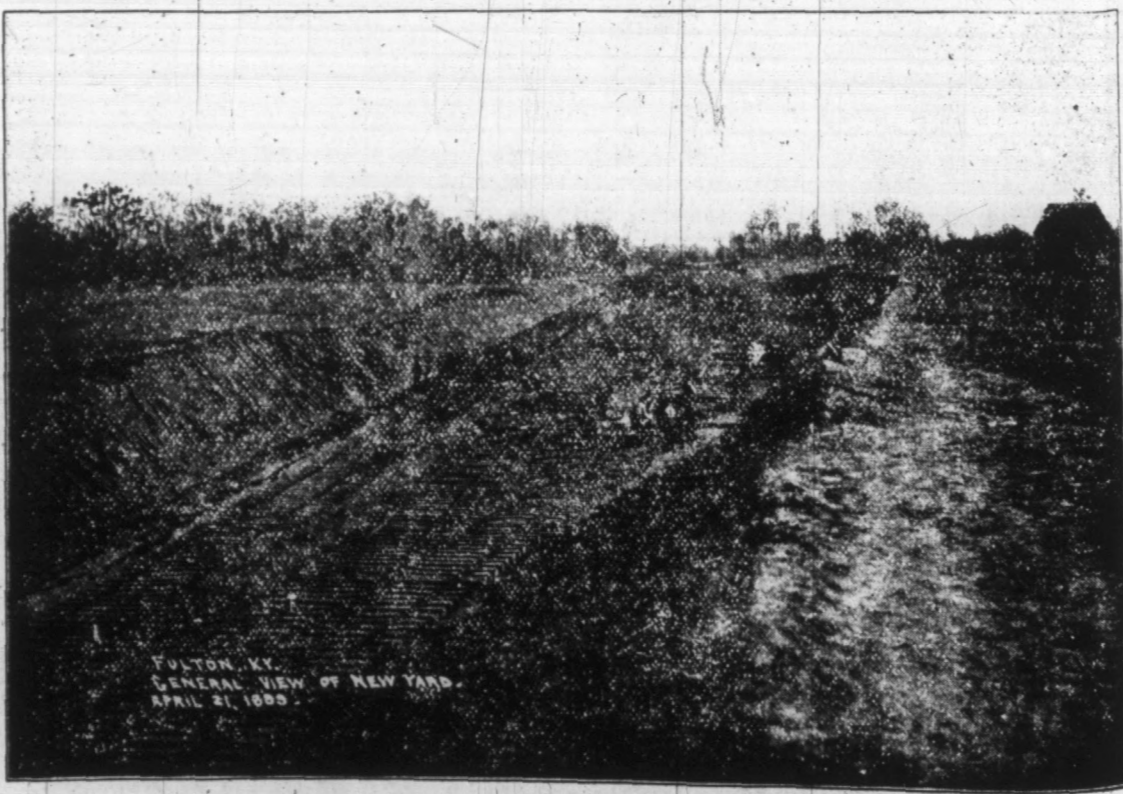
Hickman—started in the struggles of Moscow to be the county seat of Hickman. The town was then the center of a thriving trade from the adjoining country—the same as Old Feliciana was in the further eastern part of the Purchase. Fulton county was duly surveyed and established a separate and distinct member of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1845, being the ninety-ninth county in the order of formation. It contains 184 square miles of territory, and is one of the most oddly shaped counties in the state. Within two or three miles of its eastern

goods clerk, Dr. Gid Paschall the first physician, Stacker Taylor (now of Paris, Tenn.) was the first to write insurance in the new town; Judge R. S. Murrell the first lawyer; R. A. Browder, Dr. Paschall and R. S. Murrell had the first butcher shop, which was on the Paschall hill. D. L. Norman was the oldest man raised in the territory of Fulton; Leroy Collins the first blacksmith, who can still be found at his old stand. The first newspaper in the town of Fulton was the Times, long since dead. The first bank was the Fulton Bank, with A. T. Mitchell as first cashier.

Kennedy, Whiteside and Paschall started the first grist mill in 1868, near the present site of Murrell's livery stable and coal office. Before that time the people had to send to Paducah for flour and meal. The oldest citizens in this immediate vicinity are A. T. Thompson and Taylor Bard. R. W. Barcliff, the first photographer, is still living, but very old and feeble. One of the first and most extensive stock and poultry dealers was J. C. Williams. The first white child, born soon after the railroad survey, was Mrs. Fred Green.



BURKES' RAILROAD CAMP IN WEST FULTON.



A GENERAL VIEW OF THE NEW RAILROAD YARDS.

tilization, or rather, cultivation; and the vast forests of oaks, poplars and gums are now giving place to wheat and corn fields. In the low lands the timber is untouched and in its native condition. There is an abundance of hardwood timber for manufacturing purposes of easy access to towns on the Illinois Central, Mobile & Ohio, and Nashville & Chattanooga railroads. In the southern extremity, in the neighborhood of Reelfoot Lake, and also at Madrid Bend, the supply of oak, hickory, gum and walnut is almost inexhaustible.

Fulton county was originally part of Hickman county, which about the year 1804 embraced all what is now

town of Hickman, was settled in 1819 by a gentleman of that name. Daniel Baldrige was the first white born in what is now Fulton county. Some authorities claim he was born near Cayce, and others say it was on a family boat at Mills' Point. In 1824 the following families settled in the interior parts of the county: A. M. Rush, near what is known as Rush Creek; Robert and Samuel McKinney, on the Bayou de Chien Creek; John and Ben Manesse and Hugh Sparkman, Duncan Campbell, Martin Oliver, Jerry Mitchell and William Bynum, near Cayce.

The dismemberment of Fulton county from its mother county—

boundary are four other counties—Obion and Weakley in Tennessee, and Hickman and Graves, in Kentucky. In the western division of the county the topographical features are stranger still. In addition to the fearful "earth-cracks" and precipitous bluffs, the section known as Madrid Bend is entirely cut off from the rest of the county by the great bend the Mississippi river makes in doubling its bed. To reach the "Bend" by land one has to travel several hundred miles into the state of Tennessee and thence back northward into Kentucky. Reelfoot Lake, or what is termed the toes of the Reelfoot, rest against

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The oldest relic and only house now standing, without repairs, is the log house used as an office by Dr. Gid W. Paschall on State Line street, built in the 50's. The oldest merchant in all these diggings is old Uncle Johnny Brittan, the founder and father of Cedar Hill, once a thriving village south of town, that was soon afterwards absorbed by Fulton, along with many other towns like old Feliciana.

The first ordinances for the city of Fulton were framed and adopted May 20, 1874, by the board of trustees, consisting of the following councilmen: T. C. Parker, Chairman; G. W. Paschall, R. M. Bullock, J. A. Wyatt and A. D. Collins. The last is the only surviving one.

The present council is composed of the following gentlemen: W. H. Powers, W. W. Meadows, F. S. Knouse, C. E. Weldon, G. H. Bransford and E. M. Taylor.

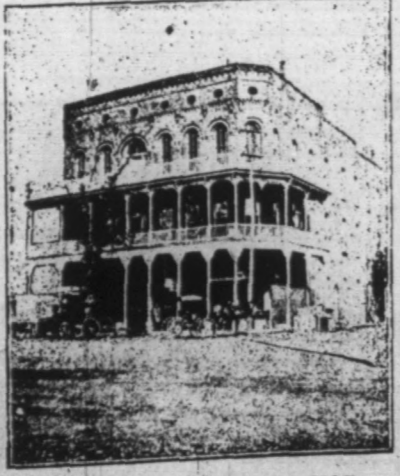
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one in good circumstances, especially when proper attention is paid to stock raising as combined with cereals.

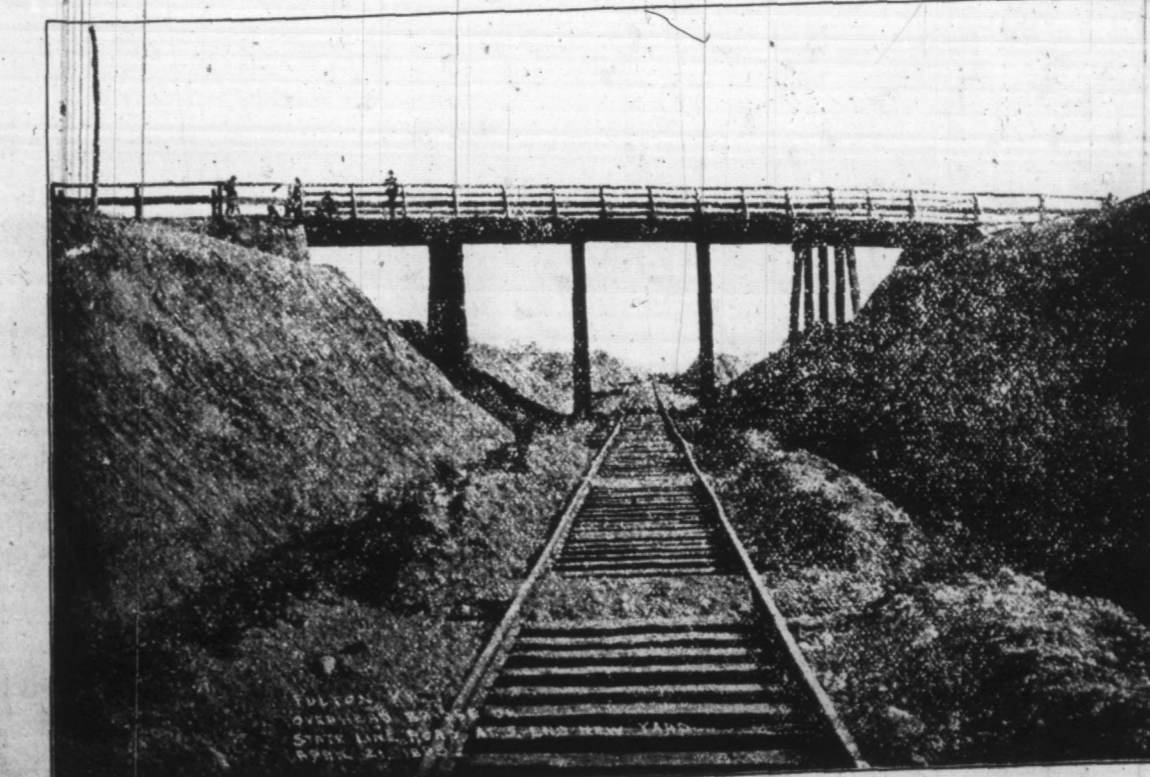
The land is so rich in essentials for a high-grade agricultural product that crops require but little cultivation. Yet the latest improved machinery and farm implements are used by our farmers, and a thorough system of planting and cultivation is the rule with all our best farmers to attain perfection and the greatest excellence of product in order to obtain the highest market price.

The principal products of the county are wheat, corn and tobacco, while potatoes, oats and hay are raised in abundance. Probably there is no other county in Kentucky or Tennessee where a greater acreage is given to clover culture, and the good effect of this is to be seen every year by the large increase of productiveness, and the improved condition of farm lands.

Our farmers are in easy circumstances, and many are affluent and prosperous, with large, comfortable



DR. COLLINS BUILDING.



OVERHEAD BRIDGE ON STATE LINE STREET, SOUTH END OF NEW YARDS.

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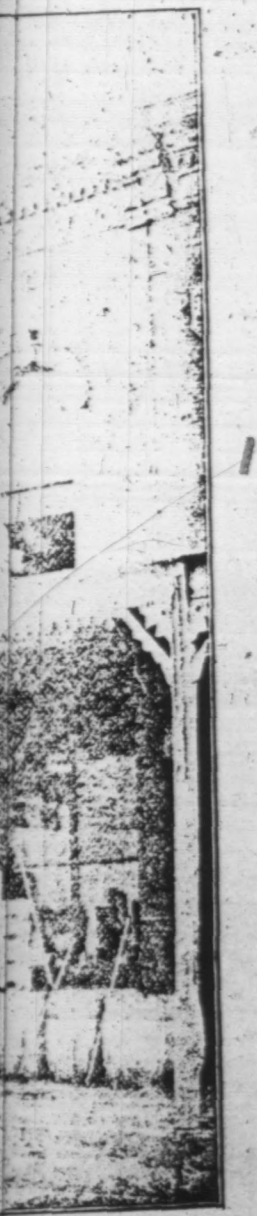
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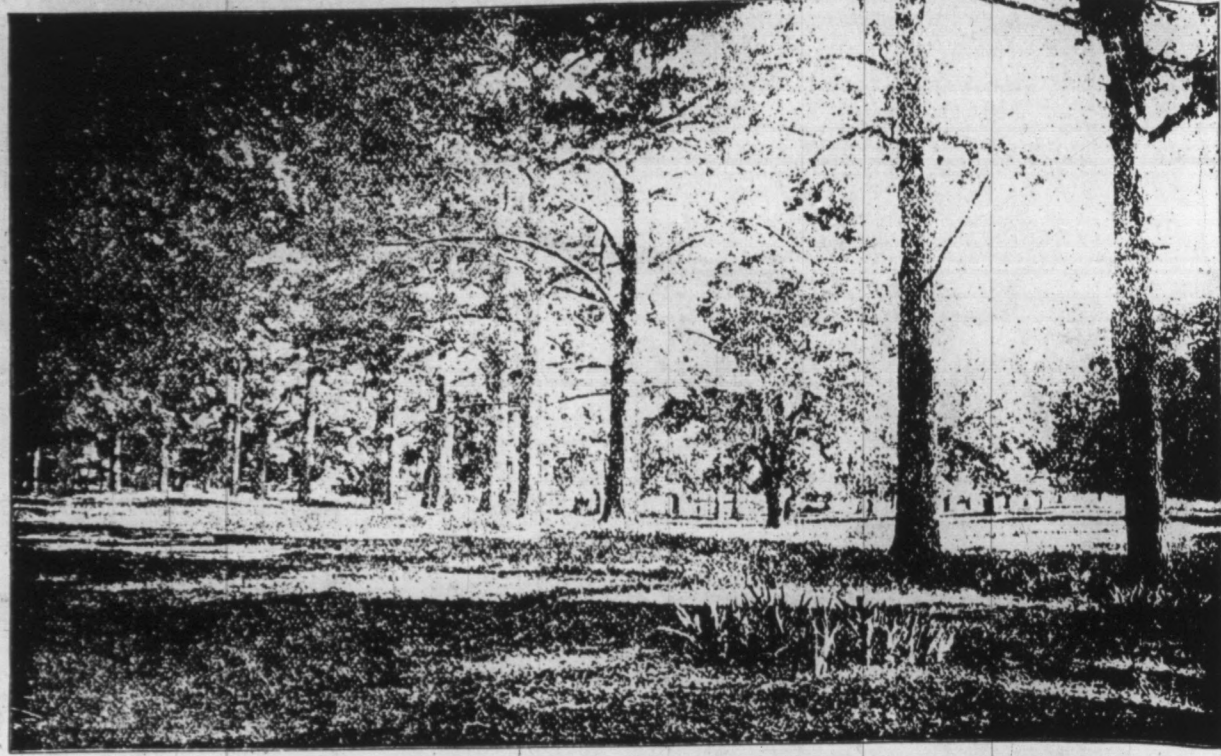
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GORDON & HARRIS



A WESTERN VIEW OF CARIC'S PARK.

the southern edge of Fulton county foot Lake is forty miles long by ten and in the western portion. This miles wide, and was formed in 1811, lake is mostly in Obion and Lake it is supposed, by violent earthquake counties, Tennessee, and is one of disturbances, though it is supposed the best known bodies of water in the old bed of the Mississippi river, and by several millionaire sportsmen of that the bottom fell out during an Clarksville, Tenn., with the intention earthquake which caused so many

of Murray, Ky., in March, 1834. In 1875 there was another dreadful visitation from these cyclones. It occurred on Christmas morning. On January 12, 1890, the central part of the county experienced another damaging cyclone, but little harm was done in the immediate country, except south of the village Moscow. But the tornado destroyed a greater part of the town of Clinton, in Hickman county, and killed fourteen people.

It was not until 1853 that Fulton county could boast of a railroad. Then the Hickman & Ohio Railway Company was organized and chartered, and was completed from Hickman to Union City in the following year. A year later it fell into the hands of the Louisville & Northwestern Railway Company, only to be changed again in 1869 to the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway.

The Mobile & Ohio Railroad passes through the county from north to south in 1856. The Paducah & Gulf Railway Company constructed its roadbed as far as Fulton town in 1860, and ran a narrow gauge line of trains for several years, when the road was extended by degrees to Memphis and passed into the hands of the Chesapeake, Ohio & Southwestern Railway Company. Two years ago—in 1898—this road was sold to the Illinois Central, and from Fulton to Memphis it now constitutes the main line of the great trunk line that extends from Chicago to New Orleans.

Fulton county was named in honor of Robert Fulton, the inventor of the first steamboat. The first court was held in 1845 in a small house in one of the principal streets of Hickman (then Mills Point). The house has long since passed from existence and was the present site of a large furniture store in Hickman.

The court was then, as now, composed of magistrates, the senior of whom was the county judge. Later and under the present constitution, Lewis Scarse was the first county judge, and he held that position till 1854. The county has only had eight judges, the present one being H. M. Kearby, who was elected in 1897. The first sheriff was Jacob White,



A GROUP OF KNIGHT'S HOTEL CLERKS.

Ed Smith, Manager of Restaurant. Albert Smith, Clerk.
H. W. Prestwood, Chief Clerk of Hotel. Dee Gholson, Clerk.

of constructing a private preserve. But with over the southwestern portion of the protest against this move by the freedom-loving people of the section was so great the scheme had to be abandoned and it was sold to other parties for \$15,000, who have the intention of draining the lake and cultivating the vast area it now covers. Reel-



MURPHEY ROW, A NEGRO SECTION OF THE TOWN.

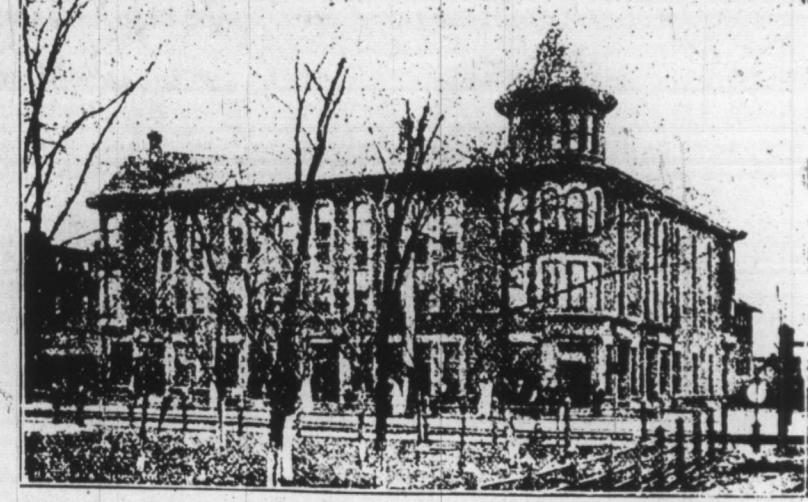
electd January 30, 1845. His first bond was fixed at \$3,000, the second at \$2,000. Fourteen men wore the shrievalty robes since, and J. T. Stubblefield, the present sheriff, makes the sixteenth to serve this county in that capacity.

L. D. Stephens was the first county clerk, having been chosen pro tem, April 1, 1845, with a bond of \$10,000. There were seven other clerks since his days, and Sam D. Luten, the present efficient county clerk, makes the eighth.

J. Wesley Morris, the present circuit clerk, had nine predecessors, the first being Dickson Givens in 1845-51.

A. S. Tyler was the first county surveyor, and Robt. Powell the first coroner.

A. D. Kingman, the first county school commissioner, was elected twice to that position—in 1847 and again in 1881. There were seven others who filled the position that is now so ably attended to by Prof. D. E. Wilson, who was elected in 1897 for a second term. Hon. Warren A. Lindsey, our present county attorney, followed twelve



KNIGHT'S HOTEL.

people at large when such necessity arises.

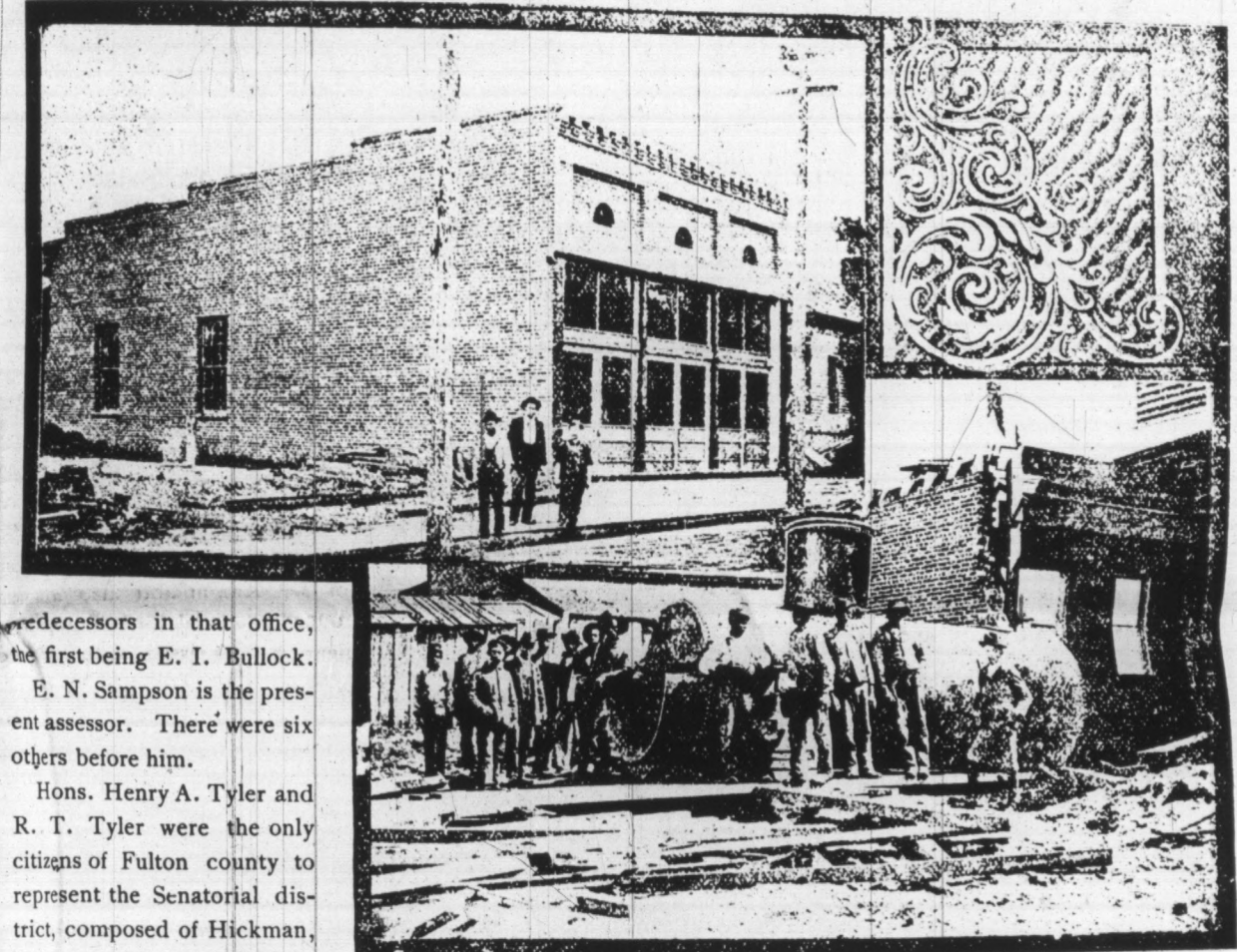
The first school in the county was taught by Wm. Morris, in 1825, in the first school house near Watson's Switch, on the M. & O. railroad. He was a poor man and his wife helped make a living for the family, even digging the well at home. John Pryne taught school later on the Sylvan Shade Seminary, sometimes

The Fulton Daily Leader and Fulton Weekly Leader are published at Fulton by Mott Ayres.

The Guard is a weekly paper also published in Fulton.

The Hickman Courier is edited by George Warren at Hickman, and is issued weekly.

The Commercial-Herald was the first newspaper published in the county—issued at Hickman in 1841.



NEW HOME OF FULTON ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER CO., SHOWING THE NEW BOILER.

predecessors in that office, the first being E. I. Bullock. E. N. Sampson is the present assessor. There were six others before him.

Hons. Henry A. Tyler and R. T. Tyler were the only citizens of Fulton county to represent the Senatorial district, composed of Hickman, Fulton and Graves counties, in the State Senate, Hickman and Graves having supplied the rest.

In the lower house of the Kentucky Legislature Fulton and Hickman counties elect a joint representative, taking terms about. Of the Fulton county residents, Wimrey B. McConnell was the first representative, in 1848-49; Guy S. Miles, 1867-69; B. R. Walker, 1873-75-76; Henry S. Campbell, 1877-78; J. R. Luten, 1881-82; P. J. Oliver, 1886-87; A. C. Brown, 1897-98.

The present court house at Hickman was erected in 1847 on a high picturesque bluff, overlooking the grand Mississippi.

The first jail was a log house and was built in 1846, but was torn down and replaced by a better one in 1860. The present structure was erected in 1872, costing several thousand dollars. It is of modern design, and securely constructed.

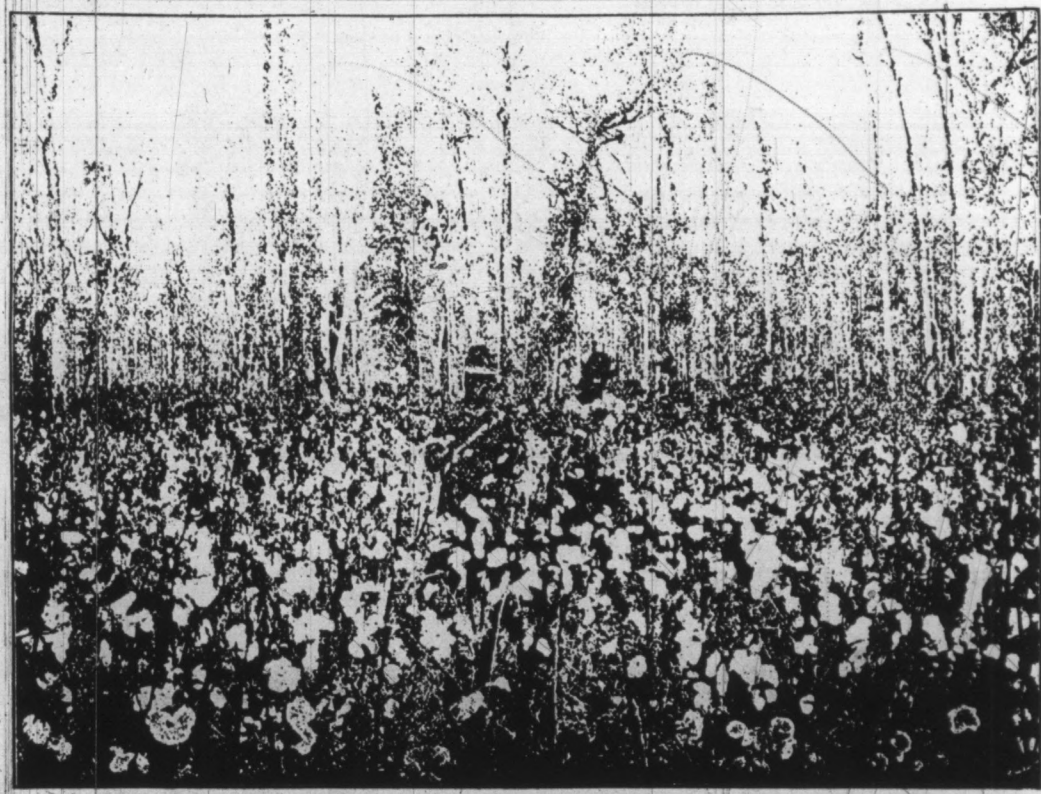
The first jailor was John Betts (in 1846). There were only six other guardians of the county's prisoners—T. S. Wallace having served such a long time. He was succeeded by Geo. Carpenter and he by Jo Noonan, who has held the position for two terms.

In Fulton county the public pauper is unknown, and there never has been any necessity of a county poorhouse and farm for the county's indigent. Our people are more or less well off, in good homes and productive farms or thriving business interests, and the less fortunate ones are liberally sub-

known as Simmons' school house. Other early teachers were Willis White, George Fair, Finley Bynum, and a Mr. Singletary.

Fulton county is dotted all over with school houses at present—there being about fifty-six public school teachers and thirty-six public schools,

Of the towns in the county Hickman is the oldest, and the county seat, with a population of 2,500. Fulton is the largest, with a population of 6,000. Cayce is a small town in the center of the county and on the M. & O. railroad. Jordan is also a small station on that railroad. State



A COTTON FIELD SOUTH OF FULTON.

The county is well supplied with churches, mostly Methodists, Baptists, Christians, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians.

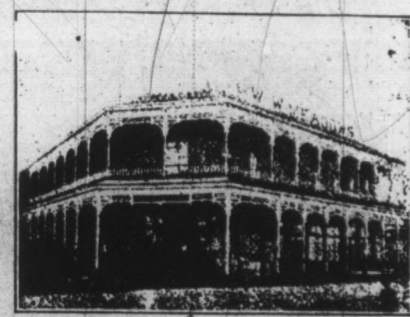
The last census gave the county a population of 15,978, but it has grown rapidly since and is now nearer 25,000.

The county is Democratic by an overwhelming majority.

There are five newspapers established in the county—four secular and one religious—the Baptist Flag, edited by Eld. J. N. Hall, and having a circulation of 14,000.

Line is a village on the N. C. & St. L. railroad, and Connelly is a landing on the Mississippi river.

And Fulton is the future metropolis.



MEADOWS' BIG STORE.

HON. T. N. SMITH.
 One of the leading young attorneys of Fulton and Fulton county is the Hon. Thos. N. Smith, who was born and reared on a farm near this city, and after receiving a common school education, studied law under Judge



HON. T. N. SMITH.

at a railway center, where thousands of packages change hands every day. Mr. Knouse is exact and methodical in all business relations, and there has never been the least discrepancy in his reports while serving the express company.
 He is one of our youngest law makers and his voice and vote has always been recorded on the side of enterprise and progress.

Steel, and after passing a splendid examination was admitted to the bar. Mr. Smith makes a specialty of commercial practice; and is regarded as one of the safest collectors anywhere to be found. He has made it a rule to present the account to the debtor the day it reaches him, and if he succeeds in making a collection he remits the very day it is paid.
 Mr. Smith's friends are urging him to make the race for the legislature, and he has signified his intention of doing so.

ELD. E. M. WAITS.

Eld. E. M. Waits, the popular pastor of the Christian church, is perhaps the brightest young preacher of his denomination in the State of Kentucky. Eld. Waits has one of the largest memberships in the city and his congregations are always large and appreciative, due in a great measure to

JOE WADE.
 A fixture of South Fulton and an honor to the town is her ex-Mayor Joe Wade, who has been identified with the growth of the town since its origin away back in 1868. He was three times elevated to the mayoralty and served for years as councilman and school trustee.
 Mr. Wade is in the furniture and undertaking business and has been in the business at his present stand on State Line street for about twenty-five years. He has a large business house grouped around his residence and is filled with up-to-date furniture of every kind, which he buys by the car load—or rather several car loads at a



JOE WADE.

shipment—and sells within the reach of the humblest buyer, as well as carrying the more costly sort of house furnishing goods.
 His undertaking department is first-class. Mr. Wade gives this his personal attention and his long experience guarantees the public first-class service.

HERBERT CARR.

Another leading young attorney of our town is Herbert Carr, who is a graduate of Vanderbilt University in both the classical and law departments. Herbert is a son of Mr. W. T. Carr, on whose land a greater part of Fulton was built.
 From childhood young Carr has been of a studious turn of mind and his friends are unanimous in the prediction that he will make a brilliant and able lawyer. Mr. Carr offices with Hon. Ed Thomas in the First National Bank building. He is quite



HERBERT CARR.

a noted singer, having been a member of the Vanderbilt Glee Club. He is also an all round athlete, fond of outdoor sport and is the best amateur baseball pitcher in Kentucky.

CHAS. E. RICE.

Chas E. Rice is the honored and trusted cashier of the Citizens Bank of this city. A more solid man than Mr. Rice cannot be found within the boundaries of old Kentucky.
 Mr. Rice came to Fulton from the Blue Grass region when a young man and married one of our fairest girls in

the person of Miss Bettie Nolen. Mr. and Mrs. Rice have one of the most pleasant homes in Fulton and their pretty group of children are admired by all their acquaintances.
 Some years ago Mr. Rice was honored with the office of police judge.



CHAS. E. RICE.

but he soon tired of it, to him, unpleasant duties and devoted all of his time to his fire insurance agency, which he has since sold and is at present giving all of his valuable time to the interests of the Citizens Bank.

HENRY KNIGHT.

At a cost of over twenty thousand dollars Knight's Hotel in this city was erected. This building is beyond doubt one of the prettiest and most complete of any hostelry in the borders of old Kentucky.
 The proprietor of this celebrated hotel is Mr. Henry Knight, a young man who is well known throughout the South and the North among the Knights of the Grip for the excellent service of his hotel.
 A likeness of this hotel, a picture of Mr. Knight and also a group of four of his most trusted employees appear in this issue. In connection with this hotel Mr. Knight owns one



HENRY KNIGHT.

of the prettiest barber shops to be seen anywhere, the sides of the room being made of plate glass mirrors.

ELD. J. H. WRIGHT.

In this issue we give a correct likeness of Eld. J. H. Wright, pastor of the First Baptist church of Fulton.
 Eld. Wright is a zealous and devout man, who takes much interest in his denomination.
 Previous to his coming to Fulton, Eld. Wright was pastor of one of the Baptist churches at Nashville, Tenn., and his people at that place gave him up with reluctance.
 Eld. Wright is married and has a pretty home on Gospel Hill, where he is always glad to have his friends visit him.



ELD. J. H. WRIGHT.



A GROUP OF FULTON BEAUTIES.

DR. R. N. WHITEHEAD.

The subject of this sketch is one of the best scholars in the medical profession, not only in this community but in the two states where he practices his profession—Tennessee and Kentucky. He is a close student and the older he gets the more he studies, and as this is the secret of success in all intellectual professions Dr. R. N. Whitehead will stand pre-eminently among the best specialists and general practitioners combined in this section before many more years. The doctor is really a resident of Kentucky, but has his home in Tennessee—one of the largest and most comfortable residences in these parts. He is prominently connected with the civil government of South Fulton, having served as councilman



DR. R. N. WHITEHEAD.

for several years and is a prominent factor in education. His pleasant address and genial, jolly disposition make for him friends by the hundred. Like a manly son he lives with his aged parents whom he supports.

DR. J. R. LUTEN.

One of the best established, if not the oldest physician in these parts, is Dr. J. R. Luten, who not only ranks high in his profession, but is so prominently connected with all the affairs—politically, socially and professionally—that Fulton county couldn't well do without him. He has a large practice in the counties contiguous to Fulton, is eminently successful and has the confidence of the people not



DR. J. R. LUTEN.

only as a material healer but spiritual as well. He has always been foremost in politics—always conservative and working for the elevation of county politics and the harmony of the democratic party. He represented the county in the lower house of the Legislature a few years ago and came home with a clean record and a consciousness of duty well performed. In his elegant rooms on South Lake street he has a splendid laboratory and all latest appliances and surgical instruments.

DR. JOHN C. YATES.

This sterling young practitioner is deserving of the best that can fall to his lot. He has been actively in the medical profession since graduating



DR. JOHN C. YATES.

from the University of Louisville, in 1892 where he took class honors in a large list of fellow-graduates. He took a post-graduate course at the Kentucky Medical College (a summer school) at Louisville last year. This corresponds with normal schools and the system of instruction is advanced and scientific.

So, combining natural gifts with thorough and up-to-date methods and theories, a preparation the result of years of hard class work, sitting at lectures and seven years hard work in general practice, Dr. Yates is excellently qualified for curing the ills that flesh is heir to.

This young doctor is very progressive and stops at nothing to perfect his education and attain the lofty height to which his ambition aspires. He is

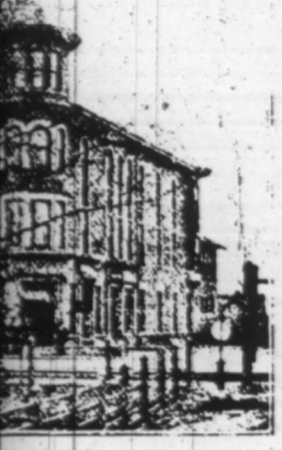


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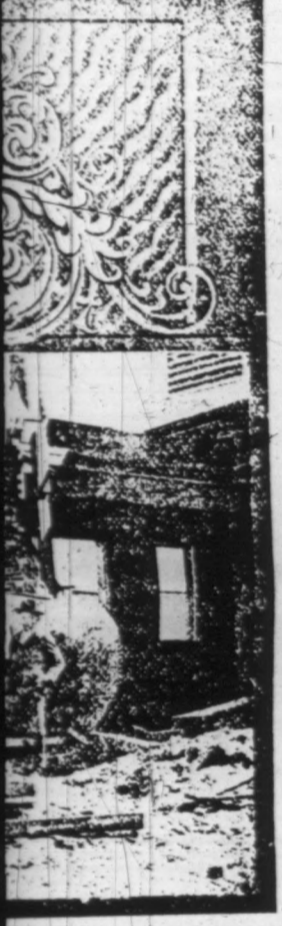
arranging to go to New York in the fall to take polyclinics and hospital work.

DR. J. M. ALEXANDER.

Dr. J. M. Alexander is one of our leading young physicians and is a close observer of their code of ethics. He came to Fulton about ten years ago and immediately received the good will and confidence of our people.
 Dr. Alexander is one of our leaders in social functions and has made more trips to Hickman with prospective bridegrooms than all others put together. He is of a modest and retiring disposition, destined to make his mark in the world.



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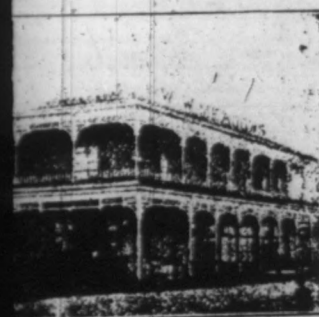
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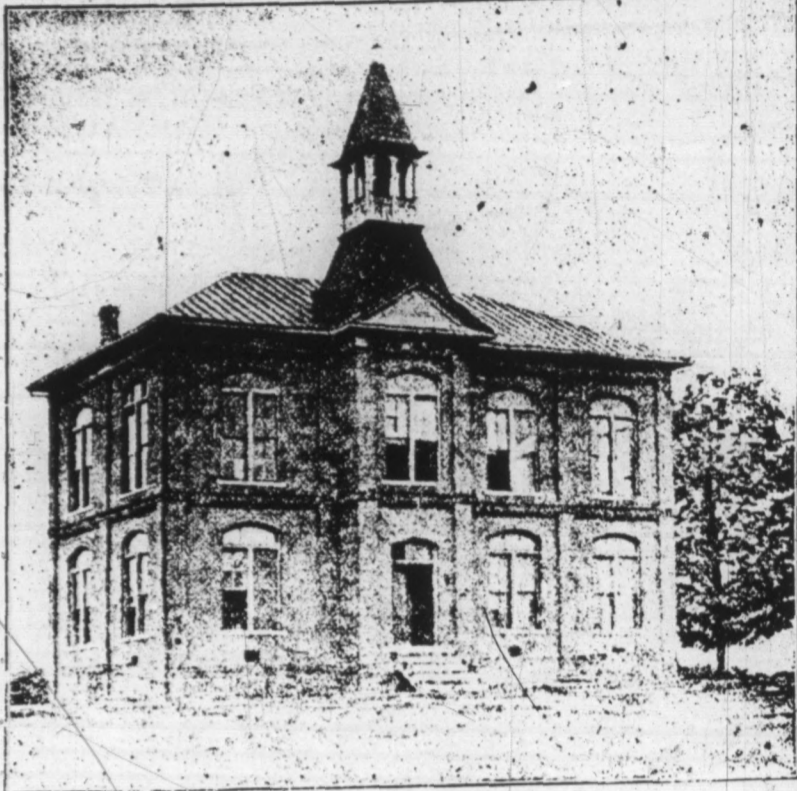


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ADOWS' BIG STORF.



FULTON NORMAL AND BUSINESS COLLEGE.

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This school was founded in 1890, with Profs. Yates and Kilgore as the first teachers. These were succeeded by Kirkland Bros., who conducted the school for four consecutive years. It was then in its prime and attained a wide reputation as a business and normal college, and the enrollment of pupils from a distance was the largest ever known in a local school. The original cost of the two-story brick building was \$7,500 and a boarding hall built since at a cost of \$4,000. The school building was purchased two years ago by the trustees of South Fulton as has since been used as a public school. Prof. G. R. Haley of Murray, who has been employed to teach the next fall session, is eminently fitted for the position and will no doubt have the hearty co-operation of the patrons and trustees.

MEADOWS' BIG STORE.

In speaking of the Big Store one might as well confine himself to the history of Fulton from a village to a city of 6,000 people today. The confidence W. W. Meadows has always had in the growth and great success of the city has been reflected again and again upon other business men, until a combined effort of local capitalists and merchants have given the town a rush forward to a great city. Mr. Meadows has passed a quarter of a century of business success, and his progress has been marked by marvelous results. With his almost unlimited resources, a cool calculating insight into the future business conditions, and an indomitable pluck to carry any enterprise to completion. Mr. Meadows has placed himself in an enviable position as a merchant. Mr. Meadows will doubtless do much more for the progress and prosperity of Fulton. The Meadows block is one of the largest and finest in the South, and our people are proud of it.

SHACKLETT, THOMAS & CO.

A little over four years ago Mr. U. S. Shacklett came to Fulton from Waverly, Tenn., and started as a clerk in the hardware store of W. P. Felts. A year later he bought an interest in the store, but when the Meadows' new block was completed he severed his connection and established a new hardware store in this building, occupying a double store space. For a time he was associated with Mr. J. W. Chambers, but Messrs. J. W. and L. E. Thomas of



LARGE HARDWARE HOUSE OF SHACKLETT, THOMAS & CO.

handles a large amount of the tobacco raised around this section, is an excellent judge of good tobacco and can always be relied upon to give the best of the weed to all foreign buyers. Mr. Browder is alive to the needs of Fulton and is prominent in all that builds up the community. He has been a member of the school board for several years, and takes great interest in educational matters. In this issue we present a picture of his handsome residence.

GEO. R. CREEDLE.

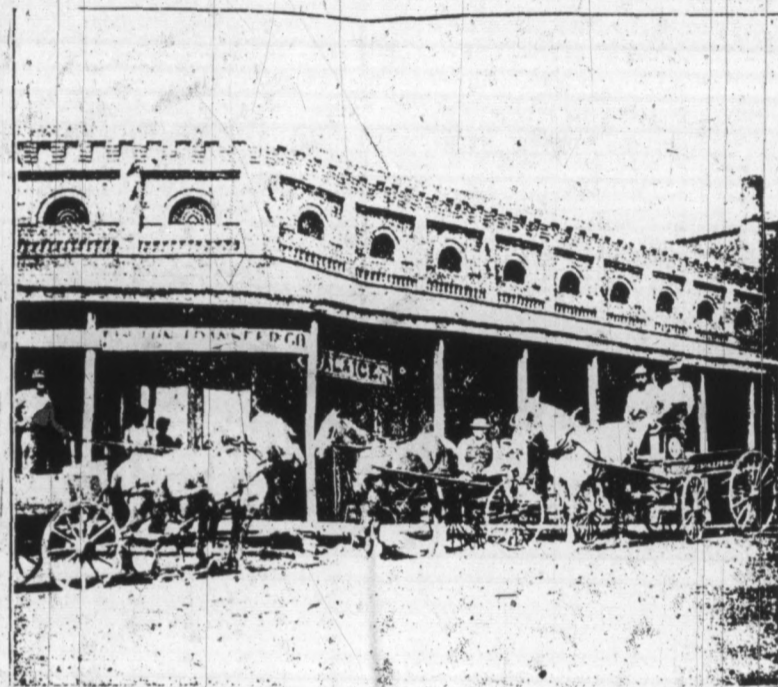
Geo. R. Creedle, proprietor of the Fulton Transfer Co., is one of the busiest men in the city of Fulton today. From early infancy Mr. Creedle has been of an ambitious turn of mind and his indomitable determination

as \$1,000 and \$1,200, a car load to be distributed among home merchants.

This industry has gone through varied experiences since it was first established about fifteen years ago, and is now in a most prosperous competition.

Messrs. Dent and Ethridge came into control of the plant last year and their enterprise and business like methods have pushed it far up in the front with the leading industries of this section.

The firm is composed of Messrs. George Dent and J. W. Ethridge, both of Sharon, Tenn. They are men of considerable means, pluck and indelible application and deserve the smiles of prosperity that now reward their effort. Only the most



FULTON TRANSFER CO., GEO. R. CREEDLE, PROPRIETOR.

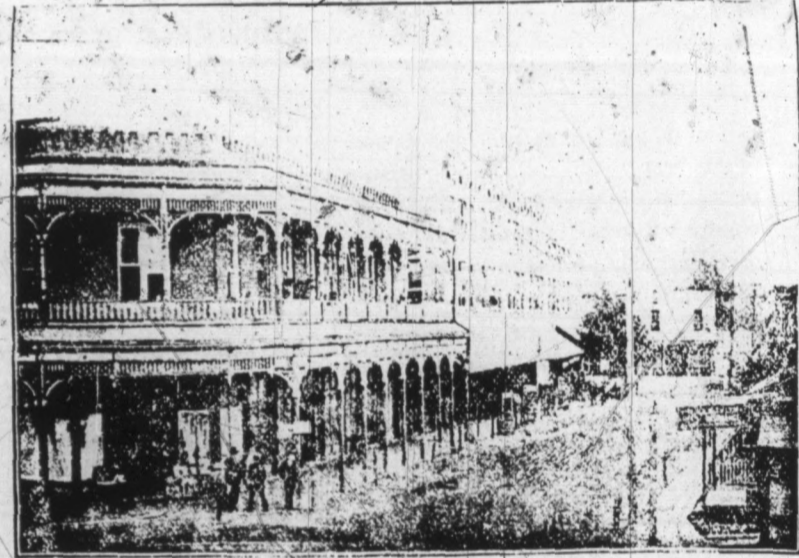
has certainly brought him success, for he has one of the best paying establishments in Fulton. Besides running a number of transfer wagons, Mr. Creedle is engaged in the coal and

experienced and skilled labor can get employment in this factory. Mr. Ethridge is a nephew of Hon. Emerson Ethridge of Dresden and is one of the wealthiest bachelors in West Tennessee.

BENNETT BROS.

A prosperous drug store that has confidence in printer's ink and the ability to make good at their store any guarantee or promise, is one to be relied upon every time.

The drug firm of Bennett Bros. is so firmly established and the proprietors so clever and popular with the people that it is a pleasure to give it place in our columns. It is composed of two brothers, Sam and Joe Bennett, and they are hustlers, excellent businessmen and efficient and accurate prescriptionists. They have had so much experience that they couldn't fill orders any other way than just right. They own their place of business—a two-story brick in the Meadows block, and are thriving in a way quite pleasant to their friends, and shows their ability as financiers, and the confidence of their customers in their drugs and business methods.

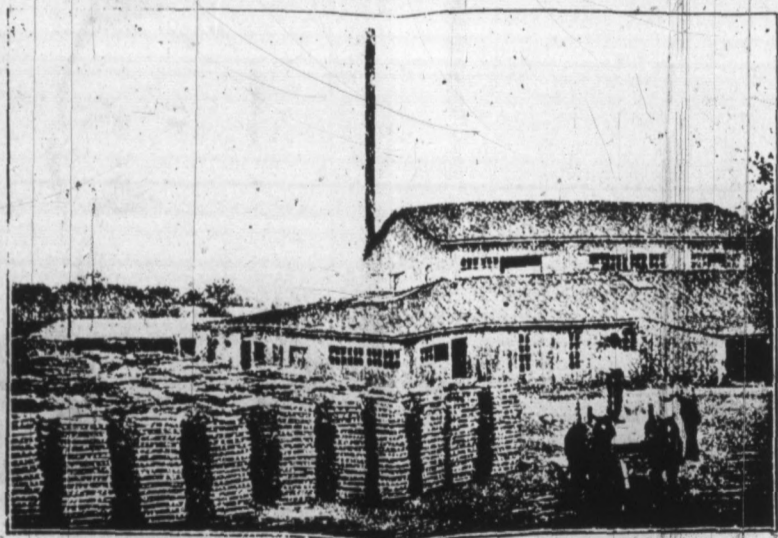


A VIEW OF CHURCH STREET.

arranged for the customary ten grades in the public school. For such it has been used during the past seven years, and has been instrumental in turning out a great many graduates for Fulton. Prof. C. W. Oldham has had charge of this school for the past three years, and right well has he conducted it. The school is on the accredited list and its graduates are permitted to enter the state college at Lexington without examination.

JOE BROWDER.

Another influential tobacco dealer is Joe Browder, commonly known as "Jodie." Although, like most of our enterprising business men, he started comparatively poor, he is now one of the most prosperous and affluent business men of Fulton, and he has made it all by his fine business tact and superb management. He



VIEW OF FULTON LUMBER AND MANUFACTURING CO.

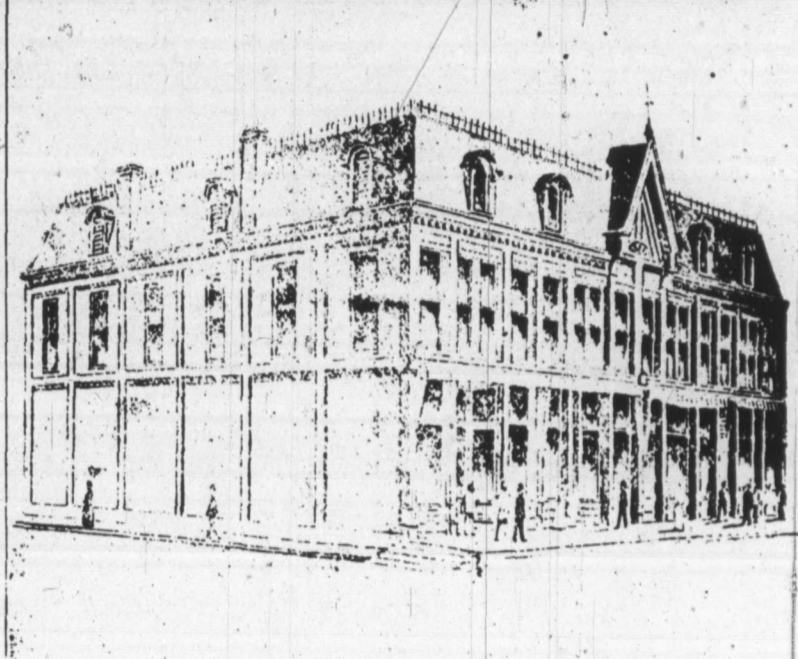
sound as a dollar. His wagons are built of the best material to be found and his motto has ever been: "Not how cheap, but how good." Mr. Creedle is well liked by everybody and has an interesting family to whom he is greatly attached.

FULTON LUMBER CO.

Fulton is noted for her facility in supplying the manufacturing markets with hardwood material. The Fulton Lumber Company ships as fast as they are turned, car load after car load of seasoned black and white hickory spokes to Chicago, St. Louis and Louisville, which bring as much

P. H. WEAKS

This sterling man of destiny moved to Fulton from Water Valley not quite five years ago, and his success in business here has been phenomenal. From a small dry goods store and one or two clerks he has risen to a large double store on the corner of Lake street and Commercial avenue, and employs some eight or ten clerks. He believes in the efficacy of printer's ink and the best of his rapid success was made telling the people what he had to sell. Though still quite young Mr. Weaks is fast forging ahead as a financier. He is as determined and



LARGE DRY GOODS ESTABLISHMENT OF P. H. WEAKS.

energetic as he is deliberate and his business methods have won the confidence of the people, who admire him for his pluck, genial ways and his honest methods and fair dealings. Mr. Weaks well merits the prosperity that has so abundantly crowned his efforts to build up a good dry goods business in Fulton and he will always make friends by his cultured and affable manners and the liberal bargains he offers every day.

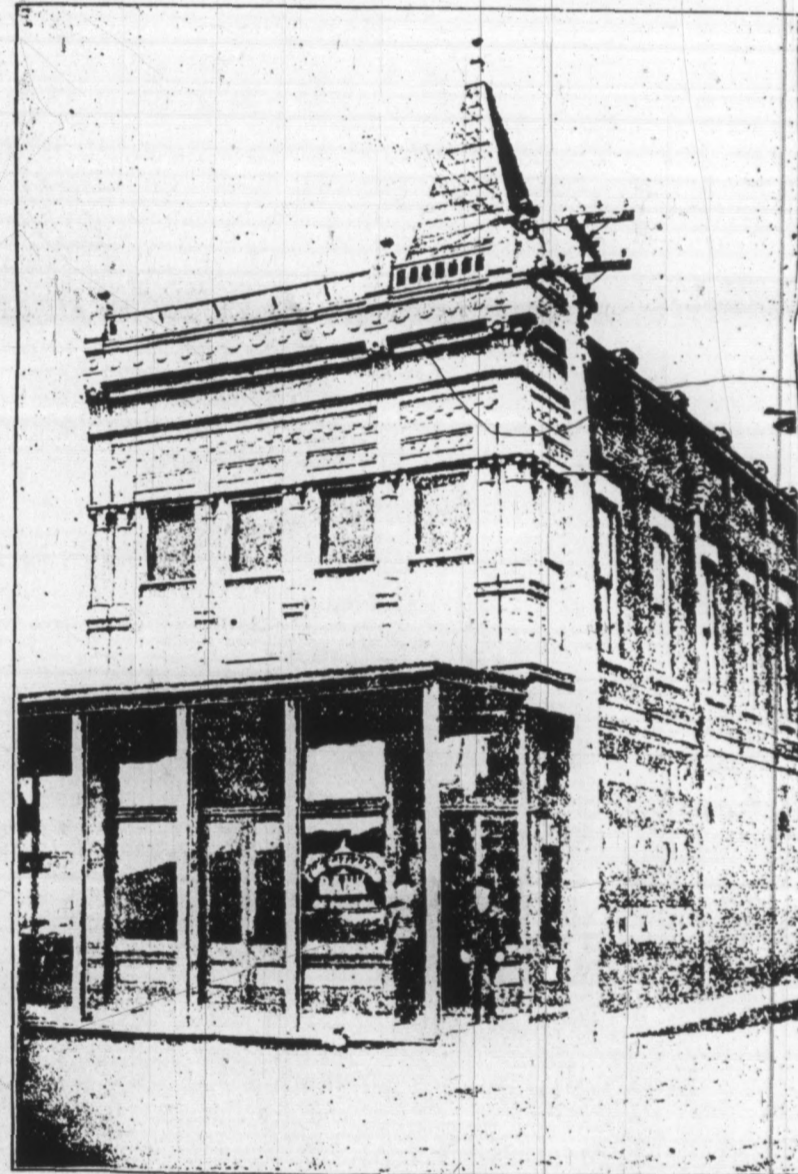
THE CITIZENS BANK.

Although dating its existence a little over a year ago, the Citizens

Bank is in a rising condition, having already declared handsome dividends to its enterprising stockholders. Its flourishing condition is not surprising when one considers that the bank is under the excellent management of Mr. C. E. Rice, one of the best and most astute accountants and financiers in this country. Mr. Rice is a tower of strength to any institution. He has the confidence and esteem of everybody wherever he is known. He is the very man to demonstrate

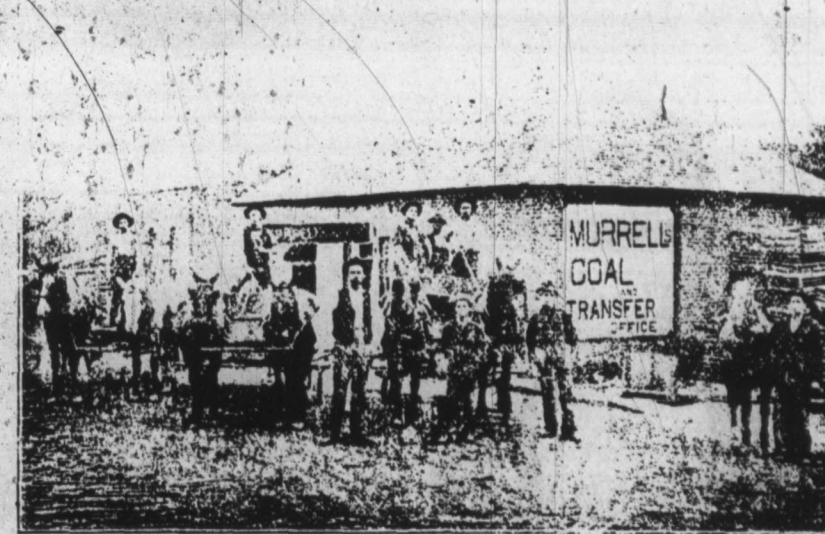
BEN MURRELL.

One of the best hustlers in the coal and city transfer business is Mr. Ben Murrell, whose office is on Walnut street at the intersection of that thoroughfare with the railroad. He is



HOME OF THE CITIZENS BANK.

one of the most truly energetic men in town and is doing a big business. Mr. Murrell is a part and parcel of Fulton. As the scion of Uncle Bart L. Murrell, one of the pioneer settlers of this place, he is more generally known than so many of the new comers. He is governed by strict business methods, and takes great pride in the rapid growth of his native city, whose interest he is so zealously watching and striving to advance.



MURRELL'S COAL AND TRANSFER ESTABLISHMENT.



RESIDENCE OF COL. W. P. TAYLOR.

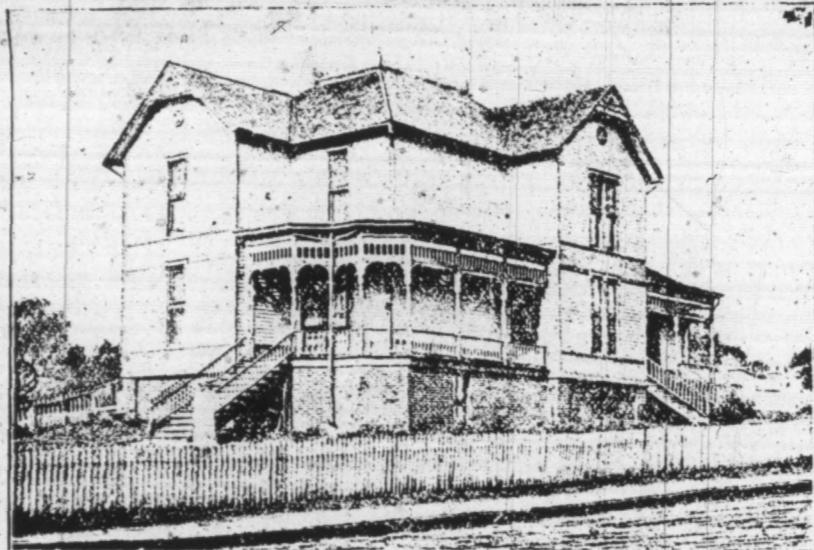
COL. W. P. TAYLOR.
Universally honored and respected is the genial and friendly W. Pleas Taylor, now the dignified and sagacious president of the First National Bank. He is extremely liberal and

his success is due to the persistency to which he has applied himself to his profession. In addition to having the only book store in the city he is manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and has made a most efficient employe, having served in that capacity during the past six years. Mr. Taylor is full of push and energy, and in every way deserving the prosperity that is rewarding him.



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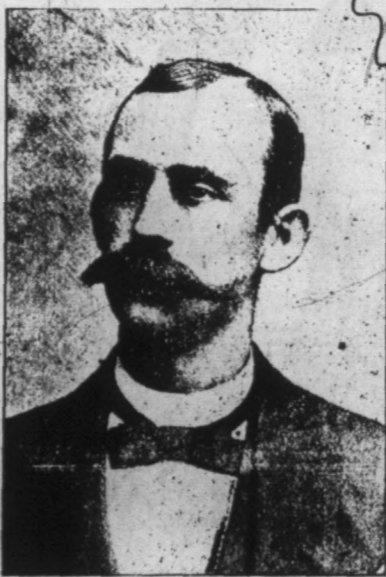
hospitable in his quiet, domestic and social life, but a cautious and conservative head of the excellent banking institution of which he is the moving factor. Perhaps Pleas Taylor is the most widely known and beloved indi-



RESIDENCE OF MR. WM. COHN.

vidual in all Fulton county. For years he was prominently before the county as County Court clerk, and whenever he wanted that office he was considered invincible—every one gave way to him, and it is the universal opinion that he made us a capital clerk. He has built a handsome home in Fulton since retiring from politics, and will spend his declining years surrounded by the people who love and value him most.

W. H. NORMAN.
As proprietor of the City Book Store, Mr. Willis H. Norman is one of the best known young men of Fulton. He is strictly and severely business, and is one of our most competent and widely esteemed business men. He is polite and attentive to the least wants of the public, and his fine ac-



W. H. NORMAN.

his new addition to Fulton, and is one of the most energetic men we ever saw.

G. H. BRANSFORD.
Among the first to go into business in Fulton is G. H. Bransford, who moved here from the Mt. Zion neighborhood (near Jordan) when the city was a mere village, and established a brick yard near the Paducah & Gulf railroad and away back in the Norman field. The town has grown so rapidly that his brick yard is now in the center of East Fulton and he could sell his property by town lots for thousands of dollars. He has since bought twenty-five acres back of his place and has unlimited facilities for getting out brick. Last year finding he

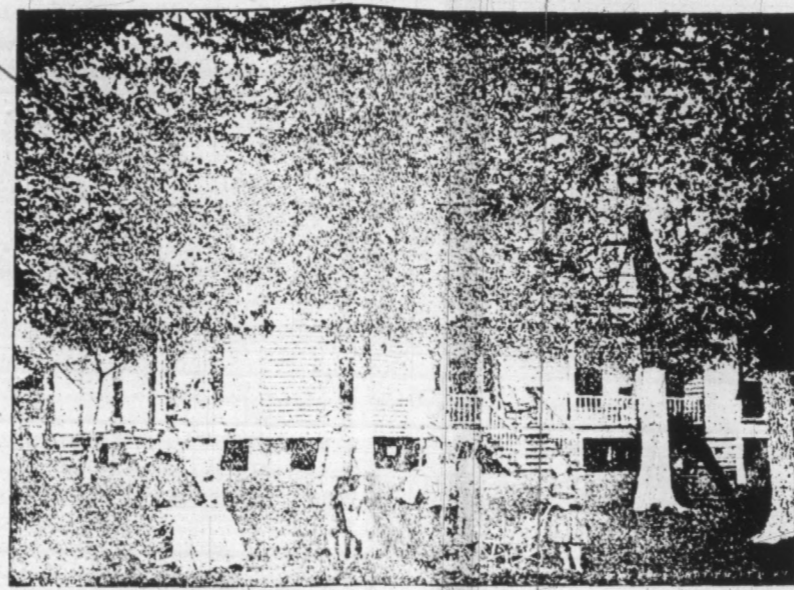
machinery incapable for the demand, he put in an entire new plant and is turning out the finest quality of manufactured brick, produced by a very high pressure, and skilled workmen. Associated with him is his eldest son, r. Clarence Bransford whose experience dates back to the time when he was a mere tot, and who has gone gradually through every department of work until he is one of the most efficient managers the yards ever had. They ship brick to all the neighboring towns by the car load, and the demand for their high grade brick is still on the increase. Mr. Bransford was married early in life to Miss Jessie



G. H. BRANSFORD.

an immense patronage. Miss Bennett is one of the most pleasant and agreeable women we ever saw, and when she fails to please a customer none else need try. Her store is located on Lake street and besides a full line of the latest millinery she carries a well assorted line of ladies' novelties, fancy ornaments, toilet articles, etc.

GORDON & HARRIS.
A leading grocery firm is that of Gordon & Harris, and volume of business done by this house is not surprising when the extreme popularity of the proprietors is considered. T. J. Gordon is one of the oldest and



RESIDENCE OF ELDER J. N. HALL.

Patterson, daughter of Dr. S. G. R. one of Fulton's pioneer physicians. For years he has been prominently before the people, both in a business and legislative capacity and he was one of the best aldermen the town ever had. He has been in business ministers in the Missionary Baptist denomination dwells in our city in the

J. N. HALL.
One of the most celebrated Baptist ministers in the city is Eld. J. N. Hall, who is editor of the American Baptist Flag a paper with a national circulation of fourteen thousand, and published in this city. Eld. Hall is recognized and admitted on all sides to be the greatest debater within the bounds of the Baptist denomination. His services in this respect are so much in demand that he is away from home the most of the time engaged in these discussions. He is also a successful and pithy writer and his editorials are frequently reproduced by other journals of large circulation. Mr. Hall has a pleasant home in the suburbs of our city.

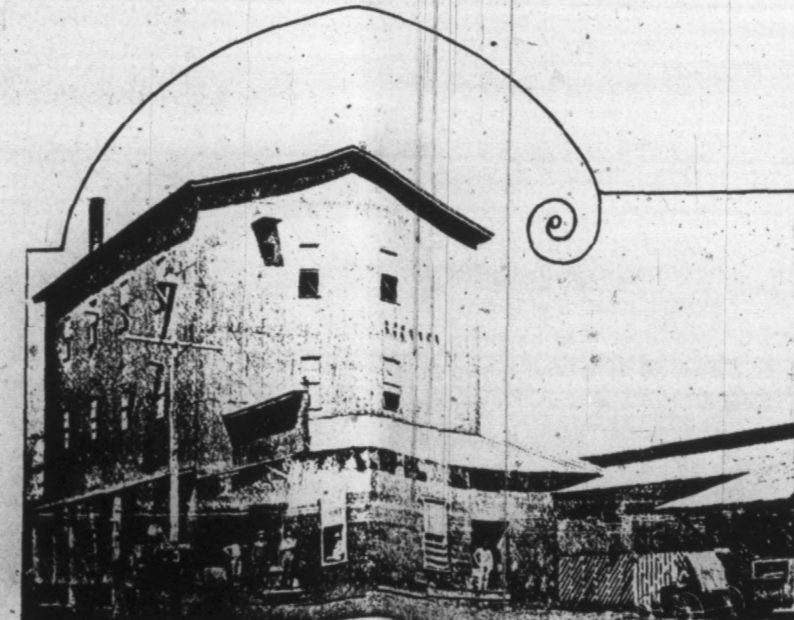


ELDER J. N. HALL.

ago he associated himself with Mr. Will H. Harris, a young man of exceptionally good business qualities—as full of push and straightforward business methods as one can be. This enterprising firm has grown so fast that its present quarters on Walnut street are too cramped and at an early day they will erect a two-story business house on Main street to accommodate the demands of trade, which is very bright with this favored store.

W. V. BRANN & SON.
Bread being the staff of life, the splendid flouring mill of W. V. Brann & Son necessarily ranks as not only the leading industry of this vicinity, but the most essential as well. This milling plant is thoroughly fitted out from the ground floor to its fourth story with the best roller machinery and appurtenances. The flour produced are of the best grades, from good, firm, well selected

MISS BELLE BENNETT.
One of the prettiest millinery stores to be found anywhere is that of Miss Belle Bennett, the busiest woman in Fulton, who by her own efforts and skill in the art she has made her profession, has succeeded in building up



W. V. BRANN & SON'S LARGE FLOURING MILL.



RESIDENCE OF MR. SMITH FIELDS.

wheat, and is strictly pure and healthful breadstuff.

"The best brands are 'Peerless' and 'White Lily.' Of the first named several car loads are shipped to different points south and west every month.

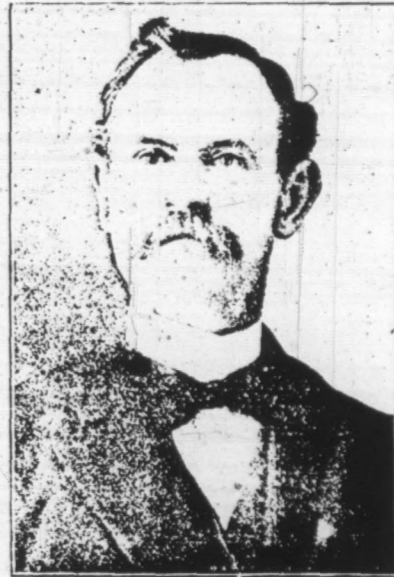
In one instance of 500 barrels of 'Peerless,' shipped to one firm in Mississippi, there has not been a single complaint.

The firm is composed of W. V. Brann, who was raised in the wheat-fields of Weakly county most all his life, and his son Commodore Brann, one of the most experienced buyers and managers in this country.

Both father and son are deservedly popular and highly respected.

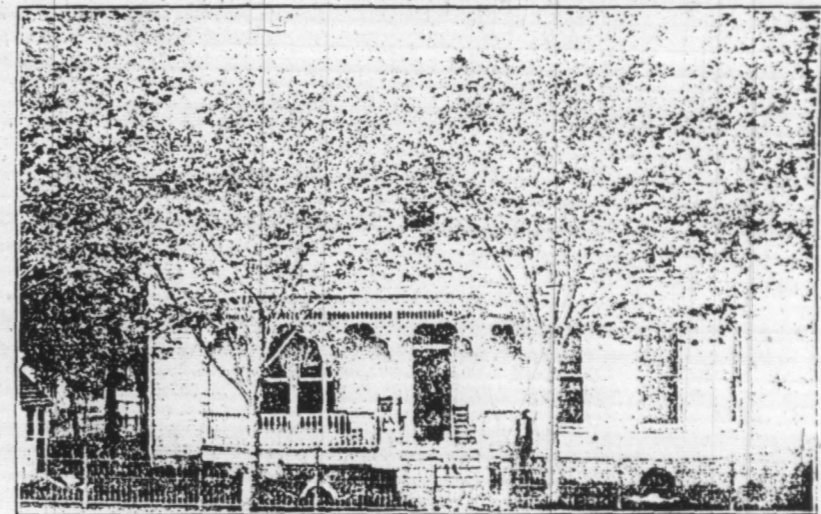
M. L. FARMER.

M. L. (Dock) Farmer is without contradiction the leading dealer in vehicles of all kinds and he carries the best stock of buggies, phaetons, pony rigs, carriages, carts, saddles, harness, whips, lap robes and things in this line of business to be found this side of St. Louis and Louisville. He is a man in whom one can place



M. L. FARMER.

men have by their close attention to business built up for themselves a trade that has never been surpassed



RESIDENCE OF MR. R. V. L. FARMER.

his trust, and his goods are always up to the guarantee he places on them.

M. L. FARMER.
Farmer says a thing that



M. L. FARMER.

by any one in this line of business in the city.

The gentlemen are both married and have happy and interesting families. Jas. Harmon Thetford pays special attention to the undertaking department of the firm and having graduated at the head of his class at Clark's celebrated school of embalming, he has gained the utmost confidence of the community in his work.

Mr. E. N. Thetford is regarded as one of the best salesmen in town. Besides being in the furniture business, Mr. Thetford is one of the school directors of Carr Institute and takes a live interest in educational matters at all times.

This firm has attained somewhat of a reputation in the wholesale line of late, having sent several large shipments of furniture to distant towns, and having customers at points over fifty miles from Fulton. They give satisfaction where others fail.

can't be guaranteed is not in his class of goods and the people believe him, too.

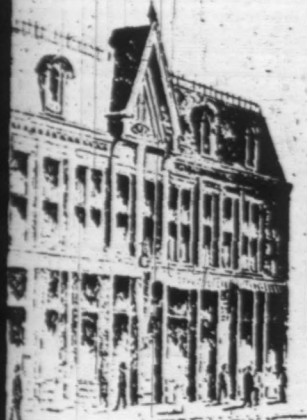
Mr. Farmer not only owns the property in which his business is situated, but also quite a number of other houses, evidencing his confidence in Fulton and a stable condition of local business. He is settled here for life and is making money fast. And he has one of the prettiest residences in West Fulton.

It requires two large ware-rooms, in addition to his double store to carry the large stock this firm handles.

Mr. Farmer is fortunate in having to assist him such a clever young man as Gus Hard, whom he adopted when quite young and reared as one of his family.



JAMES HARMON THETFORD.

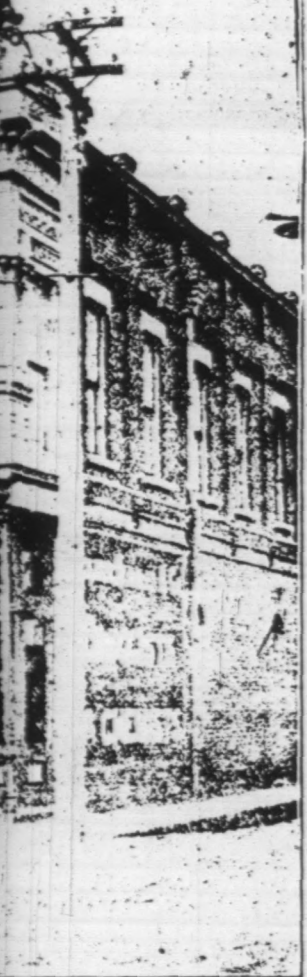


NT OF P. H. WEAKS.

banks can prosper in Fulton under the best of conditions. He is polite and attentive to the needs of our most business men. N. G. Cook, cashier, is of great help to Mr. Smith Fields is the best and one of the best officers ever had.

BEN MURRELL.

of the best hustlers in the coal transfer business is Mr. Ben Murrell, whose office is on Walnut street at the intersection of that thoroughfare with the railroad. He is



ENS BANK.

the most truly energetic men in town and is doing a big business. Murrell is a part and parcel of the town. As the scion of Uncle Bart Murrell, one of the pioneer settlers of this place, he is more generous than so many of the new men. He is governed by strict business methods, and takes great interest in the rapid growth of his native town, whose interest he is so fully watching and striving to



ER ESTABLISHMENT.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE LEADER

The first issue of the FULTON DAILY LEADER appeared on the streets of Fulton on the afternoon of June 25th, 1898.

It contained a live telegraphic report of the day's happenings, including the latest news of the war, then in progress between the United States and Spain.

The excellency of the paper's news service, both local and telegraphic, was a subject of comment, not only among Fulton people, but among the people of neighboring towns as well, who declared the LEADER to be the best daily paper they ever saw in a town of Fulton's size.

One thing that has made the paper popular is its freedom of speech, it being out-spoken on all subjects and championing those measures that were believed by its management to be for the best interest of the town. "Give the news regardless of person or persons and hit whom it may," has been the LEADER's motto from the start.

In July the Fultonian-Democrat, the oldest weekly in Fulton, came under the control of the LEADER and a weekly edition of the LEADER was started.

From the very start the merchants and the people generally of Fulton and Fulton county, feeling the importance of having an organ that would champion their side, rallied to the support of the daily and weekly LEADER, and today these two papers circulate all through this section of the country.

The LEADER politically is of course Democratic, and of the Jo Blackburn and W. J. Bryan order at that. The policy of the LEADER, however, has from the start been to give the news first, always side-tracking editorials for the live telegraphic and local matter, giving the remainder of the paper if any be available, to the political or other editorial comment.

The force consists of nineteen employees, not including the carriers, as follows: Editor, Mott Ayres; City Editor, Tom Lovelace; Reporter, S. S. Scott; Cashier, Mrs. Mott Ayres; Advertising and Circulation Manager, H. Bowden; Foreman of Composing Rooms, G. H. Wick; Foreman Press Rooms, C. T. Smith; Feeder, G. McNeely; Superintendent of Mailing, Geo. Herbert; Mailing Department, Misses Ellie Smith, Margarette Sharp and Gertrude Ketcham; Composing Rooms, R. M. Jackson, A. Ingle, R. L. Burnett, E. Lassiter, W. C. Smith, Geo. C. Baker, and Miss Minnie M. Miller.

One other secret of the paper's success is the union of the force, all working together in perfect harmony, and seeking at all times to further the success of the paper by lending their enthusiasm and mind to the work that each employee is delegated to perform.

The press work and composition on this issue was done in our own office; in fact, every particle of the work of this Industrial Edition was executed in the LEADER office. The press work was under the supervision of Mr. C. T. Smith, foreman of the press rooms, while the pretty make-up should be credited to Mr. G. H. Wick, foreman of the composing rooms.

The home of the LEADER is a two-story brick building with a basement, a picture of which appears in another column of this issue. The business office is fitted up in modern style and is well supplied with those things necessary to make a newspaper complete. Entirely apart from this business office are the editorial rooms and library, which contains over twelve hundred valuable books.

The composing room is large and well lighted, having plenty of good ventilation. The press room is located in the basement, and just in front of it is the stock room, which usually contains from \$500 to \$1500 worth of book, news and flat paper, it being our custom to buy direct from the mills in car load lots.

The press on which the LEADER is printed cost \$2500. We also have two Gordon job presses for commercial and other printing. The many

other appliances used in the mechanical department are modern and up-to-date in every particular.

Briefly and as intelligently as possible on paper the DAILY LEADER will endeavor to describe the process of making a newspaper.

There are three necessary departments in a newspaper office—the business department, the editorial department, and the mechanical department. In the large city offices these three departments are sub-divided into scores of others, but this article will deal with making a paper in a city the size of Fulton, with special reference to the DAILY LEADER.

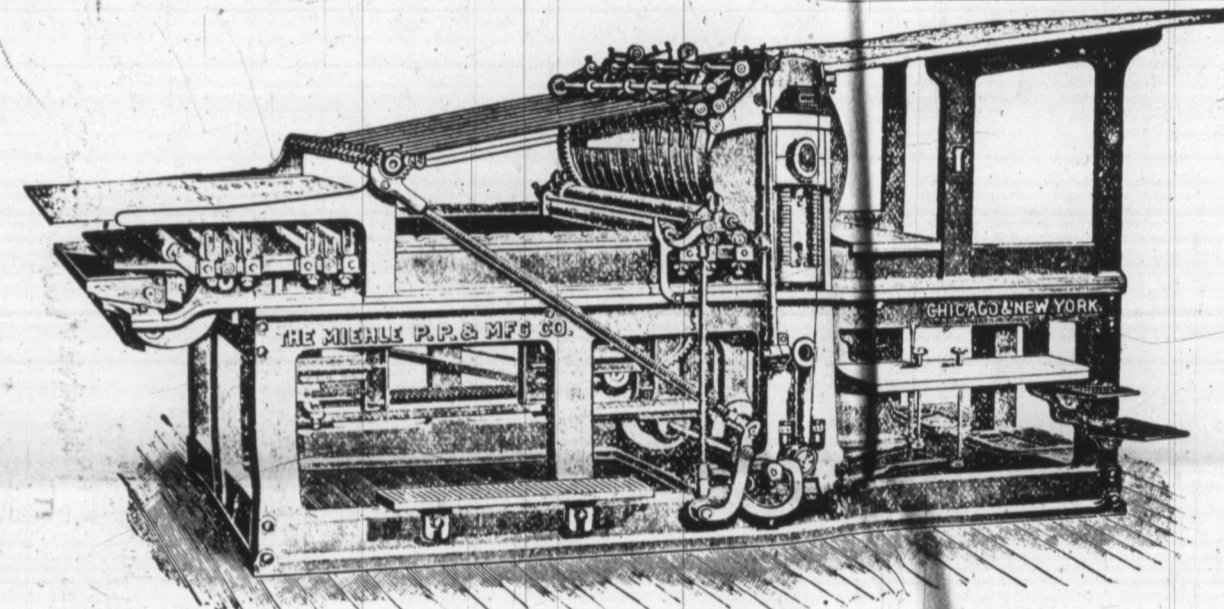
THE BUSINESS END. Of least importance to the average reader is the inside workings of the business office. The business is divided into two classes—subscription and advertising, and a separate set of books are kept for each. There are 800 names, or nearly so, on the subscription books of the DAILY LEADER more than twice that number on those of the WEEKLY LEADER.

It may interest some of the people studying book-keeping to know how keeping open accounts with 800 peo-

Ed. Brown, of Louisville, Ky., and oddly enough marked "20" with the two "xs" in the corners for the month of August, while the squares for June and July are blank. This indicates that he began taking the paper August 14th or 15th (about the middle of the month) and that in consequence his bill for that month was only 20 cents, which he has paid. It also shows that he took "8" papers in September, paid for same and stopped the paper for good. The Jno. Jones, of Cincinnati, O., appears as another old subscriber and the "80" marked in the month of October and November, denotes that he was taking two papers of each issue for which he has paid up to date. The third and last appears the name of C. A. Watts, Memphis, Tenn.; it seems as if he was dissatisfied with the paper; he began the last week in the month of August and took it up to the last of October, when he had it stopped, and up to the time of going to press he has never paid a cent; we place him among the "dead-beats."

These names and accounts are used merely to illustrate the book-keeping system.

The advertising books are as different from the subscription books as the subscription books are different from those employed in any other



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ple can be done by a single book-keeper, who also has charge of the advertising accounts. It is simple and easy enough, though. There are many different systems of book-keeping for a newspaper subscription. The following is the scheme employed by the LEADER:

business. It would occupy too much space to describe the mode of taking care of the advertising accounts.

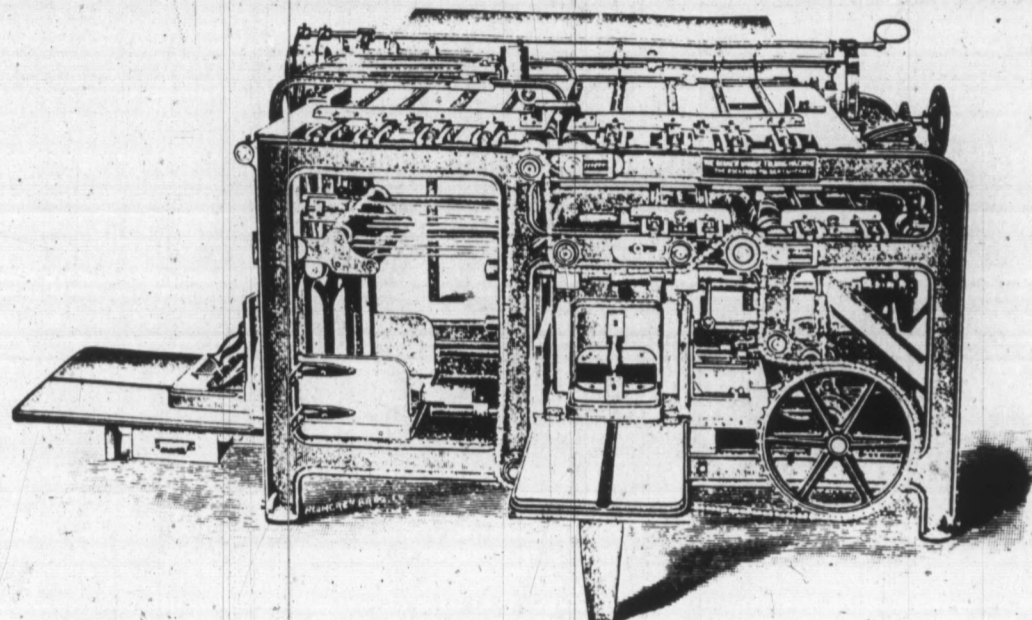
MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT. The mechanical department is where the type is arranged and the paper is printed. In the LEADER office the mechanical department is

Scattering Subscription List.						
Name	Address	Account				
		JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
Bill Smith	St. Louis, Mo.	10	40	40	40	40
Ed. Brown	Louisville, Ky.			20	8X	
Jno. Jones	Cincinnati, O.	40	40	40	40	80
C. A. Watts	Memphis, Tenn.			10	40	40

A large book of special ruling of which the above is a sample section, contains the names of every subscriber and opposite the name there are twelve blank squares which are used for making monthly charges against subscribers. The "xs" in the corners of squares around the "40" (the latter signifies the cost of the LEADER per month) are placed there only when the subscription for that week has been paid. The last day of each week the bookkeeper goes over the names, and if they have paid he will mark an "x" in the corner, and at the end of the month he will go over them again and mark "40" in the center of square for the column for the current month. At the end of each month if the subscriber is paid up in full an "x" is placed in each corner.

The above diagram shows that Bill Smith, of St. Louis, began taking the paper the last week in June, or in other words, he began when the paper first started, and the numerous "40" and "xs" gives the information that his subscription is paid up to, and including the month of November, or up to the first of December. On the next line is the name of

separated into two minor departments—the composing room and the press room. When the "copy," that is the written matter that is to go into the paper, is sent to the composing room it is first set letter by letter into type. These pieces of type are distributed each letter, figure, pause and character, capitals and small capitals, in a separate compartment of a case. A fast compositor will set 1,000 "ems" of type in an hour, which is equivalent to nearly 3,000 single pieces. In a single column of this paper there are about 10,000 pieces of type. After the type is set it goes to the proof-press and it is "proved" column by column, and the proof is read, sometimes carefully and sometimes carelessly by the proof-reader. The type set during the early part of the day is always carefully corrected, while the last proofs in the afternoon are only glanced over and sometimes not even as much as that. After the type is corrected it is put into the "forms," or in other words, made into pages, and then it is sent to the press, where papers are printed and folded ready for the carrier boys, the mail and the express office, and are turned out at the speed of 2,000 to 2,500 copies per hour.



OUR BENNETT "UNIQUE" FOLDER, MANUFACTURED AT ROCKFORD, ILL.

The abode of the "printer's devil" is in the composing room where also em braces (—) that never blush, and two em braces (—) may always be found, and there are "galleys" which never inflict punishment, and "shooting-sticks" which have a terror to the "didn't know it was loaded," and "coffins" which encase tombstones. Another essential to the composing room is a "lock-up," but it never brings tears or confusions. While the paper is being printed the compositors pick apart and distribute the type set the day before and

shall be given a column, three lines or nothing. All the details of any event of consequence are never published. It is an exercise of judgment to know what to say and what not to say. One day there are twenty columns of excellent news matter that ought to be printed and the paper is filled with the exception of five columns. With the distress of a miser giving up his dollar the editor trims this article down, runs the blue pencil through that, and reluctantly he gives up unused, for lack of time or space, perhaps both, material which today would make a grand paper but which tomorrow would be useless, because it was no longer news. In such cases it is a race of time and attempt to do a half a day's work in an hour. Happy are the men, but few there be, who can go through such an hour and not know the sensation that worry brings. The next day there are twenty columns of news to fill up only five columns of available matter, but there must be no blank spaces in the paper. The life of the editor will be one of flowers when the inventor devises a plan to regulate the manufacture of news so that it all does not occur on the same day.

There are three things which constantly puzzle the editorial department. They are: What is the news today in which the people are most interested; how to get that news; how to use that news. The paper which succeeds in the first is only a total failure; the paper which knows what the news is, and how to obtain

importance, "both sides" and the disinterested parties are all interviewed, and besides the interviews, there is printed the newspaper's divisions of the affair, unusually an average struck between the two extremes.

It is in the editorial department that men come with real or fancied



TOM LOVELACE.

wrongs with ruffled temper and express a desire to "lick" somebody. Social visits of this kind breaks the monotony of editorial life and makes a good story for next day's paper.

Few of the persons who enjoy the happiness brought them by the LEADER on its daily visits realizes that their comfort has been purchased at a very dear price. They rest in peaceful

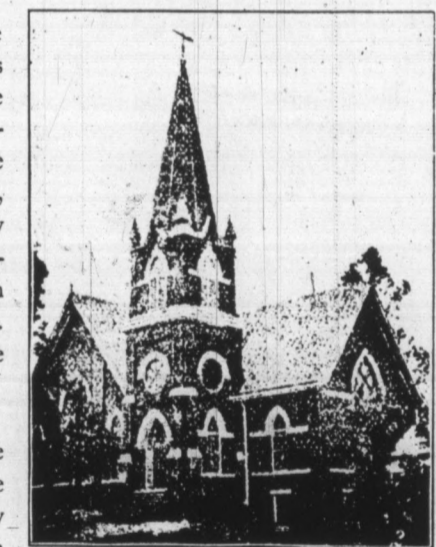
Printer's "Pi".

The following item after it was set in type one day last week was unintentionally knocked into "pi" by a visitor who innocently placed his hand rather heavily on it. He excused himself by saying that he only wanted to know how type felt before in came out in print:

The Australian sword found in use among the aborigines when that country was first discovered by the Europeans was modeled after the sword grass which grows wild in that continent.

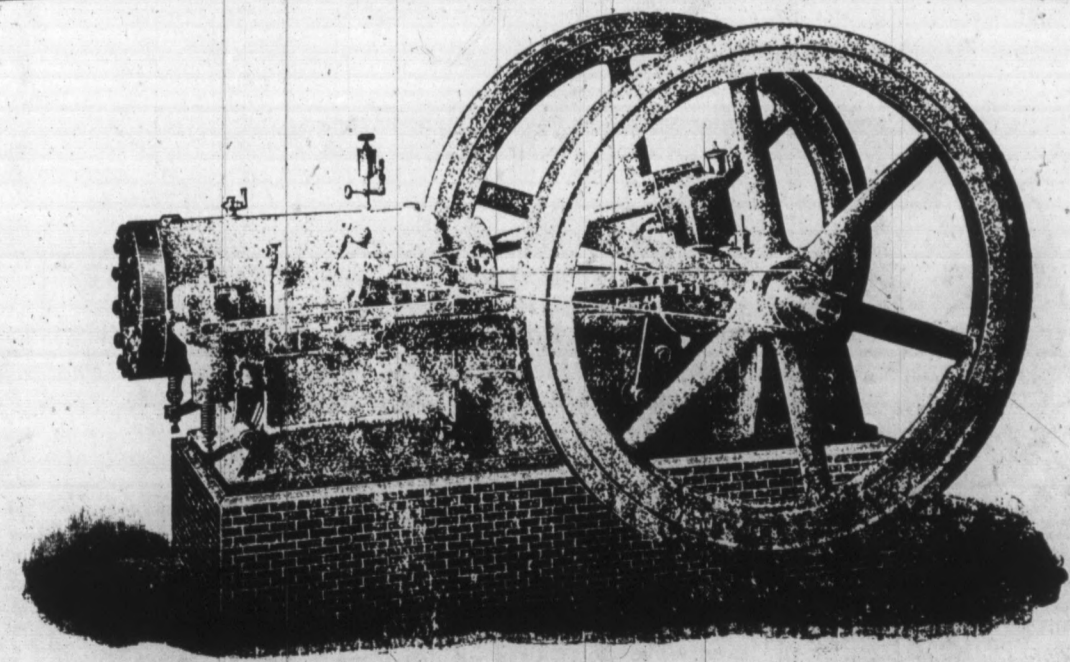
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The poor fellows body was used to start a new cemetery.

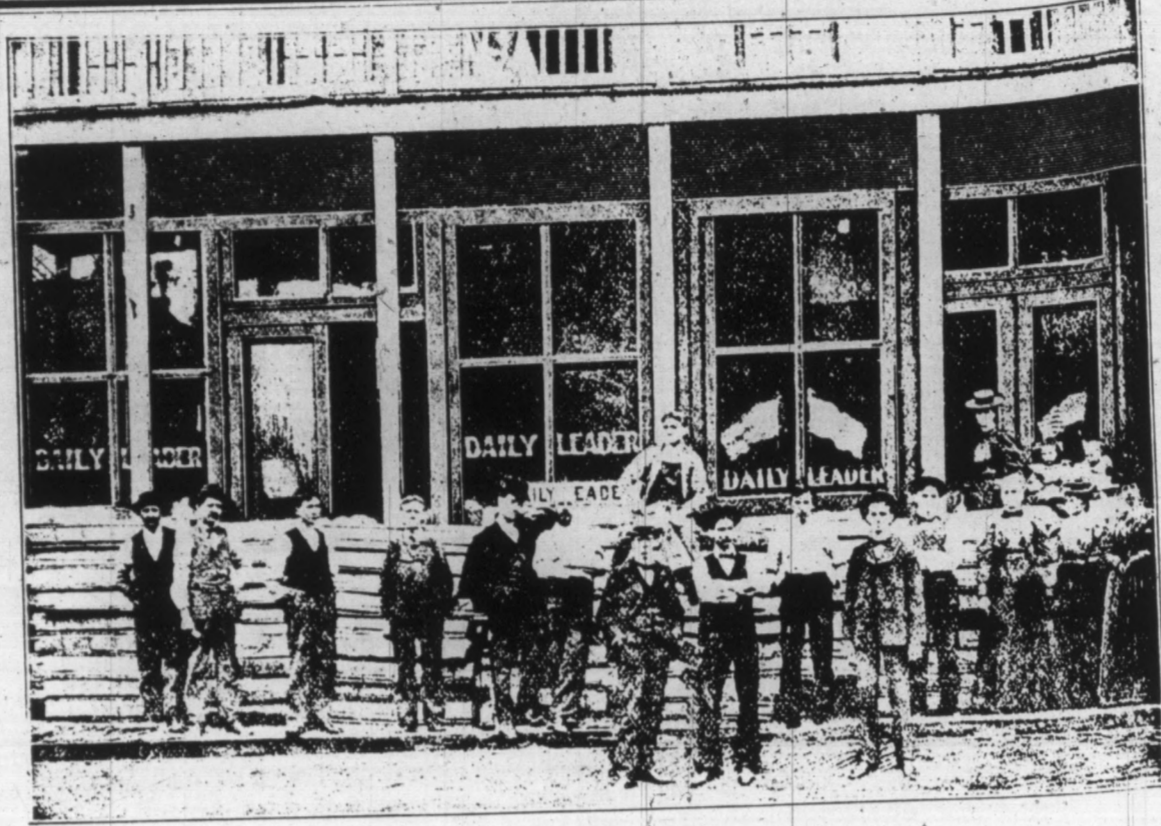


PROPOSED NEW BAPTIST CHURCH.

It is dull unless it combines the third art, that of knowing "how to use it." Sometimes people wonder why newspapers in the same city give varied accounts of some local event. It is because all people do not see alike. When something occurs of



OUR FOOS GASOLINE ENGINE, MANUFACTURED AT COLUMBUS, O.



HOME OF THE FULTON DAILY LEADER.

A GROUP OF THE EMPLOYEES AND A CAR LOAD OF PAPER (JUST RECEIVED) SHOWN IN THE FOREGROUND.

ignorance of the labor in cost to provide them with the epitome of each day's news. And it is well they do, for once in possession of this knowledge the intensely human could not repress a feeling of self-rebuke for the many unkind things they uttered against the local newspapers on some particular day when the news was scarce and the paper did not shine with its usual lustre.

The LEADER will tell its readers of the varied process an item passes through before it is presented to the public, using the following to fully illustrate the work:

"Burglars secured an entrance from the front door of T. M. Ryan & Co's., tobacco house last night at Martin, and blew open the large safe with dynamite, and made away with \$175 and a fine gold watch with E. C. L. engraved on it.

The burglars made good their escape. Marshal Huddleston and Walker were notified to watch for the thieves."

The reporter obtained the fact that there had been a whole-sale robbery, hold-up and blow-up case at Martin the night before. His informant was a man who sat at his side while at lunch. He was not in possession of the details and all the reporter had was a 'tip'. The indefatigable news-gatherer hurried out to get the story. He first found Marshal Huddleston, after a half-hour's chase, but he knew nothing of it whatever. He remembered a former resident of Martin five



LONG STAIRWAY AT HICKMAN, KY. Leading up the bluff to the Court-house.

good column story in the affair. His last and only hope was to telephone the Marshal at Martin. Straight to the office he went, with a trembling hand he rung for Martin, "we have been unable to get Martin all day." What was there to do? That was the reporter's thoughts. He had nothing nor could get nothing. While sitting in his chair thinking of what to do and when to do it, the Marshal stepped in and stated that he had just received a telegram from the Marshal at Martin, and to be on the lookout for the thieves on the charge above mentioned.

As no arrests in connection with the above had been made the reporter concluded that the "whole-sale" robbery was considerable of a farce, and was not entitled to more than ten or eleven lines of space. The facts were woven into the story quoted above and passed to the city editor who eyed it closely and insisted on knowing the facts in full. These related he wrote the heading and placed it on the "copy" hook.

The foreman of the composing room then took it and delivered it to the compositor. After it was set up

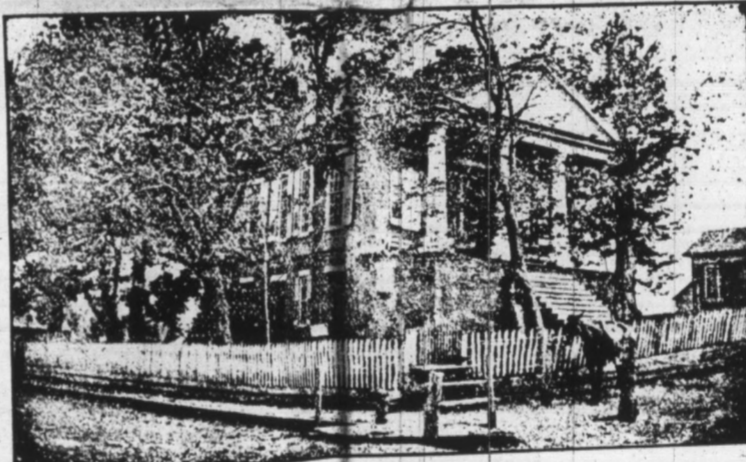


P. H. WEAKS.

blocks away from where he was and went directly to him. He was "out." His wife said that he was working a short distance from there. When he arrived at the place named by the mans wife he learned that he had been



BEAU IVUL RESIDENCE OF HON. R. T. TYLER AT HICKMAN.



FULTON COUNTY COURT-HOUSE.

SITUATED ON A BLUFF OVERLOOKING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.



MARSHAL JESSE WALKER.

youngest, soldiers in the Civil war enlisting with the Twelfth Kentucky cavalry when only 13 years of age. He voted in the first election ever held in South Fulton, and in 1883 he was elected city marshal, which office he has held continuously ever since. Mr. Walker has gained quite a reputation abroad for his ability and skill shown in catching criminals, and his celebrated blood hounds have brought many a villain to justice.

LEADER ILLUSTRATIONS.

These Here Published Were Made From Stewart's Photographs.

The excellence of the illustrations published in this number of the LEADER is due in a large measure to the fine quality of the photographs from which the cuts were made. These are the work of Mr. Harry Stewart, who makes a specialty of fine portraits and also of commercial work-buildings, interiors, machinery and other subjects.

In these days of progress in photography any one can make a photograph, but when it comes to making a picture, then the artist who can execute that work is a rarity. Mr. Stewart has devoted many years to the study of artistic photography, and the visitor to his studio will find the results of that study in the great number of the pictures displayed on his walls.

In photographing children Mr. Stewart has done some notable work, and received many expressions of praise for his success in that difficult line.

Mr. Stewart not only does work for the people of Fulton, but has many regular customers who come from points near by. It is safe to say that the future holds in store a great increase in the present fine reputation that Mr. Stewart has for artistic and thorough work.

TEN THOUSAND COPIES.

Advertisers who have been so lucky as to secure space in this industrial charge of by the pressman, and soon edition of the LEADER will see the wheels which makes the new-dom of taking this opportunity to reach paper were revolving and the story between 30,000 and 50,000 readers— which so many hands labored is produced in print and is read in ten seconds.

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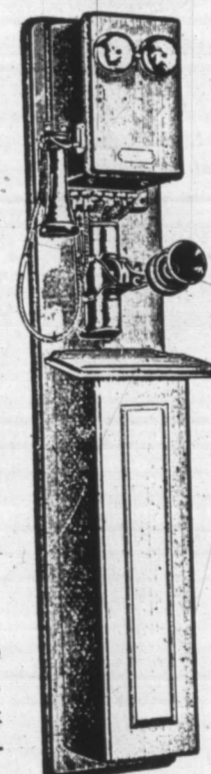
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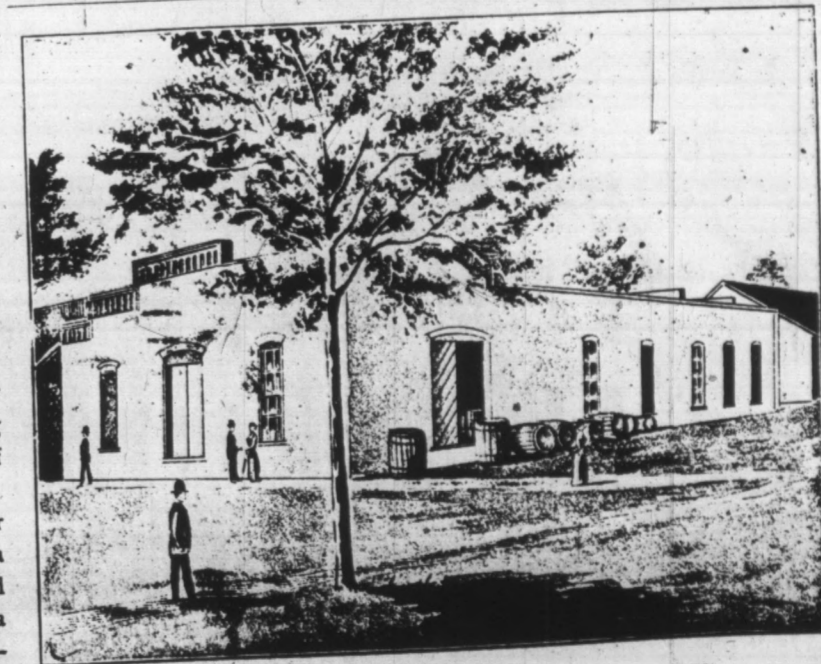
Years of experiment and experience, the finest material and skilled workmen, practical and theoretical knowledge—all combine to make it Electrically and Mechanically perfect.

Our ambition to make **The Best** has been gratified.

It is poor economy to buy a cheap Telephone, because it takes so many of them to last a year, to say nothing of the annoyances from poor service. We make only the highest grades and the difference in price is more than compensated by the difference in quality.

Shipments made promptly in either large or small lots. Send for our pamphlet—"A few Truths about Telephones."

WEST KENTUCKY TELEPHONE COMPANY, Mayfield, Ky.



USHER & ELLIS'S LARGE TOBACCO BARN.

THE LEADER JOB ROOMS

The LEADER office is equipped to do all kinds of book and job work. We make a specialty of fine book and catalogue work, practically having a monopoly on it in this section. Our equipment is such that we are able to turn out job work on the briefest notice.

Those wishing bids on jobs should write us for prices and samples.

USHER & ELLIS.

This tobacco firm has been doing business in Fulton for the past several years and though the output is not so large as some of the extensive houses in Southwest Kentucky, the grade of article turned out is of a very superior quality—the result of long experience and mature knowledge of the weed.

The business is immediately under the management of Mr. R. L. Ellis, a keen and penetrating observer and judicious buyer, and who never lets a good wagon of the "long, dark wrapping leaf" go by his door if he can help it.

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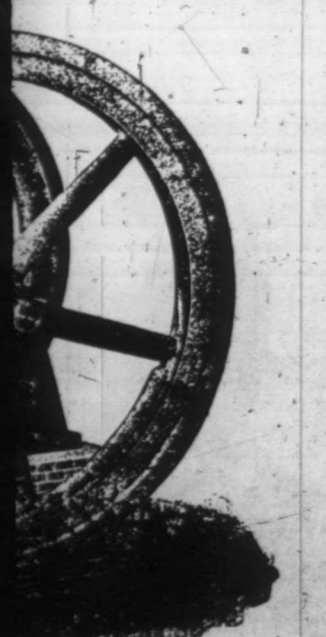
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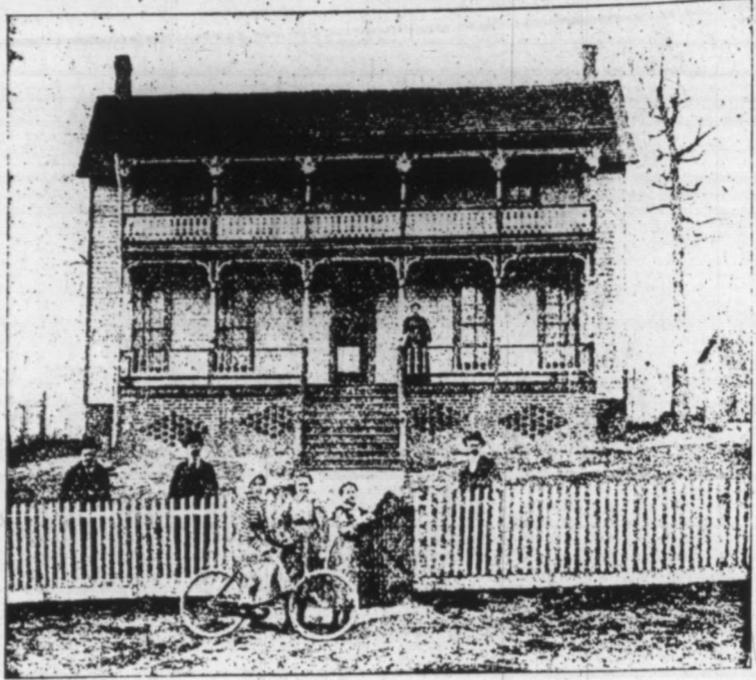
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COLUMBUS, O.



PRETTY DWELLING OF W. H. PHIPPS.
(This is use for sale.)

HON. W. H. PHIPPS.
One of the prominent people of this city is Hon. W. H. Phipps, who for a number of years was principal of Fulton Institute. Mr. Phipps retired from school work several years ago and has since been dealing in real estate and other profitable specula-

Western Kentucky. Mr. Burrow is the Tennessee representative of Story & Clark, and is on the road a great part of his time. Mr. Burrow has been in business here for eighteen years, and has one of the prettiest homes in the city, located on one of the most fashionable streets in West



HON. W. H. PHIPPS.

tions. He has the largest rental business of any one in Fulton.

Mr. Phipps is a life long Democrat and a highminded moral gentleman. In this issue will be seen a picture of a West Fulton residence, owned by Mr. Phipps, which is a model for comfort.

A. J. BURROW.

A. J. Burrow, whose likeness will be found in this issue, is one of our best citizens. For some years past he has been recognized as the leading dealer in pianos, organs and musical



ALVIN J. BURROW.

instruments in this section of the country. He practically controls this line of business in Fulton. Mr. Burrow has associated with him Mr. W. E. Waggener, who is one of the best posted music men to be seen in

M. C. BENNETT.

Cortez Bennett is so well known all over West Kentucky and West Tennessee that we cannot say anything of him that the public does not already know. Socially he is a great favorite and numbers his friends and admirers by the score.

In business transactions he has but few equals and no superiors. He is an astute and careful buyer, as sharp as the sharpest—having almost lived in commercial pursuits since his boyhood. He is one of the most liberal dealers, open and generous to a fault



M. C. BENNETT.

and his only happiness is in sharing his good fortune with his friends.

He has lived in Fulton all his life, save a year or two in business at Martin and neighboring town, and is settled here for life, the senior member of the Globe dry goods and clothing firm of Bennett & McDowell.

R. M. CHOWNING.

The management of the West Kentucky Telephone Co. is looked after by Mr. R. M. Chowning, one of the owners. Mr. Chowning and Mr. John Wright, of Mayfield, are sole proprietors of the West Kentucky Telephone Co., and have offices and boards in a chain of West Kentucky towns. This property is regarded as one of the most desirable in these parts. Subscribers are given free connections with other towns, thus placing them in speaking distance with Mayfield, Hickman, Wingo,



RESIDENCE OF DR. NAT MORRIS.

Pryorsburg, Water Valley, Dukedom, Clinton and Pilot Oak. Besides, the system is being constantly added to.

Mr. Chowning is also cashier of the First National Bank of this city, and is one of the busiest men in these parts. As a financier he has few superiors. He is a young man destined to make his mark and at no distant period.



R. M. CHOWNING.

ICE FACTORY.

Wade Bros. of Radford, Tennessee, erected and placed in operation this plant last spring, and notwithstanding the great expense, they realized a handsome profit out of their first year's work. With a splendidly equipped water supply of their own, they furnish the best quality of ice from pure distilled water, and in addition to supplying home consumption the firm ships several car loads of ice each week to neighboring towns. The plant is under the management of R. H. Wade, comparatively a young man, but with large

FIELDS BROS.

The extensive and enterprising tobacco firm, composed of Lewis and Smith Fields, is attracting world wide attention. They have five or six large rehandling houses and buy a majority of the tobacco raised in this section. Even dealers in Paducah and Louisville are not better equipped for handling this staple article of commerce and manufacture than Fields Bros. A large rehandling house has just been completed on Carr and Second streets, where about eighty-five men are employed during the season. These gentlemen have ex-



SOME OF FULTON'S FUTURE GENERATION.

perience in his line. He is one of our most energetic and enterprising young men, and is fast taking rank among the successful business men of Fulton.

C. W. OLDHAM.

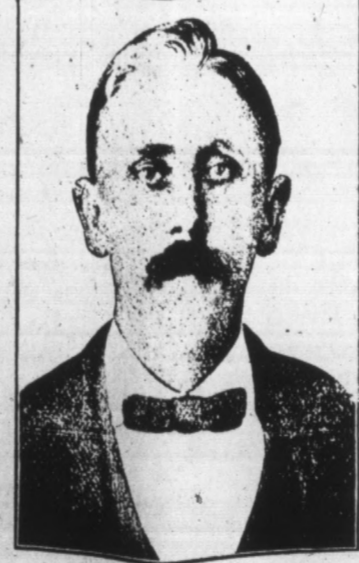
A few words about the characteristics of Superintendent C. W. Oldham. He is possessed in a marked degree those qualities that endear him to his fellow man, and is held in high esteem by pupils, patrons and teachers. At first one would think him a trifle cold and reserved, as his manner inclines toward reticence. His self-poise is admirable, and underneath his calm exterior beats a generous and sympathetic heart.

His work as superintendent of our schools for the past three years has been of a high type and very satisfactory to the people. He is endowed with high ideas and pained when he cannot arouse in a pupil

tensive experience and are among the sharpest and shrewdest buyers and sellers in this section. Both are equally distinguished for courtesy and gentlemanly bearing and are universally popular. As leading citizens of Fulton their influence has ever been for the upbuilding of the commercial interests of our city and Fulton owes much to them.

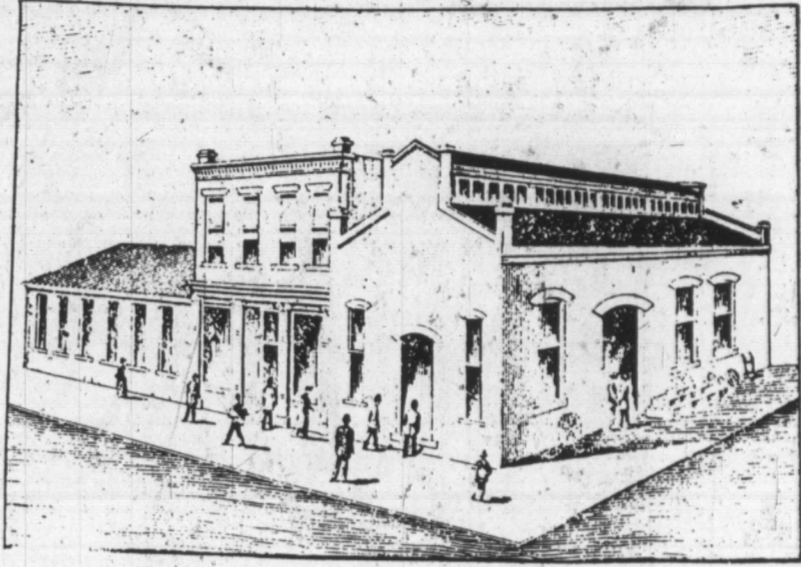
THE GAS PLANT.

One of the industries of the city is the Acetylene gas system for lighting business houses and dwellings. The plant is a primitive contrivance, and was put up by Mr. Chas. B. Gregory individually, and is located back of his garden on Carr St. It consists of a well twelve feet in diameter into which a large tank without a bottom is sunk, like an ordinary tub inverted in a pool of water. A generator, constructed under Mr. Gregory's direction, is



PROF. C. W. OLDHAM.

a desire for his highest type of citizenship. He is a man of irreproachable character and has a wide and extended acquaintance. His success in his life work is due in a large measure to his excellent methods of discipline and sound judgment, which he always displays when occasion demands. And he is precise in all executions.



N. C. WEBB & SONS' LARGE FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOPS.

charged with carbide and the gas is forced into the water under the tank for storage, it being forced to the surface of the water by the fact that it is lighter than the water. Ten pounds of carbide is sufficient to give fifty candle power for one hundred homes. The gas is not dangerous, and if blown out by accident upon retiring it would not asphyxiate the occupants of the room, for Mr. Gregory says he can get into the storage tank and remain for any length of time working with the fixtures without danger. It gives out a beautiful light and possibly the only light that sends out rays like the sun. It is forced through two jets opposite each other, and that gives a spreading flame very white and bright. It only costs at the rate of 1-4 cent per hour per twelve candle power.

GEO. MEACHAM.

George Meacham, the bright young stock dealer is one of the "flyers" of this section. From boyhoods happy hours up to the present time young Meacham has been a splendid judge of stock, and being a natural born trader he has been engaged in this,



GEORGE MEACHAM.

his favorite business, for several years; although he is a very young man. Mr. Meacham is a great fancier of fine blooded horses, and always has one or two on hand. He has thus far been quite successful in his business ventures, and ships many cars of stock from Fulton to the St. Louis and Cincinnati markets.

N. C. WEBB & SONS.

N. C. Webb & Sons have one of the best equipped foundries in the state. A visit to their establishment is a revelation to those not knowing the magnitude of their work. Besides doing all sorts of repair work on engines, threshers and other machinery, they make a specialty of manufacturing iron fronts for business houses. The firm consists of N. C. Webb and his two sons Alvin and Ed. The buildings occupied by this company are three in number and are

well arranged for expeditious handling of their large business. The location of this plant in Fulton is a most important factor in the business of Fulton. This house gives steady employment to a number of men and its expenditures for raw material are very heavy.

PALMER & LOCHRIDGE.

All C. Palmer has been in the drug business in Fulton, Mayfield and other



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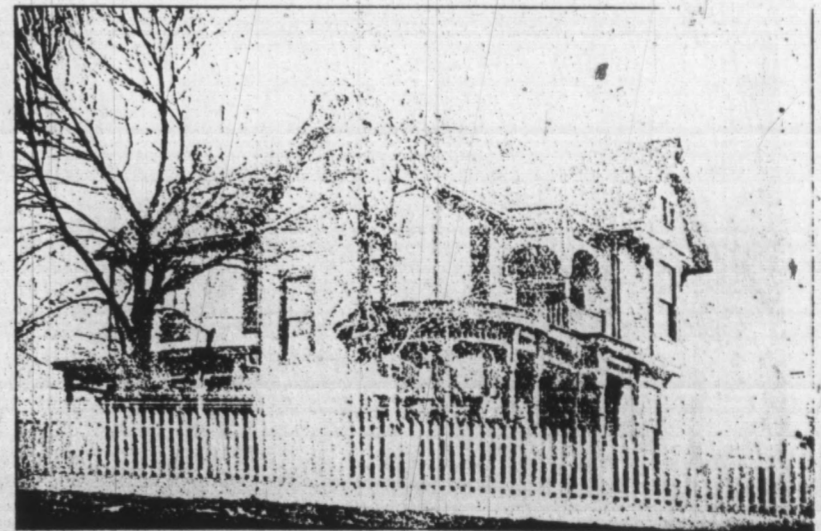
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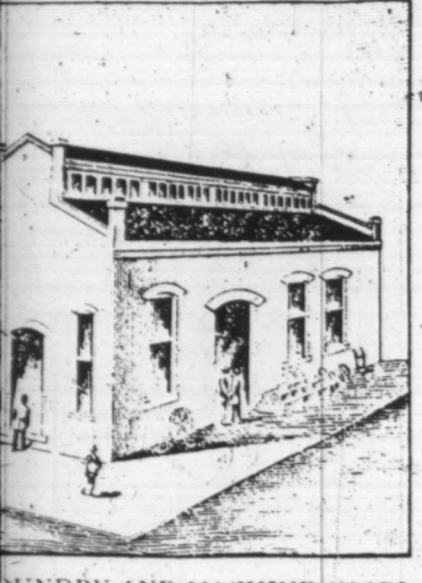


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RESIDENCE OF JOE BROWDER.



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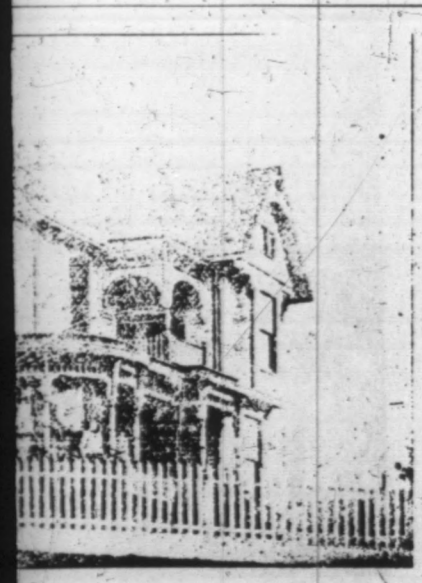
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W. P. FELTS & CO.—HARDWARE AND FARMING MACHINERY

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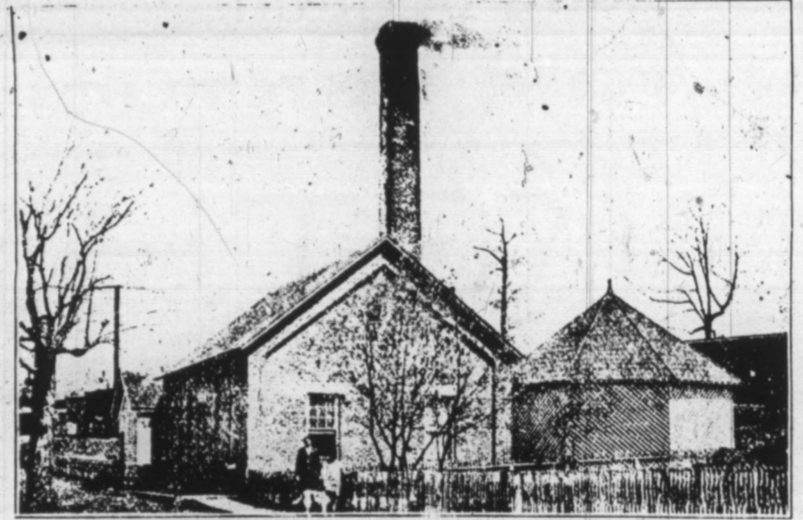
For years W. P. Felts has been before the public as one of the most prominent citizens of Fulton. Mr. Felts was here when the town was a mere village, and much of Fulton's present growth and prosperity is due to his public spirited efforts and wise administrations. He has served one term as mayor, and has always been in sympathy with the progressive spirit that has characterized the growth of the city. As president of the First National Bank for a number of years in the past he has shown himself a financier of no mean ability, and is now enjoying himself in affluent circumstances. He is the senior member of the hardware firm of W. P. Felts & Co., having associated his son, Jube Felts, with him the last two years. This firm is doing a substantial business, and will always be near the front. Its trade territory extends throughout all West, Tennessee and Kentucky for farm machinery.

military title during the civil war, he casting his lot with the Confederacy. He entered the army a private, but was frequently promoted for gallantry and daring deeds on the field of battle.

At the termination of the war Capt. Tyler located in Union City, where he remained until 1870, when he came to Fulton and engaged in the mercantile business and was quite successful. He closed out this business in 1895, and shortly after established the insurance agency, which he is now running so successfully.

FULTON ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER CO.

The excellent system of electric lights is owned by the Morganfield Construction Company. The first power house, on Main street, was too limited for the growing business, and to keep abreast of the progressive city a new plant was located and erected



FULTON WATER WORKS PUMPING STATION.

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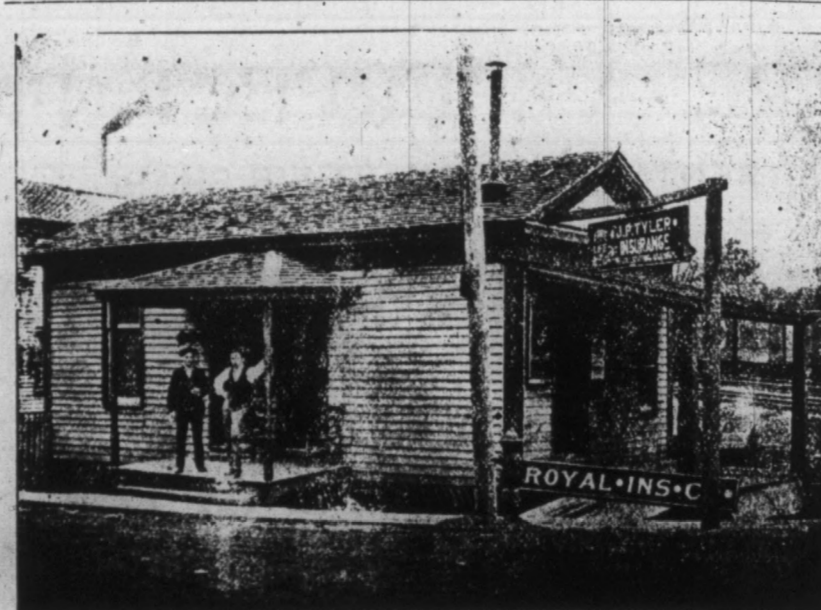
The city has one of the best systems of water works to be found anywhere. It is superior in many respects to any in West Kentucky or West Tennessee, and one particular is the remarkably purity and healthfulness of the water, which is to be had in quantities inexhaustible. It is drawn by air pumps from an immense basin or subterranean lake and comes up sparkling and cool, in color of a pure, clear bluish white. The pump house is an honor to any city, so neat, orderly and methodical, and the structure is strong enough to stand for ages.

on Walnut street, near Webb's foundry, which has double the capacity of the old plant. It is of the latest improved machinery, selected under personal charge of the efficient manager, Fred Carden, who is one of the most accomplished electricians in this country, and his thorough experience qualifies him for any position he could seek. The article of lights is a most superior kind, and the city, dotted over with arc and incandescents, enjoys splendid lights the year around. The volume of business of this plant is increasing steadily all the while, and we hope the day is not far distant when every private and public house in Fulton is connected with electric lights.

CAPT. J. P. TYLER.

Captain J. P. Tyler, the popular insurance agent, is one of the pioneer citizens of the town, having resided here since 1870 and being a native of the county. Capt. Tyler gained his

The power house of the new plant is not only an improvement on the old one and better situated and adapted for the operation of its machinery, but the machinery itself excels in every particular and give best satisfaction.



J. P. TYLER'S—LEADING INSURANCE AGENCY

JOHN H. BIGGS.

John H. Biggs, head salesman at the city haberdasher establishment, is a young man well versed in the art of window dressing. For a number of years Mr. Biggs has made this line of work a specialty, having spent considerable time in St. Louis and other large cities preparing himself. The window which gets



JOHN H. BIGGS

his attention is always pleasing to the eye, and the goods are presented at their very best advantage.

Mr. Biggs has had many flattering offers from parties away from home, but all things being equal he prefers the town of his nativity.

Mr. Dancy can't very well get on without this ingenious artist



ED. DANCY'S LARGE HABERDASHER ESTABLISHMENT.

E. C. DANCY.

Ed C. Dancy, the subject of the sketch, is beyond question one of the best posted young business men in Fulton. His store, The Haberdasher, is always in the lead in presenting the latest styles and fads in the goods furnishing line to the Fulton "Four Hundred."

In connection with his general furnishing store Mr. Dancy has a merchant tailoring establishment, employing from four to six tailors all of the time and then not being able to keep up with the work in this department.

Mr. Dancy is a liberal man and believes in spending his money with the printer, which has, he says, in a great measure brought about his success. His store has the largest plate glass window to be seen in Fulton.

BENNETT & McDOWELL.

The "Globe" is the dry goods and clothing establishment of Bennett & McDowell—composed of M. E. Bennett and M. P. McDowell, under the maternal guidance of Mr. J. L. McDowell, father of the junior Globe proprietor, and one of the four oldest merchants in business in Fulton.

The Globe has headquarters on the hill in the Paschall block, where it takes up two large store rooms, one dry goods and shoes and the other for clothing, hats and furnishings.

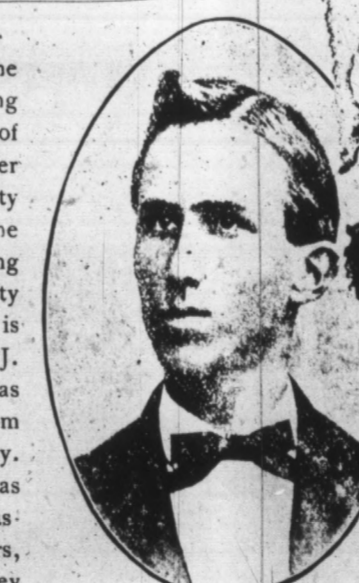
It would be hard to name two more enterprising merchants in Southern Kentucky than the two at the head of this house. Both are well up in practical business experience and are full of push and energy. No wonder the Globe is enjoying such a big trade.



BENNETT & McDOWELL'S DRY GOODS & CLOTHING STORES.

JOHN TYLER.

John Tyler, the handsome young superintendent of the city Water Works, also city clerk, is one of the most popular young men in the city of Fulton. He is a son of Capt. J. P. Tyler and has lived in Fulton from his very infancy. Young Tyler was assistant postmaster for four years, but when McKinley came into power John sought other



JOHN TYLER.

pastures. He made the race for county clerk of Fulton county, but was defeated in a five-cornered race in the Democratic primary and took his medicine like all good Democrats.

John is of that happy and affable disposition that will always make him warm and true friends, blending as he does the rare personal and mental charms characteristic of a southern gentleman.



MILLER & BENNETT, ONE OF FULTON'S LEADING DRUG FIRMS

MILLER & BENNETT.

The firm of Miller & Bennett, druggists, is a watchword in the family home of our people. This firm of live, energetic young men, by their thrift and affability, have built up for themselves a patronage to be envied by others.

They make a specialty of fine toilet articles, fancy soaps, imported perfumery and the most stylish line of fine stationery.

They also handle the private brand cigar made expressly for their trade—the FULTON DAILY LEADER—named in honor of this paper.

They also carry a large stock of paints, oils, varnishes and painter's supplies.

The fixtures of this store are solid oak and were made to order for the firm in St. Louis. This is by far one of the prettiest drug stores anywhere to be seen.

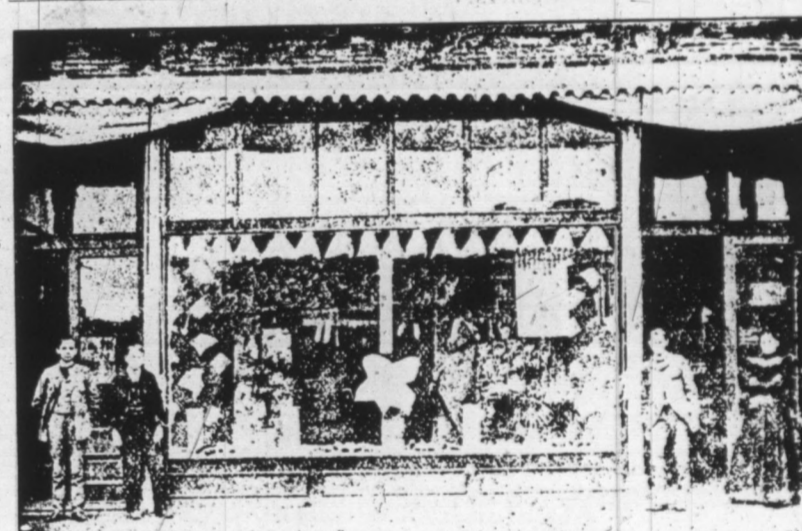
A. HUDDLESTON & Co.

A. Huddleston & Co. is one of our leading business firms. Arch Huddleston and George Headles are the individual members of the firm, who are dealers in hardware and all things thereunto pertaining. They also have in their employ a corps of competent tinner and do a majority of this work in Fulton and surrounding country.

By the closest attention to their business and generous treatment extended their customers these gentlemen have made their firm name a watchword in the county and country near this city.

Their line of queensware is unsurpassed for excellence, in fact their entire stock is made up of the best grades. Both gentlemen are married and have pretty homes here.

On the third floor of their establishment is a complete tin-shop, fitted out with the latest machinery, implements and material.



THE LEADER—KIRK & HALL'S BIG DRY GOODS HOUSE

A. T. KIRK.

Another believer in the future of Fulton is that bright young dry goods merchant, A. T. Kirk, who came here from Cairo along with the advent of the new year, and established in our midst one of the largest dry goods and notion houses in Jackson Purchase, and gave it the name of the Leader, which we are sure is appropriate.

From the start Mr. Kirk took a liberal amount of advertising space in this paper, and his results have been even beyond his expectations.

Mr. Kirk has had a great amount of experience in the mercantile business which serves him well in that he is able to buy his goods very close, and then he knows just what to buy.

The Leader is a good place to buy good goods. We commend Mr. Kirk and his excellent wife to our people.

DAHNIKE BROS.

Four years ago Dahnke Bros. opened a confectionery and bakery in Fulton. The firm is composed of George and Conrad Dahnke, the former being a resident of Union City, the latter residing in Fulton and having the control and supervision of the business.

This firm have by their fair dealing built up an enormous trade throughout this section and their noted brand of cream bread is sold all over West Kentucky and Tennessee. Dahnke Bros. have three establishments similar to the one at Fulton, the others being located at Union City and Dyersburg, Tenn.

Our fellow townsman C. F., or Conrad as he is called, is one of our most popular business men and is always ready to lend a hand in any enterprise that tends to the upbuilding of Fulton and the uplifting of her people. A cut of Dahnke's store is shown in this issue.



DAHNIKE, THE LEADING CATERER AND CONFECTIONER

FULTON'S NEW BOTTLING WORKS

ONE OF THE BEST EQUIPPED PLANTS IN THE SOUTH.

Manufacturers of All The Latest

Standard Temperance Drinks.

TRY OUR

SPARKLING SODA POP

It Is Unequaled Anywhere.

ALL MAIL ORDERS
WILL RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION

T. GRANT FISHER BOTTLING WORKS.

FISHER & REID, Druggists.

Most Complete Line of Pure Fresh Drugs in the City. Gunther's Fine Candies.
Prescriptions carefully compounded. Finest Soda Fountain.

Try a Dr. Pepper

FULTON, KENTUCKY

Something to Think T. H. KOTHE

OF

The Woodmen of the World issues good, incontestable certificate, pays all benefits in full, and erects a handsome monument at the grave of every deceased sovereign. It has

A Guaranteed Rate ❁ ❁ ❁
A Large Emergency Fund ❁ ❁
And over 200,000 Members ❁

And it only costs a man at 40 years of age \$27.40 a year to carry \$3.00 protection.

JOIN THE W. O. W.

AND BECOME A STOCKHOLDER—NOT A PURCHASER.

STRICTLY BUSINESS ON BUSINESS PRINCIPLES

CAN YOU MATCH THIS?

L. W. CARTER, Clerk

Evergreen Camp No. 4, Fulton, Kentucky.

The Tailor and Draper,

Carries The Largest Stock and
The Latest Novelties

in Woolens in the city.

WE INSURE A PERFECT FIT

AND OUR GARMENTS TO RETAIN THEIR SHAPE.

ONCE TRIED ALWAYS A CUSTOMER.

T. H. Kothe.

Meadows Block, Fulton, Kentucky.