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PRICE OF COAL REDUCED

22 Cents Per Bushel is the Maximum Fixed by State Fuel Administrator.

Wallace Crossley, state fuel administrator, has notified the local fuel administrator that 22 cents per bushel is the maximum that may be charged for coal delivered in Lexington. This is a reduction of 2 cents per bushel or 50 cents a ton from the price prevailing since October. Every little bit helps.

Death of Geo. H. Plattenburg.

George H. Plattenburg, a well known and highly respected citizen of Lafayette county, died Thursday at his home in Mayview, at the age of 60 years, 8 months and 9 days.

Mr. Plattenburg is survived by his widow, five brothers and two sisters, who are J. S., and Henry X. Plattenburg, Cassville, Mo.; J. Q. Plattenburg, Lexington; Harvey W. Plattenburg, Dover; Walter L. Plattenburg, Kansas City; Mrs. Mary Virginia Edwards, Muskogee, Okla.; Mrs. Yula S. Brown, Waverly. The funeral was held at the home in Mayview, Saturday, January 5, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. Burial was in Dover.

Births.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Taubman announce the birth of a girl, Thursday, January 3, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hicklin announce the birth of a girl, Thursday, January 3, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McFadin announce the birth of a son, Sunday, January 6, 1918.

Machpelah Report 1917.

T. J. Green, superintendent of Machpelah cemetery makes the following report of the number of interments during 1917. Total, all ages.....113 Number returned for burial from a distance.....30

Dancing School.

Prof. H. E. Wolf, Kansas City Dancing Master, will be here every Monday and Friday afternoon for six weeks to conduct classes in Ballroom Dancing. Enroll this week as first class will be held Monday, January 14th. Further particulars may be had if you phone or call Wentworth Military Academy.

Something Different.

Dr. Burriss A. Jenkins of Kansas City, who has visited the various war fronts in Europe, will lecture at the Christian church in this city, Thursday night, January 17th. He will talk about the war—the world war—seen first hand. His lecture will abound with incidents and conditions of the conflict that no one can afford to miss. A charge of 35 cents will be made for admission.

Death of Mrs. Chas. P. Chiles.

Mrs. Ruth Chiles, age 16 years, sister of Joseph A. Bennett of this city, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Bennett, Kansas City, Mo., Monday night. Besides her mother, she is survived by her husband, C. P. Chiles, U. S. Army, Fort Sill; two brothers and three sisters.

Waives Preliminary.

Walter McFadin waived his preliminary hearing which was set for Tuesday morning. His bond was fixed at \$50,000. This was not furnished, so he will wait in jail until the April term of the criminal court, when his case will be called.

Warren Vivion Married.

The announcement has recently been received here of the marriage of Mr. Warren Vivion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vivion of this city, to Miss Irene Ritterhouse. The wedding took place December 13, 1917, in West Virginia.

To School at Doniphan.

Among the men chosen from the 140th Infantry to attend the officers' training camp at Doniphan are the following from Lexington: William M. Nooe, John W. Frazier and Roy D. Baker.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: W. L. Bruns.....Emma Lecca Fricke.....Emma Emil Roehrs.....Alma Hulda Rist.....Alma

Miss Josephine Teubner returned to Columbia Saturday after a visit here with her parents, Mr. Teubner accompanied her and will enter the hospital at Columbia for treatment.

SOLDIER'S LETTER

From Lieut. L. I. Morris (Somewhere in France) The Same Place in France. Dec. 16, 1917.

Dear Mother:— You have already noticed that none of my recent letters have been numbered, the reason is apparent when I tell you that regulations forbade it, but that we have recently had a memorandum sent us saying that we could proceed to number them as per usual. I think that I was just finishing the writing of letter number six and seven eighths when the order came out. Since then I have a few to my credit so I am beginning at number 50 and we will see how many there will be in the near future.

The French do beat the Dutch. Only yesterday we wanted to do a little shooting on the target range, but something went wrong and we wanted to know why the range could not be used. Finally we found out that there was a French regulation to the effect that there was to be no firing on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. No reason could be assigned and understanding the French as we do no questions were asked. The other day one of our men had a funny experience with the people at his billet. The old gentleman has taken a fancy to this officer and sees to it that his room is kept scrupulously clean. When this officer went home the other day the old gentleman led him out in the back yard and said:

"Do you see that fine pile of wood?" "Yes, what of it?" "Well, you can't have any of it."

Therefore I say that the French can't be beat.

I had a letter from Aunt Emma and in it was one from Aunt Mollie. They had something to say that warned me that the we have cold in Missouri, and I hasten to assure them that we have been wearing "the heavies" for some time over here. Again I say that France can't be beat. Every time I think of the cold my mind runs back to my billet and the little "monkey" stove and the smoke from the green wood and the watering eyes and (sh sh sh perhaps a little fervent cussing) to make the darn thing burn. Natural aptitude as a firemaker has to be had to get that thing to going. When I get home I am going to buy one of those little stoves and throw rocks at it and remind it of the splendid times I had trying to get one of its kind to heat up a great big room—with green wood.

Yesterday I came in from a three days' hike. Man alive my face and hands were tres fatigued. But all of the mud and the fatigue was forgotten when I got back to the billet. The little old lady had cleaned up everything in the room, polished up the shoes that I had left out, and in fact made everything shipshape. There was a fire going in the stove and she insisted that I sit down at once and tell her about the mud and the chill breezes that we ran into on the hike. I think of Mrs. _____ every time I see her. She talks just as much but she uses a furrin' tongue and I naturally have to ask her to slow up and let me get every other word. All of which goes to show that the world is very much the same, the only difference is a

few thousand miles, a different tongue, that's all.

Just as soon as the hike was over I made straight for the bath and then for the office to put in for a pass to Paris. I don't think that there is much chance for getting this latter, although I understand that we are to have a little time off at Christmas. So I want to be among the early birds. I have been waiting to write you of the first trip that I made to that city. Probably in the next edition I will try to describe some of the things that I saw while there.

I think that every man in the army will try to get in to see Paris during the Christmas vacation and there can only be a few lucky ones. So I am not counting very strong on getting the leave.

The word that the second officers' training camp had closed has just reached us and all are anxious to know who got the offices out of the second batch. Of course, all of us are interested because we have a lot of friends in those camps. * * * * *

The machine is getting tired so I must take it down and let it cool off. I hope to get to that little matter of the "Babes in the Woods" or my adventures in Paris in the next edition. The best is comin' yet. By bye, for the present. Love and best wishes to all of you.

From the soldier, BOY.

Lieut. L. I. Morris, 28th Infantry.

Important Meeting At Dover.

There will be a special meeting of the Dover National Farm Loan Association at the State Bank of Dover, Monday, January 14th, at 10 a. m. Mr. Waterman, field man for the Federal Farm Loan Board will be present.

We will be glad to have anyone with us who is, or might be, interested in this proposition. John L. Nelson, President. W. B. Sydnor, Sec.-Treas.

Basket Ball Friday Night.

The opening basket ball gun will be fired Friday night in the Wentworth gymnasium, when the cadets meet the Independence Highs. Independence usually has one of the strongest high school teams in the state, and it is anticipated that the cadets will have to go "some" to win.

The game will start at 8 o'clock, and on paying 30 cents you will be permitted to look on. There will be 30 minutes of dancing between halves.

Mr. and Mrs. Prewitt Roberts and their little daughter, Dorothy Helen, returned to Sewanee, Tenn., Sunday morning after a visit to relatives in this city. Mr. Roberts is a member of the faculty of the Sewanee Military Academy.

Mrs. William S. Marrs and little son, Harold, returned last Monday night from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Harry W. Boardman, at Camp Doniphan, Okla.

Guy Burns, who has been visiting friends in this city, left Friday morning for Camp Pike, Ark., to enter the third officer's training camp.

Mrs. Thomas Wedge and son, Oswald, of Wellston, Ohio, arrived Saturday morning for a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Perry.

Dr. H. D. Greer went to Kansas City Saturday morning on business.

Messersmith-Oehlschlaeger.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Oehlschlaeger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Oehlschlaeger of Kansas City, to Mr. Luther Messersmith of Napoleon, Mo., took place at eight o'clock Thursday evening January 3, at the Mersington Heights Church Parlor.

Holly and mistletoe decorated the parlors in acknowledgment of the Christmas season.

Preceding the ceremony, Miss Olivia Bartels of Lexington, sang, "Believe me if all those endearing young charms," with Miss Lola Messersmith of Napoleon at the piano.

The bride wore a gown of white satin and Georgette crepe. She wore the veil draped with valley lillies and pearls and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses.

The bride's maids, Miss Dora Horn of Lexington, Mo., and Miss Meta Lueka of Napoleon, Mo., wore evening gowns of blue taffeta and ping messaline respectively. Each carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The groom's attendants were Mr. F. M. Grieger of Wellsville, Kansas, and Mr. M. G. Ewing of Buckner, Mo. The little flower attendants, Keith Oehlschlaeger and Frances Messersmith, strewn the pathway with rose petals for the bridal party.

Rev. R. N. Allen of Independence, met the bridal party at the improvised altar of ferns, palms and stevia, as they came in to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. The ring service was used.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors. Light refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Messersmith were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts.

The bridal couple left immediately after the ceremony for an extended eastern and southern trip. Upon their return they will be at home at Napoleon, Mo.

Report of Police Judge and City Marshal For the Year 1917.

Mo.	Cash	Pa. or Disc.	Brd. Mo.
Jan.	\$227.95	4	39 days
Feb.	123.10	5	54
Mar.	143.15	2	27
Apr.	126.00	4	33
May.	132.75	2	33
June	163.95	3	77
July	113.85	10	20
Aug.	122.25	9	24
Sept.	89.35	4	60
Oct.	169.40	4	53
Nov.	158.60	13	60
Dec.	134.30	4	40
Total	\$1705.60	64	520

Discharged by order of Mayor 3
Discharged by Police Judge 64
Total arrests 584

375 da's brd. at 45c day \$168.75
145 da's brd. at 60c day 87.00
520 days 255.75
100 for night lodging \$45.00

Total \$300.75

Cash fines \$1705.60
Board \$ 300.75

Balance to city \$1404.85
Average per month \$117 7-12

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Taegtuehning went to Kansas City Saturday morning where they will locate.

Misses Mazie Hulver and Patie Blee returned Friday evening from a visit in Molden, Mo.

O. E. S. Install Officers. Lexington Chapter No. 248, O. E. S., installed the newly elected officers Tuesday night, the ceremony being conducted by Mrs. C. B. Waddell. The officers are:

Mrs. Hattie Dixon, Worthy Matron.
W. T. Wernwag, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Mary Callaway, Associate Matron.
Mrs. Vince Owen, Secretary.
Miss Nell Shottliff, Treasurer.
Miss Mattie Marquis, Conductress.
Mrs. G. C. Marquis, Associate Conductress.

Twenty-six Questionnaires Unclaimed.

Twenty-six unclaimed questionnaires have been returned to the local exemption board. These names will be placed in Class 1. If anyone has failed to receive his questionnaire, it his duty to call for it at the county clerk's office.

The board was in session Tuesday night and began the examination of the questionnaires. One hundred were examined and classified, and notices to the registrants have been mailed.

Missouri Centennial.

A brief program was given at the High School Tuesday morning in commemoration of Missouri's first application for statehood, January 8, 1918.

The program: Missouri Song.
The Louisiana Purchase
EDITH BLEDSOE
Missouri's Attempts for Statehood

JOHN HOP
General John J. Pershing
ELMER LUNDBERG
Address—"Missouri"
MRS. C. T. RYLAND
Song—Star Spangled Banner.

Christian Church.

Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Geo. P. Blackwell is the new superintendent, and Mrs. Kincheloe is assistant.

The morning sermon will be devoted to the "Successful Church." Evening service at 7:30. You are cordially invited. Baxter Waters, Pastor.

Public Debate.

Independence High School vs. Lexington High School at High School Auditorium Friday evening, January 11, at 7:30 o'clock.

The question to be debated is: Resolved: That a Federal law providing for compulsory arbitration between employers and employees is wise and feasible.

This is Lexington's first attempt at inter-schoolastic debate. Come out and give them your support.

Admission 25 cents.

Frank Jennings who shot Pleas Short, was taken to Wellington Wednesday for his preliminary hearing before Judge Lockhart. Jennings was denied bail and told to wait in jail to appear before the criminal court in April.

Ralph Maxwell left Saturday for his home in St. Louis, after a visit here with homefolks. His father, A. H. Maxwell, accompanied him home for a visit. Cadet G. Sprague enlisted in the Aviation Corps and left Friday morning for Camp Pike, Mo., for person Barracks.

Miss Marian Young reed in Wednesday to her home in Wellington, after a visit in city with relatives.



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—when buying Lumber and Building Material
—to use common sense:
—just good, ordinary, everyday common sense.
—that's all.
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