

# MATCHLESS CHRISTIAN.

Her Fruitful Fields and Industrious People  
Make a Glorious Heritage

For Millions Yet to Be—The Happy Homeland for  
Everybody.

To the Man of Moderate Means This Section Offers  
More Inducements Than Any Other.

Tobacco, Corn, Fruits, Vegetables and Grasses in Abundance—  
Better Land and Climate Than Any Other Locality of the  
Blue Grass State, Better Markets, Excellent Schools,  
Imposing Churches, Cultured Society, Etc.

That all the agricultural resources of Christian county are far and beyond those of all other counties in the State of Kentucky is no exaggeration. No county has a greater variety of soils, or soils more fertile, or more diversified, or more certain in the production of crops; and no crop can be grown in the Northern States that may not be grown under more favorable conditions in Christian county. Here are an abundance of raw material and rich soil, upon which all fruits, and all the crops, and all the animals necessary for man's support and convenience, can be raised with less expense than in a higher latitude. Here are rivers and flowing creeks and purling rivulets, gushing springs of sparkling water, suitable for propelling machinery, for stock, for dairy and household. Here is a climate so congenial to the physical man that the very exuberance of his spirits doubles his pleasures, and robs adversity of half its woes. This is the ideal home of the farmer and skilled workman. Land is cheap and productive, skilled labor is high and in demand. There is an error that prevails to some extent among the people of the North and which should be corrected. It has been industriously circulated to Kentucky's prejudice, by a class of pot-house politicians—who bank upon prejudice, and whose occupation would be destroyed if the truth were told—that the people of Kentucky do not respect laboring men. There was a time, perhaps, when labor and servants were associated somewhat together; but the fiery crucible through which her people have passed has reversed public sentiment in this particular. The horny hand and brawny arm and stalwart form, if connected with honesty, intelligence and moral worth, augment rather than diminish respect. The truth is being clearly recognized that the man or the State, incapable of labor, is incapable of greatness; that labor is the living soul of nations, as of individuals; that in proportion as men discard labor, just in that proportion do they revert to the condition of the savage; that without it, civilization itself would be lost. The pernicious doctrine that it is not respectable to labor, has ceased to be taught; on the contrary, the disgrace of indolence is fully discussed. The respectable idler is becoming scarce. His supports are growing smaller, each year. Whether as a lawyer, a doctor, a merchant, a mechanic, or a farmer, if his indolence is so great as not to make a support, he is considered a disgrace to society, shunned and despised by all. On the other hand, diligence, economy and attention to business, will soon assure a high place in the estimation of the community. Some of the brightest persons in the South were once farmers and mechanics.

**The County Roads**  
and turnpikes will compare favorably with those of any county in Kentucky. The county has erected many handsome bridges, wood, stone and iron, over the various streams, and there are about 60 miles of turnpike centering in Hopkinsville. There are about 80 miles of railroad in this county, about 50 miles of which is owned and operated by the L. & N., the balance being the property of the Ohio Valley R. R. Co., and operated by them; the latter giving an outlet to the South via Mem-

phis, and North via Princeton, Ky., to Evansville.

**Population and Assessed Valuation.**  
According to the very imperfect census of 1890, the population of this county was 34,117. In the point of wealth, Christian county has kept pace with her

But it may be asked: If such profits can be made, why do not the farmers grow rich in Christian county? Why do they complain so much of poverty and why do they have so little money? We think this can be easily answered. In the first place, it is not true that they have no money; or, if they have none, it is because they do not work; but depend upon hiring the entire force employed on the farm.

In the second place, many farmers cultivate too much land, and do not have it in good condition. The crops are therefore meager, unsatisfactory, and unprofitable.

In the third place, however extravagant a farmer's family may be, he does not consider that his farm makes anything unless he has a surplus left after paying all the family expenses.

In the fourth place, many farmers pay taxes on a large quantity of lands that do not contribute a dime to their income. The capital invested in such lands is worse than dead; inasmuch as it entails an annual expense in the shape of taxation.

In the fifth place, farmers rely too much upon the original fertility of the soil; and there is but little saving or making of manures; and but few farmers will haul that which accumulates about their barn yards.

There are hundreds of industrious men in Christian county who have bought small farms

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establishment which controls a vast percentage of the city's trade.

Mr. Hille is a native of Putnam county, Va., but associated himself with the interests of Hopkinsville in 1878, engaging in the confectionary business with Metcalfe & Bro. for six years, and, afterwards, with Holland & Rogers.

Mr. Hille was Superintendent of the Hopkinsville Gas Co. for six years. He is a Mason in the Hopkinsville Lodge F. & A. M. No. 37, and has a pleasant circle of friends and is Deacon of Church of Christ.

**FERD. SCHMITT,**

**Manufacturer of Mineral Waters, and Proprietor of Restaurant, Saloon and Meat Market.**

Every city has its leaders, and the man who has done a prodigious share towards placing his city upon a solid commercial footing may well be thus captioned. And, again, he who can inaugurate and conduct several successful branches of business, at the same time, is a man of no mean ability.

Mr. Ferd. Schmitt, whose career we are about to review, may truly be called "a man of many trades," as he owns and operates an elegant saloon, restaurant, meat market, cold storage plant,



JNO. FELAND, Jr.—The Attorney at Law.

## A FITTING ESTABLISHMENT TO A FASHIONABLE CITY

**Tobin & Berry, Fine and Artistic Tailors, 14 South Main Street.**  
Enterprising and Up-to-date in Every Essential.

"Oh, would the gift that God would give us—  
To see ourselves as others see us!"

Nothing stamps a city more conclusively as live, progressive, and truly American, than to see her male population fittingly and stylishly attired. By this we do

most satisfactory selection. With the best of weaves of this country and the mills across the great seas, at their command, together with the most consummate skill and artistic taste, this firm is able to turn out work to suit the most exacting and fastidious. They require twelve competent and expert workmen to turn out the orders which have been left at their valuable store—a store valuable to them because of the money represented in their stock of goods on hand; and valuable to our city because of the people it attracts, here, for miles and miles—who come with a view to purchasing a suit from these prominent tailors. Every stranger who enters our gates with intent to purchase of one establishment is sure to benefit others before he departs—so in this regard the firm of Tobin & Berry are of more than local benefit to Hopkinsville.

No man secures a suit from these tailors, but brings other customers in his train, from far or near; as their garments have a striking individuality about them as coming from a strictly up-to-date tailoring establishment. This house of Tobin & Berry is a home enterprise, and should be well patronized by the community at large. Only first-class goods and trimmings are used by them—and a suit purchased of them, and made by them, is a guarantee as to quality, style and fit.

Mr. Tobin, the senior member of the firm, hails from Elkton, Ky. He came to Hopkinsville in 1884 and engaged in the tailoring business with his father, N. Tobin. One year ago he created his present business under the present firm name. He has full charge of the cutting department—and the most perfect results attest his skill as an artist. He is a prominent member of the Catholic church and has a host of friends, as he is genial and obliging.

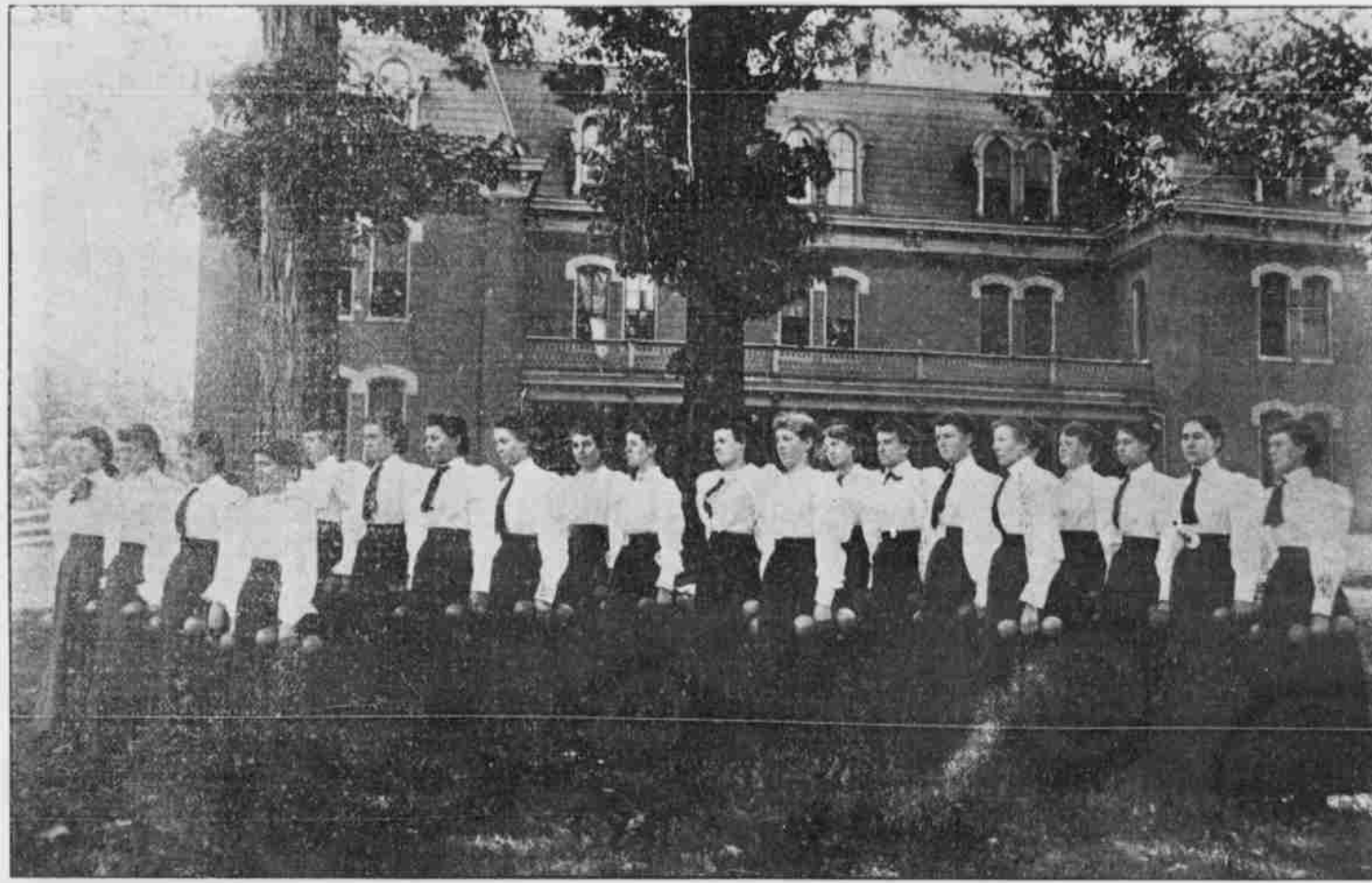
Mr. Berry was born near Springfield, Robertson county, Tennessee. He learned his trade in Nashville with the well-known and popular tailor, Jas. A. Kerr, a product of Toronto, Canada. He came to Hopkinsville about one year ago and associated himself with Mr. Tobin in this business. He formerly was a partner in the tailoring firm of Bailey, Berry & Co., Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Berry is the business manager of the house here, and travels for the firm in the surrounding country where he receives large and lucrative returns. He is a genial, enterprising gentleman. Both members of the firm are public-spirited business men and their house is thoroughly metropolitan in appearance and an advancement to our city.

Southwestern Kentucky is proving thoroughly adapted to the production of the thoroughbred. Many valuable stock farms exist in Christian county.

Though the path of life seems rugged,  
Dimmed the light of Heaven's sun,  
Let thy star be with loving,  
And thy living nobly done.  
—M. F. M.

Hopkinsville's broad, clean, well-paved streets are such as are only found in neat and beautiful communities.

Row upon row of substantial brick blocks stamp Hopkinsville as a solid, enterprising and well-to-do city.



GIRLS DRILL.—SOUTH KENTUCKY COLLEGE.

increase in population; and the books of the Assessor show at the end of the year 1890, the taxable property to be \$6,934,777; this amount represents about two-thirds of its real value, according to competent authorities; the proper figures therefore for the real value of taxable property in this county would be about \$9,200,000.

**Cultured People.**

As to the people of Christian county we have to say that in them you will find sociability, high-toned morality, a general spread of intelligence and learning, universal hospitality and chivalrous politeness, not excelled by any people on earth.

**AN IDEAL PARADISE.**

**Large Crops are Raised and Command Good Prices.**

For the farmer, it is an ideal paradise. There is no question that the advantages which Christian county offers to men, able and willing to work, are beyond question. They can have rich soils and healthy climate, obliging neighbors and good schools, cultured society and comfortable homes.

Corn, wheat, oats, hay, butter, cheese, are all made in the northwestern states and shipped to Kentucky, and through it to the southern markets. Why should not the inhabitants of those states remove nearer their markets, and save transportation, and where the same knowledge of business; and attention to it, will produce greater results? Why not possess themselves of soils equally as productive at half the price?

Are these not sufficient inducements, not to mention a thousand others?

On the investment made in lands, improvements and stock, the gross profit in farming in Christian county is 33 per cent.

## EXPERT AND RELIABLE.

**G. A. Hille, Plumber, Steam and Gas Fitter.**

The plumbing business, in a thriving city, is one of the industries of modern civilization, and a plumbing firm that will do honest, reliable work, soon builds up a business that gives them steady and profitable employment. This has been the experience of the above gentleman, who conducts a first-class plumbing, gas, and steam fitting establishment in Hopkinsville. Mr. G. A. Hille, the proprietor, began business in his present line, about two years ago, when the water works were introduced in the city. In his house can be found a most complete line of bath tubs, closets, washstands, fittings, lead work, pumps, rubber hose, ranges, and all that comprises a thorough outfit of such a house. During his tenure in business, here, he has built up a fine reputation for prompt and efficient work, his aim being to do none but first-class jobs, and at reasonable prices.

He undertakes everything in the line of plumbing, making a specialty of lead work. In this connection, he has devoted attention to the fitting of lavatories, and enamel baths—which have become an almost indispensable article, from point of neatness and sanitation—for the past four years. All kinds of gas fitting is undertaken; including the making of tobacco boilers and boilers of all kinds. He is open to undertake contracts for the complete plumbing of buildings in course of erection, and estimates are cheerfully furnished. In connection with the above, Mr. Hille is the proprietor of the Excelsior Steam Laundry, an es-

candy store, and bottling works; and those, too, on a paying basis. In addition to the above, he is local agent, here, and wholesale dealer, for the Cook Brewing Co. of Evansville, Ind.

Both bar and restaurant are fitted up in a neat, attractive style, and are deservedly popular.

The meat market is in the hands of experienced men, and everything has been done by the owner to make it a first-class shop. His extensive refrigerating and cold storage plant affords most excellent opportunity for preserving his meats until they are thoroughly seasoned, as all superior meats have been.

Mr. Schmitt has added to the commercial prestige of the city, and afforded employment to any number of men. He is genial, generous, and progressive, and it is of such men as he that every live, enterprising city has much need.

## A QUESTION.

(DEDICATED TO W. F. L.)

Have you ever sat and pondered  
Over the mystery of doubt?  
Have you ever thought what life would be  
Could this be stricken out?  
Do you think you'd miss the sentence,  
"I would trust all if I could."  
If thereby 'twould ease the anguish  
Of the hearts misunderstood?  
Have you ever felt the power  
Of a simple little word?  
Have the "Is," "too-lates," and "nevers,"  
Deepest thought and feeling stirred?  
"For the best" has all the anguish,  
Ever expressed by tongue or pen,  
That the poet tell us fingers  
In that sad old "might have been."  
July 22, 1897. —MARY FRANCES MARRISAN.

The man who puts his wealth into real estate in a thriving city makes an investment that will bring him rich returns. Its value inevitably doubles and trebles.

Hopkinsville's railroad facilities are the best.