

THE HEADLIGHT.

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GRAND IMPROVEMENT.

Our patrons will observe that we have enlarged the Headlight, giving eight pages instead of four.

The growing patronage extended to us, has enabled us to bear this additional expense, and we wish to divide our profits with our friends. We hope to give you a good paper, one that will interest every class of society and every member in the family. We will publish a series of continued stories; and other choice reading matter, and to give our readers, not all the news, but all that will be acceptable to the business man, the farmer, the mechanic, and the home fireside. Every day we get new subscribers, and we trust this will continue for sometime.

We have made additions to our job department, which will enable us to compete with any office in the State as to quality and prices. All we ask is a fair showing.

HAMLET.

Our beautiful little sister town is rapidly assuming the appearance and dimensions of a coming city. Her recent growth and developments have exceeded the prophecies of her most enthusiastic friends; and so rapidly and quietly has this been done that we doubt if one person in ten of the average county citizens has any conception of its present size, or the magnitude of its business and business facilities. Then too, to the credit of those public-spirited men, E. A. Lackey and T. F. Boyd, be it said, that they deserve great praise for investing their money so freely in building homes for renters. Of course they expect to get something out of it, but others will reap benefits also. We would like to say something of its business men, and of other parties who have aided in building up Hamlet, but cannot do so now. Also, something of the great railroad improvements, but they are growing on and on, and Jamison still keeps the Great Southern Eating House.

In a recent election of town officers the people were fortunate in their election, and we might with equal propriety say the same, had the opposition ticket been elected. Both had good men on them. The picked elected is as follows: Mayor: M. C. Freeman.

Commissioners: E. A. Lackey, T. F. Boyd, D. S. Rice, J. M. Jamison, Dr. H. P. Kinsman.

The mayor is a home-raised boy who has developed into a hustling business man, and one of Hamlet's best citizens.

J. M. Jamison is the best hotel man in the South, and a shrewd, level-headed business man.

Messrs. Lackey and Boyd have grown up with the town, and are two well known to require any word of praise from us.

Messrs. Rice and Kinsman are Northern men, adopted citizens, who by their diligence, gentlemanly deportment and moral worth, have ingratiated themselves into general favor, and deservedly so.

But when we remember

the loss of the graded school it makes us feel sad; feel that Hamlet has missed a grand opportunity. But we would not have it against the will of the majority, but OH, would that the majority had voted the other way. Yes, we think, good friends, you have missed the mark, and now we ask you to get together and devise some other plan for establishing on a firm basis, a good school presided over by Prof. Frank Roberts and Miss Kinsman. This should need no talking, but, at once to work, and work until the plans are perfected. Hamlet must have a school worthy of her good people, and her financial ability.

A Scathing Indictment.

[Published by request.]

The enclosed clipping, taken from a recent issue of the Christian Observer, Louisville Ky., I think ought to be published in every paper throughout the length and breadth of our land. Please insert in your paper.

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At a mass-meeting in the Second Presbyterian church, Portsmouth, O., on a recent Sabbath afternoon, in the presence of over two hundred men, a converted gambler and ex-saloonkeeper made the following statement, which has created a profound impression, and I herewith transmit it to your paper that it may do good in a wider sphere:

"I have been in the saloon business with a gambling room attached for the last four years, and claim to know something about what I am now going to tell you. I do not believe that the gambling den is half so dangerous, nor does it do anything like the same amount of harm as the social card party in the home. I give this as my reason: In the gambling room the windows are closed tight, the curtains are pulled down; everything is conducted secretly for fear of detection, and none but gamblers as a rule, enter there; while in the parlor all have access to the game, children are permitted to watch it, young people are invited to partake in it. It is made attractive and alluring by giving prizes, serving refreshments, and adding high social enjoyments. For my part I never could see the difference between playing for a piece of silver molded in the shape of money and silver molded in the shape of a cup or a tumbler. The principle is the same, and whenever property changes hands over the luck of the cards, no matter how small is the value of the prize, I believe it is gambling. Have you ever thought of it? Where do all the gamblers come from? They are not taught in the gambling dens. A 'greener', unless he is a fool, never enters a gambling hell, because he knows that he will be fleeced out of everything he possesses in less than fifteen minutes. He has learned somewhere else before he sets foot inside of such a place. When he has played in the parlor, in the social game of the home, and has become proficient enough to win prizes among his friends, the next step with him is to seek out the gambling-room, for he has learned and now counts upon his efficiency to hold his own. The saloon men and gamblers chuckle and smile when they read in the papers of the parlor games given by the ladies, for they know that after a while these men will become the patrons of their business. I say, then, the parlor game is the college where gamblers are made and educated. In the name of God, men stop this business in your homes. Burn up your decks and wash your hands."

After he had taken his seat, another converted ex-gambler who led the men's meeting in the second Presbyterian church the following Sabbath, arose and said: "I endorse every word which the brother before me has just uttered. I was a gambler. I learned to play cards, not in the saloon but in my own home, but in the homes of my young friends, who invited me play with them, and taught me how."

I send you these testimonies, hoping that you can use them, and that God will sound through them a note of warning to card-playing Christians. A number of men went home from that afternoon meeting and set up a new rule in their families, that never should another game be played inside their house; that their parlor should not become kindergartens for training young gamblers.—Rev. S. B. Akers, in Southern Churchman.

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