

Commercial Club Meeting

Butler Commercial Club met at the office of the secretary, A. H. Culver, Tuesday evening, March 9, with the following members present: J. A. DeArmond, Dr. J. T. Hull, Paul Levy, O. A. Heinlein, A. H. Culver, Homer Duvall, J. F. Smith, H. G. Cook, D. K. Walker, Frank Allen, A. L. Fox, C. A. Chambers, C. H. Burgess, W. W. Henry, J. L. Barker, W. L. Coonrod, H. O. Maxey, M. G. Matheny, F. C. Ream, C. A. Coberly, Chas. Fortune, M. I. Hurley, Julius Levy, A. R. Fox, J. B. Walton, J. E. Harper, Harry Wyatt, Prof. J. O. Henderson, H. H. Holloway and C. H. Argenbright.

The president had written 100 letters to that many farmers asking them to point out how conditions might be bettered in Butler. He read quite a number of answers to these letters. The writers commended the town in many ways, the High School, the absence of saloons, the paved streets, etc. Some very good suggestions were made, a list of which will be referred to the proper committees. One of the complaints was that Butler did not furnish the boys and girls attending the High School wholesome entertainment and as the matter of a Y. M. C. A. building had been discussed at a previous meeting of the Club, the Chair was instructed to appoint a committee of seven to investigate the advisability of establishing a Y. M. C. A. Committee, G. P. Wyatt, chairman, J. E. Smith, H. O. Maxey, Dr. T. F. Lockwood, W. D. Yates, H. M. Cannon and T. J. Day.

W. O. Atkeson appeared before the Club with a proposition that we raise a little money to manufacture a very useful article. The matter was referred to the committee on manufacturing.

The committee on advertising and trade extension was instructed to find out at once how much the business men were willing to contribute towards band concerts this summer, and what night in the week is preferred.

H. O. Maxey, chairman of the school committee, suggested that the committee had in mind the formation of a citizens teachers' association, where the teachers and citizens could meet and discuss the best interests of the schools, both ward and high. The Club endorsed the plan and instructed the committee to arrange for it, provided it met with the approval of the school board.

On motion it was decided that the Commercial Club would not put on a Chautauqua this year.

The committee on civic improvement were requested to present a plan of their work at the next meeting.

Arthur Burton and Earl Jones were elected to membership in the Club.

After a number of the chairmen of the different committees had made suggestions as to the work of their committees, and the payment of the bills, the meeting adjourned.

Before adjournment, however, the Club expressed their appreciation to those who had answered Mr. DeArmond's letter.

Buy our Arrow Boot. Made for the strongest service. Black-Arnold.

Virginia and Grandview Pickups

The heaviest snow of the season fell here last week. It snowed continually from Wednesday morning till Friday morning. The roads were drifted very badly, and were almost impassible for a time. They were so bad the mail carrier could not go Friday.

Mrs. Monroe Burke has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Morton Jackson and family, in Kansas.

Willie Englehardt was a Kansas City visitor last week.

This is very bad weather for those who have to move.

Mr. Boards, of across the river, have been moving to their new home south of Butler.

Lewis Lent and family, who have been at Arkansas City, Kan., this winter, have returned to Missouri and will live on Tom McCall's farm this year.

Mrs. J. W. Greenup went to Butler Monday to see her daughter, Miss Margie who is sick.

L. S. Paddock, who was kicked on the knee by a horse some time ago is not improving very fast.

Jesse Dudley and Miss Myrtle Fleming were married in Butler one day last week.

Lee Dudley, of Kansas, visited his sister, Mrs. Sadie Miller and brother, Jesse Dudley last week.

A Pneumonia "Don't."

The city health department in its list of "Don'ts" to avoid pneumonia gives this:

"Don't indulge in alcoholic drinks if you expect to dodge pneumonia."

Recently one of the eminent physicians of America, writing in a national medical magazine of pneumonia, its cause and cure, said that the first information sought by any good doctor who is called to treat a case of pneumonia was whether the patient was a drinking man. If he was, the chances of his recovery were reduced in proportion to how long he had been a drinker.

A man whose nerve cells are poisoned with alcohol has not the resisting power needed to carry him beyond the crisis of the disease.

It is bad times for John Barleycorn when the doctors get after him.—Kansas City Star.

Japanese Spies Found In State University.

Philadelphia, March 5.—Following exposure of an alleged spy system among the Japanese students of the University of Pennsylvania, Prof. O. B. Sweeney today named an ex-Japanese student, who he said had frankly admitted he was instructed by high Japanese officials to "keep his eyes open" and "to pay particular attention to the United States coast defenses.

Chinese students at the university charged that Japanese were regularly sending home detailed information and maps of military and naval bases.

Strawberry Plants for Sale.

Have some choice, early, medium and late strawberry plants for sale, of the leading varieties, A. Shobe, South High Street, Butler, Mo. 20-4t



WE WANT Your Watch, Clock and Jewelry Repairing

If you cannot bring it—use the phone. Our phone number is 85. We will call and get it and when repaired deliver same anywhere in Butler without extra charges.

BEACHS' JEWELRY STORE

JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS
South Side Square. Butler, Missouri.



William Andrew Simpson Dead.

William Andrew Simpson, aged 54 years, died at his home in this city Tuesday morning after a several weeks' illness of pneumonia.

The deceased was born in Hancock county, Ill., January 28, 1862 and came to Bates county with his parents about 44 years ago and resided on a farm near Virginia until three years ago when he moved to Butler where he has since resided. He was married to Miss Bertha Wolfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe, April 14, 1892, to which union two daughters, Misses Josephine and Lee Etta, were born. They with the wife survive.

Andy Simpson was an upright and conscientious man and in his long residence in this county made many warm friends who deeply sympathize with the loved ones he leaves behind in their great loss.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Claude S. Hanby, assisted by Jas. A. DeArmond, will be held at the Ohio Street M. E. Church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment in Oak Hill cemetery.

\$250,000 in Bullion Stolen From Liner?

London, March 4.—The Daily Telegraph says:

"It is reported the sum of \$250,000, dispatched by Baring Brothers of London to Kidder, Peabody Company of New York, was missing on the arrival in New York of the liner New York. It is understood the money was in bullion which left Liverpool February 20 and that it disappeared on the voyage.

"It was insured on this side and pending inquiries by underwriters details are being kept quiet.

New York, March 4.—The \$750,000 consignment of gold brought here on the liner New York from Liverpool was today declared to be \$2,500 short. Secret agents believe this money was stolen on the other side.

"There were more than twenty cars," the letter continued, "simply packed with humanity. At the top of the steepest grade, coming down, the engineer lost control, the cars rushed down the long incline, throwing off human freight on both sides and finally plunging into an abyss.

"Nine hundred people were on the train and only six were unhurt. More than six hundred killed outright. Some of the Yaqui Indians committed suicide when told of the accident to their families and others have sworn vengeance. All the railroad men were killed, so there is none to suffer."

Sky Scrapper for Jefferson City

The contract for building the Central Missouri Trust Company's new seven-story structure was let Monday morning to Miller and Logan of Carthage, Mo. The contractors will begin work on the new building April 15.

The new structure will be fireproof and cost \$120,000, exclusive of the architect's fees. The entire building is to cost something like \$126,000. The first two floors will be of stone and the others will be of a high grade gray brick. When completed, this will be one of the finest banking institutions in that section of the State, and the officials of this bank are to be congratulated upon their enterprise and Jefferson City is to be congratulated upon having such splendid and enterprising business men in the city.

Carpenter & Shafer Plant at Joplin Sold.

The property of the Carpenter & Shafer Manufacturing Company, Tenth and Pennsylvania avenue, has been purchased by George B. Marshall of Dixon, Ill., who now is in charge. Mr. Marshall will manufacture ice and maintain a cold storage plant, abandoning creamery and ice cream manufactures that had been engaged in by Carpenter & Shafer.—Joplin Globe.

New Thoroughbred Strawberry Plants For Sale.

Six varieties. Early, mid-summer and late. Prices, 50c per 100, rates on 1000 lots. Order now for spring delivery. Send orders to, Lester Lyons, Butler, Mo. 19-4t

White Leghorn Eggs.

White Leghorn eggs for sale. 75 cents per setting, \$3.50 per 100. Mrs. J. M. Graves, Route 6. Phone 4 on 15.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

M L Howard to Thos Martin tract sec 30 Deer Creek	1
August Johanigmer to William Johanigmer 40 a sec 13 Hudson	2500
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J R McClure to S N Kinion lot 25 blk 24 Amoret	1
W W Rubel to C A Lusk 80 a sec 19 Charlotte	6400
Nellie G Degitz to T S Wilson 1/4 int lots 3, 4 blk 13 part blk 87, lots 7, 8 blk 86 Foster	20
W C Barnhill to J P Smith tract sec 21, 28 Osage & land in Vernon county	1
Laura J Fuller et al to Geo M Hartwick 160 a sec 28 Mt Pleasant	16000
Dewitt Wright to W W Crow 80 a sec 15 Mound	3677
John M Grayson to E A Hale 611 a sec 3, 10 West Boone	27495
J L Porter to Frank Warnock 90 a sec 21 & 22 Grand River	5000
W L Lacy to E A Hale 80 a sec 10 West Boone	3000
W W Lollar to C R Brady 40 a sec 6 Mt Pleasant	2500
Grace H Harrington to J P Holloway lot 4 blk 13 Littles addition Hume	1
Mrs M E Ray to F J McComb lot 4, 11 blk 1 Wyatts ad Butler	1
W Gelatt to W F Gunn lots 15, 16 blk 27 Rockville	450
L L Brayton to J M Smith 100 a sec 5, 6 Walnut	2425
J L Helms to Eva Thompson 155 a sec 8 Howard	6000
Alice R Mains to B M Wix pt blk	30

Wreck Killed Six Hundred.

Boston, March 6.—That six hundred persons were killed in a wreck in Mexico is the news contained in a letter received here from Mrs. John Howland, who, with her husband and Louis B. Fritts, was escaping from Guadalajara, where they had been connected with a Methodist mission.

The letter was written on February 14. According to the writer, after the entry of the soldiers into Guadalajara, which was captured by Carranza's troops on January 18, the governor ordered that the families of the soldiers be brought up from Colima on a special train.

"There were more than twenty cars," the letter continued, "simply packed with humanity. At the top of the steepest grade, coming down, the engineer lost control, the cars rushed down the long incline, throwing off human freight on both sides and finally plunging into an abyss.

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Public Sale.

Having sold my dairy interests in Butler, I will sell at public auction at my farm Sixty rods north the Cemetery at Butler, Mo., on

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1915,

Sale to begin at 10 a. m.

My entire herd of Jersey cows that I bought of Lewis Deffenbaugh a year ago, 17 head.

20 Head of Cattle—12 head of full-blood Jersey cows; 3 grade Jersey cows, 2 Holstein cows. All these cows are young, no old ones in the bunch. 2 or 3 bull calves from 2 to 6 months old.

A Team of 4-year-old mules.

TERMS—6 months' time purchaser giving bankable note at 7 per cent interest from date. 3 per cent off for cash. T. C. JONES. Col. C. E. Robbins, Auctioneer. 20-1t

Christian Science Services

Will be held in the court house in the Probate Court room every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All are cordially invited. Subject "Substance."

Mr. Hunting Grub

Detekative

Was snow bound, it takes less snow to make a great detekative snow bound than it takes to make other folks snow bound. A detekative is bound to get snow bound every chance it's easier. Detekatives are not exactly lazy they are just too busy to work, give a detekative a jackknife, a pine stick and a seat and he will keep busy all right, but as we said before Detekative Grub was snow bound, and you may be snow bound or water bound or too lazy to come to town some day or too busy to or have too many pine sticks to whittle, but from what ever cause if you can't come to town, send us a card or telephone us your wants and we will send them. But if you call us in the morning we do not guarantee to get the things off. We open our store at 7 a. m. the routes leave at 7:30 a. m. it takes time to pack and mix and we have other customers, therefore its best to get your orders in the night before. We are open till about 11 p. m.

United Drug Company.

Phone 15—East Side Square—Butler, Mo.

French Steamship Afire at Sea.

Paris, March 7.—Fire which threatened the French steamship La Touraine has been brought under control and her passengers are safe on board according to a formal announcement issued at noon today by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, owners of the liner.

La Touraine is proceeding under her own steam to Havre, her destination, and is expected there tomorrow night. Only the Rotterdam of the fleet which responded to Capt. Cassauin's wireless call for aid is standing by as a measure of precaution to give assistance should any be required. Commanders of other vessels which sped to the rescue have been informed their services will not be required.

According to officials of the company, they have not been informed what caused the fire. They assert, however, that the flames were confined to one of the compartments in the hold. It was feared for a time that it might be necessary to transfer the passengers to another ship to avoid danger, but this plan evidently was abandoned when it was seen the blaze was being mastered. Grave fears for the safety of La

Touraine were felt in this city until the positive announcement was made that she was in no danger. Several newspapers suggested that the fire might have been started by spies who had concealed themselves on board.

Mound Township Convention.

The Democrats of Mound township met in convention at the Mt. Zion school house on Saturday, March 6, for the purpose of nominating a township ticket. W. G. Dillon was elected chairman and Charles Rush secretary and the following ticket nominated:

Trustee, A. N. Moles; assessor, J. B. Sliffe; constable, and collector, Chas. H. Rush; members township board, W. W. Selby and A. C. Rosier.

Prominent Missourian Shot.

Considerable mystery surrounds the shooting of Col. Alten M. Walker of Louisiana last Tuesday night. He was found in his office late at night badly shot. He made a statement before he died that he had been accidentally shot. He was a former mayor of Louisiana and is a member of Governor Major's staff.

SCHILDKRET'S HUNGARIAN ORCHESTRA

The best you ever heard. Opera house
Tuesday, March 16, 1915
Entertainment Course
Admission - 50 cents

Custom Dictates

As compared with Christmas the EASTER gift shall be but a trifle—yet it shall convey the true spirit of the season—the spirit of good will and friendship and kindness, and when to these it adds the personal touch it conveys sentiment without sentimentality, between friends—a PHOTOGRAPH

HARRY F. JACKSON Studio.

West Side Square. Butler, Missouri.