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## BOONE COUNTY.

### Brief Historical Sketch of the Much Honored Land.

Sketches of the Leading Institutions and Business Men Who Vie With Each Other in Making Boone County One of the Greatest in the State.

Beautiful Scenery, Fine Macadamized Roads, Good Farms, Excellent Schools, Splendid Churches—Citizens Hospitable, Generous, Energetic and Prosperous.

The purport of this issue is to, in a concise way, without the use of high sounding platitudes and fustian phraseology, to tell the story of Boone County, the historical review being in

England. One of the first permanent settlements made in the county was at Petersburg, called then Tanner's Station, named in honor of Rev. John Tanner, the first Baptist preacher to set foot on the soil of Boone County.



COURT HOUSE BUILT IN 1817.

a great part taken from Collin's Illustrated History of Kentucky.

Boone County, the thirtieth in order, was organized in 1793, and Burlington, the county seat, was incorporated in 1824. It being then quite as large if not larger than the City of Cincinnati. The first authentic history relative to the seed sowing of civilization in Boone County was in 1739, when a Frenchman named Languet discovered Big Bone Lick, where where wild animals congregated to lick the morass sediment of the great springs that has figured so prominently in Kentucky's history as being one of the chief supply points for salt, by both the red men and the pioneers.

The first white woman to visit Kentucky (and Boone County) was Mrs. Mary Inghes, who with Mrs. Draper and her two little boys were captured by the Shawnee Indians in old Virginia, and were carried to the Salt Wells (Big Bone Lick). From here, by strategy, she escaped, and by living on grapes, herbs and barks she managed to get back to her old home, having to traverse a trackless forest, not even daring to follow a trail for fear of again falling into the hands of the savages. One of the little boys died in captivity, the other after thirteen years' life with the Indians was ransomed by his father.

The first survey to be made in the

so far as known to history. In May, 1790, John Tanner, a boy of nine, was made prisoner by the Indians, and in 1791, Edward, a brother (both sons of John Tanner) was captured and escaped two days later, but through the Indians he learned news of his brother, whom it was afterward learned spent his life with the Indians, and in 1818 became an employee of the Government as an interpreter.

Daniel Boone, after whom the county was named, was among the first white men to try to establish permanent citizenship in this section, his keen knowledge of the Indians, his unfeeling nature and craftiness were self-installed arguments of his supremacy. The Big Bone Lick (Salt Springs) were indentments not to be overlooked by the frontiersman, for from the water salt could be distilled, a commodity that in those weird days was listed with life's luxuries on the border.

The large game that had been undisturbed for ages, save by Indian hunting, also knew the beneficence of these springs as a lick, and to the intrepid Daniel Boone was an ideal place to kill such as he most desired. Pans from the picture of the vast forest, teeming with wild game of every kind, the few log cabins at trading stations, Daniel Boone, playing a game of hide and seek with the in-



1817 COURT HOUSE AS REMODELED IN 1878.

county was the Big Bone Creek. This was made July 5, 1773, by Captain Thomas Bullitt. It was then also the discovery was made of the wonderfully well preserved bones of the mammoth and the mastodon, the place possibly being back in the incline and pleocene across a lick, for these huge and now extinct animals at this place, the largest mastodon bones and tusks yet to be found, were unearthed, and now repose in the British Museum, London,

dians with chance of losing his scalp, to the tranquil scene of to-day, with the wonderful stride of progress as contrast. Indeed, it is a far cry and hard to comprehend. Yet to be appreciated.

Boone County to-day can pride herself as being one of the most foremost in the State where religious zeal, industry and education work hand in hand to make happy home and a contented people.

#### FARMS.

The farmers, with exceptions of few, are in excellent financial shape, the per cent of indebtedness being quite small, and it is doubtful if there is another county in the State that can show as few mortgages recorded. This with the fact that Boone is one of the largest counties in the State, speaks volumes for the prudence, sagacity and high standing of our husbandry.

The fine *bone* grass pastures make stock raising of this section one of the chief revenues.

Cereal raising and tobacco raising are the chief agricultural products. The fine grade of white burley tobacco grown here is always sought for at fancy price on the breaks.

#### GOOD ROADS.

The splendid macadamized highways of Boone County is ever the source of delight and advantage—the principal roads are maintained by corporations, who charge a light toll for travel, yet with this revenue it is said the receipts are inadequate to cope with the expenditures for increased improvements. A great many who favor free highways generally change their minds when they compare our fine roads to the free roads of Kenton, Carroll, Grant and Owen Counties, that have under a heavy usage and slight work become creak and in winter months nearly impassable.

#### OUR SCHOOLS.

The schools of Boone County are fully up to the standard of any common school district in the State. The buildings are in very good repair and every facility is employed to make the student comfortable—quite different from the old and roomy log school house with wide fireplace and slab seats, such as our forefathers had. Great care is exercised in the selection of competent educators, thus the best possible result is obtained.

#### CHURCHES.

The churches of the county show the predominating and towering strength of the Christian faith of our people. Nearly every community is represented with commanding church edifices, each being presided over by able and

Rock," set out seemingly without support, and from which gushes fresh cold water clear as crystal.

#### OUR COURTS.

Big courts in Boone County seem a thing of the past. The legal business is light inasmuch as litigation is concerned. Like all county seats a jail is in evidence, but as six months has elapsed since a prisoner has entered its doors, so little is this piece of county property used that weeds have grown up high around the main entrance.

The county officials, without exception, are gentlemen of the highest standing.

#### FRUIT GROWING.

In the past few years particular attention has been given to fruit culture, and the reward has been an excellent return for the investment. Many orchards are being set out this year, and the time does not seem distant until Boone County can in this line of commerce claim distinction.

#### OUR COMMERCIAL LIFE.

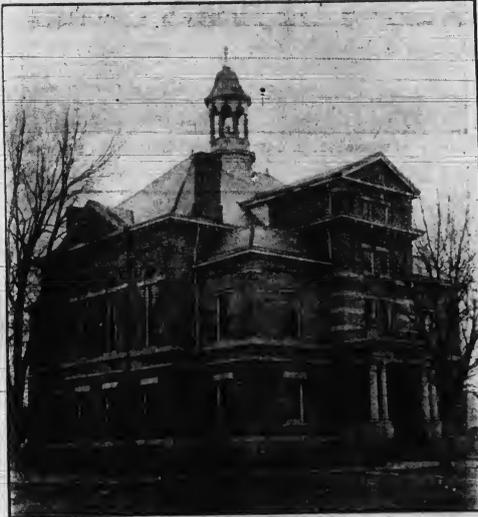
In our review of the commercial life of the county it has been our earnest aim to make true and special mention of the several worthy concerns, enterprises and business men. In fact, it is not complete, so far as the entire representation is concerned. Unable to see many to obtain the necessary data needful to compile the articles is accountable for their absence. As a whole our business men are prosperous, energetic and progressive—a class such as to add lustre to the county's good name and fame.

#### JUDGE P. E. CASON.

The Youngest Man Ever Elected to the Bench in Boone County.

Possibly the Youngest County Judge in the State.

Judge P. E. Cason bears the unique distinction of being the youngest man to have ever been elected to the office of County Judge in Boone County, and it is doubtful if there is another Judge in the State that is not older. Judge Cason was born January 20,



PRESENT COURT HOUSE.

influential pastors, who work in harmony to advance the teaching of Christianity.

#### TOWNS.

The county is represented with several towns of commercial strength. Burlington is the county-seat, with some 500 population; Florence, Walton, Petersburg, Rabbit Hash, Union, Hebron, Beaver Lick, Verona, Hamilton, Normansville and Bellevue. Erlanger is the principal railway station of the county; in fact, belongs to Kenton County, but so closely is this place identified with Boone County that we enumerate her with our list.

#### SCENERY.

The picturesque scenery of Boone County is beautiful to the extreme. The pleasing story of the noted novelist, John Uri Lloyd, "The Warlock of the Kloob," was inspired by the rich landscape views in the southern part of the county, and the silvery brooks and creeks that sing sweet notes in their ripple to the lover of nature. Big Bone Spring, with its old-style hotel and waters known far and wide through their great curative power, is a place of great interest to the traveler.

A few miles from Burlington along the cliffs, again one comes in contact with ornate creation of diversified scenery. Here, too, is found sparkling springs, with waters pure and remarkably cold. The most admired of these springs is the great "Split

1870. His early education was had in our common schools, passing from the graded school to the University of Law, Louisville, and graduated from the law department with the Class of 1891. Soon thereafter he was admitted



to the bar, and a practitioner in the Covington courts as an associate with Hallam & Myers. In this office and under the training of such able jurists as Judge Hallam and Mr. Myers, Judge Cason became more definitely ac-

quainted with law from a practical standpoint, which with his rigid theoretic training versed him into a lawyer of both tact and talent. From the office of Hallam & Myers, he returned to his home town to practice, and the success attained furnished an excellent testimonial as to the virtue of the trite saying: "Merit is bound to win." From early life the Judge has evinced a keen interest in politics, and is a *bona fide* Democrat for his party. In the last regular election he was chosen by a handsome majority to the office of County Judge—the honor being doubly great from the fact of his age. In fulfilling the duties of this responsible office, he has demonstrated young men are equally as capable as older heads. In fact his administration has been one of entire satisfaction, showing his careful ruling, prudence and excellent judgment. Then again, he is the only lawyer to be

West), he hied himself towards the setting sun after being admitted to the bar, and for five years engaged in practice in Kansas and Colorado, concluding his Western experience to return to his old home, Warsaw, where he built up a reputation and practice second to no lawyer in Gallatin County.

In political life his strength to Democracy has been a factor of great importance to *his* party—always for the party—always for the Democrat, irrespective to measured personality. He was frequently made delegate to state conventions, and was Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee from 1898 to 1902, by virtue of which he was a member of the Sixth Congressional Executive Committee.

In 1893 he was made Master Commissioner of Gallatin County, resigning one year later, when he moved to Burlington. Moving to Burlington,



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elected to the Bench since the term of Judge Hays. In 1894 he was selected by the Government to fill the office of Inspector of Chinese Immigration, with headquarters at Tacoma, Wash. He left Burlington to fill this position March 16, 1894. About fifteen months later he resigned to return home and to again practice law. November 2, 1895, he was married to Miss Blanche Lewis Parker, daughter of one of Boone County's best farmers. Judge Cason is a very modest appearing gentleman, imbued with a moral high-toned temperament, refined in demeanor, pleasant and interesting in address—in fact, a thorough going gentleman in every sense of the term.

#### D. E. CASTLEMAN.

Boone County's Popular and Very Efficient Attorney has Filled the Office Wita Credit to Himself and Constituents Since 1901.

The bar of Boone County is composed of an array of legal talent, the strength of which radiates high worth and splendor to the exalted bench of jurisprudence in all that the paragon implies. Grouped in this assembly and a conspicuous figure therein, is D. E. Castleman, one of the most successful, prominent and popular lawyers to represent the Blackstone contingent in this section of the state. Lawyer Castleman was born November 27, 1868, in the town of Glencoe

however, did not release him from Gallatin County business; the call for his services for years afterward was of such magnitude as to take up a great portion of his time. In Burlington, the old story of intrinsic merit being a prize winner, again asserted itself in the efforts and progress



made by Mr. Castleman, the fight for supremacy became evident early in the launching; however, step by step, he has climbed until now he can well sustain the appellation of being one of the foremost representatives of the Boone County bar. In 1901 he was nominated for County Attorney, but previous to his election, November, 1902, he was appointed to fill the va-



BOONE COUNTY JAIL.

Gallatin County. Not being a favored son, born with the proverbial silver spoon in his mouth, the toll for success became incumbent in days of boyhood. The combat was early sought and began as a general utility lad on the farm, with extended privilege of attending school during winter months and doing chores, night and morning, to keep his line of expense in curtail. Through the exercise of hard work in the school room, and regard for diligence on every hand, he succeeded in acquiring an education sufficient to enter Georgetown College, graduating from that seat of learning in literature in 1888, and subsequently graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in 1885, and was admitted to the Gallatin County bar immediately thereafter. Falling in line with Horace Greeley's famous advice to young men (so

cancy of County Attorney, made vacant by the resignation of Judge John M. Lassing, and in the conduct of this public charge he has, in a fearless and impartial way, served the county—a service highly appreciated and commended in all circles, regardless of political affiliations and faiths.

In social life his example is one depicting a worthy, conscientious, high-class gentleman; is a member of the Baptist Church, and is the present clerk of the North Bend Baptist Association. In 1885 he was married to Miss Mary Lee Hawkins, of Lawrenceburg. They have three daughters and one son form an interesting family to occupy the beautiful home in which they reside. It is but meet and proper for us to add our prediction that a higher place awaits D. E. Castleman.

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Mr. Garnett is a very correct business man, affable and companionable, and never better satisfied than when doing a friend a favor, and the high esteem in which he is held by the people of Boone County is affirmed by the readiness with which they have honored him with the most responsible positions at their disposal.

**J. A. DUNCAN.**

To be Our Next Circuit Court Clerk.

J. A. Duncan was born March 6, 1852, and has given his energies in life to farming and dealing in live stock, being an associate of Wingate and Thompson, of Petersburg, in the stock trade.

At the last Democratic primary he was nominated to the office of Circuit Court Clerk, and will succeed his father, who has so faithfully filled the



office for the past thirty years. Mr. Duncan is a gentleman greatly admired for his many good qualities, the compliment being shown in his nomination for office, which is equivalent to an election. In business he is one of the most widely known stock buyers of this section and enjoys a reputation for liberality and honesty free from question. In the Petersburg precinct he owns a very good stock farm, which requires considerable of his attention.

In lodge circles he belongs to the K. of P. order.

**W. O. ROUSE, M. D.**

Dr. Rouse was born December 5, 1848, on a farm near Linnburg, Boone County. In the county schools he received his rudimentary literary education, which was augmented by an academic course in the Burlington High School. Leaving the high school he matriculated with the Lutheran College, Springfield, Ohio. On graduating from this seat of learning, he became a student in the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati and graduated with the class of '95. Some three years ago he came to Burlington to practice, and has succeeded in building up an extensive business, with credit of being one of the most successful physicians in Boone County. His office is located in his pleasing home on Washington Street (property recently purchased), and his prominence as a physician is shown largely in the fine office practice given him.

June 21, 1899, he was wedded to Miss Katherine Crigler. He is a member of the North (Ky.) Medical As-

sociation and belongs to the I. O. O. F., is a conservative and consistent Christian gentleman, a member of the Hebrew Lutheran Church since quite a small boy.

Personally speaking, Dr. Rouse is



a refined, courteous citizen, who numbers his friends in his wide acquaintance. In brief, he is one of our most noteworthy citizens.

**R. J. SCOTT**

Owens One of the Finest Drug Stores in The State, Erlanger, Ky.

Erlanger has quite a few commercial houses that would reflect credit and prestige to any of our more prominent cities, and central of this splendid showing is the R. J. Scott Drug Emporium, which will easily rank with the most elaborate establishments of the kind in the State, both as to magnitude and appearance.

Mr. Scott was born at Florence, Boone County, November 6, 1856, and has been engaged in drug dispensing and dealing since twenty-one years of age. He was identified with the busi-



ness at Williamstown—for several years, and established in Erlanger in 1891, and moved to his present elegant quarters in 1892. The drug store has a full complement of every class of goods kindred to the drug and drug sundry trade, including novelties, fancy toilet articles, perfumery, paints, oils, etc. He is also extensively engaged in the manufacture of those Glycerine Powder and Scott's Headache Powders. These articles are well established on the market and are meeting with large sale. Under ex-President Cleveland's last administration Mr. Scott served as postmaster at Erlanger.

In 1895 Mr. Scott was wedded to Miss Bettie Wakefield, of Bloomington, Ills. Two charming little daughters radiate the home.

**MALCHUS SOUTHER,**

Farmer and Dairyman, Hebron, Ky.

Malchus Souther is an enterprising farmer and dairyman near Hebron, Ky. one of the contingent that figures as a main spoke in the wheel of progress of that much-favored community. He is the owner of a very desirable farm, where agriculture and dairy work is combined. He is a regular contributor of milk daily from the Jersey herd—to Ludlow,



Ky. Mr. Souther was born August 22, 1855, and has farmed all his life. October 16, 1881, he married Miss Alice Gordon, of Boone County, and they have two daughters and one son living, and one daughter dead. Mr. Souther is a member of the Masons, Patron of Husbandry and Grangers, and belongs to the Christian Church. He is Secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Boone County.

**W. H. STAMPER,**

General Merchant, Macksville, Ky.

One of the time-honored and highly respected men and merchants of Boone County is W. H. Stamper, of Macksville. Mr. Stamper is one of the many of our fine elderly men who have



**W. H. STAMPER'S STORE, McVillie.**

for upward of half a hundred years contributed to the business value of Boone County. He was born September 22, 1828, in Owen County, and in his boyhood recollection wild game such as deer, turkey and occasionally a black bear, were common sights in Owen and Boone Counties. He was raised principally in the city of Cov-

ington, until reaching the age of majority. Becoming a citizen and farmer of Boone County in 1849. In 1853 he was married to Miss Nancy Henderson, of Boone County. She died in 1867, leaving nine children, four boys and five girls. In 1883 he took unto himself a second helpmate, Miss Amanda London, of Boone County, he losing her also by death in 1892. Hospita-

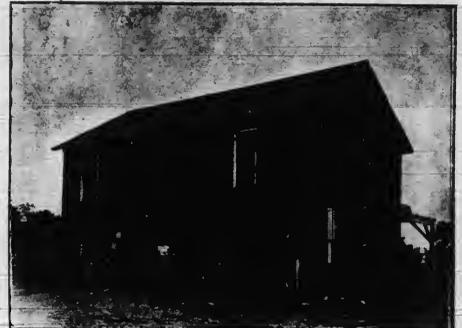
kind and entertaining, Mr. Stamper is regarded as one of the very best men in his section of the country. His store (not unlike all general stores) is the scene of a very pleasing trade. Mr. Stamper owns two very nice farms in the Macksville neighborhood and several town lots.

**L. H. BUSBY,**

General Blacksmith and Horseshoer, at Busby Heights, Near Gunpowder. L. H. Busby is one of the principal

blacksmiths and horseshoers of Boone County, and has, practically speaking, grown up in the business, being a protégé of the late W. A. Tanner, who for

present etc, built a new and very commodious shop, and has since had all the business that he could look after, and oftentimes he has two or three helpers. He makes horseshoeing one of his specialties, gives special attention to deformed or irregular shaped feet and cracked heels, etc.; carriage building, repairing, etc., comes in for direct attention.



**L. H. BUSBY'S SHOP, Gunpowder.**

a great number of years conducted a smithing shop at Gunpowder. Mr. Busby as a boy went to Mr. Tanner's to live, and so well did he conduct himself that at the death of Mr. Tanner (whom he had in latter years formed a partnership with) it was found that Mr. Busby was enrolled as one of his heirs.

October 21, 1899, Mr. Busby moved his shop from Gunpowder proper to its

He married Miss Anna Sanders, of Boone County. They have been singularly unfortunate in the death of several children, their family now being three boys and one married daughter.

A good citizen, an excellent gentleman, we cheerfully recommend Mr. Busby to the public. He belongs to the Masons, K. of P. and Baptist Church.

**C. S. BASLEY,**

General Merchant, Bullittsville, Ky.

Bullittsville, one of the principal points of trade in Boone County, is justly proud of the distinction of having within her confines one of the most extensive general stores in this section of the state. At the head of this enterprise is to be found C. S. Basley, a business man of affluence, thoroughly experienced in all the intricacies associated with such a busi-

dry goods, groceries and drugs. The store is also recognized as a market for all kinds of produce.

Personally speaking, Mr. Basley is one of the county's most enterprising and progressive citizens, a descendant from one of the oldest and first families of the state, a grandson of the late George L. Basley, who was the first Democrat elected to the State Legislature from Boone County.

Like the grandfather, he is also a Democrat. Irrespective of his political faith, however, he was appointed postmaster of his town, under the



**C. S. BASLEY'S STORE, Bullittsville.**

ness as he is wont to maintain for the Bullittsville neighborhood. Mr. Basley was born at North Bend, Ky., April 5, 1854, grew up on the farm, and is now the owner of a splendid 225-acre farm of that section. In 1878 he established the store, and under his careful direction it has grown to magnitude, with a prestige signifying its general popularity. The stock of goods to represent this trade house consists in a great measure of quite everything needed by an agricultural community, noted under special heads as hardware, harness,

Garfield administration, being endorsed by Republicans and Democrats alike.

In 1878 he married Miss Ada Clore. They have one son, Kenneth, twenty years old, who recently graduated from the Rugby College of Covington. The home of Mr. Basley is considered one of the most beautiful residences in the state, a specimen of architectural art, rarely seen outside of the large cities.

In the field of secret societies Mr. Basley belongs to the F. & A. M. Order.



**BOONE COUNTY DEPOSIT BANK, Burlington.**

National Bank of Owentown, Ky., a prosperous institution that came into existence at the hand of Mr. Revill. The bank finds a home in a substantially constructed building on Court Square, the interior equipment being adequate to every demand of such an institution. The ready funds of the bank repose in a massive time-lock



**J. C. REVILL, Cashier.**

Hall burglar-proof safe, set inside of a virtually speaking—impregnable fire-proof vault. Aside from the mechanical protection of the bank's funds, ample insurance is carried to protect it from any financial loss should they be unfortunate enough to meet with unforeseen burglar calls. The showing the bank has made is a remarkable one, well depicting the keen insight and good business judgment of the financial directors of the

J. C. Revill. The officers consist of a contingent of the most opulent and influential men of Boone County, representing in the aggregate a financial worth upwards of a half million dollars. Thus being endorsed with a most splendid backing, it is in position to take advantage of every opportunity offered for money-making; hence its prosperity and a laudable reason why none of its stock is for sale.

The President of the bank (recently made so by the death of Mr. F. Riddell) is a very able man, having for twenty-five consecutive years filled the office of County Clerk in the capacity of Deputy and Clerk. The Vice-President, Mr. Clinton Gaines, is an influential and prosperous farmer and a gentleman whose high character and standing is well known throughout Boone County. Mr. Revill, the ancient Cashier, was born and reared in Owen County. In his native county he was honored by being elected Circuit Clerk, serving for twelve years. During this office-holding he organized and became Cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of Owentown, resigning to Judge Holbrook, when made Cashier of the bank here. Personally speaking, Mr. Revill is one of the most public-spirited and courteously inclined citizens within our midst, ready and willing at all times to assist in the promotion of any laudable enterprise calculated to return benefits to the community. In religious life he affiliates with the Baptist Church.

Mr. Cecil Gaines, a very noteworthy young man, holds a position in the bank as bookkeeper. To place one's funds and business in the hands of such a banking house affords a relief from anxiety that can not but be appreciated.



**RIDDELL & CRISLER'S STORE, Burlington.**

One of the oldest commercial houses of Boone County, and for the past forty years one of the leading trade houses of Burlington, is the one now operated by Riddell & Crisler, successors to Dudley Rouse, who established the business (and it has never underwent change from a general merchandise store), directly after the close of the Civil War. In this house Mr. Rouse succeeded in acquiring enough of this world's goods to place him in an independent position, so far as affluence is concerned, and that the same line of success will continue to honor the concern seems evident through the splendid trade it enjoys and the new custom daily being built. The personnel of the firm is M. Riddell and L. H. Crisler, young men born and reared within our midst and well worthy in every respect of all the good and beneficial results that may ensue from their striving. The Messrs. Riddell & Crisler took charge of affairs February 1st, and immediately thereafter increased the volume of stock, adding a few new lines. To-day the store is

regarded by patrons of this community to be a trade center where good goods are to be had at remarkably low prices. The lines of wares embrace Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Hardware, Cigars and Tobacco, etc. A well arranged soda fountain at the rear of the main salesroom, during the summer months, assists to serve the public with delicious fresh temperate beverages. Mr. Riddell, previous to purchasing into this house, was engaged in like business at another stand in Burlington.

Mr. Crisler is by profession a veterinary surgeon, a graduate of the Ohio Veterinary School, graduating in 1894. In this practice he has been very successful, the percentage of his losing cases being but a minimum compared to the amount of business he is called upon to do. The leading stock breeders and horsemen of this section look upon him, as a matter of fact, a part and parcel of their business.

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Mr. Garnett is a very correct business man, affable and companionable, and never better satisfied than when doing a friend a favor, and the high esteem in which he is held by the people of Boone County is affirmed by the readiness with which they have honored him with the most responsible positions at their disposal.

**J. A. DUNCAN.**

To be Our Next Circuit Court Clerk.

J. A. Duncan was born March 6, 1852, and has given his energies in life to farming and dealing in live stock, being an associate of Wingate and Thompson, of Petersburg, in the stock trade.

At the last Democratic primary he was nominated to the office of Circuit Court Clerk and will succeed his father, who has so faithfully filled the



office for the past thirty years. Mr. Duncan is a gentleman greatly admired for his many good qualities, the compliment being shown in his nomination for office, which is equivalent to an election. In business he is one of the most widely known stock buyers of this section and enjoys a reputation for liberality and honesty free from question. In the Petersburg precinct he owns a very good stock farm, which requires considerable of his attention.

In lodge circles he belongs to the K. of P. order.

**W. O. ROUSE, M. D.**

Dr. Rouse was born December 5, 1868, on a farm near Linnburg, Boone County. In the county schools he received his rudimentary literary education, which was augmented by an academic course in the Burlington High School. Leaving the high school he matriculated with the Lutheran College, Springfield, Ohio. On graduating from this seat of learning, he became a student in the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati and graduated with the class of '95. Some three years ago he came to Burlington to practice, and has succeeded in building up an extensive business, with credit of being one of the most successful physicians in Boone County. His office is located in his pleasing home on Washington Street (property recently purchased), and his prominence as a physician is shown largely in the fine office practice given him.

June 21, 1899, he was wedded to Miss Katherine Crigler. He is a member of the North (Ky.) Medical As-

sociation and belongs to the I. O. O. F., is a conservative and consistent Christian gentleman, a member of the Hebrew Lutheran Church since quite a small boy.

Personally speaking, Dr. Rouse is



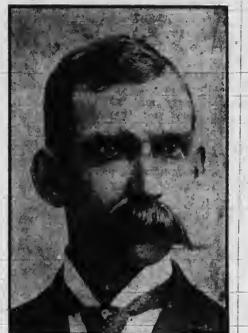
a refined, courteous citizen, who numbers his friends in his wide acquaintance. In brief, he is one of our most noteworthy citizens.

**R. J. SCOTT**

Owens One of the Finest Drug Stores in The State, Erlanger, Ky.

Erlanger has quite a few commercial houses that would reflect credit and prestige to any of our more prominent cities, and central of this splendid showing is the R. J. Scott Drug Emporium, which will easily rank with the most elaborate establishments of the kind in the State, both as to magnitude and appearance.

Mr. Scott was born at Florence, Boone County, November 6, 1856, and has been engaged in drug dispensing and dealing since twenty-one years of age. He was identified with the busi-



ness at Williamstown—for several years, and established in Erlanger in 1891, and moved to his present elegant quarters in 1892. The drug store has a full complement of every class of goods kindred to the drug and drug sundry trade, including novelties, fancy toilet articles, perfumery, paints, oils, etc. He is also extensively engaged in the manufacture of those Glycerine Powder and Scott's Headache Powders. These articles are well established on the market and are meeting with large sale. Under ex-President Cleveland's last administration Mr. Scott served as postmaster at Erlanger.

In 1895 Mr. Scott was wedded to Miss Bettie Wakefield, of Bloomington, Ills. Two charming little daughters radiate the home.

**MALCHUS SOUTHER,**

Farmer and Dairyman, Hebron, Ky.

Malchus Souther is an enterprising farmer and dairyman near Hebron, Ky. one of the contingent that figures as a main spoke in the wheel of progress of that much-favored community. He is the owner of a very desirable farm, where agriculture and dairy work is combined. He is a regular contributor of milk daily from the Jersey herd—to Ludlow,



Ky. Mr. Souther was born August 22, 1855, and has farmed all his life. October 16, 1881, he married Miss Alice Gordon, of Boone County, and they have two daughters and one son living, and one daughter dead. Mr. Souther is a member of the Masons, Patron of Husbandry and Grangers, and belongs to the Christian Church. He is Secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Boone County.

**W. H. STAMPER,**

General Merchant, Macksville, Ky.

One of the time-honored and highly respected men and merchants of Boone County is W. H. Stamper, of Macksville. Mr. Stamper is one of the many of our fine elderly men who have



W. H. STAMPER'S STORE, McVillie.

for upward of half a hundred years contributed to the business value of Boone County. He was born September 22, 1828, in Owen County, and in his boyhood recollection wild game such as deer, turkey and occasionally a black bear, were common sights in Owen and Boone Counties. He was raised principally in the city of Cov-

ington, until reaching the age of majority. Becoming a citizen and farmer of Boone County in 1849. In 1853 he was married to Miss Nancy Henderson, of Boone County. She died in 1867, leaving nine children, four boys and five girls. In 1883 he took unto himself a second helpmate, Miss Amanda London, of Boone County, he losing her also by death in 1892. Hospitae,



W. H. STAMPER'S STORE, McVillie.

kind and entertaining. Mr. Stamper is regarded as one of the very best men in his section of the country. His store (not unlike all general stores) is the scene of a very pleasing trade. Mr. Stamper owns two very nice farms in the Macksville neighborhood and several town lots.

**L. H. BUSBY,**

General Blacksmith and Horseshoer, at Busby Heights, Near Gunpowder.

L. H. Busby is one of the principal blacksmiths and horseshoers of Boone County, and has, practically speaking, grown up in the business, being a protégé of the late W. A. Tanner, who for

present etc, built a new and very commodious shop, and has since had all the business that he could look after, and oftentimes he has two or three helpers. He makes horseshoeing one of his specialties, gives special attention to deformed or irregular shaped feet and cracked heels, etc.; carriage building, repairing, etc., comes in for direct attention.



L. H. BUSBY'S SHOP, Gunpowder.

a great number of years conducted a smithing shop at Gunpowder. Mr. Busby as a boy went to Mr. Tanner's to live, and so well did he conduct himself that at the death of Mr. Tanner (whom he had in latter years formed a partnership with) it was found that Mr. Busby was enrolled as one of his heirs.

October 21, 1899, Mr. Busby moved his shop from Gunpowder proper to its

He married Miss Anna Sanders, of Boone County. They have been singularly unfortunate in the death of several children, their family now being three boys and one married daughter.

A good citizen, an excellent gentleman, we cheerfully recommend Mr. Busby to the public. He belongs to the Masons, K. of P. and Baptist Church.

**C. S. BASLEY,**

General Merchant, Bullittsville, Ky.

Bullittsville, one of the principal points of trade in Boone County, is justly proud of the distinction of having within her confines one of the most extensive general stores in this section of the state. At the head of this enterprise is to be found C. S. Basley, a business man of affluence, thoroughly experienced in all the intricacies associated with such a busi-

dry goods, groceries and drugs. The store is also recognized as a market for all kinds of produce.

Personally speaking, Mr. Basley is one of the county's most enterprising and progressive citizens, a descendant from one of the oldest and first families of the state, a grandson of the late George L. Basley, who was the first Democrat elected to the State Legislature from Boone County.

Like the grandfather, he is also a Democrat. Irrespective of his political faith, however, he was appointed postmaster of his town, under the



C. S. BASLEY'S STORE, Bullittsville.

ness as he is wont to maintain for the Bullittsville neighborhood. Mr. Basley was born at North Bend, Ky., April 5, 1854, grew up on the farm, and is now the owner of a splendid 225-acre farm of that section. In 1878 he established the store, and under his careful direction it has grown to magnitude, with a prestige signifying its general popularity.

Garfield administration, being endorsed by Republicans and Democrats alike.

In 1878 he married Miss Ada Clore. They have one son, Kenneth, twenty years old, who recently graduated from the Rugby College of Covington. The home of Mr. Basley is considered one of the most beautiful residences in the state, a specimen of architectural art, rarely seen outside of the large cities. In the field of secret societies Mr. Basley belongs to the F. & A. M. Order.



BOONE COUNTY DEPOSIT BANK, Burlington.

National Bank of Owentown, Ky., a prosperous institution that came into existence at the hand of Mr. Revill. The bank finds a home in a substantially constructed building on Court Square, the interior equipment being adequate to every demand of such an institution. The ready funds of the bank repose in a massive time-lock



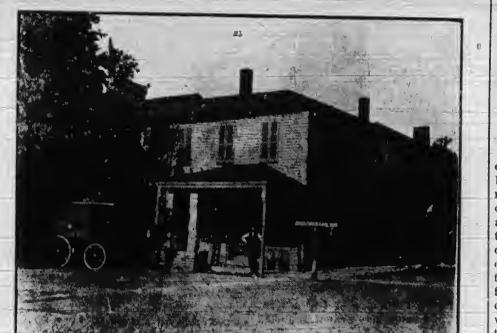
J. C. REVILL, Cashier.

Hall burglar-proof safe, set inside a—virtually speaking—an impregnable fire-proof vault. Aside from the mechanical protection of the bank's funds, ample insurance is carried to protect it from any financial loss should they be unfortunate enough to meet with unforeseen burglar calls. The showing the bank has made is a remarkable one, well depicting the keen insight and good business judgment of the financial directors of the

J. C. Revill. The officers consist of a contingent of the most opulent and influential men of Boone County, representing in the aggregate a financial worth upwards of a half million dollars. Thus being endorsed with a most splendid backing, it is in position to take advantage of every opportunity offered for money-making; hence its prosperity and a laudable reason why none of its stock is for sale.

The President of the bank (recently made so by the death of Mr. F. Riddell) is a very able man, having for twenty-five consecutive years filled the office of County Clerk in the capacity of Deputy and Clerk. The Vice-President, Mr. Clinton Gaines, is an influential and prosperous farmer and a gentleman whose high character and standing is well known throughout Boone County. Mr. Revill, the ancient Cashier, was born and reared in Owen County. In his native county he was honored by being elected Circuit Clerk, serving for twelve years. During this office-holding he organized and became Cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of Owentown, resigning to Judge Holbrook, whom made Cashier of the bank here. Personally speaking, Mr. Revill is one of the most public-spirited and courteously inclined citizens within our midst, ready and willing at all times to assist in the promotion of any laudable enterprise calculated to return benefits to the community. In religious life he affiliates with the Baptist Church.

Mr. Cecil Gaines, a very noteworthy young man, holds a position in the bank as bookkeeper. To place one's funds and business in the hands of such a banking house affords a relief from anxiety that can not but be appreciated.



RIDDELL & CRISLER'S STORE, Burlington.

One of the oldest commercial houses of Boone County, and for the past forty years one of the leading trade houses of Burlington, is the one now operated by Riddell & Crisler, successors to Dudley Rouse, who established the business (and it has never underwent change from a general merchandise store), directly after the close of the Civil War. In this house Mr. Rouse succeeded in acquiring enough of this world's goods to place him in an independent position, so far as affluence is concerned, and that the same line of success will continue to honor the concern seems evident through the splendid trade it enjoys and the new custom daily being built. The personnel of the firm is M. Riddell and L. H. Crisler, young men born and reared within our midst and well worthy in every respect of all the good and beneficial results that may ensue from their striving. The Messrs. Riddell & Crisler took charge of affairs February 1st last, and immediately thereafter increased the volume of stock, adding a few new lines. To-day the store is

regarded by patrons of this community to be a trade center where good goods are to be had at remarkably low prices. The lines of wares embrace Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Hardware, Cigars and Tobacco, etc. A well arranged soda fountain at the rear of the main salesroom, during the summer months, assists to serve the public with delicious fresh temperate beverages. Mr. Riddell, previous to purchasing into this house, was engaged in like business at another stand in Burlington.

Mr. Crisler is by profession a veterinary surgeon, a graduate of the Ohio Veterinary School, graduating in 1894. In this practice he has been very successful, the percentage of his losing cases being but a minimum compared to the amount of business he is called upon to do. The leading stock breeders and horsemen of this section look upon him, as a matter of fact, a part and parcel of their business.

Liberal as merchants, congenial and accommodating as gentlemen, they make merchants and citizens of whom Burlington justly feels proud.

HON. D. LINN GOOCH, M. C.

Emminently successful and self-made business man, the present tireless working Congressman from this, the Sixth District, was born of Virginia ancestry in McLean County, Ky., in 1853, his father being Rev. Gideon Gooch, a Methodist minister, who died in Louisville. Through the unalterable decree of Providence, both of his parents, within the brief period of six months, were called upon to pass beyond the vale of this life, leaving young Gooch, yet but 16 years of age, in charge of an 18-months-old baby brother. Mr. Gooch entered the drug business as a servant chore boy—washing windows, delivering drug messages, reading literature and chemistry at night, with the ultimate result that the name of "Gooch" is intimately associated with both the medicine industry, national politics and national

consideration and respect to be exercised by his warmest and partisan supporters. Mr. Gooch's record in Congress has been brilliant, effective and full of labor in behalf of the constituency of his district, and aside from local minor details, we especially mention his speech against the pre-emptory trust act—among the best delivered in the last Congress—and that in behalf of labor and commerce. His recent, voluntary, broad-gauged, and generous offer to personally defray the expenses of the successful applicant, however poor, to share his seat in "Annapolis," reflects the true character of the man. To those in want and distress he has ever through life, been a friend, and his good wife and two daughters, Misses Virginia and Leonor, have at all times mutually shared in his charitable dispensations.

practice well showing his thoroughness and the confidence reposed in him by an appreciative community. He was twice elected County Attorney without opposition in his party. May, 1901, he was appointed to the office of Circuit Court Judge, to fill the vacancy made by death of the late Judge Greene. In the same year he was nominated and elected without opposition in his party to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Greene, and following this he was again nominated without opposition, and will be elected for a six-year term, to begin January 1st, 1904. At the time the appointment was made he was the youngest Circuit Court Judge in the State, and is possibly the youngest now to fill such a responsible position. As a Judge he is accredited with being one of the most fair-minded and able to represent the Bench. As a distinguished lawyer has said of him, in the home, or on the street, "It is 'John Lassing,' free, convivial and open hearted; on the Bench, it is Judge Lassing, dignified and austere, yet with a courtesy extended to all, with no undue favors shown to any. His mature judgment and fair rulings have lent conspicuous lustre to the exalted dignity of Bar and Bench, and in this he enjoys an esteem that reaches far beyond the borders of the great State of Kentucky. In politics Judge Lassing is a unique and conspicuous representative of the Democratic party, of a wonderful strength, one of the best organizers and influential campaigners to be found in Old Kentucky; a man who

has never been defeated for office, and the same may be said of the several friends of whose campaign he was instrumental in furthering. He filled the office of Chairman of the County Executive Committee from the Sixth Congressional District, was one of Senator Goebel's closest friends and advisors in his race for nomination and election to the Governor's office, and was Secretary of the Campaign Committee in 1900. In all national elections he figures prominently, is a warm, personal friend of William Jennings Bryan, and was an ardent and aggressive champion of this eminent gentleman, and was a factor of importance in the national election. He was united in wedlock, with Miss Mary Lillard Brady, daughter of E. A. Brady, one of Boone County's very prominent farmers. Their home, one of the most beautiful in Burlington, is brightened by the presence of their two very interesting boys. He is a Master Mason, and belongs to the K. of P. Order, in Burlington, and to the Order of Elks, at Covington. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. As a citizen he is one of the most charitable and hospitable in our midst. No man ever went to him for a favor of any kind to be turned away empty handed; is always ready to lend a helping hand to his brother man, not for the matter of gain, but through the pure love of doing good, and to cast around others happy environments, irrespective of politics, creed, kind or color.

In January, 1897, he moved his family to Baltimore, where he now resides, the annual office of the order being permanently located there. August 15, 1885, he married Miss Franklina Garnett, youngest daughter of B. F. Garnett, of Boone County, a resident of Baltimore; the second daughter is the wife of D. J. F. Strother, of Welch, W. Va. One of the most courteous of men, classical and refined as a gentleman, a typical representative of the true Kentuckian, Boone County is most proud of him.

Each of the daughters have married, the oldest being the wife of Edwin J. Curry, of Owen County, now dead, and brought the remains back and they were laid to rest in the Petersburg Cemetery.



ter of B. F. Garnett, of Boone County. Three children came to bless this union—Charles L., Clara Ellen and Elizabeth Garnett Grant. Charles L., the son, died with consumption in Mexico, where he had been sent in hope of prolonging his life. The father was with him at the time of

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L. W. LASSING,

A Progressive and Influential Farmer.

One of the old-time farmers, a cultured, hospitable Kentuckian of the typical type, is our venerable friend, L. W. Lassing, of the Union neighborhood. Mr. Lassing was born December 26, 1827, the son of the late Morris T. Lassing, the early day merchant of Union. From the time he could see over the counter until eighteen years of age he clerked in his father's store. Having no inclination to become tied to the requirements of a business man, at the age above mentioned he commenced working on the farm. Later he became owner of a farm, and has ever since engaged in this most worthy of all callings. It is hardly necessary to say that his farm would favorably compare with the best in the county, and that his home is among the finest. These are commonplace knowings in a local way.

situational convention in 1897. He is one of the best Democrats in the county—one of the kind that believe in harmony, that is if the harmonization is to be a solid Democratic vote without affiliation with any other faith than the decided platform, such as the issue may be from a true Democratic suggestion. In the home life of this most excellent gentleman one is confronted with a most beautiful picture of happiness, comfort and ease. Envied by all, the enjoyments that wealth can desire pleasantly bring are in ready command; endowed with a disposition hospitable in the extreme; blessed with a heart full of sunshine, the radiance of which showers brightness full of pleasure to all with whom he comes in contact; staunch as a friend; pure as a citizen; unswerving in character; courteous, with an apology for being courteous, he stands a man among men, one of the true emblems of a typical Kentucky gentleman.

Short-horn cattle and Shropshire sheep are extensively bred and sold from this farm. Mr. Lassing served in the Legislature in the years 1882 and 1883, and was a conspicuous member of the con-

years and a few months he was County Attorney of Boone. August 6, 1900, by special election, he was made a member of the Kentucky Senate to succeed Dr. Furnish, resigned. He is a Democrat of the old school, and in party is an energetic and active worker. Senator Tolon is free from any osten-

S. W. TOLON,

Member of State Senate.

One of Boone County's Leading Lawyers.

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the common schools and for several years represented the school room as teacher. In 1879 he graduated from the Louisville Law College, and since has made his office in Burlington, and has been the recipient of such success as to place his name high on the roster of the best legal talent in North Kentucky. For a period of twelve

tations involvement, does not cater to publicity, but prefers to take up his line of business and push it to a realization of true merit, without heraldry. Courteous and obliging as a citizen, earnest and logical as a lawyer, true and exact as a representative of the people he makes for Burlington a citizen of sterling worth.



FRANK SMITH'S STONE RESIDENCE, near Union.

HON. JAMES PRYOR TARVIN,

One of Kentucky's Brightest Minds and Most Conspicuous Democrats.

A Fine Piece of Timber Not to be Overlooked in Congressional Selection—A Gentleman Who Stands High in the Purple Council of National Campaign Prominence.

In the person of Judge James P. Tarvin, one of Kentucky's most distinguished gentlemen and jurists is radiated. His keen perception for natural law, high regard for untarnished integrity, forceful in the interpretation of correctness, clean in spirit and character. His name stands most high in the council of the Democratic party and among Kentucky's most able and illustrious possibilities. Judge Tarvin, is, in fact, an innate lawyer, with a most rigid training into the ethics and science of jurist, statesman and public speaker. In politics, pertaining to national compil-

make place for the beautiful building there now standing. Judge Tarvin's education was had wholly in the public schools of Covington. He studied law with his grandfather, Judge Pryor, and graduated from the Cincinnati Law School. Passing from college he practiced law in Covington until 1871, when he was nominated by the Democrats to the office of Circuit Court Judge, and was elected in November of that year. His district embraces the County of Kenton, containing the City of Covington. He was a democratic nominee for Electoral-Large in Kentucky in 1896, and in that year spoke in nearly half the counties of the State, and has spoken throughout the State in every state and national election since 1884, and his services as a speaker have been utilized by the Democratic National Committee in national campaigns in nearly one-half of the states in the Union. He was one of the speakers to gather with Wm. Jennings Bryan, George Fred Williams and Chas. A. Lowe at the famous dollar

dinner at the Crystal Palace, New York in April, 1899. As a speaker, Judge Tarvin is accredited as being one of the most magnetic and logical to appear upon the Union hustings. In most part, his speeches are extemporaneous, and are usually confined to facts and figures, so well is he posted on general affairs, either local or foreign. Free from the machinations of rule or rule policy, above reproach as a judge, honest, yet firm in his specific convictions, endowed with a heart pure of sympathy, broad-minded in the field of thought and explanation, he stands to-day one of Kentucky's sons of whom the "Old State" may well feel proud—a gentleman who in high council would add splendor to the name of OLD KENTUCKY. Judge Tarvin is an officer in the Golden Rule Lodge, of Masons, and at the recent meeting of the Elks' Reminiscence Association of State, at Lexington, he was elected president of that body.



cations, he is possibly one of the best posted men in the State of Kentucky. Being a close student in affairs of national importance, able in the analysis of fact and theory, makes him a senatorial piece of timber, we suggest, well not to overlook.

Judge Tarvin was born in Covington, Ky., November 13, 1860, a dual descendant of Chief Justice John Marshall, a cousin of Wm. S. Pryor, who for 25 years, and up to 1897, was on the bench of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky. His father was W. H. Tarvin, and his mother, Eliza Pryor, daughter of Hon. James Pryor, who for more than twenty years was Circuit Judge in Boone, Kenton and other counties in the Judicial District. A singularly coincident relative to this able jurist and his grandson, Judge Tarvin, is that Judge Pryor entered the first order in the old court house at Covington in 1843, and Judge Tarvin entered the last order in the old court house in 1895, fifty-six years later, just before the old court house was razed to the ground.

J. FRANK GRANT,

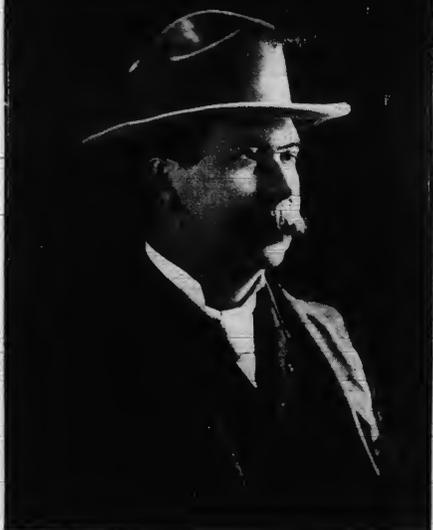
Baltimore, Md., Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of America—The Central Head of the I. O. O. F. of the World.

A Boone County Man Who Has Attained International Prominence in Lodge Circles.

Boone County has sent from her domain out into the broad field of prominence men who have placed through their achievements the name of Kentucky and Natal County before the world in a pleasing and appreciative way.

Among this distinguished class of men appears the name of J. Frank Grant, who a few years past lived in Petersburg and was there engaged in the merchandise trade.

J. Frank Grant was born in Louisville, Ky., September 1, 1843. Is the eldest son of the late Dr. E. L. Grant, of Boone County. He was educated in a private school and at home, and in 1870 he engaged in the mercantile business at Petersburg and was fairly successful. In 1871 he became an Odd Fellow in the Petersburg Lodge, and entered the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1874; was Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge in 1883 and 1885, and Grand Patriarch of the State Grand Encampment in 1889. He represented the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Los Angeles, Cal., September, 1888, and continuously from 1890 to 1897, when he was elected Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the head of the Order of Odd Fellows in the world and to this office he has been re-elected biennially ever since.



legislation of North America. His efforts and career truthfully portray what is possible in American youth and American life, and certainly serve as a stimulus for emulation and ambition to the progressive generation in which he lives and contributes. Having achieved an enormous success in the business world, and after having eschewed every impurity to accept local honor and office, he decided to give material force to his usual active interest in local current and political affairs by accepting the Democratic nomination for Congress in February, 1899, and being triumphantly elected that year and again in November, 1901. It is due to say in this connection, however, that the Sixth Congressional political contests of this district during the past few years have especially been known for their stubbornness and gallantry, but Mr. Gooch has always come out of the fray an easy and graceful winner, never having uttered an unkind word against his opponents, and even urging this

Personally, Mr. Gooch is a most charming conversationalist and a delightful companion. He is a representative Kentuckian, a credit to the Democratic party, and a most worthy, sincere representative of the Sixth Congressional District, with a great capacity for work and good, kind deeds. Mr. Gooch was selected by the Kentucky delegation to represent Kentucky upon the Congressional Committee. Each State and each territory has one representative who elect an executive committee of five. Mr. Gooch was elected upon this committee, and for his good work was re-elected for the ensuing two years. This probably is the first instance where a congressman serving his first term was ever elected a member of this executive committee. His record in Congress has been such as to win for him the confidence and esteem of organized labor, the cause of which he never fails to champion.

HON. JOHN M. LASSING,

The Youngest Circuit Judge to Represent the Bench of Kentucky.

Has Through the High Office of True Merit Attained Distinction As a Jurist and Organizer of National Credit.

Is One of the State's Most Prominent Democrats.

Hon. John M. Lassing, we are proud to say, was born under the azure

and is the eldest son of Dr. H. C. Lassing, of near Union. In the county's common schools and at White Haven Academy he received his early education, and graduated from the Central University of Richmond, Ky., in 1884. Leaving college he took up school teaching, and at the same time devoted all his spare time to reading law under the late eminent F. Riddell. He was admitted to practice in 1887. Not content with this, however, he became a student in the renowned Cincinnati Law School, and graduated with the Class of '89, and located in



skies of old Boone County, first seeing Burlington for the practice of law the light of day—November 9, 1864, June 4, 1889, and soon built himself a

**W. N. SURFACE,**

General Merchant, Gunpowder, Ky.

In the business career of W. N. Surface, tenacity and determination seems to have been the watchword in furthering the success.

Mr. Surface was born September 30, 1870, and lived on a farm until January 1, 1893, when he purchased the



**J. S. SURFACE'S STORE, at Gunpowder.**

store at E. O. House at Gunpowder. He was just beginning to get thoroughly acquainted with the intricacies of merchandising when fire swept from him in a few hours what he had worked for all his life to obtain. The loss was on October 19, 1895, and the loss included his residence, household goods, store building and the contents. One year later new buildings occupied

the sites of the ones burned, and a new stock of goods ornamented the store. Thus he began life anew, and when tenacity and courage were not unfilling in result, the store now is one of the chief trade centers of the Gunpowder section, and the important aspects of the business now is far removed from the suggestion that the adverse hand of fate had destroyed its progress a few years since.

**CHARLES S. BOSLY,**

Bullittsville.

Former merchant and large real-estate



the owner; one of the county's most successful business men.

**SAND-FLY LIVES BUT A DAY.**

**Delicate Little Insect Furnishes an Interesting Study to the Scientists.**

Here is a tragic story of the sand fly.

It has but a day to live in the light. In order to earn the right to a day of life it lives from one to three years in darkness, down in the mud at the bottom of lakes or rivers. Moreover, the sand fly is perfectly harmless. It cannot even bite. It has no stings. It cannot even eat. All it can do is to fill about for a few hours enjoying the light of day or the glare of an electric lamp.

Professor C. B. Davenport, of the University of Chicago, told the other day, says the Inter-Ocean, about the delicate, beautiful little insects which prove a pest to a great many people. The sand fly is known to scientists familiarly as the May fly. In scientific terms it is called Ephemera. This name is taken from the Greek word Ephemeros, which means lasting only for a day. To the scientists the sand fly is one of the most interesting and beautiful of insects.

The fly lives but a day at most, but before it sees light it has lived for from one to three years under the water in the form of what the scientists call a nymph. This nymph can both walk and swim. As it grows it molts and after about the ninth molt tiny wings appear on its thorax. These grow larger until the insect comes forth from the water a sand fly. It then has but one duty, to lay its eggs. This done the sand fly zigzags through the air until its brief life is ended.

The popular idea that the sand flies are blown across the lake to Chicago is wrong, according to the university scientists. The sand fly could not live to be blown that far, and, besides, the insect always flies against the wind and not with it.

**OUR RAILROAD INDUSTRY.**

**Million and a Quarter Workers on American Payrolls and Their Number Increasing.**

The railroads of this country are employing more persons than ever before in their history. According to statistics in the report of the Interstate Commerce commission there were 594 railroad employes for every hundred miles of tracks last year, and there were 1,185,315 employes altogether, reports the New York Sun.

In the year before there were only 1,071,169 railroad employes, and the average was only 548 for every hundred miles of line, so that independently of the increase in mileage the number of workers employed has increased 46 for each hundred miles of line.

September 12, 1894, Mr. Surface was married to Miss Susie Carpenter, daughter of Jerry Carpenter, of Richwood, and through her kind and sympathetic assistance and influence Mr. Surface attributes a great measure of his success.

**SIDNEY GAINS,**

Attorney at Law.

Sidney Gains was born February 14, 1862, and spent his boyhood days and much of his mature years on a farm. He received his education in the common schools, and in the old Burlington Academy. At the Kentucky University he graduated from the commercial department in 1883, but immediately after became a pharmaceutical clerk in a Ludlow drugstore. One year later he purchased a drug establishment in Petersburg, and for three years conducted a very successful business, discontinuing by act of sale to a Mr. J. B. Berkshire. Leaving business, he returned to farming, the quietness of which was not in accord with his active nature. Having graduated from the Louisville Law School in the Class of '92, and being admitted to the bar, he took up practice here, and has torgeed himself to the front being now one of our leading attorneys.

His cottage home on Gallatin street is one of the most admirable residences of our town. Excellent as a lawyer, splendid as a citizen, he stands as one of our most representative men.

Since these statistics were collected there has been a correspondingly large increase in the number of employes. If railroad statistics are to be believed, so that the number of men on the railroad payroll in this country is considerably over a million and a quarter.

The good times and the extension improvements set on foot by the railroad companies as the result of their prosperity are responsible for this increase in employment. Eight years ago the number of railroad workers was only 41 for every hundred miles, so that should a return to that standard be possible it would mean the laying off of 31,200 workers, to say nothing of the consequent reduction in the wage standards.

**ONE OF THE ARTISTS.**

**Wanted to Contribute His Services as Well as the Best of the "Talent."**

Billy's sister is the organist of the church in the country town where the family spends its summers, and Billy follows the old-fashioned instrument upon which his sister performs, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Some day, however, Billy will be an artist himself if his present spirit of pride in his work persists. Still, although he enjoys his task, the 25 cents he earns every Sunday is much appreciated by him.

A concert was given in the church in aid of a local charity, and the singers and quite a number of "artists" who summer in the village, and whose services usually command big remuneration, volunteered their services.

When the concert was over, the choir-master came to Billy, who had enjoyed greatly the importance of the occasion and his share in it, and held out a quarter to pay the boy for his work.

Billy looked up in griefed surprise. "Why, say," said he, "aren't the rest of the talent giving their services for nothing?"

**Prisoner Pleases Fair.**

A prisoner in Siberia lately sent the czar a gift in the shape of a large hazelnut, inside of which is a miniature chessboard, with all the pieces complete, carved out of ivory. The prisoner had worked at this little game in his leisure hours for more than a year. The czar was so pleased that he desired to know for what the man had been sent to Siberia, and it is expected that a reprieve will be granted to him.

**Millions to Policy-Holders.**

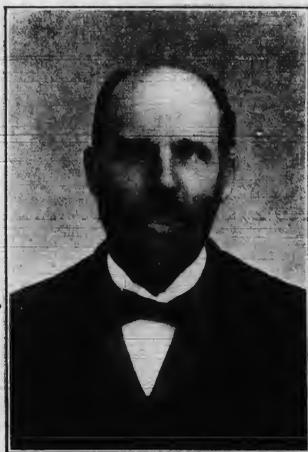
An authority on life-insurance matters has been gathering statistics on the subject of insurance policies and payments. In 9,333 cities and towns in the United States during the year 1902 the total distribution to policy holders and their beneficiaries exceeded \$320,000,000.



**HON. AND MRS. JAMES A. WILSON.**  
Man and Wife Over Sixty Years.



**LATE REV. R. E. KIRTLEY,**  
Noted Baptist Divine.



**G. G. HUGHES,**  
Oldest Practitioner of Boone County Bar.



**LATE T. J. ADAMS,**  
Twice Elected Jailer of Boone County.



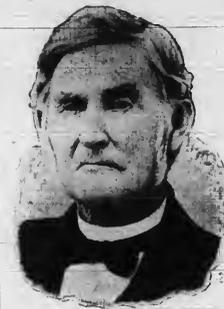
**E. L. HELMS,**  
Popular Barber, Petersburg.



**DUDLEY HOUSE,**  
Retired Merchant, Burlington.



**THE LATE W. H. BAKER,**  
First President of Erlanger Deposit Bank.



**LATE S. P. BRADY,**  
For Thirty-three Years Clerk of North Bend Association of Baptists.



**THE LATE F. RIDDELL,**  
First President of Boone County Deposit Bank.



**THE LATE HON. REUBEN CONNER,**  
Once State Senator and Several Times County Representative.

**ROMANCE IN VARIED GUISE.**

**The Definition of the Word Is Susceptible of a Wide Divergence.**

What is romance? Even the colloquial use of the term is varied. When we say "you are romantic" or call anything as distinguished from what is real or what is true, we mean one thing, but quite another when we apply the term romantic to natural scenery, says Harper's Magazine. And in its application we must distinguish between the effect upon us of that which we call romantic because of human associations with certain sights or sounds and that wildness of nature which we call romantic because of its absolute dissociation from anything human.

Keeping out of mind for the present the use of the word in artistic and literary criticism, let us try to find what the definition of the word is in the diversities of colloquial usage.

In all that is generally called romantic in the cases above mentioned there is the common element of strangeness. We easily revert to what must have been the original sense of the word in its connection with those medieval modifications of the Latin tongue known as the romance languages. The Saxon of Celt would have found his native tongue sufficient for all ordinary needs, but if he caught the Roman air in any way, he would, to meet the newly developed need, borrow the graces of the Roman speech—that is, he would romance.

**KILLING ANTS WITH CANNON.**

**Fortresses of the Termites, or Warrior Species, Assaulted with Artillery.**

Artillery charged with grapeshot has been employed to destroy great fortresses which the termites, or warrior ants, have made in many tropical countries, reports the New York Herald.

In South Africa the termites work enormous havoc. They live in a republic of their own, and some of them have wings. The workmen, the soldiers and the queens, however, have none.

The workmen construct their buildings, the soldiers defend the colony and keep order and the females, or queens, are cared for by all the others. These become, in point of fact, mere egg laying machines which have to remain tied to one spot.

Their nesting homes are often 20 feet high and pyramidal in shape. Catapults climb upon them without crushing them. A dozen men can find shelter in some of their chambers and native hunters often lie in wait inside them when out after wild animals.

The ants construct galleries which are as wide as the bore of a large cannon and which run three or four feet underground.

The nests are said to be 500 times as high as the ant's body, and it has been estimated that if we built our houses on the same scale they would be four times as high as the pyramids of Egypt.

**REVIVAL OF THE DEAD.**

**Noted Physician Believes It Possible to Bring Some Deceased Persons Back to Life.**

Dr. Robert C. Kemp, a physician of repture, has lately brought before the New York Academy of Science an account of some interesting experiments, which he has been conducting on lines which were suggested some time ago by Dr. Pruss. He asserts that he believes it possible, in many cases, to bring back persons to life and to permanent recovery who are apparently dead. His method, which he has already successfully practiced on dogs, is to make a small incision between two of the ribs, and to thrust two fingers into the wound until they touch the heart. That organ is then pressed against the ribs, and its natural motion is imitated by a kind of massage. At the same time a saline solution is infused into the patient, and respiration is induced by a special form of pump, a tube from which is thrust into the windpipe. Under this treatment dogs which have been chloroformed to such an extent that no pulsation is perceptible have been brought back to life in 11 instances out of 23. It is true that when Dr. Kemp tried the same procedure in the case of a human being, about a year ago, he failed to resuscitate the patient; but he believes, with the added experience which he has since had, that the method would now prove successful in his hands.

**PROVERBS UP TO DATE.**

**Wise Sayings from Everybody's Magazine That Are in Pace with the Times.**

Better swallow your good jest than lose your good friend.

Sweet are the uses of adversity, bitter are the uses of prosperity.

The rising generation owes much to the inventor of the alarm-clock.

If vanity were a deadly disease, every undertaker would buy fast horses.

When the last trumpet sounds some woman will ask Gabriel to wait a minute.

A good field of corn is one thing a farmer doesn't care to have crowded over. The Dead March is not necessarily the one that the musicians have murdered.

The oil of insincerity is more to be dreaded than the vinegar of vituperation.

A walk may improve your appetite, but a tramp will eat you out of house and home.

The man who cannot be beaten is he who holds up his head when he has been beaten.

**DR. J. G. FURNISH,**

Ex-Legislator and Superintendent of Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum.

Dr. J. G. Furnish, whose photograph we take pleasure in producing, is an Owen Comitan by birth, and received his literary education in the common schools of his native State and Harriburg Academy, under the instruction of the lamented Ed. Porter Thompson, educator, author and politician. Qualified for his profession at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, and later took a post-graduate course at Bellevue, New York City.

A Democrat in politics, he represented Boone County in the lower branch of the State Legislature during 1891-2-3-4. In 1899 he was elected to the State Senate, and was a member of that body when appointed Superintendent of Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum, three years ago; the duties of which important office he has, and is discharging with fidelity, care and kindness, and honor to himself and legions of warm friends. For a number of years he was Chairman of the



County Democratic Executive Committee. Dr. Furnish has throughout his active life been an ardent and aggressive party worker, and a faithful pecuniary contributor to Democracy's welfare. He is also an Odd Fellow. Dr. Furnish was married to Miss Maud Reville, daughter of Mr. J. C. Reville, founder and Cashier of the Boone County Deposit Bank, in 1891, and one son, Joe Reville, and a daughter, Miss Sarah Gayle, add sunshine to their home.

**O. M. ROGERS,**

Lawyer and Farmer.

When it is said O. M. Rogers, of Erlanger, is one of the greatest hustlers among the young men in this part of Kentucky, nothing but the truth is spoken.

He was born on the farm on November 26, 1872, and his father, James Rogers, being one of the most successful farmers in Boone County, his sons early training in that branch of business was of the best, and is serving him well now in the business of operating a large farm near Erlanger, from which he makes handsome returns every year. This farm he keeps well stocked, and cultivates large areas annually, and is recognized as very successful in his farm pursuits.



Mr. Rogers completed the course of study in the schools of this county, after which he attended the Kentucky University at Lexington, making great progress with his studies. Choosing the law as his profession he entered the Cincinnati Law School, from which he graduated with honor in 1897, and began practice in Cincinnati, where he has an office. Besides practicing in Cincinnati, he practices in the courts at Boone, Campbell, Kenton and Grant Counties, always giving his client his best efforts. By industry, close attention to business and good success, Mr. Rogers has acquired a clientele that is a handsome reward for his excellent business attributes.

On June 6, 1900, Mr. Rogers and Miss Virginia Smith, one of Boone County's most worthy young ladies, were married. To them has been born a handsome baby girl that adds to the attractions of a delightful home.

**BEAVER LICK MERCANTILE CO.**

The Leading Business Emporium of the South End of the County.

J. W. Clegg, President, W. C. Johnson, Secretary, J. O. Griffith, Treasurer, J. S. Taylor, General Manager.

With a capital stock of \$10,000 this business was established in 1893, and is said to be the most prosperous commercial concern in North Kentucky.



BEAVER LICK MERCANTILE CO'S STORE.

The stock is selected to accommodate the general needs of the community, and is classed as a general mercantile establishment, where clothing, boots, shoes, groceries, dry goods, hardware, glassware, seeds, etc. are congregated.



MERRIT JACK.

The general manager of this temple of trade is Mr. J. S. Taylor, who was born May 3, 1869, in Boone County. He was a student in the Kentucky University during the years of '90 and '91, and graduated from Smith's Business College, Lexington, in 1892.

Under his careful direction the business has grown both in popularity and magnitude, doing a business annually that runs up into the several thousands of dollars.

December 25, 1894, Mr. Taylor and Miss Tillie Utz were married.

In this store is to be found the Beaver Lick Postoffice, Mr. Taylor being the Deputy Postmaster. In religious life he belongs to the Christian Church.

J. W. Clegg, President; W. C. Johnson, Secretary, and J. A. Griffith, Treasurer. The business is represented with an executive board composed of some of the best men in the state.

Associated with this house is J. Merritt Jack, who was born February 17, 1868, near Warsaw, Ky., and was



JOHN TAYLOR.

raised on a farm. In 1891 he came to Boone County, and worked as salesman for T. J. Hughes, and for the past five years was with the Mt. Vernon Coal Co. He married Miss Daisy Ogleman. They have two children—one boy and one girl.

**W. E. VEST,**

County Surveyor and Real Estate Dealer.

In August, 1882, the gentleman whose name reads this article was elected to the office of County Surveyor, and that since that date he has continually succeeded himself in concisely and efficiently performing the duties of the office. Aside from attending to the many duties incident to the office, he engages in the real estate trade, is an extensive buyer and seller of farm and city property. In addition to the above he gives considerable attention to leasing money on improved real estate and gilt edge securities.

Mr. Vest was born in Boone County.



April 19, 1861. His scholastic training was received principally through the instructions of Prof. Henry Newton, an erudite private educator, well known in the earlier days of educational training. Full worthy of any confidence, substantial and inflexible, Mr. Vest stands in the ranks of our high class citizens.

J. A. HUEY, Union, Ky., Farmer, Stock Breeder and General Stock Dealer.

J. A. Huey is one of Boone County's most capable and influential business men. He is a farmer and is the owner of a fine 300-acre tract of land in high



JAMES A. HUEY'S RESIDENCE, Union.

state of cultivation, bedecked with a beautiful residence, several barns and their auxiliary buildings. Is an extensive stock breeder and one of the best known buyers of stock in the county. Is a director in the Erlanger Deposit Bank, and is the Vice-President of the recently formed Richmond Deposit Bank. Mr. Huey was born July 29, 1862, in

Boone County, and belongs to the Masonic Order. June 29, 1881, he was married to Miss Sarah Crook, two sons and one daughter being born to them. One of the foremost farmers and classed with our best business men, Mr. Huey stands as an example and zeal in a gentleman whose life has been a struggle with usefulness and good.

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**B. B. HUME,**

Boone's Popular Deputy Sheriff.

Benjamin B. Hume was born on Mud Lick Creek, in this county, on the 20th day of September, 1868. He was raised



on a farm and schooled in the schools of that neighborhood, and when but a youth manifested an aptness for training in which pursuit he has been quite successful, and is recorded as one of the best judges of horses in Boone County.

On the first day of January, 1900, he was elected to the office of Sheriff of Boone County, and appointed Mr. Hume as his Deputy, and he has discharged the duties of his office with such perfect satisfaction to the public that he is frequently suggested as a strong candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff two years hence.

In 1889 he married Miss Susie Carroll, a splendid young lady of his neighborhood. They have one child—a handsome daughter, aged 11 years—to whom they are devoted. Mr. Hume is a member of the Baptist Church and an Odd Fellow.

Boone County, and is a descendant of one of the oldest families of this section of the state, his ancestors being numbered with the first settlers, they being intimately acquainted with and friends of the famous guide, hunter, trooper and soldier, the intrepid Daniel Boone. Mr. Hume is a member of the Baptist



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J. L. HOOD,

The Merchant and Coal Dealer of Constance, Ky.

The gentleman whose name captions this article came into control of the business October, 1896, succeeding C. F. Davis & Co., and the strides of progress made in the establishment since then evidences what may be attained in the arena of business where "hustle" is the watchword that intermingles with its every conduct. This mercantile house is the principal emporium of trade to represent the little City of Constance on the Ohio River, and is possibly one of the most extensively patronized trade houses in Boone County, drawing trade, as it does, from a great section contiguous to Constance and from across the river. The stock of goods is comprehensive of all that constitutes a first-class general store, and the firm enjoys an enviable reputation of selling the best goods at remarkably low prices.

In conjunction to the store a coal yard is maintained, they being dealers in the celebrated Kanawha River coals, such as Raymond City, Plymouth, Raymond, Belmont, etc. Their trade for coal extends far back into the country for miles and miles, the people knowing that to get coal at this yard they not only get quality but a fair deal at fair prices for goods.

Associated with Mr. J. L. Hood and filling the office of business manager is R. S. Hood, a brother, who is one of the most widely known business men in the upper county, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Emmentment. Each of the Mr. Hoods was born and reared in Boone County, and it is but natural that every one who knows them are interested in and proud of their splendid success.



E. L. STEPHENS,

A Popular Merchant of Rabbit Hash, Ky.

Mr. Stephens was born February 8, 1870, on a farm in Boone County, and as a tiller of the soil he worked for several years. His innovation to business was by starting a huckster wagon, the nucleus which ripened into his association as partner with Mr. Cal Riddell, of Rabbit Hash. Four years with Mr. Riddell, he then entered into business on his own account, and has a splendid store of a general line, and has a trade such as to keep himself



and one or two more busy all the while. The huckster wagon, however, is not dispensed with by this house, but on the other hand some two or three wagons are employed to visit the rural customers regularly. Mr. B. W. Nelson is one of the regular clerks. His wife was Miss Mary Ophelia O'Neal. Two bright little girls and an interesting baby boy are the diamond sparkles of their fireside.

**E. H. RIGGS,**

A Leading Business Man of Erlanger.

The two illustrations herewith depicted in a more striking way serve to acquaint the observer in a concise way the class and magnitude of



E. H. RIGGS' STORE, Erlanger.

the business controlled by E. H. Riggs, of Erlanger—a business that classes well with the best in the city it so well represents. The general store building furnishes a store room 20x75 feet in area, every foot of which it utilized in caring for the large stock of merchandise, embracing nearly everything to be found in a general store. Directly across the street from the store proper is the recently constructed new

warehouse, 40x70 feet, where building material, lime, cement, patent plaster hay, etc., are in storage.

Mr. Riggs makes a specialty of roofing and plumbing, and employs quite a force of workmen to assist in this line and to this department trade is drawn from a great radius of country. The

reputation of his work not only being first-class, but at prices such as make it worth the while of a builder to consult him before placing orders.

He is an active member in the K. of P. Lodge, and in all matters pertaining to be beneficial to his home town he is ever an interested person.



E. H. RIGGS' WAREHOUSE, Erlanger.

**B. W. CAMPBELL,**

One of Cincinnati's Greatest Business Men.

Born and Reared Until Eighteen Years Old in Burlington.

Achievements in life are largely due to self effort, is exemplified in the life work of B. W. Campbell, of the firm of The Perkins-Campbell Co., said to be the largest saddlery manufacturing concern in the world. Mr. Campbell was born in Burlington, leaving his home town when eighteen years old to find fortune and fame. The goal of which has been reached. With no capital save a strong determination and a pair of willing hands he landed in Cincinnati in 1869, accepted a position in a wholesale candy house, where he remained for five years, leaving there to travel for a large wholesale harness house, and in this capacity the nucleus of his present position was formed.

January 1, 1879, in company with Mr. H. A. Perkins and Mr. W. S. Perkins, Boone County products, the firm of Campbell, Perkins & Co. was founded, a business that has since taken place with the world's greatest. Aside from his extensive saddlery concern's interest, filling the office of vice president, he is President of the Decatur (Ill.) Traction & Electric Co. is Director in the United States Trading Company, of Manila, P. I., Brown & Patterson Grain Co., of Cincinnati. Is an officer in a large coal company in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and Director in the De Knight Gun Co., of Washington, D. C. and is interested financially in many other enterprises throughout the country. Mr. Campbell has twice married; his first wife was the daughter of James DeGarmo, who formerly lived in Burlington. A daughter came to



France and England. Made an official report to the Association as to the location of a warehouse for American products, and upon receipt of same there was established in the City of Hamburg a warehouse for the distribution of American manufactured products. Mr. Campbell visits Burlington about once each year, the Burlington Community being the resting place of his father, mother and five brothers.

**L. H. VOSHELL,**

One of Boone's Most Worthy Citizens.

There is not a man in Boone County with a more extensive acquaintance than L. H. Vosshell, of Union.

Mr. Vosshell first saw the light of this world on the 13th day of August, 1843, at the confluence of Ashby's Fork with Woolper Creek. His juvenile days were spent in the delightful sport of fishing in the placid waters of Woolper Creek, and roaming over the vine-clad hills in that neighborhood in pursuit of squirrels and other small game which was abundant at that early day. When yet quite young he became a student and no companion was more desired than a good book. His thirst for knowledge was so marked that his father resolved to give him the best opportunities possible to receive an education, and he had for his instructors such noted teachers as D. C. Peck, finishing his education at Moore's Hill (Ind.) College, having before taken a course at a Cincinnati commercial school. Immediately upon completing his education, Mr. Vosshell began teaching and has an experience covering 20 years in the school room, in Kentucky and Indiana, the greater part of the time being devoted to teaching in this county.

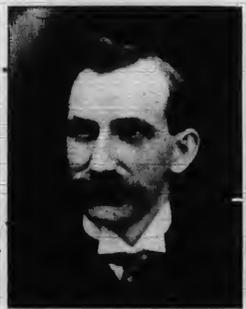
In 1891 he was elected County Superintendent of schools, which office he held for two terms of four years each. He was an industrious and efficient officer, and did much to advance local interest in education during his administration. On April 26, 1877, he married Miss Liberty Stanger, a most estimable lady, and they are now the host and hostess of the Eagle Hotel in Union, where the wants of guests are administered to with true Kentucky hospitality. Mr. Vosshell has been an indefatigable worker in behalf of the Farmers' To-bacco Association, and through his efforts law courts have been thoroughly organized. He is very prominent in grange circles, and is a member of the Union Masonic Lodge, of which he has been treasurer for many years. He has made life a success, and his worldly possessions are sufficient to be a blessing on every street. He is courteous and generous.

**JOHN L. VEST,**

One of the prominent young lawyers of Northern Kentucky is John L. Vest. Being a good student and the possessor of an analytical mind, he finds the legal profession a pleasure rather than a field for mental drudgery.

Mr. Vest was born near Verona, this county, November 13, 1875. He was raised on a farm and attended the Verona schools when his labor could be spared. Having completed the common school education, he took a special course in the Lebanon (O.) School, preparing himself for teaching, in which he engaged for two years, terminating in 1893.

Having decided to enter the legal profession, he began reading law under Hon. J. G. Tenthoff, of Walton, and being a good student and of a retentive memory, he made rapid progress.



and having stood an excellent examination, he was admitted to the bar by the Boone Circuit Court in August, 1899. Having secured his license, Mr. Vest was in no haste about entering the practice of law, but chose to remain in the office of his instructor and continue to study, and not until 1901 did he decide to begin business for himself, when he located at Independence, Kenton County, where he is building up a good practice. Business entrusted to him receives prompt and careful attention.

Mr. Vest is manager of the Independence Telephone Co., of Kenton County, the business of which will soon reach large proportions. Much of the success of this company is due to the business ability of its manager.

He is the son of C. H. and M. J. Vest, of Verona, this county; is a Mason, Odd Fellow and Knight of Pythias.

**A. B. ROUSE,**

One of Burlington's Prominent Young Men and Lawyers.

Has Served As Secretary to Congressman Cooh.

One of the most widely known young men of Boone County, and for that matter, this Congressional District, is Mr. A. B. Rouse, a Burlington young man, of whom Burlington feels proud.

Mr. Rouse was born and reared in the capital of Boone; son of Dudley Rouse and Eliza Rouse, and from boyhood days up has ever been a favorite with everyone. From the common schools of Boone County he entered the Hanover College, of Hanover, Ind., graduating with the Class of '96. This equipped with a thorough literary



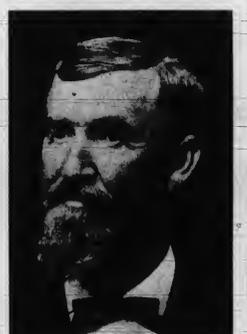
training, he matriculated with the Louisville Law School, and with the Class of 1899 graduated from that famous seat of education.

Leaving college he entered into law practice at Burlington, but made no special effort in this direction, being more greatly interested in other lines of business.

April 1st, 1901, he was accorded the honor of being made Secretary of Congressman Cooh, and at the same time became closely identified in the construction and operation of a telephone system for Boone County—a business that occupies much of his time at present. He is also the Treasurer of the North Kentucky Agricultural Association (the Boone County Fair), which at this time of the year demands much of him. Like most young men of ambition he is deeply interested in politics, is a close student of current topics and a logical reasoner of cause and effect, and is always on hand to deliver the goods for his friends and party. He is the present Chairman of Boone County Democratic Executive Committee.

Personally he is wholesome and genial, with all the accomplishments of a polished gentleman, and who can count his friends only by the radius of acquaintances.

He is a prominent member of the Masonic Lodge of Burlington.



**HON. N. S. WALTON,**  
Legislator and Farmer.

**J. G. OLSNER.**

Popular and Influential Merchant of Florence, Ky.

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In this branch of trade he is ever mindful of the various needs of the traveling public, therefore, in equipment of vehicles and horses, is amply prepared to give the best of satisfaction at reasonable prices. He retains some fifteen or twenty head of good horses and quite a number of fashionable rubber-tired runabouts, buggies and carriages, drummer wagons, moving vans, etc. He is also the leading undertaker of Erlanger—a graduate of Clark's Embalming School of Chicago. An elegant hearse is in attendance to this branch of the business. Mr. Blanton was born and reared in Boone County, and previous to branching

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Mr. A. G. Winston who, for many years, was a prominent member of Kentucky's legal fraternity, occupies a palatial residence and beautiful farm near the town of Hebron, this County. He has been eminently successful in handling real estate as well as in the practice of law, from which profession he retired about ten years ago. During his career as a lawyer he was engaged on one side or the other of every important case tried in Boone Circuit Court, while he enjoys a remunerative practice in Kenton and other adjoining counties. For years he has been regarded as the best financier in the County, and has made many remunerative deals in real estate, which in less profane hands would have proven heavy losses. He is systematic in everything he undertakes, and this characteristic is emphasized by his splendid condition in which his ele-

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### E. B. ALLPHIN.

High Sheriff of Boone County.

In choosing B. B. Allphin for their High Sheriff, the voters of Boone County certainly made no error. It is but meet and proper for us to say that this office has never, within its history, had a more efficient, diligent or courteous representative than the present incumbent. He has proven loyal to his every promise to the voter. Courageous yet a diplomat in the discharge of the salient duties, and without extending every courtesy within his power to those with whom duty directs. That he understands official business, in brief, he is endowed with all the high attributes that from the gentleman and a first-class, trust-worthy officer.

He was born on Mull Lick, September 22, 1860, and on the farm he spent most of his life and now owns valuable farm property on Mull Lick. In January, 1898, he was selected



C. G. RIDDELL'S STORE, Rabbit Hash.

### J. M. FINCH.

The well-known saying, “Eat, Drink and be Merry,” seems to be an indication of the gentleman whose name forms the headlines of this article, from the very reason that

he has spent all his business life in hotel-keeping, and as a dispenser of liquors. He was born in Florence, January 12, 1844, and being in public life ever since a boy it is not strange that he is one of the most widely-known men of that section of the country.



J. M. FINCH'S SALOON, Florence.

to fill the office of Deputy Sheriff, and the following April was chosen by his party as its nominee for Sheriff, and was subsequently elected at the following election. He is assisted in the office by B. B. Hume and J. C. Allphin (a son) as Deputies, and Mrs. B. B. Allphin as Office Clerk.

December 10, 1883, he was united in marriage with Miss Pink Edwards, a tallain County girl by birth and a Boone County girl by adoption.

Mr. Allphin has been out of office to give some attention to dealing in good horses, and is the leading dealer of this section, his stable never being without a fair representation of some of the best equines to be seen in the county.

He is a member of the K. of P. Lodge and belongs to the Christian Church, South Fork.

**WALTON GRADED SCHOOL.**

After considerable legal trouble the present building of the Walton Graded School was completed in 1902 at a cost of about \$11,000.

The attendance of the first session, the enthusiastic support and success-

is well taught, followed by four years of thorough high-school work.

Under the efficient management of the present Board of Education, consisting of Dr. A. N. Jones, President; Geo. J. Powers, Vice-President; T. F. Curley, Secretary; A. M. Edwards, Treasurer; William Ransler, R. M.



WALTON GRADED SCHOOL.

ful co-operation given the Board of Education and the teachers, show that the people of Walton and the surrounding country are not indifferent towards education, but that they are beginning to fully realize and appreciate the value of a good school at home, where the common-school work

Jones and A. M. Rouse, and with the competent instruction of an able corps of teachers, consisting of W. P. Dickerson, Principal, and Assistants Harriett Hedinger, Alice Coffman, Jean Chambers and Mary Rouse, its patrons feel assured of the future success of the school.

**PROF. WM. T. DICKEY.**

Principal of Walton Graded School.

William Pinkney Dickey was born in Brookhaven, Lincoln County, Mississippi, in 1878. He was reared on a farm and attended the public schools in his county until he was about seventeen years old, when he entered Mississippi College, at Clinton, Mississippi, where he spent two years, after which he began teaching in the public schools in his State during vacation; he entered Georgetown College, this State, in 1892, to complete his education, and received the A. M. Degree in 1902.

In 1893, when the Walton Graded School wanted a principal, Mr.



Dickey appeared before the Board of Trustees, so well recommended by the board, employed him over many other applicants, and the very successful manner in which he handled the school last year showed that no mistake was made when his services were secured. Mr. Dickey has been employed for another year, and the indications are that he will receive many pupils from beyond the limits of the district.

Mr. Dickey is a young man of modest demeanor, an entertaining conversationalist, and a gentleman possessed of great force of character. He takes great interest in his profession, and the people of Walton appreciate his efforts in behalf of education in that locality, where his work for the past year has borne much fruit.

**HON. J. G. TOMLIN.**

Was born in Grant County, this State, 40 years ago. He received a good public school education, and afterward attended the Vincennes (Ind.) High School, of which he is a grad-



uate, and attended four years without missing a day. He studied under a private teacher at Terre Haute, Ind., one year, and was one year in college at Atlanta, Ga. He taught school in

Grant County in 1884, and began at that time the study of law under the late J. J. Landrum. After teaching four and one-half years in this county he served twenty-two months as Deputy Revenue Collector under Colonel Landrum. He was admitted to the bar in Grant County in '91, locating at Walton, of which town he is one of the most public spirited citizens, and always contributes liberally toward any enterprise that will redound to the interest of Walton. He is a good lawyer, a clever gentleman and a prompt, far-seeing business man. His wife was Miss Annie Herndon, of Bank Lick, Kenton County. They have a sprightly son, aged 8 years, and own and occupy one of the neatest residences in Walton. Mr. Tomlin is an influential Republican, and has been, in the past, his party's nominee for Commonwealth's Attorney, County Attorney, State Senator and County Representative. In his eleven years' practice of his profession he has proven a formidable advocate and a faithful guardian of the interests of his numerous clients.

**HON. JAMES W. KENNEDY.**

Legislator and Tobacco Buyer.

Hon. James W. Kennedy is a Gallatin County product, being born in that county on the 13th day of December, 1840. He was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools, in which he taught for several years.

On the 31st day of March, 1863, he married Miss Lizzie Dorman, one of Gallatin County's most accomplished ladies. For two years after his marriage he engaged in farming. In 1866 he moved to Normansville, this county, where he operated the flour mill for two years, when he again returned to his first love, farming, which he followed very successfully for a period of six years. After a few years' experience in handling tobacco and oper-



ating a general store at Normansville, Mr. Kennedy bought an elegant home that overlooks the town of Union, which he now occupies, and where he has a large warehouse in which he handles large quantities of tobacco every year. Besides his tobacco business he owns large general store at Corinth, Grant County, the sales of which amount to a handsome fortune every twelve months.

Mr. Kennedy is a good student, a close observer, and has a large fund of general information. He is a loyal Democrat, and so faithful has he been to his party that he was honored with election to the last legislature, and so satisfactorily did he serve his people that he was nominated for reelection without opposition, something that seldom occurs in Boone County. He will be re-elected next November, and will serve his constituents as faithfully as he did in the last session. He is an enterprising citizen and a prominent member of the Baptist Church.

**O. S. WATTS,**

County Assessor.

On the roster of noteworthy county officials appears the name of O. S. Watts, who fills the responsible office of Assessor, elected November, 1902.

Mr. Watts is one of our well and favorably known men of the county, and is largely engaged in farming and stock raising and selling.

In the stock trade he is in partnership with J. L. May, who has a reputation of being one of the most liberal buyers of stock in Boone County, and is possibly one of the largest handlers of leaf tobacco.

Mr. Watts resides on a farm five and



one-half miles east of Burlington, and lives in the house where he was born and reared, having never yet passed beyond the threshold of his old home to reside. Mr. Watts is a young man of pleasing demeanor, a very courteous, conscientious and capable officer—one who has discharged the duties of his office to the full satisfaction of his friends and constituents. He is a bachelor.

**W. R. ROUSE,**

Farmer and Miller.

W. R. Rouse was born at Gunpowder, this county, in 1860, and in that neighborhood he spent the first five years of his life, when he moved with his parents to the Limaburg neighborhood, where he continued to reside until a few months ago, when he moved to his present pleasant and well-ap-



W. R. ROUSE'S SAW MILL, Limaburg.

pointed home, three-quarters of a mile east of Hebron.

Mr. Rouse received a common school education in his boyhood, attending schools in the winter and working on the farm in summer. He was taught to be practical in his youth, and that training has served him to a good purpose in after life.

Eighteen years ago he became the owner of the Limaburg saw and grist mill, a picture of which is carried in this edition. Under his systematic

**G. C. GRADY,**

Deputy Revenue Collector, Sixth District.

The gentleman whose name captions this article was born and reared in Woodford County, Ky., where to love



G. C. GRADY, Petersburg.

a thoroughbred horse is an innate principle. Mr. Grady is not an exception to the above, therefore it is but natural that he has around him a string of the best blooded horses—being, in fact, a dealer in good stock, more a matter of pleasure than from the ac-

quaintance, and watched the interest of the road closely.

Sixteen years ago he married Miss Ada Wilhoit. One bright child, a son, blessed the home for many years when he fell the victim of an accident.

Mr. Rouse is a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, and is a Christian gentleman not only in name, but in every act.

He is one of Boone's substantial, thrifty citizens, whose word is as good as the beautiful yellow metal.

recruitment of profits. June 9th, 1902, he was appointed to the office of Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue of the Sixth District, his headquarters being at Petersburg. As an officer he is regarded as one of the most painstaking and proficient in the service, ever mindful of the requirements of



"Uncle Sam," yet discharges his manifold duties in such an obliging way as to make him a popular personage in all circles, both business and socially speaking.

He is a moral, high-class gentleman, a member of the Christian church.

**L. C. BANNISTER,**

Owner and Director of One of Erlanger's Most Important Business Interests.

The illustration produced in this connection represents the business establishment of Mr. L. C. Bannister in the prosperous town of Erlanger, which point is Boone County's main railway outlet. The same was founded in April, 1900, and the stock carried of staple and fancy groceries, hardware, tinware, notions, etc., is second to none in this section of Kentucky. In connection with the general mercantile business is also operated a country produce service—wagons traveling regularly all surrounding territory, paying market prices in cash and in goods, and gathering up all kinds of produce from the farmers and transferring the same to Cincinnati markets.

Mr. L. C. Bannister, proprietor, was born in Kenton County, November 6, 1857, and farmed to thirteen years ago, the beginning of his business career. During this period he has proven himself a successful business man, of careful honesty, square dealings and modest courtesy. His standing in the commercial and social world is above reproach. His many friends will be

delighted to note these respects of tribute paid to his efforts in this life. He is a non-office-seeking, but good Democrat, and owns a farm in Kenton County, near Erlanger.

It might be of interest and profit to some one wishing to engage in the



general mercantile business to know that Mr. Bannister desires to re-engage in other lines, and propositions, through correspondence or in person, would be considered.



L. C. BANNISTER'S STORE, Erlanger.

**JOHN VEERKAMP.**

The splendid, high-class bar of Mr. John Veerkamp, located midway on the Erlanger and Florence turnpike, is popularly known in this section of

born in Kenton County December 27, 1867. For a number of years previous to engaging in the saloon business he was connected with the office of the Covington Water Works Company. In 1896 he established himself



J. VEERKAMP'S Saloon, Erlanger.

Kentucky as "The Last Chance." Here can be sampled "Forget Maryland Rye" and "Dan Barton Bourbon" whiskeys. Bavarian leg and bottled beers. Mr. John Veerkamp, proprietor, was

in business in South Erlanger, and in 1898 removed to his present quarters. The illustration produced in this connection reflects his business house and beautiful home.

**ERLANGER DEPOSIT BANK.**

Established 1892—Capital Stock \$65,000—A Very Strong and Conservative Banking House.

The Erlanger Deposit Bank, with a capital stock of \$50,000 (capital now \$55,000), was founded in 1892, and opened its doors for business in the very face of panic days in 1893, when many old banking houses could not stand the adverse tide and were forced to the wall.

From the inception of this bank, it has prospered, and its statements clearly show how kindly the fair hand of success has been extended to its efforts. With the immense advantage of being situated in the midst of a rich farming country, backed by substantial and strong wealth, and administered by competent and clever officials, its steady upbuilding has been but natural. The bank building, as the accompanying illustration serves to depict, is a very modern brick building and contained therein is the unique and handsomely arranged counting room, private offices, etc. The fixtures are very elaborate, and the mechanical protection of the bank's funds is equal in strength to possibly that of any bank in the State. The massive steel safe is equipped with time lock, burglar-proof treasury chest, and is housed within a fire-proof vault. The men who stand at the head of the affairs of this bank enumerate some of the wealthiest and most conservative business men of the community, gentlemen who have been successful in their several individual undertakings.

The President is Mr. W. A. Mason, capitalist and extensive farmer. He was born and reared in Boone County. His elegant home in Erlanger is

of the architectural attractions of the city. He is a very active church member of the Christian faith.

Mr. E. H. Blankenkober, the Vice-President, is also a farmer of magnitude and affluence, one of the best men in the county from every standpoint.

S. L. Webb, the very genial and courteous Cashier, was born in Grant County, October 11, 1869. In banking



he has had a careful training and several years' experience, being for quite a long time previous to association with the bank under direct notice, connected with the office force of the Williamson Deposit Bank. He is a Mason, belongs to I. O. O. F., and a deacon in the Baptist Church, and for last year Superintendent of the being vice April 21, 1897, he married some of O. Quisenberry. Two in the county contribute to the happiness. He is a Lodge and Church.

**FARMERS BANK OF PETERSBURG.**

A New Financial Institution Prompt to Meet High Success—Backed By a Large Contingent of Local Capital and Some of the Greatest Financiers of the State—Solon Early, President; J. H. Stevens, Vice President; Ira Kemper, Cashier.

The Farmers' Bank of Petersburg (a new bank) has just opened its doors for business at Petersburg, receiving



**IRA KEMPER, Cashier.**

its first deposits July 1st, the grand aggregate of which in unmistakable terms portrayed the high appreciation



**FARMERS' BANK, Petersburg.**

of such an institution by the business fraternity and farmers alike. That the bank will succeed is conceded by the best authority on banking in this section. The reasons given are both lucid and logical, first being that it is located in the heart of a very rich farming country, is in a good town, and has several other towns of prominence, without a bank, in close proximity. The nearest banking house to this new institution is on the Indiana side of the Ohio River, and it is but reasonable to expect home people to patronize a home institution, especially when the assurance of perfect reliability is evidenced by the high

**J. L. CLORE,**

Operator of the Burlington & Erlanger Passenger Transfer and Mail.

Conducts a Livery Stable and Hotel in Burlington.

One of the best known men and one of Burlington's most progressive citizens is J. L. Clore, operator of the Burlington & Erlanger Bus and Mail Line. Mr. Clore was born and reared in Boone County, and until reaching the age of majority lived on the farm. "Jim," as he is familiarly known in home circles, is one of the most unique characters within our midst. His early life was spent in making money, and making it fast, with an insatiable desire to spend it just as rapidly, thus in experience "Jim," we should judge, is in the neighborhood of a centenarian



**J. L. CLORE'S RESIDENCE, Burlington.**

in age, but in reality would class down to about 35 or 40 years. Settling down to a good, hard, common sense undertaking a few years ago, he obtained control of the Burlington & Erlanger Bus and Mail Line, and in its operation has given the passenger traffic of this route the best and most satisfactory service ever had. His motto comes in line with the old saying, "What is worth doing at all, is worth doing right." To accommodate the public he put into service an elegant roller bearing bus, which runs on a schedule time equal in punctuality to the running of a regular train.

standing, character and worth of the stockholders and officers backing the enterprise.

The bank is contained in a new especially constructed building, an ornament to the town thus favored. The fixtures, such as counters and cashiers, are made of highly polished quartered oak, with frosted and beveled glass settings. The safe to care for the funds of the bank is one of the latest improved Hall manufacture, said to be as near burglar proof as the skill of man can devise.

The selection of officers for the bank shows mature judgment on the part of the Directors. The President, Mr. Solon Early, is an extensive farmer, with land adjoining Petersburg, and is a Magistrate of the Fiscal Court and is a member of the I. O. O. F. and K. of P. secret societies.

Mr. J. H. Stevens is a well-to-do farmer near Idlewild, a gentleman well known for his high trait of character and financial strength.

The Cashier, Mr. Ira Kemper, is a newcomer to the field, but by no means is he a stranger to the banking business. The writer, happening to be personally acquainted with Mr. Kemper can with a degree of exultant pride pen his virtues, knowing well that no words of commendation are forceful enough to portray his usefulness to any community. Ira, as we are wont to call him in home circles, is a son of a most prosperous and influential farmer of Owen County, and is a young man that Owen County can well feel proud of. Passing from school, he became a clerk in the First State Bank of Monterey, and there, under the careful

training of Walter Gayle, one of the most widely known and most careful financiers of the State, he received a schooling such as to make him thoroughly proficient in every detail of banking. When Mr. Gayle (a year ago) became connected with and Cashier of one of Richmond (Ind.) banks Mr. Kemper was made Assistant Cashier in the First State Bank, a position held with honor and credit until accepting the Cashiership of the Farmers' Bank of Petersburg. A moral, high thinking Christian gentleman, this new bank could not have made a better selection for their Cashier than Mr. Kemper.

So regular is the bus that farmers along the line set their time piece by its passing. In conjunction to being always on time with the mail, he never forgets to be accommodating and courteous. In the operation of the mail line the venture, from a business view, has not been as profitable as it should be, considering the service; but Mr. Clore stoutly maintains that he agreed to do the work, and regardless of the remuneration will continue making the two daily trips over the line until his commission with the government expires on mail contract.

Not long since he traded his farm to Judge John M. Lessing for Burlington property (the Judge's old home), and for the benefit of the public makes his home a stopping place for the transient traffic. Being, in fact, the Burlington Hotel.

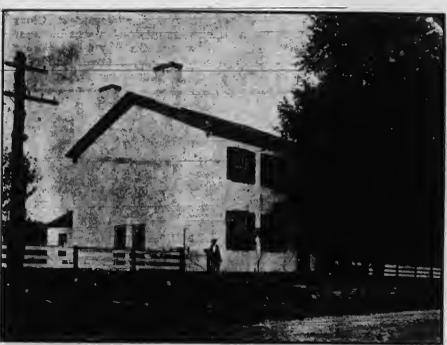
A livery stable, in close proximity,



**J. C. REVILL'S RESIDENCE, Burlington.**



**ATTORNEY S. GAINES' RESIDENCE, Burlington.**



**DR. W. O. ROUSE'S RESIDENCE, Burlington.**



**W. H. ROUSE'S RESIDENCE, near Burlington.**



**INTERIOR RECORDER'S OFFICE.**

**W. L. GORDON,**

General Merchant, Petersburg, Ky.

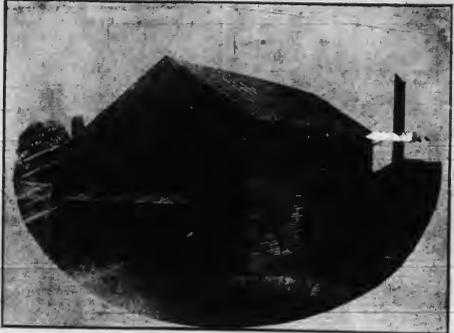
Occupying a very pretentious business house in Petersburg, with salesroom 45x60 feet in area The W. L. Gordon General Store forms a strong link in the chain of reputable business concerns of Boone County. The store was established in 1890, and its purpose is to carry nearly—if not quite—everything in stock usually found in a first-class up-to-date general merchandise establishment. The

splendid trade accorded this house attests to its universal high standing and points out clearly that the institution took passage on the good ship of "Prosperity." W. L. Gordon was born in Boone County December 18, 1862, learned the trade of carpenter, and for years previous to establishing the store engaged in constructing and building. He has served his town in the capacity of Trustee, and also served as Trustee on the School Board, January 7, 1888, he married Miss Katherine Hoffman, a most estimable lady.

**WALTON ROLLER MILLS.**

M. & R. Rouse, Proprietors.

The industrial life of Boone County is not of any great magnitude outside of the Walton Roller Mills in fact. It is the only manufacturing plant worth mentioning to any extent, except the inland saw mills. This milling plant was established in 1879, and has been built from the



**ROUSE BROS. FLOUR MILL, Walton.**

old burr process to one of the best roller systems in the state. Where a high grade flour is made, as is also bolted and unbolted meal. The mill is owned by M. & R. Rouse, gentlemen who have, practically speaking, been reared in the business their father before them being a miller, the operator of the old burr pattern. W. R. Rouse was born in Pendleton

County, Ky., November 3, 1850. Is a prominent Mason, member of the Methodist Church, and is Superintendent of the Sunday-school. Is a member of the Walton Town Council, and is largely interested in the Walton Perpetual Building & Loan Association.

February 3, 1876, he married Miss Jane Shaw of Puddledton County. They have five children. A. M. Rouse was born August 9, 1848, was married to Miss Mary Coffman, who died July 17, 1882, leaving

one son and one daughter. In his second marriage he wed Miss Ella Rogers, of Boone County. One son has come to bless this union.

He is a Mason of high standing, member of board of stewards in the M. E. Church, K. of P., is trustee of Walton Graded School, Treasurer of School Board and Treasurer of the Sunday-school.

**C. W. MYERS.**

General Merchant, Florence, Ky.

Florence, "The Famous Stringtown on the Pike," is another of Boone County's chief centers of trade, with C. W. Myers' business house being a predominating feature. The rapid growth of this house has been rather meteoric, yet so substantial has been its building that it easily stands as one of the chief commercial houses of

stock of goods embrace a first-class dry goods store, grocery, hardware, etc. In the capacity of salesmen several people are employed and the surging crowds that daily may be seen entering the portals of the establishment uniformly confirm our allegation, that there is not many trade emporiums of North Kentucky that can boast of a more pleasing recognition. Mr. Myers was born in Kenton County August 16, 1866, and the success he has attained is due principally to his untiring ef-



**C. W. MYERS' STORE, Florence.**

the county. In a small way the business was established in 1897 by Mr. Myers, who had schooled himself some by 20 years' identification with business at Erlanger previous to the inception of the Florence undertaking. The building occupied by Mr. Myers is a very commodious and handsome brick, designed to serve the purpose of business house and dwelling. The large

forts and determination to win in the race of business. January 27, 1901, he was married to Miss Georgia B. Snyder, of Boone County. Two children were born to them, but one now living, he a bright little fellow that can be seen in the accompanying illustration standing by his tricycle posing for the Recorder artist.

**FRED REICH,**

Blacksmith and Wagon Builder, Florence, Ky.

As a blacksmith, horseshoer and wagon builder, Fred Reich enjoys a reputation second to none in Northern Kentucky. Mr. Reich is a German by birth, emigrating from the "Fatherland" in 1856, and settled in Covington. One year later he began to learn the trade of blacksmith, and in some of the best shops of Covington he served a full apprenticeship. In 1865 he purchased from John Olaner his present shop, and since then he has steadily represented the business in person, and by superior workmanship

has built up a trade of surprising magnitude. Many of his customers being residents miles away. In horseshoeing he has attained such distinction as to draw trade even from the city, and from nearly if not quite all the nearby towns. Horses that interfere or overreach are corrected through his scientific method of shoeing, as are also improperly gaited horses forced to even strides. Wagon building and repairing of all kinds kindred to a general blacksmith shop are given careful attention.

Since fifteen years of age he has been a member of the Eleventh Street, Lutheran Church of Covington, and is a member of the Pioneer Society, May 17, 1865, he was married to Miss Barbara Welsensell. They have two children, one a daughter, one son.



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**ELLISON'S, Undertaker, Covington, Ky.**

**J. W. KITE,**  
Merchant and Farmer, Waterloo, Ky.

J. W. Kite is another one of Boone County's highly respected citizens and business men, who are proud to say was born under the blue canopy of Old Boone County, having first seen the light of day August 21, 1840. He grew up and spent his life on a farm until 24 years old. Leaving the farm, he joined the Army of the North, enlisting with and serving in the 56th Kentucky Regiment. After the close of the war he became identified in business as salesman in a dry goods store. August 4, 1870, he was married to Miss Josie Clore, and four years later became superintendent of the Farmers' Co-operative Store at Bellevue, where for eight years he was the central head of the concern. Disengaging himself from this enterprise, he returned to farming, only to re-engage in merchandising in 1891, becoming the owner of one of the best country stores of Boone County. He also conducts a farm, one of the best in the Ohio River bottom section. In politics Mr. Kite is regarded as a staunch yet conservative Republican, and cast his first vote for President to Gen. U. S. Grant. He belongs to the



**J. W. KITE'S STORE, Waterloo.**

I. O. O. F., and has been a conscientious and active member of the Christian Church since he was fifteen years of age. In his two sons J. L. and W. G. Kite, he has just reasons to feel proud, they being most excellent gentlemen and highly respected citizens. His only daughter, Maggie Edna, died when two years old.

**C. G. Riddell, L. L. Stevens,**  
**RIDDELL & STEVENS.**

General Merchants, Rabbit Hash, Ky.

In our pen picture of the various men of affairs and commercial concerns of value for this, our Illustrated Edition, none in our thinking is more worthy of laudation than the tried, popular and enterprising merchants forming the firm of Riddell & Stevens at Rabbit Hash, Ky. The business was founded as a Granger store, Mr. Riddell becoming a clerk therein in 1877. In 1883 the business became the property of J. A. Wilson and C. G. Riddell, forming the firm of Wilson & Riddell, and under their careful, yet liberal management, the store prospered. In the spring of 1900 Mr. Wilson sold his half interest to Mr. Stevens, a worthy young farmer of that section, and since then a continued and increased prosperity has marked the business life of the establishment. The store is a very extensive affair considering the fact of its being located in a very small place. The stock of goods carried embraces a comprehensive and well assorted line of nearly everything in common, such as contribute to a first-class inland general mercantile house. In assistance to the business they operate four bucketer wagons that make regular trips through the rural districts, distributing goods and money and caring for such produce as the farmers may have to sell. These wagons are a great convenience to the agricultural people, as it is repeatedly said they pay as high prices for produce as can be had in the city and sell goods comparatively as low.

Mr. Riddell was born in Boone County.



**L. L. STEVENS.**

On February 14, 1851, and was a doubtful if there were any other who...  
...ate, and attended four years without missing a day. He studied private teacher at Terre Haute, Ind., one year, and was one year in college at Atlanta, Ga. He taught school in

go to the rescue, without asking, and under all considerations free from any pay. With such a happy disposition it is no enigma why he has prospered and why his friends are counted with in every household. He was appointed Postmaster of Rabbit Hash in 1882 and has filled the office ever since. Is a Mason and belongs to the K. of P. order.

Mr. Stevens was also born and reared in Boone County, and as we previously stated, was engaged in farming until becoming interested in the store. He is a gentleman well and favorably known, belongs to the K. of P. Lodge, and to the Baptist church.

Since the above was prepared for publication Mr. Riddell has purchased his partner's interest in the business.

**L. D. JACKSON.**

General Merchant, Richwood, Ky.

Richwood is one of the small railway stations of the Q. & C. R. R. in this county. Its prominent member, L. D. Jackson, is asserted in its representation of enterprising business men, and at the head of the list is found the name of L. D. Jackson, Merchant, Postmaster and Livery Stable Keeper. In a commercial, as well as socially referring, Mr. Jackson is well in the fore ranks of

as the bonanza that they are so earnestly looking for. Mr. Conner is very enthusiastic over the rich finds, and intimated that he wishes others of Boone County could share in the prospect. Seven thousand



**J. M. CONNER.**

dollars of the stock of \$10,000 placed on sale has been sold. The money thus obtained is utilized in drilling new wells and developing. Persons interested in such investments might find it worth while to confer with "Jim," whom we all know to be honest, upright and chock full of business.

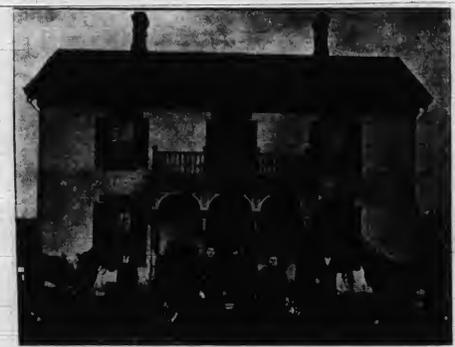
**WALTON DEPOSIT BANK.**

Capital Stock, \$50,000.

The Walton Deposit Bank was established in 1890 with a capital stock of \$25,000, which was increased later to \$50,000, all paid up.

Dr. D. M. Bagby is President; O. Percival, Vice President; R. C. Greene, Cashier. The bank building is a very commanding structure commodiously arranged for the special use assigned. Dr. Bagby is an ex-Confederate soldier, popular and public-spirited. He is also a director in the Walton Perpetual Building and Loan Association. He succeeded Dr. B. D. Allen as President of the bank. The Vice President, Mr. Percival, is a very prosperous and influential citizen and business man.

R. C. Greene, the Cashier, was born



**J. W. KITE'S RESIDENCE, Waterloo.**

in Grant Co., and reared in Kenton, and has filled the office of Cashier since inception of bank, being previous agent for C. & S. R. R. at Brock, Ky. He married Miss Eleanor Southgate; they have one child—a daughter.

Mr. C. C. Metcalf is the Assistant Cashier and succeeded Mr. C. E. Ford, now with the Fifth National Bank, Cincinnati.

Mr. W. L. Rouse, a very worthy young man, is retained as Clerk and Book-keeper.

**A. CORBIN & SON,**

General Merchants, Extensive Dealers in Coal, Lumber and Shingles, Grant, Ky.

This is one of the veteran business concerns of the county, having been established some 30 years ago by the late A. Corbin. Since the death of the senior Mr. Corbin, the business has been successfully managed by M. J. Corbin, the junior firm member. Mrs. A. Corbin being the principal stockholder. The latter referred to gentleman was reared in the business, his entire business life being devoted to selling merchandise and in the conduct of the A. Corbin & Son business.



**M. J. CORBIN.**

is at the head of one of the leading commercial enterprises of the county—a concern that annually transacts in advance of \$25,000 worth of business. The store consists of a general stock,

replete with the many wares usually found in an inland trade house. In addition to the store, they deal largely in coal, lumber, shingles, etc., their trade in this direction being one of the important features of the house.

Mr. M. J. Corbin was born October 31, 1857, and in his life all the attributes of a thorough going gentleman and excellent citizen combine. He is a devout Christian, is deacon, treasurer and assistant clerk in the Baptist Church; he also fills the office of treasurer of the Grant Cemetery Co.

November 22, 1877, he was married to Miss Catherine Bots, of this county. Two daughters were born to them, one now living.

**T. B. CASTLEMAN.**

A Very Capable Dental Surgeon—Florence, Burlington, Latonia, and Big Bone Springs.

Dr. Castelman was born December 16, 1872, at Glencoe, Gallatin County, Kentucky. In 1890 he moved to Erlanger, Ky., where he established a drugstore, disposing of it later to Dr. R. I. Scott. Soon thereafter he again engaged in drug dealing at Florence,



Kentucky, continuing for five years, and during ex-President Cleveland's last administration was Postmaster at Florence. On May 6 last, after a three years' course, in the Cincinnati Dental

College, when the history of Boone County is recorded, his name will adorn one of the brightest pages. His most excellent record of faithfulness to duty is so well entrenched that time and its ravages can not efface. Like officer, like citizen—noble, affable and courteous; always has a



**CYRUS KELLEY.**

General Merchant, Bellevue, Ky.

Cyrus Kelley was born in Boone County June 29, 1844, and until 1882 resided on a farm, and part of the time gave attention to nursery culture. In the nursery business Mr. Kelley met with fair success. He disengaged himself from farm business and nursery raising twenty-one years ago to engage in business, becoming affiliated with the Granger Order, the store being established in the interest of the local lodge of that section. Since then the store has grown to be a factor of importance to the community, which necessarily entails that it is doing a good-paying business. Mr. Kelley resides in one of the most desirable homes in North-cru Kentucky, one that in architectural design borders on the colonial style. May 29, 1873, he married Miss Mattie Griffith, of Carroll County; four children being born to them—two sons, Scott S. and Curtis, and two daughters. The death angel visited the home and deprived them of two fair girls. Generous as a neighbor and business man, Mr. Kelley makes a citizen well to be proud of.

**WILLIAM J. WEINDEL, M. D.**

Dr. Windel was born in Petersburg, March 28, 1865, and in the common schools of that place he received his rudimentary education; passing from the common school-room, he matriculated with and graduated from the Aurora (Ind.) high school, soon thereafter becoming a student in the Louisville School of Medicine, graduating from that famous seat of learning with the class of '97. He took up the in-



**BERKSHIRE & MCWETHY'S STORE, Petersburg.**

termediate practice of his profession at Patriot, Switzerland County, Ind., and the time was not long until he was engaging a very lucrative practice, leaving it only on the earnest solicitation of friends in his home town to come and serve them. The change was



made about one year ago, and that he was not misled by his friends is clearly outlined in the most splendid practice controlled by him—a practice that any old practitioner of years' building might feel proud to possess. November 10, 1900, he married Miss

Ella Elizabeth Newbold, of Warsaw, Ky., one of Gallatin County's most charming young ladies. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and belongs to the North Kentucky Medical Association.

**J. W. Berkshire, R. A. McWethy,**  
**BERKSHIRE & MCWETHY.**

The Petersburg Department Store, Buyers and Shoppers of Leaf Tobacco.

Located at Petersburg and conducted by Berkshire & McWethy, is a trade emporium that would add prestige to the commercial equipment of any ordinary sized city. It is known in the local trade circles as the Petersburg Department Store, a place where practically speaking everything is sold—and sold at prices strikingly in line with the asking of the city department establishments. The business occupies three large rooms, or



**J. W. BERKSHIRE.**

departments, showing under general classification Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Caps, Hardware, Farm Implements and Machinery, Feed, Cigars and Tobacco. No



**R. A. MCWETHY.**

tions, etc. The firm is also extensively engaged in the purchase and handling of Leaf Tobacco with auxiliary buying stations at Grant, Ky., and Aurora, Ind.

Mr. Berkshire was born near Peters-



burg, August 12, 1842, and until 1894 was engaged in farming. Has always taken an active interest in affairs of the county, and in 1898 was a candidate for High Sheriff, being defeated by but few votes with three in the race. He is a staunch Democrat and was a delegate to the State Convention when the late Governor Goebel was nominated (the Music Hall Convention), and has served as precinct committeeman of the Democratic County Executive Committee.

He is a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the I. O. O. F. He was married to Miss Fannie S. Walton in the year 1863. Two daughters and four sons form an interesting family.

Mr. McWethy was born in Boone County, March 15, 1856, and has been one of the leading merchants of the county for nearly a quarter of a century with exception of an interim of four years in Ohio.

Early in life he married Miss Mattie Lyons, she becoming deceased leaving one daughter, 1883. In 1884 he married for the second time, Miss Katie Weindel, of Petersburg, a very popular lady within the circles of all who know her. Honest, upright, courageous and obliging gentleman, the firm of Berkshire & McWethy stands in the fore ranks of our best.