

Hum of Industry and Music of Power Development Give New Tune to "Old Kentucky Home"

Governor Sampson Writes Encomium of State of Kentucky for Manufacturers' Record, Maryland Magazine.

The following article, written by Gov. Flem D. Sampson, appeared in the August 30 issue of the Manufacturers' Record, published weekly at Baltimore, Md. The article appeared under the heading "Kentucky Fairly Leaps Forward in Every Line of Progress," and is the first of a series of letters by southern governors which will be published in the magazine.

Kentucky has long been known for her fine horses, beautiful women and gracious hospitality. Her name has not been so well known in the marts of trade and there begins a story.

The romance and traditions of a charming commonwealth that inspired the immortal song, "My Old Kentucky Home," by Stephen Collins Foster; the historic background of a State whose pioneers under the leadership of Daniel Boone and George Rogers Clark expanded the Colonies into the nucleus of the world's greatest nation; the patriotic leadership of a State that gave Henry Clay to the cause of Pan-Americanism and both Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis to its own war-torn country—all of these played a part in distracting Kentuckians and the outside world from the business side of Kentucky's life and progress, as progress is measured in these days of keen competition.

It is only recently that Kentucky has taken stock of her resources, her opportunities, her obligation to the youth of her own Commonwealth, and today she is "going into business" with a program of development and a stock of goods that will shortly challenge the efforts of her most wide-awake competitors if they expect to remain in the field. Wall Street is going to hear from Kentucky.

True, Daniel Boone discovered Kentucky, but that was more than a cen-

tury and a half ago. Today Kentuckians are discovering their own state. There is a new tune in the "old Kentucky home." It is the hum of industry, the music of hydro-electric power development and the sweet ballad of business revivification.

United for Progress

All Kentucky has united in a movement of their own creation, headed by the recently appointed Kentucky Progress Commission, and is engaged in a state-wide survey of resources and well-laid plans for advertising these resources to the outside world. Already, in a brief few weeks, this united Kentucky, through its progress commission, has attracted to the State's industries a \$2,000,000 cement plant, two \$2,000,000 asphalt industries and a million dollar milk-products plant. Outside capital is seeking information on the practically inexhaustible supplies of coal, iron, oil, gas, fluorapatite, barites and other minerals awaiting development, and also the fertile lands that have made the Blue Grass and other sections of Kentucky known throughout the world.

Kentucky is proud of the record she has already made in the industrial field and, in extending an invitation to share with her in the prosperity that is to follow the intensive campaign of industrial expansion now under way, modestly proclaims her leadership in the following lines as an incentive for outside investigation:

Kentucky leads the world in some of her industrial activities. She has the largest soft winter wheat mill, reed organ plant, single unit hardware plant, base ball bat factory, table rims and slides factory, printing establishment for the blind, stay bolt and engine iron factory, box plant, fireless fixture factory, enamel iron and brass plumbing plant, minnow bucket factory, nicotine products plant, hickory handle factory, foil plant, absorption ice and refrigeration machinery plant, X-Ray manufacturing plant, asphalt mine and wagon factory.

Kentucky leads the United States in several industries, including the largest wood mantel-piece factory, oxygen and hydrogen plant, cabinet varnish factory, casket factory, golf stick factory, single unit railroad yards. She leads the south with the largest millwork plant, millinery house, stamping and dies factory, mirror factory, cold storage plant, saddle and harness factory, plant factory, ice cream plant, cut stone and monument plant, tin tag factory, complete printing plant, boiler plant, metal window and door factory, corn mill, steam pump factory, railroad shops and doll factory.

Wealth Increases

Essentials that have to do with industrial growth are being advanced by Kentuckians in their move to acquaint the outside world with their progress as well as their products. In real property and improvements, the increase per capita wealth during the 10 years from 1917 to 1927 was 19 per cent. In manufacturing machinery, tools, implements, etc., the increase during the eight years from 1919 to 1927 was 32.69 per cent. In intangible personal property—stocks, bonds, notes, etc.—the increase during 10 years from 1917 to 1927 was 613.51 per cent. In bank deposits—not including funds, religious, charitable, educational and funds of franchise paying corporations—the increase during the 10 years from 1917 to 1927 was 3,026.6 per cent.

Kentucky's tax rate is especially inviting to industry. Statistics of the United States government comparing 22 important states of the Union show that Kentucky with a state and county tax rate of only \$1.55 is next to the lowest. Only four other states have a tax rate under \$2. The highest rate is \$7.64. With a bonded indebtedness per capita of only \$17.51, Kentucky is the lowest of any of these 22 important states. Only three other states have a bonded indebtedness under \$30 per capita. The highest is \$140.83. Bank resources show an increase of 180 per cent in the past 16 years. Kentucky has spent \$25,905,256 on her public schools during the past school year. More than two millions of this went to her university and normal schools. She is building a highway system that will place the state among the leaders within a very few years, and is now preparing to let contracts for \$30,000,000 worth of the highest-type bridges all over the State, as the result of recent state legislation that marks the greatest strides in progress along his line made in half a century.

Hydro-Electrical Power

Kentucky is one of the richest states from a mineralogical standpoint in the entire Union, and along with the development of these vast natural resources is now coming hydro-electric power development on a mammoth scale. Kentucky's fame for rich agricultural lands, great fields of timber and splendid transportation facilities is too well known to require repetition. She is located 80 miles from the center of population, at her northwestern border, and only has 1.3 per cent foreign born population.

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Just Among Us Girls



"I'm sorry Miss Crane but Mr Jones has sent me over for the diamond he gave you"
"Why the rush—? I told him I'd mail it— can't he wait?"
"Well you see I'm the jeweler and I don't think it's fair to ask me to wait any longer."

Courtesy C. P. A.

MEMORIAL HALL IS DEDICATED AT U. K.

President Frank L. McVey Presides at Dedicatory Exercises; Maj. Samuel M. Wilson Lauds Kentucky Soldiers.

Memorial Hall, a building being erected on the campus of the University in tribute to the World War dead of the state, was dedicated with the laying of the cornerstone at exercises held at 9:30 a. m. July 28.

Maj. Samuel M. Wilson delivered the dedicatory address and Dr. Frank L. McVey, president of the University, presided.

In calling the assembly to order President McVey pointed out that the building is to preserve the memory of 3,300 men and women of Kentucky who gave their lives in the World War.

Major Wilson Speaks

Delivering the dedicatory address Major Wilson said "many unattractive and even ugly buildings had, through association with great men or by tradition, acquired a character that gave to them a beauty other buildings did not possess."

"This building," Major Wilson continued, "has from the very first been endowed with character, association and the inspiration of those who gave their lives for their country and whose memory we commemorate this morning."

In praise of Kentucky's soldiers Major Wilson said the most remarkable thing about them was the readiness with which they responded to the call of their country and the willingness with which they laid down their lives for it.

Places Box in Cornerstone

Closing, Major Wilson said, "Many who might be present today would be only too glad to have their memory preserved in such a beautiful manner."

Immediately following the address Dr. McVey gave the copper box containing various articles relating to the history of the building, names of members of patriotic organizations and various other documents and photographs to Maury Crutcher, superintendent of buildings and grounds, who placed it in the cornerstone, where it was sealed.

Articles in Cornerstone

Articles placed in the box included the memorial number, University of Kentucky Bulletin, July 1919; roster of men in the service, University of Kentucky Bulletin for October, 1918; first page of Kentucky Kernel, April 20, 1922, containing poem by Mrs. Eleanor Duncan Wood who was awarded a prize of \$50 in gold for the best poem by a Kentuckian in memory of the men who died in the service to be inscribed in the Memorial building; short history of the Memorial building, by Raymond Kirk, alumni secretary; a photograph of archi-

tect's drawing of the building with names of the architects, Warner, McCornack and Mitchell; view book University of Kentucky Bulletin, June, 1923; photograph of President McVey and Maury Crutcher, superintendent of buildings and grounds; names of board of trustees and administrative officers, 1927-28; Lexington Leader, July 27, 1928; Lexington Herald, July 27, 1928; Louisville Courier-Journal July 28, 1928; program of exercises; Kentucky Kernel, July 27, 1928; view book, University of Kentucky S. A. T. C.; souvenir, Lexington Sesqui-Centennial, 1925; report of War Mothers, July, 1928; issues of Kentucky chapter of Kentucky War Mothers, 1924, and list of the contractors.

Reads "In Memoriam"

Following the laying of the cornerstone Miss Jeanette Lampert read the poem "In Memoriam," by Mrs. Eleanor Duncan Woods, which will be inscribed in Memorial Hall on its completion.

The ceremonies closed with the firing of a volley of shots by members of the American Legion and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the University, the sounding of "Taps" by Roy Crutch, of the American Legion, and the benediction pronounced by Dr. A. W. Fortune, of the Central Christian Church.

Memorial Hall, when completed, will serve as a convocation building for University students and for people of the community. It will have an auditorium which will seat 1,040 and amphitheater seating 1,100, and a stage, a pipe organ and a projection room for a motion picture in the balcony. The tower will rise 100 feet above the ground and will have a four-faced clock. Lobbies will contain scrolls on which will be inscribed the names of the World War dead of Kentucky. The building will cost \$135,000.

Journalism Is Rated Good at University

The University was listed in a group selected by Prof. Lawrence W. Murphy, acting dean of the school of journalism in the University of Illinois, as having a superior quality of journalistic instruction. An excerpt of the article follows:

"My idea of schools of journalism in 1927-28 made with due regard for the pioneer state of the work and the handicaps under which much of the instruction is carried on, follows. Boston, Columbia, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kansas State, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rutgers, Pennsylvania, Syracuse, Texas, Washington and Lee, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Baylor, Butler, California, Colorado, Drake Florida, Tulane, Pittsburgh, Iowa State, Nevada, Southern California, and Southern Methodist."

Dr. J. J. Tigert Resigns Educational Position

Former University Professor Is Elected President of Florida University

Dr. John J. Tigert, commissioner of the bureau of education and former professor of philosophy and psychology at the University, has tendered his resignation, effective September 1, to Secretary Roy West of the interior department, to accept the presidency of the University of Florida.

Dr. Tigert, who has been head of the bureau of education since 1921, was elected president of the Florida institution July 9 by its board of regents, but no announcement was made until recently.

Secretary West, in replying to Dr. Tigert's letter of resignation, expressed regret over the commissioner's withdrawal and said that he was transmitting the letter to President

Coolidge recommending its acceptance.

The commissioner was born at Nashville, Tenn. After graduating from Vanderbilt University, he went to Oxford as a Rhodes scholar. He was professor of philosophy and psychology at the University of Kentucky before becoming commissioner. He holds honorary degrees from Bates College, Rhode Island College, and the University of New Mexico.

THOSE CHILDREN!

The following definitions were taken from examination papers by children in the public schools:

- "The plural of spouse is spiece."
- "The law allowing but one wife is called monotomy."
- "General Braddock was killed in the Revolutionary War. He had three horses shot from under him and the fourth went through his clothes."
- "A passive verb is when the subject is the sufferer; e. g., I am loved."
- L. G. S., in Old Colony News-Letter.

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