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MEXICO IS A DRY TOWN

Drys Win by 65 Votes—Last Saloon Closes April Voted Monday.

The city of Mexico, Mo. went dry at the election held Monday. It was a red-hot fight—blood on both sides. The drys won by a majority of 65 votes. There were four saloons in the city and of these three close soon while the other's license will not expire until about the first of next year. The fight was one that brought the usual share of personalities into it and a few days before election day the "wet" city attorney of Mexico mixed with the president of the College there on the street and the final result was that the president threatened to spank the attorney who called the police and had the gentleman arrested. It was a merry little fight and it won't be long until the Mexican will have to import their pulque and drink it on the "qt." instead of taking it boldly against the bar. It begins to look like the saloon is having a hard time of it. Yet, in the face of the closing of saloons, the consumption of liquor goes merrily on at an increased rate, according to the state revenue or inspection returns. This also is verified by the express company's returns. A contest may be entered into over the election, but it is doubtful if the saloons could get renewal of licenses pending a decision. The vote was under the old law permitting cities to vote separately from the counties. Moberly will be a Mecca for Mexico drys as well as Keytesville dry-wets.

Tax Assessments

The returns of the assessors show a valuation of property of all kinds in the county to the extent of \$10,565,710.00. The assessment also shows that the local street railway has an assessed valuation this year of \$1,987,500 and will pay taxes to the amount of \$33.69. The railway lines in the county and the telephone lines will pay a total tax of \$27,708.71. The Salisbury telephone line, including the local exchange and line between here and Salisbury, with the Salisbury plant, has an assessed valuation of \$3800.00 and pays taxes to the amount of \$121.22. The total Merchants tax is \$3526.92, of this sum \$346.15 is state and the rest county and local tax. The total number of merchants taxed is 220 and the value of property is assessed \$182,060.00. The merchant's tax averages \$16.00 and a fraction per capita.

Raise Debt on Stephens

At Hannibal, last Tuesday week, a collection of \$45,000 was taken at the meeting of the Missouri Baptist General Association to remove the indebtedness of \$70,000 on Stephens' College at Columbia. Four men gave \$25,000. The sum raised is to be paid in case the remainder of \$70,000 is subscribed by Jan. 1, 1914.

Entertains Club

Mrs. Luther Wright was hostess to the Almeria Miller Club last week, Thursday. The club also entertained two visitors, Mesdames Collet and Hamilton of Salisbury. The hostess served luncheon of cheese, chicken salad, grape ice, olives, sandwiches and coffee.

Paul Cropper and John Miller were in the city Saturday and Sunday to spend a few hours with their parents. They came in Saturday morning and left Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

Inspect Wabash

The semi-annual inspection of the Wabash began Monday morning. The company has spent \$12,000,000 in improvements in the past year and the receivers will look them over. It is reported however that the road has reached the limit of its resources at present and the improvement work will cease for a while until money becomes easier. The eastern lines were inspected this week and the western line next week commencing Monday.

First Snow

The first real snow of the year fell Sunday, October 26. According to the weather forecasts, there are 25 more snowfalls due us before next Spring. Remember the date, October 26, and paste it in your hat. It may prove a fruitful source of argument among the old heads before many years pass.

Ringer-Yancey

Vern Ringer and Miss Ethel Yancey were married at Miles City, Mont., Oct. 22. They will make their home at Billings, Mont.

Vern Ringer is the son of Mrs. Ringer near Indian Grove and is a fine young fellow. Mrs. Ringer is the daughter of John Yancey and wife of Cody, Neb., the niece of Chas. and Robt Yancey northwest of town. Ethel Yancey was not only a handsome girl, but possessed of rare domestic and business qualities, and if Vern don't succeed with such a wife, he will disappoint his and her friends. They have the Couriers best wishes.

A Correction

A. G. Sterner desires that the statement be published that the trouble for which he was fined by the mayor was not with his family, but an outside member of his family sprung existing differences and caused his arrest. The mayor corrects us with the information that the big end of the fine was not remitted, but stayed during good behavior.

Carr-Cunningham

John Carr of Mendon and Miss Myrtle Cunningham of Hale were married October 21 at the residence of Elder Gilbert, the minister performing the ceremony while the couple remained in the buggy in which they rode to the minister's home.

What's In a Name?

A negro named Lon Cheatem of Chillicothe was fined \$50 and costs for practicing medicine without a license. He now is a tailor.

Marriage Licenses

Charles F. Shire, Salisbury. Mary L. Moore, Salisbury. Ed H. Weiher, Slater. Mary Teckemeyer, Forest Green.

Tooley-Hayes

Tony Tooley of Kansas City and Lizzie Hayes of Shannondale, both colored, were married by Justice William Teckemeyer Sunday October 26.

Tired of Loafing

Circuit Judge Waller of Randolph county has issued an order that every resident attorney practicing in the court, every petit juryman, the clerk, the court reporter and sheriff or deputy be present at every session of court when court convenes and must remain in the room unless excused by the judge. The penalty is fine or imprisonment. Judge Waller says this is necessary to do business in the right way and will enforce the rule to the letter.

A Million for Advertising

The Beecham Co. of England spends \$1,000,000 per annum in advertising. The owner of the concern, Sir Joseph Beecham, says "Advertising in the newspapers is absolutely necessary to be successful."

"Being in business without advertising is like winking at someone in the dark—no one knows about it but yourself."

"I believe in constant advertising, for the reader forgets. Advertise day in and day out. Quiet, continuous publicity—not a big splash and then silence."

"Never exaggerate. Tell only the absolute truth in your ad."

MISS MOORE ENTERTAINS

Has Few Guests for Mrs. Hardin and Mrs. McCrum Tuesday Evening.

Miss Rebecca Moore entertained eight guests at her home Tuesday evening, the guest of honor being Mrs. J. Ben McCrum and Mrs. Sam Hardin. The evening was devoted to playing cards and a general good time. The guests were Misses Carrie Wheeler, Elizabeth White, Mrs. J. Ben McCrum, Mrs. Sam Hardin, Misses Myrtle Miller, Jo and Ruth Martin and Louise Applegate.

Probate Court

J. E. Gilliland presents claim of \$105 against the estate of J. W. Rodgers and the same is allowed.

Claim of H. C. Beeler for \$10 against the estate of R. B. Bowers is allowed.

Claim of J. P. Gilluod for \$3 against the R. B. Bowers estate is allowed.

The last will and testament of Mary C. Richardson is admitted to probate. The witnesses were M. G. Oldham and Adam Rhody.

J. H. Slaughter is appointed executor in the will of Mary C. Richardson with bond of \$2000 signed by William Slaughter and J. H. Oldham. Witnesses to inventory are Henry Snyder and F. M. Cupp.

J. E. Ellis presents claim based on note for \$150 against the estate of F. J. Ellis. Same is allowed.

J. E. Ellis' claim for \$75 against the estate is allowed.

Mrs. Niobe Andrews Dead

Sunday, October 19 at the home of her son in Forker, Mo., Mrs. Niobe Andrews, widow of Esquire Lyman Andrews died suddenly of heart failure. She had gone from her home to Forker the first of the week expecting to return in a few days but stayed over and retired Saturday night in apparently good health but about 4 o'clock in the morning she called her son and told him that she was in pain and in a few minutes she was dead.

Mrs. Andrews was born in New York in 1832 and was married in Boone county, Illinois in 1851 to Lyman Andrews and to them were born 5 children, James L., Cyrus F., Milton F., Ida N. and Florence E. all surviving excepting Florence.

Squire Andrews died in 1903, one of the widely known and highly respected men of the northwest part of the county.

Mrs. Andrews was a member of the Methodist church and one of the home loving, old time reliable women.

The gay and festive blackbird has flown to the sunny south, and all temptation to defy the federal statute in his case made and provided, air removed.

BAPTISTS END MEETINGS

Receive Seven Persons Into Membership—Seek a Pastor

After three weeks of hard work and good services, Rev. E. Anderson, the evangelist for the Mt. Pleasant Association of the Baptist church ended his meetings here Tuesday night. The closing meeting was marked by the reception of seven members, one by baptism and six by letter. The meetings of the evangelist have done much to arouse the spirit of the church and the membership now has under consideration the securing of a new pastor.

Death of Mrs. George Hicks

Mrs. Beulah Hicks, wife of George Hicks of Mike died at her home Sunday, October 19th and was laid to rest in Locke cemetery Tuesday October 21st funeral services having been conducted at the White Oak church by her pastor, Rev. Young.

Mrs. Hicks was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Green of near Westville and was born in this county March 25, 1891. Surviving in addition to her husband is her father and mother, three brothers and two sisters and other relatives.

Mrs. Hicks was suddenly afflicted with some disease of the brain on the night previous to her death and though all that skill and devotion could do to aid her, it was of no avail. Her popularity was attested by the very large assembly of her friends at the funeral and though a young woman, her usefulness and influence in the community will be greatly missed.

We had a lengthy obituary splendidly written from one of her bosom friends, but space was so limited we could not print it, but the deep sympathy of the Courier for all the bereaved is just as great.

Jas. Roy Key, foreman for the Courier was called to Mexico, Mo. Tuesday night by phone, his father, R. P. Key having sustained a stroke of paralysis while in the country about 14 miles from home. Mr. Key's entire right side was paralyzed, and when his son left him Wednesday evening he had not recovered consciousness. Little hope can be held for his recovery. Mr. Key was a most vigorous man only 62 years old, and in prime health when his son left him Monday afternoon, and the shock was nearly as severe on the family as on the afflicted.

Miss Louella Etherton was the guest of Miss Virdie Shively north of town Sunday and Sunday night and both attended the party given by Mrs. Maggie Collet.

Senator Sam Major of Fayette was here on business Tuesday.

George W. Thompson Dead

On Tuesday morning, October 22st, Sumner lost one of its most enterprising citizens and most companionable of men, George W. Thompson succumbing to heart trouble with which he had been afflicted for several years.

George W. Thompson was born in Linneus, Mo. March 7, 1867, the son of Col. G. W. and Ellen Thompson, who when he was 5 years old moved to LaClede where George received his schooling and business training. He came to Sumner with Will Caruthers in 1891 and for several years they were the leading mercantile firm in that section of the country.

In public life, in social affairs, in the various secret orders to which he belonged, he was ever one of the leading spirits, full of the milk of human kindness, with charity for all and malice toward none, nothing was more natural than that he should be popular. Like others imbued with public spirit, he sacrificed his personal interest for the advancement of the community and it is immaterial to him now whether he is accorded the merit which was his due.

He is survived by his prostrated wife and daughter, Georgia and sons, Earl, Virgil and William to whom the Courier extends deep sympathy.

Make Musselfork Navigable

Someone at Washington, D. C. with a humorous vein in their system has kindly sent the Courier men an invitation to attend the tenth annual convention of the National River and Harbors Congress of the U. S. A. to be held at Washington December 3, 4 and 5. President Wilson is to speak at the convention hall of the Willard hotel. It looks a little like extravagance for the government people at Washington to waste the paper to send out these invitations to the editors of country newspapers but if the weather is good and business slow, the Courier bunch may shut up shop the week of the convention and make the trip east to present a special bill looking to the dredging of the Chariton and Musselfork to make them navigable at all seasons of the year. This would stimulate trade and would open up a Keytesville to the Gulf route via the Musselfork, Chariton, Missouri and Mississippi river, a matter of vast importance to the rest of the country but important to us. If any are interested, talk it.

Expensive Saloon Privileges

The saloon is having the hardest time of its life at Marceline right now. The local option election a few weeks ago decided in favor of the license saloon by a small vote of 18 majority. At the last meeting of the city council that body raised the license fee for saloons to \$2500 which is equivalent to about \$200 per month for the privilege. The first ordinance up before the council was to have the license put at an even \$3000 per annum but it lost.

Rucker Appoints Naval Cadet

Hubert Anderson of Chillicothe has received from Congressman Rucker the appointment to a cadetship at the naval academy at Annapolis. Anderson will finish his high school work this year. Reports were had from the principal high schools in the congressman's district and the selection was made on the basis of these reports.

John Lee and wife, north of town opened up the season with a dancing party at their home last week.

MERCHANTS AFTER TRADE

Weekly Auction Sale of Varied Goods—To Give Auto Away.

The Commercial Club has arranged for a trade drawing campaign and have decided that it will give an automobile away in order to boost the campaign. The Club made the decision this week at several enthusiastic meetings held for the purpose. The secretary was authorized to take up at once correspondence with automobile firms concerning the machine to be given away about May 1. Another thing they have decided is to have a weekly auction to be held probably at Dameron's garage. The first sale to be held November 15. Many of the merchants have agreed to contribute to this sale different articles to be sold and some bargains will be offered. The committee to look after the automobile affair was A. F. Arrington and L. B. Thrash and those attending to the auction, Charles Levy and W. H. Burns. The general belief is that the two measures will draw business and they will be pushed along the best possible way.

Got One 'Possum

The High School Possum Club was out again Friday night last on the trail of the lonesome. The crowd remained an hour later than they did the previous night but the results fell off 66 2-3 per cent. They only got one possum this time. They broadened their field of operations and took coon dogs with them. The coon dog "treed" about 3 a. m. Saturday so far away that it would have required an automobile to reach them, so the crowd gave it up and came home with one possum. They got home about 3 a. m., footsore and weary. The crowd was made up of twenty-one persons who rode to the Wheeler bridge in a hayrack so heavily laden that the team had to make frequent stops to recuperate and at midnight a lunch was served with coffee made out there. The membership of the club present at the last trip were: Misses Mary and Ruth Gilbert, Louise Applegate, Carrie Wheeler, Lou Staples, Lizzie Bennett, Ella Emmerson, Lorena Holman, Julia Allega, Lon Hurt, Dorothy Wayland, Ethel Zillman; Ben Agee, J. W. Taylor, Bert Worsham, Herbert and Wallace Applegate, Frank Wilson, James Rucker, Mr. Allen. The honorary members present were William Hamilton, Windy Wheeler and Dude Elliott. Others present were Messrs. Coon and Possum Dog.

To Extend Fight

The drys are going after wet scalps. The victory at Mexico, the Macon Herald says, has given the drys the needed nerve to tackle other cities and it is said that Macon will be the next city tackled. Then, it is claimed, Moberly and Hannibal will be given a run and if the drys lose, they can try again when the county option bill is approved by the referendum, in case the people decide for the law.

Mrs. Oscar Holman of Kansas City died Tuesday morning at her home in Kansas City. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and one son. She was a sister-in-law of Postmaster D. J. Holman of this city.

Roy Gray of Kansas City arrived in this city Saturday morning and was held until noon when he returned to his home in Kansas City. He visited his friends at the court house.