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Death of E. M. Coon.

Died, in this city, Monday, Feb. 13, 1905, Mr. Elijah Morgan Coon, in his 70th year.

Mr. Coon was born in the state of New York May 10, 1835. On the breaking out of the civil war he entered the Union army and was a soldier during the entire rebellion. He was an aide on the staff of General Gilman of the 52nd Pennsylvania. After the war he moved to Rochester, Minn., and engaged in the furniture business.

On November 20, 1886, he was married to Miss Isabel Utter. They have two children, Carl Coon, of Billings, Montana, and Claude M. Coon, of this city.

About four years ago Mr. Coon moved to this place and took charge of the Commercial hotel, and by close attention to business soon built up a first class name for this house. Mr. Coon was a member of the Odd Fellows, A. O. U. W., G. A. R. and a Mason. He was a man of singularly kind and gentle disposition and in his business and social relations was particularly attentive to the old ex-Confederate soldiers, among whom he numbered some of his warmest friends here.

He was buried here, the home of the many friends who honored, respected and loved him. Funeral services were held at the Commercial hotel Wednesday at 2 p. m. by Rev. R. B. Briney.

The bereaved widow and two sons have the sympathy of the community.

Death of Rev. Warder.

Rev. Joseph W. Warder, once pastor of the Baptist church of this place died at his home in Louisville, Friday, Feb. 3. He had been living in Louisville about twenty years and was connected with the Mission work in that state. Rev. Warder was pastor of the church here from April 1856 to April 1865 and is well known to our older inhabitants. Dr. Riggs, the present pastor, had been corresponding with all the living ex-pastors of the Lexington church to arrange a simultaneous visit and church celebration here in the spring—about the time of the Southern Baptist convention, which is to meet in Kansas City. Rev. Warder had promised to come, and would have been the oldest of the ex-pastors.

Promotion for a Former Lexingtonian.

Emerson Chanson, formerly of this city and for the past four years assistant cashier of the American Exchange National Bank, of St. Louis, was last week elected cashier of the Fourth National Bank, of St. Louis, vice G. A. W. Augst deceased.

Mr. Chanson is well known in this city and county where he was reared and where he was connected with the Lexington Savings Bank from 1877 to 1895, when he was appointed state bank inspector by A. A. Lesueur, then secretary of state. At the expiration of his term of office he accepted the assistant cashiership of the American Exchange National, which position he held until his promotion last week.

Quits the Shoe Trade.

The Shoe and Leather Gazette, in its issue of Feb. 8 says of Robt. E. Smith, until two years ago a resident of this city:

"Robert E. Smith, who has traveled for the Wertheimer Swartz Shoe Co. for the past three years, and has been very popular, both at the house and with his trade, has started in business in partnership with his brother at Kansas City. The new firm will be known as Smith Bros, and will transact a surety bond business, representing the Maryland Fidelity and Deposit Co."

At the Opera House.

The Siegel-Meyer-Dainty company gave a highly pleasing entertainment at the opera house Monday night to a very small audience. The company came in on a much belated train, so that it was after 9 o'clock when the curtain rose. The Siegel, the maddish artist, was worthy of all praise, and Mr. Meyer, musician-humorist, delighted his hearers with various musical feats and adaptations. Miss Jane Reed, successor to Miss Dainty, pleased her hearers with several read-

ings—mostly from James Whitcomb Riley.

The opera house was cold, owing to an explosion in the boiler room, which occurred about four o'clock. The damage was promptly repaired but it was impossible to get the house as warm as it should have been in time for the entertainment. Mr. Haerle wishes to assure his patrons that complete repairs have been made and that the house will be comfortable hereafter.

Council Proceedings.

Council met in regular session Monday night. Mayor Winkler in the chair; quorum present; minutes of last regular and called meetings read and approved.

Reports of the collector, treasurer, marshal, police judge, prison keeper and scales master were received and filed.

An ordinance authorizing Lexington Gas & Electric Co. to turn on and burn electric street lights and contracting with said company for the lighting of streets and providing for payment of same. The above ordinance was introduced, read a second and third time, passed by the council and approved by the mayor.

The contract provides for 52½ arc lights of 2000 candle power with four incandescent lights in the alley of block 42—lights for city offices and buildings except prison, for the sum of \$299.95 per month, and any additional lights ordered by the council in the future to be paid for at \$5.90 per arc light of 2000 candle power. The contract was granted for ten years, the rates governing the present contract to remain the same.

Claim of Hedge & Campbell in regard to money held by city as a guarantee on contract, was referred to claims committee.

Claim of S. A. Drake & Co. with reference to paving, referred to city engineer.

F. O. Eagles were granted use of streets for purpose of a street fair the summer of 1905. Eagles to pay for all extra officers needed, shows to be located by the council.

James Menauzi was appointed night watch for ensuing month.

Council adjourned to meet Feb. 21.

Valentine Party.

Mrs. Wallace Booher entertained some fifty young people at a Valentine party at her home one mile south of Lexington Valentine's evening. The evening was spent in playing finch, a peanut hunt and pinning a tie on a comic valentine. The prizes were won by Mrs. Len G. Kelly in the peanut hunt, and Mr. Homer Potts put the tie on the picture valentine. Refreshments were served. It was a late hour when all found their valentines and started on their sleigh ride home, wishing Valentine's day might come oftener.

Met With Mrs. Fredendall.

Mrs. G. W. Fredendall entertained the Adolenda Club at her home on South street on the afternoon of St. Valentine's day. Most of the members were present and the time was spent in playing finch. A beautifully bound book was the valentine given as the favor, and was won by Mrs. A. W. Allen. The dining room where luncheon was served was tastefully decorated with roses and pinks. The circle will meet with Mrs. Ivy Graiz Wednesday, March 1st.

Jennings Paroled.

In the case of the state vs Frank Jennings, charged with felonious assault, in the criminal court Monday a plea of guilty was entered by defendant and he was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and paroled on account of his age. In altercation in Wellington about two months ago Jennings stabbed Ernest Stegall several times.

Public Sale.

Attention is called to an advertisement published elsewhere in this issue of a public sale of stock and farm implements at the farm of Louis Arth near Dover. Read this ad if you are in need of any kind of farm stock, particularly horses. There will be some excellent horses in this sale.

Telephone Improvements.

E. D. Graham of Mexico, Missouri, manager of the Lafayette county telephone company, was a caller at the INTELLIGENCER office last Saturday. He brought a copy of the Home Phone directory of Kansas City for the use of this office. This directory contains more than 12,000 names—one-third more names than any other telephone system represented in Kansas City, it is said. With the Home system our local system has been connected for about six months, and the service is admirable. From our homes or our business houses we may now talk with Kansas City and St. Louis, besides hundreds of towns in Missouri, Kansas, Indian Territory, and Oklahoma. At St. Louis the connection is with the Kinloch system.

Dr. Graham informs the INTELLIGENCER that as soon as the weather will permit he means to put in a new copper circuit to Higginsville for the purpose of increasing the number of routes of long distance connections and reducing to the minimum the delay in calling up any desired long distance party. Our telephone system has been constantly improved and its excellent long distance service is the last and greatest of these improvements. Lexington subscribers can call up on their residence or office phones 12,000 numbers in Kansas City, 10,000 numbers in St. Louis besides many more thousands in smaller towns and cities of Missouri and adjacent states. Mr. Graham's franchise expires next September, but like the latest owners of the electric light plant and the last owner of the water works plant, he has gone on making expensive improvements in the belief that if he serves the public well there will be no trouble about franchise renewal. There may be some change in the terms of the renewal, though, for there has been great change in the value of such franchises in the past ten years. But the people of Lexington have never been favorable to the plan of promoting competition in public service corporations which, in small places, always results in poor service. Such competition in large places improves the service, as was the case in Kansas City.

In Honor of Miss Groves.

Thirty young lady friends of Miss Elizabeth Groves, the bride-to-be, assembled in her honor at Greystone Park as guests of Mrs. Ryland Tod hunter on Thursday afternoon.

Military high five with valentine favors was the especial feature. The fort "Brides of 1905" won the prize, Miss Groves and Mrs. Harry Wallace captured the arsenal of valentines. Delicious refreshments were served, consisting of oyster patties, chicken salad, fruit soufflé, olives, bread and butter sandwiches, wafers, biscuit, orange ice, coffee and marguerites. During the serving each guest wrote upon an illustrated postal her good wishes and good bye to Miss Groves, and before presenting them to her they were read by Mrs. S. N. Wilson, which caused much merriment in guessing the author.

A toast was drunk to the bride, elect, mingled with sincere regrets that she is to find her new home among new friends. Those present were: Misses Elizabeth Groves, Mary Blackwell, Viola Groves, May Peak, Allee Peak, Lee Meeg, Anne Ireland, Maude Burden, Katherine Fulkerson, Ella Nickel, Fannie Sawyer, Georgia Gilkeson, Martha Grashaw, Mary Henry, Lillian Fulkerson, Lessee Bates, Dick Graddy, Bessie Evans, Mesdames E. J. McGrew, M. D. Wilson, Jane D. Groves, S. N. Wilson, and H. C. Wallace. The out of town guests were Miss Rosina Haymen, of Hustonia, Miss Eva Frick, of Kansas City, and Miss Vivian Dobyns, of Shelby, Mo.

Public Sale.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found Louis Franciskato's advertisement of a public sale of stock and farm implements, corn and household goods, at the August Lepper farm, 4½ miles southwest of Lexington, Feb. 28. Read the advertisement.

Piano-Forte Recital.

Each year the Senior Class of Central College presents new aspirants for musical honors, and annually the School of Music adds to its prestige by the successful appearance of one or more graduates. But certainly no one in the past has been more worthy of recognition than Miss Addie Givens Wynne, of Gallatin, Missouri, who gave the following severely classical and highly artistic program Monday evening:

- I. a. Fantasia, C minor - Bach
- b. Etude, B Flat minor - Mendelssohn
- c. Sixth Intermezzo - Schumann
- d. Nocturne, D Flat - Chopin
- e. Dance of the Gnomes - Liszt
- II. Sonata quasi Fantasia, Op. 27, No. 2 - Beethoven
- a. Adagio.
- b. Allegretto.
- c. Presto agitato.
- III. a. Toccata - Sgambati
- b. Fohod' Album - Guita
- c. Das Spinnerlied - Mendelssohn
- d. Allegro Appassionato - St. Saens

The first group of pieces is so comprehensive in character and style of playing that it alone would test the capabilities of a versatile pianist. The last selection however, fully satisfied the attentive audience that Miss Wynne was abundantly equal to the undertaking. The Fantasia was played in such a free, easy manner, and in such a cheerful happy spirit that one thought of an improvisation rather than a composition committed to the printed page. The Intermezzo heard at Central College for the first time is a most interesting work and highly indicative of the Romanticism that characterizes the compositions of Schumann. The Nocturne Op. 27, No. 2 of Chopin presents no end of technical difficulties to duble thirds and sixths with unequal divisions of notes for the melody and accompaniment; and yet under Miss Wynne's fingers the music flowed so freely that one saw only a fascinating dream picture. The group closed with Liszt's Dance of the Gnomes, an unparalleled composition in scherzo effects, played with a clear, crisp, dainty touch.

The Sonata in C sharp minor by Beethoven, erroneously associated with a beautiful story of the composer's interest in a blind girl, constituted the second number. This much however, is easily true; that with Love as the inspiration of life the sonata is a great tragic expression of disappointed affection. And in the sorrow of the first movement, the consolation or momentary forgetfulness of the second, and the overwhelming grief of the last movement, Miss Wynne gave a most satisfactory rendition of the technically and musically difficult illustrations work.

The third group introduced to a Central College audience two delightful pieces of the Modern Italian School, which were followed by Mendelssohn's Spinning Song admirably executed, and the Allegro Appassionato by the greatest living composer, St. Saens.

Miss Wynne's concert Monday evening was an unqualified success, and a fulfillment of prophecy made during her former study at Central College.

Corn And Cotton in Lead.

Secretary Wilson in his annual report, says:

"I consider it notable that we can say the year 1904 has been even of greater financial success to the farmers than the year 1903. One conspicuous item that has contributed to this abundant prosperity is the corn crop. Nearly reaching the high-water mark of 1902, the crop closely approached two and one-half billions bushels, and with the high prices of this year this crop alone has a value to the farmers far exceeding \$1,000,000,000. The farmers with this crop could pay the national debt and the interest on it for a year and still have a balance remaining large enough to pay the running expenses of the Government for a large part of the year.

"The cotton crop ranks second the point of value to the farmer, and the cotton growers of the South probably

realized out of the last crop nearly \$750,000,000.

Wheat and hay fought for third place, and the two crops reached a value of nearly as much as the corn crop, or appreciably more than \$1,000,000,000. Potatoes and barley reached their highest production in 1904, the oat crop was never so large by 60,000,000 bushels except in 1902. More rice was produced than in any previous year by approximately 300,000,000 pounds, and this list could be continued seriatim to emphasize the prosperity of 1904."

Groves-Holden.

Friends in this city have received cards announcing the marriage on Feb. 14 of Miss Maude Miller Holden and Mr. D. Gordon Groves.

Mr. Groves is the eldest son of D. P. Groves of near this city. He is engaged in the lumber business in Chicago, and it was there that the marriage took place. Their home after March 1 will be at 3846 Lake Avenue.

Entertained at Dinner.

Mrs. Richard Field entertained Miss Fannie Sawyer and her guest, Miss Rosina Haymen, of Hustonia, at a dinner party Saturday evening. Those present were: Misses Fannie Sawyer, Rosina Haymen and Carrie Field, and Major Hickman, Captains Jenkins, Peck and Bohon. Mrs. Field entertains delightfully and the occasion was pleasant and enjoyable.

Public Sale.

Attention is called to W. A. Peabody's advertisement elsewhere in this issue of a public sale of stock and farm implements on the old Wallace farm one mile south of Lexington Thursday February 23. Read the advertisement.

An Approaching Marriage.

Cards of invitation have been issued to the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Everett Groves to Mr. Karl Heinrich Plate, Feb. 21, 1905, at the home of the bride-to-be in this city. After April 15 Mr. and Mrs. Plate will be at home 331 Second street, San Jose, California.

Death of Mrs. Thornton.

Died, in Kansas City Sunday, Feb. 13, of typhoid pneumonia, Mrs. Grace Comstock Thornton, wife of Mr. James T. Thornton. Mrs. Thornton was the only sister of Mr. Warren E. Comstock.

Public Sale.

The public sale advertised by Richard Ham of near Wellington for Monday Feb. 13 was, on account of the extreme weather, postponed until Tuesday Feb. 21.

Corder Press: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilks of Higginsville are in receipt of a telegram announcing the death of Dr. S. Watson Truitt of San Francisco, California. He leaves a wife of less than a year. Mrs. Truitt was formerly Miss Edna Reinhardt of Higginsville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Reinhardt. The news is a sad shock to the hosts of friends in this county. Dr. Truitt was sick but six hours and had grip. He was a Missourian, having been reared in Boone county and took his degree in medicine at M. S. U. He enjoyed a lucrative practice in San Francisco where he had been some eight years. Mrs. Truitt resigned as teacher in the public schools at Higginsville at Christmas a year ago and was married April 27, 1904.

Western school teachers have adopted a novel method of advertising the Lewis and Clark Exposition. They give their children as an exercise the task of writing a letter to some relative or friend in the east, extending an invitation to attend the Exposition. School children of Moscow, Ida., recently wrote 1100 such letters.

Odessa Democrat: Ambrose Day and Miss Nettie Rankin were married by Rev. J. L. Downing, of the Baptist Church, at his home in this city, at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon Feb. 15, 1905.

Jeffersonian: Major Geo. P. Gordon of near Corder has bought the Prignore home in this city and will move here in a short time. His wife is ill at present, which prevents immediate moving.

Market Letter.

Kansas City, Mo., Wed. Feb. 15, '05.

Railroads are beginning to get into shape to handle stuff properly again, after their recent disabilities, but receipts are still light, and prices are regulated on the basis of a famine among the packers. Prices were sharply higher Monday, but 7000 cattle came in yesterday, a fairly good run, and figuring on liberal supplies balance of the week, buyers paid only steady prices. Today, however, only 4000 cattle arrived and prices are unevenly higher, from strong to 15 cents higher. Proportion of cattle selling at \$5.25 to \$5.65 today is larger than any day in two weeks.

Only medium class steers came in siter Wednesday last week till yesterday, and \$5.25 was best price in that interval, but top yesterday was \$5.65, and sales were made today at \$5.80 and \$5.65. Tail ends of steers that topped the market last week and week before at \$5.65 and \$5.70, and nearly 300 lbs lighter than those, topped the market yesterday. Steers that sold late last week at \$4.25 now bring \$4.50 and \$4.60. Some Oklahoma cattle from 101 ranch 977 lbs sold at \$4.40 today. Cows and heifers have gained more. Best heifers sell at \$4.00 to \$4.40, and some bring this price almost every day, top heavy cow \$4.15, but bulk of the stuff sells at \$3.25 to \$3.85. Practically everything that kills is higher this week; bulls bring \$2.50 to \$3.85, canners up to \$2.50, veal calves \$2.50 to \$7. Stockers and feeders remain quiet, at \$3. weathers. Feeders sell the strongest.

The hog market recovered quickly from the severe break last week, and has been about steady since Monday, with a top of \$5.12½ every day this week. Light hogs are lower today, however, \$4.80 best price for weights under 300 lbs, pigs \$4.10 to \$4.20. Buyers figure on liberal receipts yet this week, and if they do not materialize, sharply higher prices will be in the next few days.

Prices are up 25 to 30 cents this week on lambs, and \$8. was paid today for 72½ Western lambs, nearly all the lambs selling at \$7.50 to \$7.90. Choice light yearlings sold at \$7.25 today, heavy ones \$6.90, straight weathers \$5.90, ewes \$5.35, and bulk of sales in each class is not much below those figures. Nearly everything is Western.

Z. T. Altire, Corder, Mo., had cattle and hogs here last Tuesday.

Frakides Bros., Ains, Mo., had two cars of hogs here last Tuesday.

G. Kessler, Alma, Mo., had a car of hogs here last Wednesday.

S. R. Schmitz, 2 cars cattle, and J. T. Hackley, 1 car hogs, from Maysvire Mo., were here last Wednesday.

Bedford & Hackley of Wellington, Mo. marketed a shipment of stock here today.

G. W. Hutchison, of Bates City, Mo., one of the old-time cattle feeders of Lafayette county, was in yesterday and brought a car load of good stockers that averaged 775 lbs. "All over that part of Lafayette county county," said Mr. Hutchison, "the farmers and cattle feeders are compelled to go outside for their corn. A good deal is being shipped in just now from Kansas and the North and it is costing us 46c a bushel laid down. I have two car loads of cattle on feed, but there are not very many being fed around that part of the country on account of the high price of corn. Those who have stock will be compelled to feed but those who can carry their cattle through the winter on rough feed are not going to feed."

J. A. RICKART,
L. S. Correspondent.

During the recent cold snap little six-year-old Theresa came in from school and her father said, "Why, Theresa, have you been to school today? It's twelve degrees below zero." She innocently replied: "Does that mean hot or cold?"

Mr. John Whiteley, with "The Heart of Chicago," is a veteran actor and twenty-five years ago he visited Lexington annually as manager of Whiteley's Hidden Hand and as a member of Louise Sylvester's company. He is pleasantly remembered by the older citizens here.