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THE MESSAGE

THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 1899.

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Read our subscription ad. offer. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnson, a son.

W. W. Zamwalt, near Tulip, will move to Laddonia to reside.

It will be road commissioner instead of road overseer after January 1st.

W. H. McCue, near Molino, made the MESSAGE a pleasant call last Friday.

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Bryan and Hogg, as a Presidential team,—don't you think they'd take the pen.

Old John M. Palmer denies that he will vote for Bryan. Of course; we expected that.

Henry Ferguson, near Tulip, who lost his residence by fire some time since, has rebuilt and moved his family in.

The Vandalia Mail and Express says that G. W. Ridgway, of western Audrain, is a prospective candidate for Sheriff.

The Triplett-Sims law suit was an unfortunate affair. It even made bad feeling among the lawyers—who'll get over it however.

The Vandalia Leader is urging the municipal ownership of the electric light plant of that city. The MESSAGE was the first paper to speak out on this question in Mexico; the others will now have to follow.

S. P. Utterback, near Vandalia, will have a specimen of corn at the Paris Exposition. He has the grain from thirteen ears of his own raising which weighs over 8½ pounds. The thirteen cobs weigh one pound.

Clipped from the Vandalia Leader: J. B. Botkin was down from Mexico Thanksgiving to visit his nephew, Kent. Mr. Botkin is one of the most popular Republicans in the state. He was the only Republican ever elected Mayor of Mexico.

The Laddonia Herald says: J. R. Shell, who raised 40 acres of cow peas last season, is enthused over the subject enough to be preparing to plant even a larger crop next year. He thinks it will take over 40 bushels of corn to the acre to be worth as much as cow peas for feed and as a fertilizer.

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To Fight the Trusts.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 7.—The wholesale grocers of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma and Indian Territory agreed today, at a meeting in the Commercial Club rooms, to form an Interstate Association. It will include the wholesale grocers of the two States and the two Territories and will become part of the National Association of Wholesale Grocers.

W. N. Todd of Leavenworth, was elected chairman and J. C. O'Keefe of Moberly, Mo., secretary.

The purpose of the new organization is to fight the trusts, which seem to be crushing the jobbers out of existence.

"I think the trusts have been wounding whether there was any fight left in us. They have put-hed us to the very edge. We must fight or all is the way a veteran who has been in the grocery business in the Missouri Valley since the Civil War expressed his views. It is the avowed intention of the organizers of the association that the organization shall not control prices or direct what they shall be, but to keep the trusts from directing the way business shall be done.

The immediate cause of excitement among the jobbers is the recent circular of the Continental Tobacco Company cutting off jobbers' commissions. There is a feeling that the growth of trusts means the elimination of the jobber as a factor in business. The men who were at the meeting to-day, representing nearly every whole sale grocery house in the territory mentioned, did not have any definite ideas as to what can be done to protect their business against trust encroachment, but, after a long session, decided that the first step was to organize. The next move probably will be to effect a combination with the retail grocers.

Uncle Sam should get out of Cuba. Gen. Wood recommends it.

Tommy Britton, the fine stationer, sold in New York the other day for \$20,000.

Arthur Denmark and Miss Loula Griesse, north of Laddonia, are sick with typhoid fever.

Eld. W. P. Dorsey, of Laddonia, is the new pastor of the Christian church at Midway, this county.

The farmers better take care of their farm machinery this winter—get it out of the weather. Farm implements of all kinds will be much higher in price next spring.

Albert Harrison, near Benton City, is expected to win in the race for Governor again. He made the race two years ago, but went down with a number of other boys, that Mr. Leeper might win. Mr. Harrison is a whole-souled fellow and is entirely worthy of any good thing he might ask at the hands of the people.

The Perry Enterprise says that Col. Robert Graham and James Hinton were hunting in Rea's County Thanksgiving day and killed a squirrel that was gray from old age, but his long life was not correctly estimated until in skinning the animal, it was discovered that around his neck was fastened a metal tablet on which was stamped: "This squirrel was taken from a hollow log that was cut in 1826 to build a cabin for one of the first settlers." The gentlemen thought that they had an elm bird spring specimen until they undertook to eat him.

HER FEELINGS HURT.

Miss Roberts, Daughter of the Mormon Congressman.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Miss Adah L. Roberts, daughter of the Representative-elect from Utah, is not enamored of the east. She had never been further from her home than Denver before coming to Washington as her father's secretary and companion.

Her description of the capital and its inhabitants will not make pleasant reading for those who boast of Eastern culture and refinement. She thus describes her experience:

"In my home in Salt Lake City I was a very unimportant personage. I came and went in the city. I visited throughout the State, went to Denver and other places, and I was never regarded as a freak or something to be stared at.

"During my short stay in Washington I have been several times extremely embarrassed. I have been followed on the streets and snapshots been tried at me.

"Time and again I have overheard rude remarks concerning myself and my father. In elevators, in the corridors of the Capitol, on the streets, I have been made the subject of open comment as if I were an object of exhibition.

"These people seem to have no fear that their remarks might be distasteful to me. On the contrary, I know that on several occasions they were much gratified by the knowledge that I heard and understood the significance of the jests.

"Were I among the men of the West, not even the bitterest enemy of my father or of any cause would permit me to be so persecuted. Men of the style of the fashions of the East do not flourish in the West. There is a vigorous manhood there which would not stoop to hurt any woman's feelings.

"I believe it is customary to say that women delight in the suffering of their sisters. Surely this proverb has grown up in the East. I am proud to say that no matter how bitterly my sisters of the West might oppose my father, or any policy which he in part represents, they would never make me the victim. The East is as different to me as a foreign country.

"I went into a store the other day to purchase some necessities. When I gave my address, the polite interest of the salespeople immediately changed into seeming consternation. The clerk who waited upon me, after sending my bill to the office, must have taken some of the others into his confidence; at any rate, it was hardly a moment until I was the center of a growing crowd.

"Even the clerks in the store asked me impudently and impudent questions.

"The indecency of the behavior of these Eastern people with whom I have come in contact is beyond description. It transcends all legitimate curiosity.

"Our civilization is certainly different. The human brotherhood is more strongly marked, and then there is vigor and assertion of manliness about Western manhood which would make such things impossible. A woman is something more sacred in my country than here.

"If such things were to occur in the West there are big strong men out there who would so impress a lesson on the offenders that they would not offend again, even if they were so dense and ignorant that they did not understand the indecency of their offenses.

"Notwithstanding all this, which I have to regret, I am not sorry that I have followed my father as a stranger in a strange land. I know I have been a help to him.

"While we did not expect any favor or leniency from our political opponents, we at least expected justice; we at least expected that the constitutional guarantees would be observed in his case, and we felt certain that my presence here would never be made an added source of sorrow and anxiety to him.

"Our beliefs are as sincere as those of the most devoted opponent we may have. We expected the courtesy we were prepared to grant."

Miss Minnie Barr, in the Skinner neighborhood, lost a fine number of her young friends last Friday when in company of Miss Vandiver, of Columbia.



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EAST-Bound Trains Leave—
No. 47, Mail..... 1 08 p m
No. 49, St. Louis Lim. 2 00 a m
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No. 99, W'y Fr't..... 11 00 a m
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No. 48, Mail..... 1 08 p m
No. 50, K C Lim..... 2 45 a m
No. 52, Denver Lim. 2 45 a m
No. 100, W'y Fr't..... 11 00 a m

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No. 12 Mail..... 3 03 p m
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No. 6 East Mail..... 10 45 p m
No. 70 W'y Fr't (ex Sn) 8 50 a m
No. 64 Through Fr't..... 8 10 p m

Going West.
No. 13 Mail..... 11 27 a m
No. 3 Limited..... 12 22 p m
No. 5 Moberly Excm..... 9 02 p m
No. 1 Pacific Express. 10 25 p m
No. 7 Denver Lim..... 12 25 a m
No. 9 K C Mail..... 5 14 p m
No. 71 W'y Fr't (ex Sn) 3 18 p m

Stock Bought and Sold.

Dunn Bros., of near Hutton, recently sold 50 moles to Howard Bady, the St. Louis mule dealer at \$145 per head.

J. D. Tully bought and shipped the J. P. Clapper cattle Tuesday. These cattle were all black polled cattle, mostly 2 years old and averaged 1500 lbs. per head. Mr. Tully paid \$5.50 per hundred for the cattle.—Stoutsville Banner.

Monday was hog day in Paris—several car-loads being received by local buyers. Among the sales were the following: John Bell 16 at \$3.50; Geo. Aker 25, and Geo. Ulme 12 at \$3.50; John Cooper 6, and J. T. Smithley 11 at \$3.40; L. N. Vaughn sold 16 stock hogs and M. Simpson 11 at \$3.25.—Paris Appeal.

J. H. Cooper bought some cattle of a Chicago firm 18 months ago. He fed them two crops of corn raised on his farm and shipped them last week to Chicago. They lacked \$5.25 of bringing first cost, and returned on the money. Mr. Cooper loses this and all the feed he fed them, and the labor of feeding them.—St. Byville Guard.

J. M. Proctor & Sons last week bought a head of thoroughbred Hereford bull calves to W. D. Wait, of Mband Texas, at \$100 each. They were delivered to the purchaser at this place Friday and shipped to Texas. Mr. Proctor is an old Hereford breeder and has a large herd of choice cattle on an acre adjoining this city on the north.—St. Byville Guard.

The Great Presidential Campaign of 1900.

The politics of the great political parties are now being formed and the candidates discussed. The voice of the people as recorded by ballot at the approaching Presidential election will probably decide the policy of the nation for the next decade. Every citizen must study the great questions that are to come before the people. This can only be done thru the medium of a great newspaper. Now is the time, therefore, for every voter to subscribe for the best and most reliable newspaper obtainable. The Semi-Weekly Republic covers the whole field of political news. While it is Democratic, it publishes the news in regard to all political parties without prejudice. Its telegraphic and cable news service is superior to that of any other paper. Its paper for that large class of readers who cannot afford or do not have access to the daily papers.

Attention is called to The Republic's Sunday Magazine. Its half-tone illustrations are alone worth the subscription price. It is made up of special articles by the best literary talent, embracing a variety of subjects of current interest. News features of absorbing interest are illustrated and enlarged upon. For the benefit of the ladies the latest fashions are handsomely illustrated. The Sunday Magazine is always interesting to every member of the family.

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W. H. DeLorent, of near Skinner, is reported "aid up" from the effects of erysipelas.



Dairy Notes.
The recent decision of a Michigan court that the Michigan law against the coloring of oleomargarine is void shows how hard it is to frame a law that cannot be picked to pieces by lawyers and judges determined to prove it void. The court ruled against the validity of the act on the ground that the heading to the act was not worded so that anyone reading the heading would see that it referred to the coloring of oleomargarine. The title to the act reads: "An act to prohibit and prevent Adulteration, Fraud and Deception in the Manufacture and Sale of Articles of Food and Drink." The court held that the coloring of oleomargarine, though forbidden by the law, could not come under the words Adulteration, Fraud or Deception, since all people know that the oleomargarine is colored.

Some men make light of the efforts to stamp out tuberculosis. They claim that the whole situation is overdrawn, and that there is really little tuberculosis among our cattle—not enough to make it worth while to worry over it. Yet the slaughter of tuberculous cattle is constantly going on. We believe that if some of these sceptics will visit the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, when the slaughter of tuberculous cattle is proceeding they will never again oppose measures tending to eradicate the disease, and will henceforth have confidence in the tuberculin test. Among the cows slaughtered last week were twelve from a dairy herd that supplies milk to Downer's Grove, Ill. The owner had thirty-five cows and desired the tuberculin test applied to them, and in fact paid a private veterinarian to do the work. Out of the thirty-five cows tested twelve reacted. On slaughter three of these were found to be only slightly affected, and their flesh was passed for food. The other nine were so badly diseased that they were sent to the rendering tank to be made into fertilizer. The lungs of these animals were yellow with tubercles, and in some cases the entire lungs were masses of pus. One of the cows was so badly diseased that when the lung was cut into the pus spurted a foot and the stench was very offensive. To use a common term, this cow was "rotten inside." Yet the milk from them had been used for a long time by the people of Downer's Grove. Fortunately the owners of all these cows showed no signs of being tuberculous, and this would tend to reduce the danger. Yet to say there is no danger in the milk from such cows is going too far. If this naturally arises in ones mind: Of the one herd had over 24 per cent of tuberculous cows in it, how about the other herds that are supplying milk to Chicago? It is likely that this was the only herd affected by the dreadful disease? The answer can be given on general principles. There must be numerous herds supplying milk to Chicago where tuberculosis exists. The only way to get rid of it is to examine the herds more than that, and an examination of these herds would show many affected herds.

Dairy as Creamery.
Under above head the Northwestern Creamery Journal says: Many butter-makers, at the creamery and home dairy, fail to receive a remunerative price for their product, the reason being that they do not supply the market requirements as to quality. As the art of buttermaking advances—and it has made wonderful progress during the past two years—the public taste for something better has kept pace with it, until today butter that will grade first and extra is in demand. Poor butter cannot be disposed of excepting in limited quantities at a low market price. It is an undeniable fact that although buttermaking at the creamery has reached a high degree of perfection, buttermaking at the dairy has shown little or no improvement. Every farmer who owns a herd of dairy cows would find it much more profitable to use his milk to the creamery than to attempt to manufacture a high grade of dairy butter without the machinery, utensils and facilities for so doing. Too many attempt the latter, and as a result, the common barrel of the country store finds most of the so-called butter. In time, through the lessons taught by individual dairymen, there may be an awakening along this line, but the progress is discouragingly slow and there are few dairies whose product can equal that manufactured at a first-class creamery. These few find that dairymen pay good dividends if you are desirous of financial benefit through the keeping of a dairy herd, make up your mind to do one of two things.

A Jealous Cow.—A strange piece of spite on the part of a cow is reported from Slough, says the British Dairy Farmer. The animal belonged to Mr. Johnson, a farmer, and on a valuable horse being driven into the farmyard the cow charged at it, and inflicted such injuries that it died. A strange feature in the case is that after the cow had brought the horse down she appeared to relent, and while the suffering animal lay in the stable under treatment she was constantly at the door, and resented any attempt to drive her off. Mr. Johnson attributes the cow's strange conduct to jealousy, as the horse was often petted and made much of, and the cow was a young one which he had reared himself.

Hunted Stag Swam Two Miles.
A stag, hard pressed at a run of the Devon and Somerset staghounds in the Quantock country, England, took to the Bristol channel, and was followed, despite the warning notes of the huntsmen, by the whole pack of hounds. The stag swam out fully two miles from shore, completely outdistancing his pursuers, who were picked up by a boat about three-quarters of a mile out. One of the hounds was dead and the others were in an exhausted condition, while the stag died after being rescued.

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Old London Ceremony.
The last day of each October the city solicitor of London, with an assistant, attends upon the queen's remembrancer, when, by proclamation, "the tenants and occupiers of a piece of waste ground called the Moors, in the county of Salop, are commanded to 'come forth and do your service, upon pain and peril that shall fall thereon.'"

Then the solicitor chops in halves two fagots, one with a hatchet and the other with a billhook. Afterwards comes the summons to the tenants, etc., of "a certain tenement with a forge," in the Strand, and the payment of six horse-shoes, with sixty-one shoe nails, by the solicitor. This forge has long ceased to be, and the same shoes and nails are used year after year, the oldest being at least two centuries old.—New York Tribune.

Kept Well His Faith.
An old man, a Buddhist, went to visit a Wesleyan missionary in Ceylon. He was bent with age, nearly blind, scarcely able to walk. After a little talk he told the missionary his expectation after death, which he knew must come to him soon. "I am 96," he said, "I have climbed Adam's peak (where Buddha is said to have left his footprints) twenty-six times; I have visited the 'Temple of the Tooth' in Kandy seven times; I have had a number of Buddhist books copied and given to Buddhist priests; I have never killed an animal, only on a few occasions have I caught some fish. So you see I have plenty of merit and I shall be born well in my next life."

Statue of Jefferson.
The city of Louisville has received a handsome gift in the form of a bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson for one of its parks. The statue will be of bronze, nine feet in height, standing on a pedestal fifteen feet in height, and the whole work costing \$50,000. The gift is from two brothers Bernheim, wealthy citizens of Louisville, and the statue will be done by Moses Ezekiel, an American sculptor of note, who has resided in Rome more than twenty-five years, and who has executed some of the finest statues in the United States. The statue and the bronze part of the pedestal are now being cast in Berlin.

Scarcity of Fractional Currency.
The scarcity of fractional silver coin is not surprising when it is remembered that only 304,416,519 dimes have been coined, 220,000,000 quarters and 271,000,000 half-dollars. This would allow only four dimes, three quarters and three and a half half-dollars for each person. As a matter of fact probably not one-half of these coins are still in circulation, the number that have been either lost or melted down being enormous. The supply of pennies, by the way, allows but three for each two persons in the country.

How Women Help.
By staying away from the building yards women aid in the making of ships. No feminine visitors are allowed to go through the Cramps yards in Philadelphia because every time a woman passes through the shops every one of the 7,000 workmen raises his eyes from his work, and in one minute one man's work for a fortnight is lost to the employers.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Income Tax in Great Britain.
Statistics just completed by the income tax commissioners of Great Britain show that out of a total adult male population of 12,500,000 more than 10,000,000 earn less than \$500 a year. The income tax is collected at the rate of 16 cents on each \$5 above \$500, and the total tax, which last year amounted to nearly \$100,000,000, was contributed by not more than 2,000,000 people.

For the Pope's Eye Only.
The most secure way of having a letter read by the pope is to address it as follows: "To his Holiness the Pope, Prefect of the Holy Roman and Universal Inquisition," as any other than the head of the church, guilty of opening a document so addressed will be excommunicated, according to a bull promulgated by the Curia pope, Paul IV.

Grave of a Soldier's Leg.
An old soldier in a Michigan town, who had a leg amputated ten years ago, had it buried in a coffin in the cemetery and funeral services held over it, at which he wept profusely. Ever since then all through the summer months he has placed flowers each week upon the grave.

De Lesseps' Statue.
The colossal statue of Ferdinand de Lesseps, which the French are going to erect at Port Said, is ready to be sent out, but no French navigation company appears to be capable of transporting it to Egypt, and so an English or Belgian vessel will have to be employed.

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Bible Measures.
Bible readers are frequently puzzled to know the modern equivalents of Bible measures. Such persons will be interested in the table below given: A day's journey was about thirty-three and one-fifth miles. A Sabbath day's journey was about an English mile. Ezekiel's reed was near eleven feet. A hand's breadth is equal to three and five-eighths inches. A finger's breadth is equal to one inch. A shekel of silver was about 50 cents. A shekel of gold was about \$8. A talent of silver was \$38,500. A talent of gold was \$38,500. A piece of silver, or a penny, was 13 cents. A farthing was 3 cents. A mite was less than a quarter of a cent. A gerah was one cent. An ephah, or bath, contained seven gallons and five pints. A hin was one gallon and two pints. An omer was six pints.

Raising Hyacinths in Glasses.
It will soon be time to see about placing hyacinth bulbs in glasses for spring flowering. Wash the glasses clean and fill them with water to the neck—the part which forms a cup to receive the bulb. Put a few pieces of charcoal in the water to help keep it sweet. Where rain water can be obtained use this in preference to ordinary tap water. Place the bulbs in the glasses, so that their bases nearly touch the water. The glasses should be stood in a dark cupboard and kept there until the bulbs have formed plenty of roots. By this time the young shoots will be one to two inches long. Henceforth on the doors a little to admit the light, and when the white shoots have turned green bring the glasses to the light to produce their flowers.

The World's Largest Bell.
The largest bell in the world is in a Buddhist monastery, near Canton, China. It is eighteen feet high and forty-five feet in circumference and is of solid bronze. It is one of eight great bells which were cast by command of the Emperor Yunglo about A. D. 1400, and is said to have cost the lives of eight men, who were killed during the process of casting. The whole bell, both inside and out, is covered with an inscription in embossed Chinese characters about half an inch long, covering even the handle, the total number being 84,000. The characters tell a single story—one of the Chinese classics.

Every Fourth Good Templar Drink.
The temptation to have a "hauf yink" is evidently too strong for so-called Good Templars in Scotland, as from the recent report of the lodge of that independent order, it is seen that many are the backsliders. No fewer than 9,726 persons have been discovered to have violated their pledges out of a total membership of 37,888; or nearly every fourth member has been caught tipping.

Mummy of the Rescuer of Moses.
The discovery of the mummy of Pharaoh's daughter, who found Moses in the bulrushes, completes the collection of the mummies of the members of that family. There had been found Rameses II., the Pharaoh of Oppression, and Merenptah, the great magician. With these mummies writings were discovered which confirm the story of Moses as told in the Book of Exodus.

Iron Duke's Battle Dinner.
The Duke of Wellington's cook, on one occasion, when the battle was not going well, was urged to make his escape, though at the time he was busy preparing his master's dinner. He replied that he intended to go on with his work, for his experience of fifty battles had taught him that the duke always came home to dinner—he might sometimes be a little late, but he always came.

The Pope's Electric Plant.
The pope takes great interest in a electric plant to which he has given the name of Officina Electrica Vaticana Alessandro Volta, in honor of Volta. A few days ago his holiness made a special inspection of these plants, and the employees of the Vatican gardens were presented to him by the chief—London Chronicle.

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