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## INSURANCE CONVENTION.

The State Association and Other Agen-cies Meet to Advasce Their Interests. The Kentucky State Association of Fire Underwriters met in annual convention in the room of the Louisville Board of Underwriters, on Bullitt and Main streets, yesterday afternoon. There were about sixty members present, and msurance men from Cincinnati, Ohicago Milwaukee, Ind'anapolis and Louisville. Among those present were A. B. Gatewood, H. K. Lindsey, W. D. Hemmenway and J. T. Ashbrook, of Cincinnati; J. M. Whitehead, Chicago; C. ington. Headed by the band Wheeler, Milwaukee; H. C. Mar- and a great crowd of citizens tin, Indianapolis, and a number of prominent Louisville underwriters. J. W. E. Bayley, susceints manager of the Queen Fire Insurance Company, was re-slexed President. J. G. Finney, special agent of the Home Insurance Company, was then elected Vice President, and Thes. C. Timberlake, general agent of the London Assurance Corporation, was re-elected Secretary. John B. Caldwell, W. C. Tule, J. H. M. Morris, of Louisville; W. K. Lindsey, J. M. Decamp, of Cincinnati, were selected as an

Several resolutions of importance to the members of the association were passed, but they were of rather a private nature and the Secretary declined to give them up. The meeting was one of unusual interest and importance to the special supervising agents of Fire Underwriters who form the association.

A majority of the members prevent at the meeting left last night for Frankfort, whither they go to enter a protect of the second of the provides.

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bill of Mr. Cathrish, which provides that companies taking insurance on property shall pay the amount of insurance which they accept. They claim that if this bill is passed a man who, as some now do, insures a house for \$1,500 when it is only worth \$1,000, they will, in case it is burned down, have to pay the \$1,500, when they should only, as is now done, pay the real value, \$1,000, or just what the house can be replaced for.

## The Late Robert Ayars,

To the Editor of The Commercial. NEAR LOUISVILLE, Feb. 15,-Please allow us to correct some statements made in the article of the 13th inst. concerning our father, Robert Ayars. He was born in Salem county, N. J., May 22, 1804. When twenty one years of age he was engaged with Richards & Brothers, iron merchants, of Gloucester county, N. J., and left that post to accept a more lucrative one under Mr. Schoneberger, in his iron works on the Junista, in Pennsylvania. In 1830 he came to Louisville in the interests of Mr. Schoneberger, and was never engaged in any other mercantile business. For more than forty years he had lived upon his farm near Louisville, loving his country and generous and helpful to his kind. In social relations his was a beautiful life. His family consisted of his wife, to whom he had been married almost fifty years; three sons, John G. Ayars, whose death occurred in 1874, W. H. H. and E. B. Ayars, and three daughters, Mrs. Annie A. Hull, Bessie W. Ayars and Mrs. Lucy A Cowan. engaged with Richards & Brothers, iron Cowan,

## Musical Notes.

The musical season in this city has been one of the most brilliant known for many years. All of the concerts, operas, etc., have been well attended, which proves that Louisville contains a great many lovers of fine music. Numerous first-class attractions are announced for the coming week.

An enterprising and wealthy gentleman of this city is seriously contemplating the engagement of Professor Schuler and the "Amateur Orchestra" for a tour of the South next spring. It cannot, however, be consummated, as all the members are directly engaged in busine shere, and could not spare the time.

The will of the late Samuel Wood, of New York, that was so strongly contested by his relatives, has at lest been admitted to probate, and now New York will have a musical conservatory that will cost \$1,500,000. The new institution is to be free to all, and as far as efficiency and thoroughness of course is concarned is expected to colipse Cincinnati. The executors will go shead at ence and lay the foundation.

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THE NEW STATE COLLEGE. THE LEGISLATURE AT THE OPENING.

The New Buildings Accepted by the Governor-Addresses by Henry Watterson, Senators Robbins and Clarke and Representative Jones-A Day's Banqueting.

Special to The Commercial.

LEXINGTON, F.b. 15 -The Legislature arrived here about 11:30 o'clock this morning, nearly four-fifths of both houses coming up to witness the dedication exercises of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College. They were met at the depot by a band of music, the Reception Committee and most of the prominent citizens of Lexthey were taken to the Phoenix Hotel. Among those to receive the Legislature at the depot were Mayor Johnson and

Among those to receive the Legislature at the depot were Mayor Johnson and Messrs, A. S. Winsten, M. Kaufman, F. Walters, J. M. Kembright, G. W. Ranck, Z. F. Smith, Jr., M. Alford, J. F. Johnson, P. P. Johnston, H. T. Duncan, John O. Hodges, Jr., R. J. O'Mahoney, Louis Straus, T. J. Donahy and W. A. May.

After the members had been allowed time to put their baggage away they were again waited upon by the band and escorted back to the Chamber of Commerce, where a really fine banquet was spread for them. Mr. Winston, President of the Chamber, welcomed the Legislature in a short, neat spesch, in which he said all that was to be said in a very pleasant way. No expense was spared to have a fine banquet, and all the delicacies of the season were on hand. Many a flowing bumper was drained to Kentuky's first university and best college.

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LEXINGTON, Feb. 15.—At 1:30 o'clock a long line of carrieges were drawn up in front of the Chamber of Commerce and the members and guests got into them and started for the college. The following was the order of procession;

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College Trustees.
College Faculty.
Music-Currier's Band.
Cadets-Col. McFarland, Commanding.
Three carriages. containing Gov. Black-burn, Lieut. Gov. Cantrill, Gov. Merivether, Speaker Owens, Senstors Robbins, and Edwards, and
Representatives Clark and
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The buildings on the other side of the atreet were covered with flags and the streets were lined with people in holiday attire. When the carliages reached the college the boys were out in front drilling. The members were taken up to the college chapel, which was filled with ladles. On the stand were Governor Blackburn, the Hon. Henry Watterson, orstor of the day; ex-Governor Meriwether, President James K. Patterson, Judge W. B. Kinkaid, Dr. J. Desha Ploket, State Superintindent of Public Institution; Mayor Johnson, the Hon. James W. Tate, State Tressurer; the James W. Tate, State Tressurer; the Hon. R. A. Jones, United States Senator James B. Beck, Colonel A. H. Clarke, ex-Chief Justics Belvard J. Peters, State Senator Ben. S. Robbins and others.

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President Charles L. Loos, of Kentucky University, opened with a short prayer, followed by Judge Kinkaid, who made an earnest pies for the college. As chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees he handed the college over to the State. He ended by introducing the orator of the day.

Hon, Henry Watterson, after alluding to the significance of the occasion, spoke of the necessity of representative educational institutions in the State. Discussing the social situation he said:

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"Kentucky! There is something magical in the very word. It possesses the meaning of a phrase and conjures up before the mind's eye a history, a drama, a romance, an epic. It is a synenym for prowess; for deeds of self-denying heroism in forest, brake and den; on the pathless frontier; in the tented field; studded with names that glorify American valor, and marking a geography expressed in terms which stir a Nation's heart. It was a Kentuckian who placed the starry ensign of the republic upon those far-off heights,

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Mr. Watterson concluded by quoting Webster on public education, and said while he would not propose to make Kontucky like New Eagland, he would seize the advantages Kentucky possessed and work out a new development for her people.

Mr. Watterson was frequently applauded, and was followed by Governor Black burn, whe, in a long and weitworded speech, received the college in the name of the State. He said as he would do all in his power to further the interests of this college, [Applause.] He paid an eloquent tribute to President Patterson and the other members of the faculty, and sat down in the midst of a sform of applause.

The Hou, Ben. S. Robbins, of Oldham, came next on the part of the Sanate, and, after a beautiful tribute to the liberality of the people of Lexington in making the erection of this college possible, said:

Our Government is founded upon the presumption that the people have sufficient intelligence to perceive and sufficient virtue to appreciate the principles by which they should be guided. Republics fall and despotians arise when virtue departs from the counsels of their rulers and ignorance prevails among their people. It follows, therefore, that the only true policy which can be pursued by those who are charged with the administration of government is to encurage every measure which tends to raise the standard of mental and moral excellence. Thus, and thus only can the slability of these free institutions, upon which we pride ourselves so much, be assured, and the blersings of republican government transmitted to our poterity. Renown gained in bloody warfare may serve to glid on the pages of history, but victory on a thousand battle-fields can furnish us no guaranty of perpetual greaters and security of the deas of the mobility and the ignorance of the common people. In this instance a socialed republic spring into existence upon the rules o

nothing less than the people from the property and the rain which their own brutaity had brought upon them. The philanthropy of Alexander, the autocrat of all the Russias, could move him to strike the shackles from millions of slaves, but it could not shield him from the consequences of the stupidity and ignorance which prevailed among his "History repeats itself." The occurrences of one country and one generation are reproduced in another country and another age; like causes produce like effects, and the experience of one man or nation may properly be held up for the warning and instruction of others. From these propositions I deduce the corollary that a nation or a State is great in proportion as it lends its countenance to virtue and its aid to the broadest and most liberal education. Not only the education of the favored few who are born to wealth and fortune. Not the instruction of children in the mysteries of a political or a religious creed, the logic of churchmen, the intricacies of legal lore, or the technicalities of medical science. I mean an education higher and broader in its scope, which sheds its radiance in the hovel as well as the palace; lifts men and women above the dominion of stapidity and superstition, and qualifies them to intelligently and efficiently perform the labors and duties of life. Whether or not we need such education in Kentucky is a question which will admit of but one answer. I do not desire on this occasion to debate the merits of a controverted subject further than may be necessary to make my meaning plain. I am glad, however, that "This is the land that freedom chose;

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In the exercise of this liberty of speech I declare my conviction that in all her history Kentncky has done no nobler thing than to give the pittance which she has contributed toward the estabtishment and maintenance of this institution. The day the Kentucky Legislature extended its hand to support the tottering footsteps of this literary infant and to lead it into new and more extended fields of observation and experience witnessed a triumph of statesmanship over prejudice, the full benefits of which will be enjoyed by generations yet to come. It was a departure from the policy which our law makers had been accustomed to pursue, but it was in harmony with the enlightened spirit of the age and the necessities of the people. We can only hope that the step thus taken will never be retraced, and that in years to come many another "Great Commoner" may name this beautiful city as the birthplace of his ambition and trace his highest and noblest aspirations to the fostering care and motherly encouragement of our Commonwealth.

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MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

—I am proud, upon an occasion like this, to have the privilege, in the name of the representatives and Legislature of the great State of Keniucky, to congratulate the people of Keniucky and the city of Lexington upon the exection of this beautiful and

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Within the Commonwealth of Kentucky we have what may be called a Republic of Education. Of this republic every child of pupil age is a citizen, a dentitled to all the rights, immunities and privilezes of such. The common school system of Kentucky is a peculiar and distinct feature. It is, as it were, a republic within a republic. The one was created by the other, and the creature, sirange as it may seem, is the main stay and support of the creator, for it is upon the educated masses that the Mother Commonwealth must depend for the maintenance of her honor, her glory and her posperity. Kentucky is the mother of the republic of education, and live a fond and judi lous parent she will always guard, cherish and protect her officially as a staff upon which to lean for support. Like other republics, this one of education has its territory, its laws, its officers. The school districts are its iterritory, its officers. The school districts are its iterritory, its officers. The school fund its Tressurer. It has its district schools, its ward schools, its high schools, and, may we not claim that its grand idea culminated in this magnificent institution, the Agricultural and Mechanical College? And is there snything unreasonable in the hope that in the course of time this great college will be as renowned as Harvard, as Yale, or Washington and Lee, and render Kentucky as fanous for her system of education as she now is for the chivairy and eloquence of her for her fair women, her fast horses, her orse and the beauty and grace of her dangthers?

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## Description of the Building,

LEXINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The State College buildings are located on what is known now as College Hill, a little emilimits, marking prominently what used to be the Fair Ground before the war. This place, fifty-two acres in extent, is a charming situation, and since its im-provement by the landscape gardener attached to the college, it has been made a perfect thing of beauty. In the de-pression at the foot of the hill is being constructed a large pend or lake, through which now flows a stream from the fam-

which now flows a stream from the famous Maxwell spring, which is located on the college grounds.

The main college building is an imposing structure and of an attractive architecture, the architect of which was H. P. McDonald, of Louisville, who has devoted himself to the work with uncommon stal. It is three stories high, and contains twenty-four class rooms, besides a commodious chapel, the largest college-chapel in the State. All the appliances are the best, and no pains have been spared to make the building healthful and attractive in every respect. The ful and attractive in every respect. The dormitory is a large handsome building adjacent to the college, capable of accommodating one hundred and fifty boarders.

Take it altogether, the college and the