

A social will be given by the Epworth League of the First M. E. Church, Friday evening, Dec. 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Norris, on North Jefferson. Every body come.

Eld. H. A. Northcutt, of Kirksville, closed a meeting at the Christian church at Marshall last week with 89 additions to the membership. Eld. Northcutt is the father of Mrs. E. R. Loeke of this city.

Wm. Steffen, a former resident of Mexico, now in the hardware business in Vandalia, contemplates moving back to his old home. Mr. Steffens is the kind of a man to be appreciated anywhere, and we are glad to know he will again make his home in Mexico.

One of the business men of Mexico fortunate enough to have secured advertising in the first few issues of the MESSAGE tells us he has worked to do up to Christmas. Results will always be secured by placing your advertisement with us.

The following cases from Monroe county, by change of venue will be tried in the Audrain Circuit Court at the term in January next: C. P. McCarty vs. Missouri Town Mutual Insurance Company; C. P. McCarty vs. Mercantile Insurance Company; Leo T. Bell vs. Missouri Town Insurance Co.

Mr. Charles W. Caldwell, of Waverly, Iowa, and Miss Elizabeth Fritts will be married at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Fritts, in Mexico Dec. 28. Mr. Caldwell is a prominent farmer and stock raiser of his state. The MESSAGE joins the many friends in venturing congratulations to the happy couple in advance.

The Mexico correspondent of the Vandalia Leader pays a high compliment to Hon. C. F. Clark, urging his candidacy for State Senator. "Mr. Clark has been in the state legislature at times of the most importance, the revision sessions, and in the last one he was chairman of the important committee, the ways and means. Such experience has placed him in line with the interests of the state."

A MESSAGE man met a number of the State University students on the train the other day. They were returning from Thanksgiving festivities, and requested us to send the MESSAGE to the University library. This we gladly do, and hope that all who peruse its columns may be kept staunch in the faith of the principles it advocates, and may also be kept in touch with Audrain and her people.

The Liberty Advance says: A news item in the Times of the 12th says word comes from Audrain county that the breeder of the famous stallion, Rex McDonald, is dead at his home. Mr. Freeman is well known here, although for that matter his name is a household word with horse show men the continent over. He did as much or more to advance the horse in Missouri as any man who ever lived.

Not a thousand miles from Mexico not many moons since occurred a wedding. The high contract parties were named respectively, Wheat and Oats. We wonder if from a parental standpoint this union did not go against the grain. We hope this may not materially affect the market. May the granary of this young couple ever be plentifully supplied, and may their half-bushel ever be full.

Dye & Webb, who are among Vandalia's most successful business men, believe in advertising. A MESSAGE reporter succeeded in getting the following statement from Mr. Webb, which we publish to remind the Mexico advertisers of a few things. Mr. Webb said: "Say anything about good advertising and sign my name. We believe in advertising. To it we attribute our success, and as long as there is a newspaper within reach, we propose to let the people know we are selling goods. We take a page each week in one of our local papers, and know it pays. Some one will say 'You are giving that man free advertising,' but we want the people to know that advertising pays, and merely point them to the phenomenal success of this firm who have built up an immense trade through the columns of their local paper."

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Our Country Cousins

Spicy News from Various Parts of the County

Martinsburg.

Mr. Editor, as we haven't noticed any items from this place, will endeavor to send you a few.

Mrs. Cornett, of Cuivre, was in town a short while Wednesday.

Mr. Goulee, of Wellsville, was on our streets Wednesday.

Tim Lowder who had a paralytic stroke some time ago is improving slowly.

The rumble of the corn wagons can be heard from early morn until late at night.

Henry Andrews is preparing to erect a fine residence just west of town.

Miss Eva Dubray, of Wellsville, is visiting friends near town.

Our school opened Monday after being closed several days on account of the smallpox. Several of the scholars are absent on account of sore arms caused from vaccinating.

December came in like a lamb and as the old saying goes will go out like a lion.

There were several turkey dinners in town Thanksgiving, but on account of the recent smallpox scare the ball and Woodman supper were postponed.

Mrs. Marlow is very sick with erysipelas.

Miss Minnie Geiseker was trading in town Friday.

Mr. Morse and wife came up from Warrenton to spend Thanks giving with their brother, Amos Morse, north of town.

Captain Dick while going up the stairs at his home fell and broke his arm.

Miss Mildred Wilson came up from Wellsville Wednesday to look after her music class here.

Mr. Hale gave the young folks a party Thanksgiving night. An enjoyable time is reported.

Prof. Wise was trading in Wellsville Saturday.

James Young, of near Mexico, visited his son Ed near town Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Miss Mills, of Boone county, were the guests of their cousins, Archie and Misses Laura and Emma Johnson, several days the first of the week.

Tompson.

The M. W. A. Lodge elected in officers Saturday night for the coming year.

Mr. Powell returned from Wichita City the first of the week, where she has been at the bedside of her sister who is in a critical condition of health.

H. F. Gour was in Columbia Tuesday.

A. R. Tison of Hereford, Mo., was here Tuesday buying mules.

W. A. Fancett is clerking for W. E. McDonald.

Hays & Gaet shipped a car load of fancy cattle Monday, a load of sheep Thursday and a load of hogs Sunday, to St. Louis.

Sam Gray shipped a car load of cattle to Chicago, Tuesday.

W. E. McDonald is receiving a nice lot of toys and novelties for the holidays.

Mrs. Martin, our mail carrier from here to Halesville and Skinier, is very sick.

Frank Faucett is in St. Louis on business.

Book Powell returned home to St. Louis, after a few days visit with relatives here.

Rush Hill.

We are so well pleased with your wide-awake paper that we trust we may never miss an issue. Gives our voice in its sentiments. It is not afraid if its purpose would be thwarted if it stated its platform. Its columns are rich with good sense, and better than gold. We are glad to know that a paper can be printed which is not afraid to advocate right, and that such a paper is published in Audrain county. We give it our hearty support.

The smallpox dread is running high in and around Rush Hill. The authorities state that Rush Hill is quarantined against Wellville.

L. Trevis has been improving his place by building a new shed to his barn.

The carriage maker has made his appearance in our midst.

D. M. Price of Weyley Chapel, was visiting in our midst Sunday.

We were much pained to hear of the death of John T. Young of Laddonia. We think he was a grand man as Audrain had. His generosity was much admired by all with whom he came in contact. We know that his life was an exemplary one. We extend condolence to the bereaved.

L. T. Pasley has been appointed city marshal by our town.

We have a literary and debating society in our town, Prof. Bennett president. Meets every Friday night.

Charlie Clark and family have moved to Carrollton, Ill.

Miss Stella Uzzle won the prize in the spelling contest recently, at the Loutsch school house.

Subscribers.

Vandalia.

Rev. Sanderson of Fulton preached at the Baptist church in this city last Sunday and Sunday night. It is subject was "If God is for me who can be against me?"

Ed Maiden, who is well known in Laddonia, died at his brother-in-law's, John Cowley, Monday morning. He was buried at New Harmony Wednesday.

Our stock feeders are shipping in considerable corn at a cost of about 35c delivered.

The smallpox scare has about played out.

Mrs. Carr and daughter, Miss Anna, the latter being in poor health, have been visiting friends in Randolph county for the last two months, returned home last Saturday.

The Vandalia Building and Loan has gone out of business and wound up its affairs.

Miss Effie Fox gave a "tacky party" to a large number of her friends here Saturday evening. The invitations were responded to numerous, as Miss Fox's invitations always are. A "tacky time" was enjoyed. Miss Annie Comer took first prize. Miss Fox is an adept in the art of entertaining, and has the thanks of our young people for a pleasant evening.

BRIGHAM H. ROBERTS, of Utah, it seems is going to have a rocky time if he gets his seat in Congress. He was not permitted to take the oath of office Tuesday, while a committee was appointed to investigate the charges of polygamy against him. Roberts made a speech in his own behalf. The majority in the House seems to be heavy against the Mormon, and it would seem that he is now, to all intents and purposes, practically and permanently rejected.

Epworth League social, Dec. 15, at Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Norris.

Miss Sallie F. Williams and Mr. W. R. Roman of Lincoln county, were married at 6 o'clock Thursday evening near Olney. The bride is a former resident of Mexico but has become one of Olney's leading milliners for the past few years. The groom is one of Lincoln's foremost educators. The MESSAGE joins a host of friends over the county in congratulations.

Somebody did some reckless shooting near the post office in Mexico last Tuesday night. The pistol was a 44 and the ball ruined one of the beautiful plate glass windows in McLonay's dry goods store. Loss about \$100. If it was an officer of the law he should be careful. Some innocent person will be killed one of these times by such recklessness.

Tulip postoffice is just over the line from Audrain in Monroe county. They have a case of smallpox in that community. The Paris Appeal says of the matter: "G. L. Moorehead's 9-year-old girl, 2 miles southwest of Paris, has a well defined case of smallpox, but it is not known how or where she got it. The house has been quarantined, school has been dismissed and every precaution taken to guard against further spread of the disease."

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Titles for Wives.

In Germany a controversy has arisen with regard to the style which should be adopted in addressing married ladies. There are four names by which a man's better half may be described in the language of the Vaterland, viz: Gemahlin (consort), gattin (spouse), frau (lady), and web (wife). To save the frequent disputes and heart-burnings arising from ignorance or impertinence in the use of any one of these forms it is proposed that they shall be officially attached to the recognized gradations of the social scale. Thus a general's wife would be addressed as "his consort," the partner of an official of a certain rank as "his spouse," the middle-class wife would be addressed as her husband's "lady," and the workman's helpmeet would be simply his "wife."

Uniform Musical Pitch.

Chambers' Journal for September says the pianoforte makers of England have nearly all expressed their willingness to adopt the lower pitch which is universal on the continent of Europe. If this movement is successful the note A will now mean only 129 vibrations per second, instead of 152. This lowering pitch is of great importance to singers who have now to strain their voices in order to reach a higher pitch than that intended by the continental composers whose works they interpret. The great lay to the universal adoption of the lower pitch has been the reluctance of the various military bands to provide new instruments.

The Kohinoor Diamond.

The famous Kohinoor, the property of Queen Victoria, weighs 102 1/2 carats, but on account of its purity is rated as worth three times as much as the Orloff. Some authorities claim that the Rajah of Mattan, Borneo, owns a diamond weighing 367 carats, but its purity is doubtful. The great Benganza diamond, weighing 1,680 carats, was found in the collection of the emperor of Brazil, but it is believed to be really a remarkable specimen of a colorless topaz.

Was in No Hurry.

A parrot used to live in a Newcastle, England, public-house bar, where there was always a great trade on Saturday nights. One evening the parrot was missed. Search was made; at length it was discovered in the middle of a field surrounded by crows, which were steadily plucking out its feathers. As the rescuers approached the now half-naked bird was heard to call out: "One at a time, gentlemen, if you please; if you only wait you'll all be served."

When Women Are Absolute.

Among the Nalairs, on the Malabar coast of India, woman's power is autocratic and absolute. There, husbands are indeed "of no importance," being mere incidents in the social organization, and are won and divorced at will. Woman frames and administers the laws under which man lives, and through her is the descent of property, which he may earn but not own. The rice field is the scene of his activity, and if he shows himself to be industrious and frugal and capable of maintaining a family some Nair maid will ask him to become her husband.

One of Lady Aberdeen's Reforms.

The Countess of Aberdeen, who is well remembered by Chicago people for her connection with the world's fair, is a woman of many advanced opinions and original ideas. One of her latest innovations, in which she hopes to be imitated by other people of prominence, is dining with her servants at least once each week. Her object is to bring about a better understanding with the domestics and to teach them that their interests and her own are identical.

World's Steel Production.

The production of steel throughout the world last year was estimated, according to Engineering, at 24,127,000 tons. This total was made up approximately as follows: United States, 8,900,000 tons; Great Britain, 4,800,000 tons; Germany, 5,700,000 tons; France, 1,400,000 tons; Russia, 1,100,000 tons; Austria and Hungary, 880,000 tons; Spain, 190,000 tons, and other countries, 480,000 tons. It will be seen that the proportion sustained by each country in the production of steel was as follows: United States, 37.02 per cent; Great Britain, 19.23 per cent; Germany, 23.96 per cent; France, 6.11 per cent; Russia, 4.78 per cent; Austria and Hungary, 3.65 per cent; Belgium, 2.71 per cent; Sweden, 1.14 per cent; Spain, 0.88 per cent, and other countries, 1.77 per cent.

Revel of the Minnet.

New York Tribune: It is reported that the waltz has lost its hold on fashion's votaries, and that the sprightly two-step is its successor. The graceful gavotte is steadily growing in favor, and bids fair to have resumed its olden popularity by the time the season has reached its height. There are several variations of the gavotte that are to be introduced during the coming winter. The stately old minuet, too, is to be revived. There is a marked tendency in the fashion of today toward the dress of the colonial period, when the "grave and exalted gentlemen," and "stately ladies with fair faces" danced the minuet.

My Neighbor Morris.

My neighbor Morris has a very fine mule, and about six months ago this mule tried to pick his teeth with his hind foot and got the shoe fastened in his mouth on a broken tooth. Mr. Morris worked an hour to loosen it, and then called his neighbors, and they worked with ropes and levers, but couldn't. All of a sudden, while Morris was standing by thinking what to do next, the tooth broke with a report like a pistol, and the mule's foot flew back against Morris' shinbone and broke it all to pieces.—Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer.

Clocks.

Many clocks with weights and wheels were in use in England during Chaucer's time and most of the monasteries of the fourteenth century possessed clocks, though these were used to show the astronomical movements, as well as the passage of hours. Throughout the fifteenth century clocks were made mostly by armorers and blacksmiths, as they were constructed of iron and steel.

Invalids and Exiles.

Seventy-five per cent of the population of Mantou, Colo., are invalids and exiles from their homes. Nearly every state and territory and civilized country in the world is represented.

Spruce Gum Crop of Maine.

The spruce gum crop of Maine for this year has been harvested and sent to market. It has proved to be the largest crop in the history of the state—forty tons, worth about \$63,000. This is all collected by the lumbermen, and contains considerable bark and chips, but is sorted over by the thrifty Yankee, who sells it to the trust. An interesting and peculiar thing in connection with the gum crop of this year is the fact that the harvesters have combined to crush the trust. They will sell none of their product to any dealer who does not give him promise that no gum handled by him shall be manufactured and put on the market by the trusts.

The Holy Stairs.

The Santa Scala, or Holy Stairs, at Rome, were brought from Jerusalem along with the true cross by the Empress Helen, and were taken from the house which, according to tradition, was inhabited by Pontius Pilate. They are said to be the steps which Jesus ascended and descended when brought into the presence of the Roman governor. They are held in the greatest veneration at Rome. It is sacrilegious to walk upon them. The knees of the faithful must alone touch them in ascending and descending, and that only after the pilgrims have reverently kissed them.

Music Had Toothache.

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Station Bridge. One of the oldest bridges in Europe is soon to disappear under the demand for better navigation of the river it spans. This is the stone bridge with fifteen arches and a total length of 931 feet, built across the Danube at Regensburg (Ratisbon) in Bavaria by Duke Henry the Superb in 1135-46.

Diet in Prussia. The diet of the consumptives should be rich in nitrogenous articles, care being taken that they are completely digested. There is a certain antagonism between uricemia and consumption, and the meats that produce uric acid protect against the graver affection. Milk is most useful if from cows certainly not themselves infected. Eggs, fish, oysters, rare meats, with acid-papaya to aid their digestion, are of special value. But these are not to be used to the exclusion of other food. The most indigestible variety of foods gives better results than any limited diet.

The second jury to try the Triplett case was composed of the following: Charles Armstrong, C. F. Howard, B. E. Doane, J. Horl Davis, D. C. Clark and R. F. Byers. Acting Squire Chester, in place of Squire Tomlinson, tried the case in both instances. Mr. Chester makes a good justice to us.

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Eight thousand men are engaged in mining lead and zinc in Missouri. The total output for 1898 was 74,900 tons of lead and 146,000 tons of zinc.

Aluminum Horse Shoes. Tests have been made in Finland to decide the comparative value of iron and aluminum as material for horse shoes. After six weeks' use by the cavalry the aluminum shoes were in all cases proved to be in better condition than the others.

Women Are Firemen There. In the little town of Naxos, in Sweden, the firemen happen to be women; however paradoxical that sounds, the place is only a little village and four enormous tubs constitute the "water works." One hundred and fifty women make up the fire department, and one of their duties consists in always keeping the tubs filled with water. The women are fire workers. It is said and know how to handle a fire with as little confusion as possible.—Boston Globe.

A Monument to a Negro. The people of Currituck county, North Carolina, think of erecting a tablet to the memory of a negro named Aaron Thomas, who recently died there at the age of 82. The account says he lived through the war and did his part in caring for the families of the soldiers who were in the military service of the confederacy, and that in the terrible reconstruction period, he was faithful to his old friends. This last is the significant line.

Cheap Paper Making. There is talk in Canada of manufacturing news paper at a cost not exceeding 1 cent a pound, and of competing in the market on this side of the border. It is considered that such a thing is possible if the manufacture be conducted on a large scale. News produced at a cost of a cent a pound, even with duty and freight charges added, would be a disturbing element in the New York market, for example, and would compel our manufacturers to do some very close figuring.

Stones as Diet. Greenaloes, like catfishes, swallow pebbles and small stones, which serve the purpose of grinding their food. The natives assert that it is possible to tell the age of a crocodile by the number of stones in its stomach, for they swallow one each year. In point of fact, fifteen stones have been found in the stomach of a crocodile twelve feet long, whereas the average number for younger ones varies between four and eight. So says Mr. Voithow, who has been studying this matter for several years.

Europe's Armies. France in war has 1,000 soldiers to 15,497 inhabitants. Germany has war has 1,000 soldiers to 17,127 inhabitants. Great Britain in war has 1,000 soldiers to 72,413 inhabitants, while under the house bill during the late war the United States provided for only 1,000 soldiers to about 751,000 inhabitants.

Pranks of Fortune. The pranks played by the goddess of chance are sometimes amusing. At the prize drawing of the Atchison carnival a young lady clerk in the office of the Standard Oil company, drew this five gallons of gasoline offered by her employer. Dad Griffin, the veteran passenger conductor between Topeka and Atchison, drew the round-trip ticket between these points offered by his company. A married man drew a marriage license, and a single man drew the ticket which entitled him to the expenses of divorce. Kansas City Journal.

Power of the Tides Used in France. The tides are now used for generating power at Pont l'Abbe, Finistere, France, during fourteen hours per day. At flood tide the water flows through a canal two and a half miles inland into a pond in the rear of the power house, and returns to the sea at ebb tide. The total fall is seven and a half feet, and eighty horse power is generated by means of turbines. Means for applying this method of generating power to various industries have been considered.

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Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Audrain.

In the Circuit Court, January Term, 1900.

Thomas B. Elzea, Plaintiff,

vs. The unknown heirs of John Minor, Wm. P. Minor, Nancy Minor and Preston Thomas, all deceased, Defendants.

Now on this day December 4th, 1899, comes the Plaintiff herein by his attorneys, and files his petition in vacation verified by affidavit, stating among other things that the unknown heirs of John Minor, Wm. P. Minor, Nancy Minor and Preston Thomas, are unknown to plaintiff and may be non-residents of the State of Missouri.

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, that service cannot be had upon the unknown defendants in the ordinary way,

It is ordered by the Clerk of said Court in vacation that publication be made notifying said unknown defendants that a suit has been commenced against them in the Circuit Court of Audrain county, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to correct title in the east half of the northeast quarter of Section Four, all in Township 52, Range 9 West, Audrain county Missouri, and vest the title in the plaintiff, under the Statutes on limitations, Section 6770 chapter 103, Revised Statutes 1889, and the amendments thereof and alleging further that he has no knowledge of the interest of said unknown heirs unless it be by inheritance from said John Minor, Wm. P. Minor, Nancy Minor and Preston Thomas as child or children of said parties, and unless you the said unknown heirs of John Minor, Wm. P. Minor, Nancy Minor and Preston Thomas be and appear at the next regular term of this Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Mexico, county and state aforesaid on the 3d Monday in January, A. D. 1900, and on or before the 3d day thereof answer or otherwise plead to plaintiff's petition herein, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment rendered according to the prayer thereof.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in the "Mexico Missouri Messenger" a weekly newspaper published in the county of Audrain and state of Missouri for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the commencement of said next term of this court.

STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Audrain.

J. C. Buckner, clerk of the circuit court within and for the county and state aforesaid do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and perfect copy of the order of publication in the above entitled cause, as full as the same now appears on record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal. Done at office in the city of Mexico, county and state aforesaid, this 4th day of December 1899.

J. C. BUCKNER, Clerk.

Fry & Clay, Attorneys.

Deed of Trust.

WHEREAS: Geo. Ann Whaley and her husband, Ennis W. Whaley, by their certain deed of trust dated September 21, 1892, and filed for record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Audrain county, Missouri, at the city of Mexico, on the 7th day of October, 1892, and recorded in Book 10, at page 525, of said records, conveyed to Joseph Offutt, trustee, the following described real estate situated in the county of Audrain and state of Missouri, to-wit: Lot two (2), situated in Block five (5), in the County Addition of Mexico, in trust to secure payment of a certain promissory note in said deed of trust described, and whereas said note is due and remains unpaid, now, therefore, under the terms and by authority of said deed of trust, and at the request of the legal holder of said note, I hereby give notice that I will, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1899,

between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the east front door of the Court House, in Mexico, Mo., sell said property at public vendue to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, to pay all expenses of executing this trust, also the note, interest, insurance premium or other charges, as provided by said deed of trust.

JOSEPH OFFUTT, Trustee. Nov. 9, 1899.

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