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**MEETING OF THE OLD MEN'S CLUB.**  
To be held in Lexington, Mo., Saturday June 1st 1907.

The Spring meeting of the Old Men's Club of Lafayette county will be held in Lexington on Saturday, June 1st.

The officers are Geo. P. Gordon, president, Higginsville; John W. White, Mayview, vice-president; and Frank Bowman, Lexington, secretary.

Since the September meeting three members have died, as follows:—Samuel K. Beah, Alfred H. Major and John F. Patton.

At this meeting memorial committees will present their reports, as follows:

On the death of Robert T. Russell—M. W. Lowry and Frank Bowman.

On the death of James W. Warren—John W. White and S. L. Smith.

On the death of John E. Ryland—Frank Bowman.

On the death of John Wollenman—Dr. L. Carthrae and Ben Lewis.

This club was organized in 1868, and is in its 39th year, two meetings a year—on the first Saturday in June and the Fourth Saturday in September—being held since its organization.

At this time the club has a membership of 115, each over 70 years old, the several members being born in the same year, as follows:

Born in 1811, James Alumbaugh, the oldest member. He is in his 96th year.

1814, Thomas R. Anderson.

1815, Isaac Crane.

1816, Green Bedford and Butler Moore.

1818, S. J. Fitzgerald, Thomas Shelby and Eph Wagoner.

1819, Geo. W. Sumner.

1820, Elisha Reyburn, Dyer Sherwood, Jacob Todhunter and Turner Williamson.

1821, Michael Fitzgerald and S. R. Shore.

1822, M. W. Lowry and Geo. J. Schooling.

1823, Joseph G. Chinn, J. U. and B. M. Hutchason, Alex Thompson and Abner Ward.

1824, T. R. McCormick, Fred Morath, A. Murray, J. P. Maw, John F. Neill, James Schoofing, Washington Skelton and Casper Upham.

1825, S. P. Kline, W. B. Major, John O'Connell, D. J. Powell, S. L. Smith, B. Stuedel, Richard Sanders and Rufus Young.

1826, H. A. Campbell, J. H. Johnson, Sr., John A. Lewis, Robert Matthews, Joseph F. Smith and John W. White.

1827, A. G. Campbell, George W. Garr, John H. Kelly, Charles Triplett, Ben Vaughan, and William C. White.

1828, J. F. Campbell, J. H. DeBolt, George P. Gordon, T. M. Lake, W. B. Mock, W. G. Oliver, Peter Tiefert, Thomas W. White, Upton Wilson and W. G. Wagoner.

1829, S. L. Cheatham, W. C. Donaldson, John T. Goodwin and C. W. Jackson.

1830, C. R. Anderson, Jos. W. Bailey, Benj. Elliott, W. L. Glover, B. W. Gantler, R. N. Hagood, T. R. Hiltchings, Geo. H. Johns, James C. Kelly, Jas. W. Riley, J. E. Shotwell, John Wilson, J. A. Morrow, John F. Roberts and W. B. Warren.

1831, W. T. Bell, W. L. McGinnis and John Meyer.

1832, P. W. Atkinson, C. C. Corbin, Wm. Lale, Geo. W. Payne, Sterling Peers, Jacob Snider, John Freshwater and Wesley Johnson.

1833, Richard P. Brock, A. M. Guyton, J. H. Johnson, Jr., B. M. Lewis, A. L. Maxwell, Henry A. Morrison, W. F. McKinney, Coleman Schooler, Bibee VanAusdale, G. A. Wade and Robert Mosby.

1834, James W. Goodwin, Wm. L. Smith, J. J. Warden, David McClure, John Reddick.

1835, B. F. Jackson, D. J. Runbaugh, Morris Roach, Alfred Roberts, S. W. Williams and B. F. Wood.

1836, Chas. L. Simpson and Wm. Nolte, the last being the youngest member.

The other members are Frank Legate, Ed Evers, Frank Stevens, Wm. R. Wheatley, C. W. Kincheloe and John McAllister.

**Missouri Crop Report for May**

The monthly crop statement for Missouri was made public today by Geo. B. Ellis, Secretary State Board of Agriculture, showing condition of crops on May 1st as follows:

In contrast with the month of March which was unusually warm, causing forward growth of all vegetation, April has been unusually cold, ranging, according to the reports of the U. S. Weather Bureau, from 8 to

15 degrees below normal. Frosts and light freezing occurred on several nights during the month, and drought conditions prevailed until about the 20th to 25th, when sufficient rain fell to supply moisture for the present needs of the crops.

**WHEAT.** On the first of April the condition of wheat was 94 per cent which is the highest state average since 1901. During April this high condition has fallen 12 points on account of the damage caused by freezing, dry weather, and the plant louse, making the present average condition for the state 82. The wheat has turned red, the bottom blades are covered with rust, and in a number of counties in the southwest section the plant louse has already done considerable damage. A few correspondents report that some fields will be plowed up on account of this damage. The greatest damage from the louse or green bug is in the counties extending from McDonald and Barry in the extreme southwest to Jackson in the north. One correspondent from Ray and several correspondents from Montgomery, Warren, Franklin and Gasconade report the appearance of the louse. The decline during the month has been 6 points in the northeast section, 7 points in the northwest, 8 points in the central, 25 points in the southwest, and 14 points in the southeast. Warm seasonable weather would probably make an improvement in a few days. The acreage sown this year is 2,381,000, which is about 2 per cent above that sown last year.

**OATS.** The oat crop was sown in good condition with an increased acreage of 3 per cent above last year. The crop, however, has made little growth during the month. The average condition for the state on the first of May was 75, which was only 2 per cent above the condition at the same time last year. In the counties where the green bug has appeared they are getting on the oats and a few correspondents report that some fields will have to be plowed up. The crop is needing warmer weather, which would no doubt soon show a decided improvement.

**CORN.** Corn land has been working well and most of the plowing had been done by the first of May. In the southwest section 74 per cent of the entire crop had been planted, while in the northeast section only 12 per cent had been planted on that date. 36 per cent of the crop of the entire state had been planted on the first of May; this is 12 per cent more than was planted at the same time last year. Much of the early planted corn is coming up poorly and some of it will have to be planted over. Some of the early planting that was up was frozen to the ground, but it is thought that it will come again. Corn planting is now in good progress throughout the northern section and the bulk of the crop will be planted during the next ten days with favorable weather. The estimated acreage for this year is 1 per cent more than the acreage planted to corn last year.

**FRUITS.** Most all of our correspondents report almost an entire loss of apples, peaches, pears, cherries and plums. It is thought that there will be a few peaches in favored localities, while some of the later blooming varieties of apples may produce part of a crop. The only fruits that promise well are the berries, with a prospect for a reasonably good crop of grapes. All early strawberries were killed but the late berries promise part of a crop. The damage sustained by the fruit growers of the state has been several millions of dollars as the prospect on the first of April was one of the best we have ever had.

**LIVE STOCK.** Generally speaking, live stock is in good condition. However, a number of correspondents report a continuance of hog cholera and considerable loss from this source. Several correspondents report heavy loss from young sows and pigs at farrowing time. Some loss is reported from young foals but this loss is not nearly so great as was reported last year.

**Boesch-Flandermeyer.**

The Concordia. Miss Emille, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Flandermeyer of near this city, and Mr. Adolf Boesch, were married Sunday afternoon, April 28 1907, at 4 o'clock at the St. Pauls (Lutheran) church in this city; Rev. F. Brust officiating. After the ceremony the happy couple and the invited guests repaired to the home of the bride's parents where a nice wedding celebration took place and all were pleasantly entertained.

**Cost of Crime in U. S.**

The detailed cost of crime in the United States presents some astonishing figures. In 1906 the cost of crime in Greater New York was \$35,652,133.74. The state, county and city authorities outside of Greater New York spent for it \$42,605,472.57. In forty-five states (New York excluded) the expenditure was \$697,080,000. Criminal losses by fires totalled \$100,000,000. By customs frauds the national government lost \$60,000,000. During this one year the loss in wages of 100,000 state prisoners was \$28,080,000, while the loss in wages of 150,000 prisoners in city and county jails was \$33,000,000. The grand total, therefore of the cost of crime in the United States reaches the stupendous figures of \$1,076,327,695.99.

The cost of religious work in the United States is enormous. The cost of foreign missions, comprising all denominations, is \$7,000,000. Home mission expend the same sum. We spend for education, \$200,000,000; for church expenses and ministers salaries, \$150,000,000. Hospitals and dispensaries for the sick and poor cost us \$100,000,000; for sanitariums of all kinds we spend \$60,000,000. City missions and secure work of all kinds demand and receive \$3,000,000; humanitarian work of every kind \$19,000,000. Our Young Men and Young Women's Christian Associations cost \$5,000,000; while all other moral and social work in the United States requires an expenditure of \$5,000,000. The total expenditure for humanitarian and religious work is then \$549,000,000. As against this, the total cost of crime in the United States for the year reached the incredible total of \$1,076,327,695.99. That is to say we spend more than five hundred million dollars a year more on crime than we do on all spiritual, ecclesiastical, humanitarian, educational and healing agencies put together—Harper's Weekly.

**A Correction.**

Three lawyers have called the attention of the editor of this paper to the use of the word "impeached" in the weekly INTELLIGENCER in regard to the testimony of Robt. A. Wilson. They say that in legal parlance it means "to successfully break down." The word was used in its ordinary literary sense of calling in question, of course, as the lines in which the word was used show. The testimony of Mr. Moorehead and Mr. Bour was that Mr. Wilson would not say to them whether or not he paid the Shull and Weber checks at the time of the discovery of the alleged forgeries. Mr. Wilson did not testify that he did tell them such a thing. But it was thought only fair to state the means by which the defence sought to resist Mr. Wilson's testimony whether it met the issue or not. The INTELLIGENCER did not mean to be jury in this matter.

**The Big Lake Sure.**

The Odessa Ledger. The last obstacle in the way has now been removed and the big lake to be made here by the C. & A. Railroad, will be made, all parties whose land it touches having been satisfied and their consent obtained.

The surveyors, we understand will be here next week to establish the boundaries of the lake and set the grade stakes, and get everything ready to begin the actual excavating and making the big dam. The lake when completed will hold it is estimated a million and a half gallons.

Besides the water that will be run in the lake from the natural water shed there are ten big springs that will be in the lake. Mr. Jas. Kirkpatrick will stock the lake with game fish, and a big park will be made around the lake and he and the C. & A., expect to make it one of the beauty spots of the state.

**WANTED:** Three salesmen for our new country, township and railroad surveys of Missouri. The surveys are a splendid compilation of facts, figures and drawings, and of wonderful value. Countries and towns are fully indexed and populations of each are given; railroads plainly shown and distances between all stations also shown; congressional districts outlined, numbered and populations given. Other features too numerous to mention, splendid opportunity for energetic men.

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Higginsville Advance:—Capt Asbury has given the city a small strip of land between his residence and the Alton railroad upon which the city is now preparing to make a pagoda and pipe mineral water from the light plant so that persons who desire to drink the sulphur water will not have to descend and climb the hill to get the water.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and other persons interested in the estate of Madison Williams, deceased, that the undersigned executor will apply to make a final settlement of said estate at the May term, 1907, of the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri, to be begun and held at the probate court room, in the city of Lexington, on the second Monday in May, 1907.

**FINAL SETTLEMENT.**  
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and other persons interested in the estate of June H. Wilson, deceased, that the undersigned executor will apply to make a final settlement of said estate at the May term, 1907, of the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri, to be begun and held at the probate court room, in the city of Lexington, on the second Monday in May, 1907.

**FINAL SETTLEMENT.**  
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and other persons interested in the estate of Gottfried Roscoe, deceased, that the undersigned executrix will apply to make a final settlement of said estate at the May term, 1907, of the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri, to be begun and held at the probate court room, in the city of Lexington, on the second Monday in May, 1907.

**FINAL SETTLEMENT.**  
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and other persons interested in the estate of William E. Shady, deceased, that the undersigned administrator will apply to make a final settlement of said estate at the May term, 1907, of the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri, to be begun and held at the probate court room, in the city of Lexington, on the second Monday in May, 1907.

**FINAL SETTLEMENT.**  
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and other persons interested in the estate of Henry C. Ewing, deceased, that the undersigned administrator will apply to make a final settlement of said estate at the May term, 1907, of the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri, to be begun and held at the probate court room, in the city of Lexington, on the second Monday in May, 1907.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**  
Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of A. Wyatt, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of April, 1907, by the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the administrator within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication they will be forever barred. This 1st day of April, 1907.

**FINAL SETTLEMENT.**  
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and other persons interested in the estate of John E. Robinson, deceased, that the undersigned executrix will apply to make a final settlement of said estate at the May term, 1907, of the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri, to be begun and held at the probate court room, in the city of Lexington, on the second Monday in May, 1907.

**Col. Chase in Trouble.**  
Higginsville Jeffersonian. The Fulton Sun is authority that Col. W. H. Chase, of "Missouri Central Electric" fame, has been arrested in New York for passing a worthless check on a hotel for a board bill. Chase chased about \$4,000 out of the people of Higginsville about two years ago on the prospects of building an electric railway from St. Louis to Kansas City, the road to pass through this city. They do say that the road will be built, too. Chase was an ordinary promoter, a necessary adjunct to all such enterprises.

**New Manager of the Telephone Exchange.**  
Higginsville Jeffersonian. There was considerable speculation as to who would be the manager of the Higginsville telephone exchange when Miss Virginia McDaniel resigned that position last week, but all doubts were set at rest last Thursday. Mrs. O. H. Wilcoxon, manager of the Lexington exchange, is also to be manager of this exchange, with Roy Hughes as local manager. All contracts, collections and like business will be attended to by Mr. Hughes and a daily report will be made to Mrs. Wilcoxon at Lexington, who will attend to all the desk work. Mrs. Wilcoxon has been manager of the Lexington exchange for five years and has demonstrated her ability by the business like manner in which she has conducted the affairs of the office and the excellent telephone service she is now giving Lexington. Mr. Hughes is one of our most promising young men and has had charge of the construction work of the Lafayette Telephone Co. in this part of the county for the past three years and is a practical telephone man. There will be no radical departure from the methods of conducting the office. The new management assumed charge Wednesday morning.

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