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## News and Comment

**Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30.**  
New corn is selling at 26 cents a bushel at Wellsville.  
The MESSAGE will be Democratic, and don't you forget it.  
The Baptists are erecting a beautiful new church edifice at Martinsburg.  
Every time you lick a war stamp it is a lick for "benevolent assimilation."  
W. D. Hanger, a prominent attorney of Fort Worth, Tex., is the guest of his uncle, Jacob Hanger, of near Santa Fe.

Dave Ball stirred up a hornet's nest in beginning this agitation for a State Primary. It is a popular idea, as is that kindred idea of electing State Senators by direct vote.

Mexico is the center of the earth. All the printers have employment and foreign help in this line has to be brought in. All this a pointer that there is no room for a third paper!

The Mexico correspondent to the Vandalia Leader nominates W. W. Fry for the State Senate. The correspondent thinks "no man in the county is better fitted for the position."

Dr. J. J. Potter of Mexico lectures at Bloomington, Ill., tonight. The Doctor is an able talker. His subject will be, "How shall jails and prisons be conducted so as to prevent demoralizing prisoners."

W. J. Bryan says he favors an income tax because it measures the assessment by the returns. If your income rises, your taxes increase, and if your income declines, your taxes decrease. Sound logic, that.

The Farber Forum nominates M. R. K. Biggs for State Senator. The Vandalia Leader adds that if Mr. Biggs would accept the office, "the people of Audrain, and the entire district, for that matter, would be glad to vote for him."

Taylor Berry, it is understood, will be a candidate for re-election to the office of assessor. He has held the office but one term and thinks he is justly entitled to a second. It is also reported that W. C. French, of near Vandalia, will be a candidate.

Manufactured goods have increased in price from ten to thirty per cent within a few months. All this comes out of the consumer. The local merchant can't help it, for he has to pay just that much more for his goods. It's the trusts, and Mark Hanna says blessed be the trusts.

Conservative old London is leading the world in the practice of the scheme of ownership of public utilities. That city has practically entered into the real estate business. A movement has begun to construct tenement houses for people of moderate or small means. The structures are built by the city and are rented by the city. This is a novel idea for us on this side the globe, yet who knows how soon it may be adopted by the large cities of the United States? Public

sentiment is developing rapidly along this line.

The MESSAGE is here "to help make Mexico a city."

Eld. Wm. Huff is at Topeka, Kan., for a week's stay.

Speak a good word for the MESSAGE. Its editor is not unknown to the people of this county.

The people at Sedalia have resolved to sit down on the candidate for public office who is not in the habit of paying his debts.

It is guessed that those were Missouri mules which stampeded in that big battle the other day and lost six English guns to the Boers.

A candid North Missouri editor, in speaking of a wedding in his town says: "They were married at the residence of the bride's parents, where they will remain until the groom gets a job."

Said by the Vandalia Leader: Grant Beal is now sole owner of the Laddonia Herald, John Beal having retired to begin the publication of the Mexico MESSAGE. The Beals are high-minded gentlemen and good newspaper men. We wish both of them success.

A road overseer, discussing the question of road making with the Vandalia Leader, said: Roads worked at this season of the year, seldom, if ever at all, get in as good condition as those worked in the spring. I believe fall working of roads should be discouraged, unless the labor is confined to a small amount of road working and that done thoroughly. Skimming over a quarter of a section of a township in a week or two, is like skimming in the farming business.

One of the rapidly rising young men in this State is Elder Claude E. Hill, late pastor of the Christian Church at Wellsville but now pastor of the church at Pleasant Hill, Mo. He is but little past 25 but was recently elected State Superintendent of the Christian Endeavor at the State Convention held at Jefferson City. He is the youngest man ever elected to this important position.

Elder Hill has a distinguished brother also, Elder C. C. Hill, well known in this county, who is pastor at California, Mo., and who is also president of Missouri Bible School Convention for 1900, also Grand Chaplain of the Missouri I. O. O. F. The Hill brothers have a way of getting to the front.

A Kansas City judge, in sentencing a youth for carrying concealed weapons, said: "You have a good face, young man. Your ears are big. I like to see boys with big ears. I don't often see a thief or a bad man with big ears. A man with little ears like a fox's will steal and can't help it. You have big ears and a big mouth and on those conditions alone I am inclined to give you another chance. You can go out and be a credit to yourself or family, or can disgrace yourself and them. The making of your future depends upon yourself. Whatever you do don't carry a pistol or a knife under any circumstances. A man who totes a pistol under his coat tails is a coward right down in the bottom of his heart."

## Watch for Meteors.

The astronomers are predicting a grand meteoric display about the 15th of November. This is to be one of the great showers of shooting stars which occur about every 33 years.

The most memorable meteoric display since the record of celestial phenomena has been kept by modern science was on Wednesday morning, November 13, 1833. There are many people now living who witnessed that splendid spectacle. It was seen all over the United States and also in other countries.

Switzer's history of Boone county gives this account of it:

It was called in popular language, "a falling of the stars." In the firmament above, and all around the horizon, thicker than the stars themselves,—which were on that morning uncomfortably bright and beautiful,—were beheld innumerable balls of fire of a whitish, pallid color, rushing down and across the sky, drawing after them long, luminous traces which clothed the whole heavens in awful majesty and gave to the air and earth a pale and death-like appearance. An inconceivable number of meteors or falling stars shot across and downward from the heavens, as tho the whole framework of the blue and cloudless arch above had been shaken. These small and luminous bodies had the appearance of flying or floating with great rapidity in every direction, occasioning the greatest wonder among the beholders, mingled with fear and consternation. Some described them as the slow and sparse descent of large flakes of snow, and that each flake—some smaller, some larger in size, from accidental aggregation or otherwise—take fire in their passage, and, fusing like a bombshell before bursting, leave a long train of lurid light, and that thousands of these, or as many as were within the range of vision, continued to descend and scatter and become extinct before they reached the earth. It was a radiating rain of fire, in meteoric particles of the greatest brilliancy. In some parts of the country the shower of meteors continued until near sunrise, when, it is supposed, they "paled their intellectual fires" only before the greater brilliancy of the sun.

## Talks With the People.

W. T. Hart, near Strother, raised 15 acres of sorghum this season. "Next year," he says, "I will raise 30 acres. It's a sure shot for feed and the stock eat it with relish. I believe my crop averaged 4 tons to the acre this year. Some people claim it is hard on land, but it looks to me like the great mass of roots it leaves to rot in the ground would leave the ground in good condition. I believe, then, that it would be a capital idea to sow rye on the sorghum ground and turn it under before planting time, and thus is the plan I expect to follow next time."

Lawyers tell many good jokes on their brothers in the profession. Here is the latest. "You newspaper men have published what purported to be the real reason for Jester's escape from the Mexico jail in 1872," said a lawyer to an Appeal man, "but the real reason has never been given. It was this way: Jester took a change of venue from Monroe county on the ground of prejudice, but his real reason was to get away from the lawyer the Judge had appointed to defend him. He thought if he could get a change of venue he would get a change of lawyers. After he was taken to Mexico he found he was mistaken. His Monroe county lawyers stuck to him like porous plasters. Jester became desperate and broke jail. For fear his lawyers would follow him he told his predicament to a friendly newspaper man who published the report that Jester had been killed. He wasn't running from justice. He was simply trying to escape from his lawyers."

First "spit" of snow of the season last Thursday, Nov. 2d.

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## "Kit" Carson's Sister Dead.

Mrs. Mary Carson Rubey, aged 89, died at her home near Knobnoster, Mo., the other day. Her name is interesting to the public from the fact that she was the sister of the famous scout Christopher or "Kit" Carson.

"Grandmother" Rubey, as she was affectionately called by all who knew her, was born in Howard County, Mo., 86 years ago. Her illustrious brother was born two years before in the State of Kentucky. Their home in this new territory—Missouri—was a fort, with high stockades around it, as protection against the Indians.

Mrs. Rubey was like her brother in physique and features, but just the opposite in disposition. In 1895 she said: "When I was a child I never got into bed without the feeling that an Indian would grab me, and we always pulled the covers over our heads. But Kit was never afraid, and at the least noise his little brown head would bob up to listen. Even when he was just a little fellow he would take his turn at watching with the older men. I was never afraid when he was on guard."

Although somewhat feeble at the time of her death, she was as bright and quick intellectually as ever. Her memory might fail her about the happenings of the day before, but not so about the history of Missouri, before it was made a State and afterwards. The events of the civil war were buried in her memory. While her brother served the Union by daring deeds in the West, conducting supplies across the plains as well as parties of men, women and children, she and her husband, Judge Henry Rubey, were Confederates, keeping open house every day during the four years, always extending a hearty welcome to the men in gray and giving food and drink to the boys in blue.

Only a few weeks before her death she related the story of Kit Carson's home-leaving. "Brother Kit was a good student and was intended for the law by my father. He was learning the saddler's trade at Franklin, Mo., though he never liked it, saying the only use he had for a saddle was on a horse's back. Three of our brothers were trading between St. Louis and Santa Fe and Kit was to take the trip with them after a year to his trade. He was 15 years old or thereabouts. The brothers got as far as Independence, Mo., when they were unexpectedly joined by Kit, on a mule that he had neither begged nor borrowed. After renewed prayers and entreaty on his part and a command from them to return, he rode his mule back a little way and then turned it loose. It made straight for home, and the party were obliged to take him on with them."

That was the last seen of "Kit" by his sisters for fifteen years, though he wrote them frequently and promised to return, which he did, after braving every foe of that uncivilized land and enduring hardships from which many an older man turned away.

## Too Much Bob and Sam.

The Cabinet (Clarksville) Banner. The Mexico MISSOURI MESSAGE will be the name of a new paper at Mexico, with John Beal as editor. Mexico has two papers—the Ledger and Intelligence. There's too much Bob White in one, and too much Sam Cook in the other. If the MESSAGE doesn't get to much John Beal in it it ought to succeed. Newspaper men have a habit of telling new comers in a field that it is already occupied, but the Banner knows from experience that men who are onto their job can succeed wherever they can find a foothold.

State Senator E. W. Major is out in a letter giving seventeen reasons why he favors a State primary. Gov. Stephens keeps a coming and now has fifty reasons on the other side of the question. But we are afraid the Governor will have to reason a great deal more yet before he persuades the people to his view of the question.

Laddonia had a police force of eight men on duty Halloween night. It spoiled all the fun the boys had planned.

## Spain's Turn to Smile.

MADRID, Nov. 5.—A dispatch from Bilbao says that a number of influential Spaniards, who were attending a banquet there yesterday, on hearing the report that Ladysmith had fallen, sent a cable to the British Secretary of State for the Colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, saying:

"On the occasion of the latest war news, the dead nation salutes you," the allusion being to the speech of Marquis of Salisbury during the Spanish-American conflict, in which he referred to "dying nations."

## Deathbed Repentance.

PERKY, Ok., Nov. 5.—Judge T. J. Shafford, a wealthy man, and lawyer of Pawnee, died this week, and just before his death renounced infidelity, of which he had been an earnest advocate for many years.

He had fought the churches vehemently and on his dying bed said that he had been wrong.

The Modern Woodmen Lodge of Farber will have a big general supper on Thanksgiving night.



Audrain County Court House

Erected A. D. 1868. J. Adams, J. B. Morris and T. J. Marshall Members of the County Court. E. P. Cunningham, Commissioner. B. E. Locke, Clerk.

Audrain farmers let too many of S. P. Emmons' Shorthorns go abroad. More should have been bought at home and kept at home.

J. A. Gallaher, of Vandalia, moved his family to Mexico last week and occupy property on Promenade street. We are glad to welcome them to Mexico.

The "plain people" generally seem to favor the idea of a State primary, and they are the people who should rule this country. It is practical we should have the primary, and there should be a dead ear to the schemers and manipulators. Harrison Dill, aged 87, died at his home in Warrensburg, Mo., last Thursday. He was one of the old-fashioned Masons of the country. Mr. Dill sat as a delegate in the convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln for President.

The good people of Martinsburg are justly chagrined over the demise of the Success. The paper, it seems, was doing well, financially, and should have stood.

"How long have you been in the Shorthorn business?" an Appeal man asked of Thos. W. Ragsdale. "Since 1872," he replied. "That year I paid \$1,400 for four cows and \$510 for a bull. Since that year I have sold nearly \$20,000 worth of Shorthorns and captured \$1,500 in premiums, and, besides, lost \$2,000 worth of stock and \$1,000 burned at a fire. At Kansas City two weeks ago I sold \$572 worth of Shorthorns and raised all of them but two. There's a whole lot of pleasure as well as profit in raising blooded stock, but a man must be fixed to handle it right."

## Sympathy For The Boers.

Harry P. Harding Post, G. A. R., of St. Louis, adopted the following resolutions of sympathy for the Boers at a recent meeting:

Resolved, That the sympathies of the officers and comrades of Harry P. Harding Post, G. A. R., No. 107, Department of Missouri, be extended to our struggling comrades in the Transvaal and Orange Free State Republics in their battle against Great Britain for the retention of their liberties and independent Governments.

That we bid them God's blessing as against this old-time enemy of our own Republic, who attempted to keep us in subjection in 1776 from Lexington to Yorktown.

The victory of battles is not always with the strong and powerful, for our Continental Army under the wise guiding generalship of Washington compelled Great Britain and her troops to surrender and Great Britain to recognize our independence. Again, in 1812, with her continual annoyances and insults, she tried to conquer and destroy our Government. In 1861 to 1865 England, with her sympathies and secret assistance, allowed the Alabama—British built—to ravish the high seas, destroying our commerce and merchant marine, for which she had to pay us \$15,000,000.

In 1896 she attempted to take from the small, weak republic of Venezuela a part of her territory, but our authorities compelled her to submit her claim to arbitration. Her claim was defeated by the unanimous vote of the Court of Arbitration. Great Britain denied to the South African Republic the right of a commission to settle all differences, forcing them to take up arms in self-defense. Under the wise statesmanship of the great Premier, Gladstone, in 1884 England recognized their independence, which agreement under Chamberlain she refused to recognize.

We send them our blessing, cheer and encouragement, so as to strengthen their arms in battle until victory will compel England to finally recognize them by their bravery and gallantry as a foe worthy forever to continue to be a free and independent republic without suzerainty over them.

Beave Boers, be ever watchful and fight. Defend your country by day and by night. Charge bravely in battle and lead on. You're in the right, England in the wrong.

## A New Credit System.

Fayette Advertiser. Country publishers receive subscriptions now and then from city firms who can have no interest in the local news of the paper. The Kingston Mercury has had several such from Chicago, Kansas City, and St. Joseph, running usually from three to six months. This paragraph from the New York Times may explain the reason for these foreign subscriptions:

"A wholesale grocer in this city who has become rich at the business says that when he sells a bill of goods on credit he immediately subscribes for the local paper of his debtor. So long as his customer advertised freely he rested, for he knew the fellow was wide-awake and thrifty and making an honest effort to do business; but as soon as the advertising dwindled away he took the fact as evidence that there was trouble ahead and things uncertain, and invariably kept close tab on the debtor. Said he, 'The man who is too poor to make his business known, too listless to push it, is too poor to do business. The withdrawal of an advertisement is evidence of weakness that business men are not slow to act upon.'"

Never forget that women are made out of girls and that men are made out of boys; that if you are a worthless girl you will be a worthless woman, and if you are a worthless boy you will be a worthless man; and the best educated men and women once did not know "A. B. C." that all the things you are learning had to be learned by them; that the efforts spent in making others happy will in some way add to your own happiness, that a life of usefulness is worth many times more than a life of mere pleasure.

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