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 CASH IN ADVANCE!

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**THE MAIL ORDER HOUSE.**

A mail order house in Chicago, well known over the country, sold \$5,000,000 worth of goods in March, and its sales from Jan. 1 to April 1 reached \$11,974,390, or 12.5 per cent. more than for the same period last year.—Nashville American.

And no doubt a large amount of this money was secured from the citizens of Henderson county. The home merchants sell goods just as cheap and in most instances a much better quality. Just why people continue to patronize these mail order houses is beyond our comprehension.—Lexington Republican.

No trouble of explanation at all. Mail order houses know the value of printer's ink and don't hesitate to advertise and push their business. Most local merchants do not believe in advertising and consequently let the mail order houses grow rich while they plod along in ruts a century old. Its a waiting game with them—waiting for the customer to find them and come in—while the mail order houses go after the trade through advertising.—Huntingdon Democrat

Now then, the Courier for a say; all of these reasons are partly true, some of them are wholly true, at the same time the whole problem is not thus solved. The catalogue houses do advertise, and do a whole lot of it and there is no doubt in the world but that this is the secret of their success, but on the other hand, our merchants here in Hickman do about as much if not more advertising than any town, size considered, in the country, although many, many dollars leave Hickman and go to the cities that should be spent here. There are actually people in Hickman who send to catalogue houses for everything they can possibly get there, and when they try to purchase anything here that they cannot get away from home, they want the home merchants to sell to them at away below what people pay who spend all their money at home. The merchants are getting acquainted with these people, and they will not exert themselves to favor them in any way, and we predict that yet, there will arise opportunities for the merchants to pay them back in like measure.

The fourteen-foot-through-the-valley project should be kept a-rolling. The Mississippi River Commission has just arrived in New Orleans, after a surveying tour down the river. In their report they will say that too much of the traffic which should go to the river is being given to the railroads; that most of the towns have inefficient wharfage facilities, and many of those which have had have sold and transformed them into railroad terminals. It would be the most beneficial movement that could be made, for the river cities, if river traffic could be revived and put on the basis which it would be if the fifteen-foot-channel from the lakes to the gulf is realized. It looks like an enormous undertaking but it is possible; the Government is now interested, and Congressman Ollie James told us last week that the recent Congress appropriated \$85,000,000 for river improvements. It should be done, and—it will be done.

Kentucky is fast falling into line. We are fast approaching the prohibition roll of honor, and this week the Kentucky court of appeals held that pool rooms and "bucket shops" where gambling in any form whatever is carried on, can be proceeded against as a common nuisance, and upon conviction the nuisance can be abated thereafter through indictments by a grand jury. The decision was announced in poolroom

cases from Campbell county and a "bucket shop" case from McCracken county. Next to saloons a bucket shop is the most damnable vice in existence. We congratulate ourselves that Hickman has neither.

Erysipelas caused the death of Frank L. James, a noted scientist, who was one of the principal experts in the "embalmed beef" investigation during the Spanish-American War. When the Civil War began he was a young student of chemistry in Mobile, Ala. He invented submarine mines which were planted in Mobile Bay to blow up Federal gunboats. He was captured, tried by a military court presided over by Gen. B. F. Butler, and condemned to be hanged. Aided by friends, he escaped from the New Orleans jail a week before the date set for his execution and fled to Japan. After the War he returned to the United States.

The Court of Appeals has decided that the democratic officials now in power in the city of Louisville have no right to their seats, and by a vote of four to two, ousted them. The opinion of some lawyers is that the old officers will serve until the November election, when new ones can be elected, while some claim that Governor Beckham has power to appoint, and it is said that he reserves the right.

At the Railroad Commissioner's Convention in Henderson, Ollie James was called upon to make a speech, and he discussed Democratic victories in the National Congress and told of how the Republicans had stolen the planks of the Democratic platform. He predicted success for Bryan in 1908, and was loudly applauded.

Resolutions strongly denouncing work of night riders and calling upon all friends of the planters in the fight on the trust to help put an end to violence were adopted at a meeting of the dark tobacco growers organizations of Christian county at Hopkinsville.

Clarence Lebus, of Cynthiana, has written to Congressman Gaines, of Tennessee, going fully into the effort of the Burley Tobacco Society to secure legislation favorable to the interests of the growers of Kentucky and Tennessee.

The street cars began running in Evansville, Ind., a few nights ago, but under difficulties. The traction company imported strike breakers, and when the cars began to run the only passengers were nine strike breakers to the car.

Oliver Dalrymple, the recognized wheat raiser of Minnesota, says the crop of the United States this year will be 100,000,000 bushels short. The prediction is given great credence.

Up to press hour no news from the Railroad Commissioner's Convention except that there was no nomination, and that they were still wrangling, with Finn in the lead.

The Court of Appeals, Tuesday affirmed the decision of the Fulton Circuit Court in the case of Lawson vs. the First National Bank of Fulton.

Unusual interest has been manifested in the race for Railroad Commissioner of the First Railroad District.

**Found At Last!**

A drink that will quench thirst on a hot day. It will make you feel 10 degrees cooler, 10 years younger, and 10 hundred per cent happier—Hilo. 5c.

**HELM & ELLISON**

**ELLISON BROS.**

## Headquarters For Men's Wear

We are showing the smartest, most up-to-date line of men's fixings to be seen in this city.

In Headwear, Footwear, Furnishings of all kinds, you will find our offering absolutely correct in style, high in quality and low in price.

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**Men's Hats**

It is now time to begin wearing that straw. Come in and see our nobby assortment.

Men's Panamas—three of the very latest shapes, at..... **5.00, 6.00 and 7.50**

Men's Yachts—the correct shape, prices **75c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00**

Men's and Boys Straw Hats—all styles—**10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c and 1.00**

Complete assortment of the newest shapes in men's and boys' soft and stiff hats.

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**Men's Shoes**

We show a complete assortment of the famous PETERS SHOES in all leathers and shapes, for men, in all grades—both high and low cuts.

"Royalty"—this shoe is the climax of high art shoe-making. Nothing better to be had. Price..... **6.00**

"Diamond Special"—this famous grade,

equal to many \$5.00 shoes on the market for fit, style, comfort and wear, unexcelled for price..... **4.00**

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**Men's Shirts**

We have an immense assortment of all kinds of Men's Shirts, white and fancy.

Soft Pongee and Mohair Cream or White Negligee shirts at..... **2.00 and 2.50**

Soft Negligee Shirts **75c, 1.00, 1.25**

The famous Monarch and F. McK. white and fancy shirts are the very best on the market at the price..... **1.00**

Splendid Shirts at..... **50c and 75c**

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**Men's Furnishings**

—of all kinds; Neckwear, Collars, Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Suspenders, Belts, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, everything necessary for a man's outfit is here in complete assortments of the newest things.

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**ELLISON BROS.**  
 HICKMAN, KENTUCKY.

**CRADLE OF A PRESIDENT.**

Historic Relic Used by John Quincy Adams.

Boston.—The cradle bed of John Quincy Adams has historic interest for all Americans. It is preserved in the museum in Boston and is of the type common at the time Adams was born. It has a wooden box, with



Once Rocked a Future President.

rockers and hood of the same material, guiltless of decoration of any sort.

Speaking of cradles, one is reminded that it is said that Francis d'Assisi invented the cradle for the purpose of making plain to the people of his time who could not read the picture of the Nativity. The manger-like cradle used then containing the Christ child gave the ignorant folk an excellent idea of the conditions in Bethlehem on that wonderful Christmas night.

**Toledo to Have Women Police.**

Toledo, O.—Toledo is to have a staff of women policemen. The women police will be detailed at the various parks to look after wayward children who frequent them at night. While they will be vested with full police authority they will be under the control of the juvenile court.

**Church Notice.**

Preaching at the Methodist Church every Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7:45 p. m. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting at 8 p. m., on Wednesday. You are cordially invited to these services.

Thomas B. McNeely, the oldest grocer in Mayfield, died in his room over his grocery store Tuesday morning of heart failure. He was seventy-five years old, had been a citizen of Mayfield for forty years. He was a Confederate veteran. He left an estate of about \$15,000.

An association formed for the purpose of organizing the negro voters of the country has filed articles of incorporation at Washington.

**"Back Agin"**

Just like the patrons of the "Courier Want Column"—all come back again. Are you one of them? Then you know its a fact. If you are not—well, we would not deceive you for such a small amount. Try it. It'll surprise you. Do it today.

The Government has decided to renew the cases against the so-called fertilizer trust before the United States District Court at Richmond, Va.

—Tongueless Cultivators at \$10 each. Hickman Hdwe Co., Inc.

The temperance question continues to be the chief topic of discussion among the 1,000 commissioners of the Northern Presbyterian general assembly.

**Lee Line Boats**

SCHEDULE TIME AT HICKMAN

St. Louis to Memphis:	
Stacker Lee.....	Wednesday 5 p. m.
Ferd Herold.....	Saturday 5 p. m.
Memphis to St. Louis:	
Stacker Lee.....	Saturday Night 12:00
Ferd Herold.....	Tuesday Night 12:00
Cincinnati to Memphis:	
Peters Lee and Georgia Lee.....	Boat down: Saturday night and up Wednesday night
Memphis to Cairo:	
Sadie Lee.....	Down Friday night and up Thursday night

J. H. RUSSELL, Agt.

**N. C. & St. L. R. R.**

SCHEDULE TIME AT HICKMAN

No. 25, Mail and Express arrives.....	7:30 a. m.
No. 4, Mail and Express arrives.....	1:35 p. m.
No. 24, Accommodation arrives.....	8:35 p. m.
No. 3, Mail and Express departs.....	2:30 p. m.
No. 22, Mail and Express departs.....	10:30 p. m.
No. 26, Accommodation departs.....	7:10 a. m.

R. B. JOHNSON, Agt.

**A Nice Present.**

In an article under the above head we last week made mention of a nice present, in the form of a life size portrait of the director, Mr. Hunziker, being given to the Concert Band, and we gave the names of the gentlemen who contributed to the fund for the present, but inadvertently omitted Dr. Baltzer, whom we have since learned was the principal promoter, and that he took unusual interest. We regret that we failed to include his name in the original article, and herewith make due apology.

An editorial in the Commercial Appeal reads: "The telephone company will not be apt to make friends by raising the rates against those towns that ask for better service. This punitive spirit does not sit well on the patience of a free people. A blooming mistake has been made in Hickman, and several towns in Tennessee, and in the long run the people will not get the worst of it."

We sell dry batteries.—Cotten & Adams.

**The Publisher's Claims Sustained**

**UNITED STATES COURT OF CLAIMS**

The Publishers of Webster's International Dictionary allege that it "is, in fact, the popular Unabridged thoroughly re-edited in every detail, and vastly enriched in every part, with the purpose of adapting it to meet the larger and severer requirements of another generation."

We are of the opinion that this allegation most clearly and accurately describes the work that has been accomplished and the result that has been reached. The Dictionary, as it now stands, has been thoroughly re-edited in every detail, has been corrected every part, and is admirably adapted to meet the larger and severer requirements of a generation which demands more of popular philological knowledge than any generation that the world has ever contained.

It is perhaps needless to add that we refer to the dictionary in our judicial work as of the highest authority in accuracy of definition; and that in the future in the past it will be the source of constant reference.

CHARLES C. NOTT, Chief Justice.  
 LAWRENCE WELSON,  
 JOHN DAVIS,  
 STANTON J. PELLE,  
 CHARLES R. HOWEY, Judges.

The above refers to WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY

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 PUBLISHERS,  
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**Stamps for Charity.**

Three new stamps have just been produced in Holland. Those who stick them on their letters pay double the postage, half the value going to the state and half to the anti-tuberculosis works. An easy way of performing a benevolent act.—Paris Figaro.

—Hickman Furniture Co., Inc., for everything in furniture.

**IS SMALLEST, PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

Conducted Solely for Children of Alleged Outlaw.

Madison.—Wisconsin claims to be conducting the smallest public school on the American continent. A single family provides the pupils, six in number, and to give these children an education the state pays a teacher \$1 a month. The family is that of John F. Dietz, who has a national reputation as the "Outlaw of Cameron Dam," the man who is fighting an entire state, and its courts, and who is still unsubdued after three years of defiance of the authorities. G. F. Graham is the teacher of this strange school, which is conducted in the Dietz home, the only house in



The Dietz Children and Home.

miles around Cameron Dam, the spot in the woods of northern Wisconsin for whose possession the battle has been fought which has made Dietz an outlaw.

Dietz, who was formerly sheriff of Sawyer county, whose officers he is now defying, claims to have the right to collect from the "Chippewa River Lumber company a fee for every log which passes through the dam. To enforce his right he drew off the water from the mill pond above the dam, and left timber valued at \$20,000 on the banks to rot. The company refused to give in, and sent men to try to dislodge him. He beat off the company's men. Then the courts were appealed to. A party sent to attack him was fired upon and one man slightly wounded. This stopped trouble for a time, until a year ago, when a new sheriff, the first having resigned rather than make another raid, took a party of six Milwaukee men into the wilderness, 30 miles from the county seat. Cameron Dietz, son of the homesteader, was wounded, and one of the raiding party was severely wounded. The others escaped. Since then, however, Dietz has been unable to get into a civilized community without the danger of arrest, so has remained in the wilderness. On the other hand, the officers have tried to starve him out, but he remains steadfast, and during the winter a load of about 1,000 pounds of provisions, collected by admirers of his contest against the corporation, was smuggled past the deputies to his home in the woods.

But while a prisoner in the wilderness, Dietz can still claim the right from the state to educate his children, so Teacher Graham spends school hours every day teaching various members of the family of six children and the rest of the time is free to wander about the woods hunting and fishing. He is almost in the forest primeval, and wild game is plenty at their very door.

Dietz's family consists of the following, as shown in the accompanying picture, reading from left to right: Stanley, Helen, Leslie, John, Jr., Clarence and Elmyra. Clarence is shown still wearing the bandage which dressed the wound he received in the last battle with the sheriff's posse.

**The Telephone Situation.**

At present we have telephone service. We have no assurance how long we will have, however. Last Monday afternoon about four o'clock, the exchange was opened to the public, and since that time we have been getting service. When the office was closed last week, the citizens asked for and got an injunction against the Cumberland Company, commanding them to open the exchange and give service until the matter was settled in the courts. They failed, or refused to obey the instructions of the court until Monday. The mandamus proceedings were set for a hearing in the Hickman County Circuit Court in Clinton, yesterday, but was postponed until tomorrow, and it is possible that there will be a further postponement until one day next week.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson, of Clinton, died Tuesday from the effects of an over dose of head ache medicine. She was 24 years old.