

# MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

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## HAPPENED and HAPPENING.

SOME LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS IN PELLET FORM

O. F. Hafner, at Worcester, is building an addition to his dwelling.

Miss Nellie Shell will teach the Dye school, near Worcester, next term.

Miss Mary Hatton will teach in West Lick district next fall and winter.

The MESSAGE adds three new subscribers at Molino in the last few days.

Miss Ella Criswell of Farber is attending a summer school at Madison, Monroe county.

C. A. Wilder, one of Laddonia's hustling business men, lately bought land at Galgary, British Possessions.

Worcester letter too late last week to be gotten in type. Please get your news letters to us not later than Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Snidow, of this city, graduates in the elocution and literary departments of William Woods College at Fulton this year.

The salary of the mayor of Trenton has been increased from \$4.15 to \$8.32 a month so that the municipal executive may be independent and thus better able to withstand offers of boodle.

Mexico High School has the largest graduating class in its history—28. Clyde Ellis is president of the class and Edith Etheridge class secretary. Cecil Cohoon will be valedictorian and Miss Frances Mason salutatorian.

Prof. T. A. Craghead, at present school commissioner of Callaway county, has been elected principal of the Laddonia schools, this county. Three of his assistants will be Prof. S. L. Mapes, Miss Florence Stewart and Mrs. Verdia Bowman.

The MESSAGE is in receipt of the program of the closing exercises of the high school of Clarinda, Ia. We notice that Miss Myrtle May Barger, who moved with her parents from this county about five years ago, is one among the list of eight graduates in said school.

Rev. Fielding Marvin, of Fayette, was here last Sunday and assisted Rev. W. A. Hanna in the dedication of the new Methodist church. There was an immense audience at the morning service and Rev. Marvin, assisted by Rev. A. Wallace, held an overflow meeting at the Baptist church.

The new M. E. church, South of this city, was dedicated last Sunday morning. Rev. W. A. Hanna preaching the sermon, Messrs. S. P. Emmons and P. S. Gant presenting the building on behalf of the donors and the membership. A. K. Luckie made a financial statement for the church, showing that the church owns a church property here, including the parsonage, costing \$25,000.

Rollie Henry, serving a 60 days sentence in the county jail for obtaining money from the M. W. A. camp of this city under false pretenses, was last Saturday by Judge E. M. Hughes paroled for twelve months. He must appear before the court each term of that period and report that he has been behaving himself as a good citizen, abstaining absolutely from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, not frequenting the saloon or other places of idle resort, applying himself to some honest labor.

Prof. Black of Wellsville has been elected to a position in the Martinsburg schools.

Fred Hathaway, until lately a student of the Missouri Military Academy, now has a position with the Hathaway Seed and Produce Co. of this city.

Putting down paving around the square will begin soon. The City Council let the contract last week to J. Lynch of Moberly. The work will cost \$1.44 a square yard.

Says the Vandalia Leader: Walter Burch, one of Audrain's brightest young men, a student of William Jewel has decided to locate in Mexico and take up the study of law.

The State Horticulture Society will hold its annual meeting this year at Pertle Springs June 3-4-5. K. B. Wilkerson, of the firm of the Wilkerson Nursery and Orchard company of this city will read a paper before the meeting.

That wedding announcement down at Laddonia of a prominent minister of the gospel and a certain exemplary young lady, both of that town, was premature; the disinterested got too interested. The wedding is more than two months away.

The new cut-off railroad will pass about one-half of a mile north of Martinsburg. The Burlington expects to build a station as conveniently to Martinsburg as possible, and the Enterprise adds: It is up to Martinsburg now to build a rock road and a four-foot sidewalk out to the new station, wherever it may be located.

Wellsville is the first town to be touched by the cut-off railroad after it leaves Mexico. Bellflower will likely be the only other town touched between Wellsville and Old Monroe. Middletown will be left seven miles to the north. The road will start out from the Lawder farm just east of Mexico, and will be a bee line thru Audrain, crossing 32 farms.

The Vandalia Leader thus gets it back at a Mexico preacher: Some time ago Eld. W. H. Hook in an address before the I. O. O. F. of Vandalia made some statements in regard to the order doing much work left undone by the church. That the lodge did more in the way of practical christianity than many churches. Rev. J. Q. Partee, in a recent sermon, called attention to the remarks of Eld. Hook and said that the object of the church was to save souls. The mission of lodges, he thought, was quite different. No lodge can supply the place of the church.

The annual celebration and declamatory contest of the Mexico High school was held at the opera house last Friday night. There was a packed house and the exercises were interesting thruout. The first declamation was by S. R. Norris, "The Black Horse and His Rider;" E. F. Ketter recited "The Boy Orator of Zepata City;" W. T. Cross depicted "The Grave Scene in Hamlet." Each of the declamations was highly enjoyed, each speaker showing careful drill and fine impersonation. The judges gave the prize to Mr. Ketter. The Spanish Minuet, Flower Parade, Ball Tossing Fantastics and Life's Studies from Mother Goose, by the little folks of both the North Side and South Side Schools, were highly enjoyable features of the evening.

### Message Readers.

The following are new subscribers or renewals to the MESSAGE since our last report:

Chris Marburg.  
G. W. Bailey.  
Mrs. James Graham.  
Mrs. E. V. Everts.  
Charles Hubert.  
Miss Sophia Miller.  
Prof. A. S. Faulkner.  
Dr. W. E. Corneet.  
A. B. Smock.  
Henry [Rodhouse.  
Peter J. Schneider.  
J. H. Botts.  
Ethel Owings.  
W. N. Boutman.  
J. S. Faires.  
C. B. Wilkerson.  
Miss Ethel Thornburgh.  
Perry Davis.  
E. J. Winter.  
J. M. Sipple.  
N. B. Barnes.  
Mrs. S. J. Corshears.  
Grant Payton.  
E. M. Settle.  
Mrs. Carrie Wilson.  
J. J. Kerr.  
Mrs. E. A. Ellis.  
Wallace Dearing.  
H. P. French.

### THAT CUT-OFF.

#### A Quick Run From Kansas City to St. Louis.

Relative to Mexico's new railroad, the St. Louis Republic last Saturday contained the following:

With the completion of the projected extension which the Burlington will build from Old Monroe to Mexico, Mo., the Chicago & Alton and Burlington, under the agreement between them, will become important factors in the struggle for Kansas City-St. Louis traffic.

Official announcement has been made by the Burlington officials that the cut-off road from Old Monroe to Mexico will be built, and, it is hoped, be completed by July 1, 1904.

It has been stated that an agreement has been made with the Alton whereby Alton trains will use the Burlington tracks from St. Louis to Old Monroe, the extension from Old Monroe to Mexico and its own tracks from Mexico to Kansas City.

At present the Alton route from St. Louis to Kansas City is 323.3 miles, but by this arrangement the distance will be cut to 280 miles.

The Burlington will use the same road going into Kansas City over the Alton tracks thereby cutting its St. Louis Kansas City distance down from 345 miles to 280.

This reduction in the distance will place the roads in a position to enter the field for fast passenger and freight services between the two cities, as the Wabash distance between St. Louis and Kansas City is 227 miles, or only three miles shorter, while the Missouri Pacific mileage is 283 miles, or three miles longer.

The line to be built, owned and managed by the Burlington from Old Monroe to Mexico will be sixty-three miles, and passes thru a good country, where railway facilities are needed and will pay.

The road will have a maximum grade of 26 feet to the mile, and will, it is claimed, be built for fast time and absolute safety.

Says the Farber Forum: A great amount of money has been spent for fruit this spring. F. P. Jacobs says that he has delivered over \$500 worth of trees within a radius of twelve miles. What Mr. Jacobs delivered represents what one nursery has sold and is only a small part of the general delivery, as other nurseries have had agents at work. We are glad the people are becoming interested in fruit growing. But it's one thing to set out an orchard, and another thing to take care of it.

### AD INFINITUM.

Dr. Dempwolf of Berlin announces that he has found an aquatic insect which preys upon the anopheles mosquito. He is cultivating the creature artificially with the expectation of destroying the mosquito and the host of germs which inhabit its body.

They've found the bug  
That eats the bug  
That fights the bug  
That bites us;  
They've traced the germ  
That kills the germ  
That chews the germ  
That smites us.

They know the bug  
That knifes the bug  
That stabs the bug  
That jabs us;  
They've seen the germ  
That hates the germ  
That biffs the germ  
That nabs us.

They've struck the bug  
That slays the bug  
That flays the bug  
That sticks us;  
They've jailed the germ  
That guides the germ  
That taught the germ  
To fix us.

But still these bugs—  
Microbic thugs—  
In spite of drugs  
Combat us;  
And still these germs—  
Described in terms  
Inspiring squirm'—  
Get at us!

—W. D. Nesbit, in Life.

Dr. L. O. Rodes of this city will move to Colorado next month.

Twin sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lipp of near Molino, last week.

Miss Alberta Kennen of Mexico has music classes both at Laddonia and Farber.

Farber school district has an enumeration of 116 children, 60 girls and 56 boys.

Centralia is to have a new bank organized under the national banking laws. The stock will all be owned by home people.

W. J. Crow is now clerk of the Woodmen camp at Farber, E. L. Rogers, who will be away from home for some time, resigned.

Chas. Lewis, northwest of Mexico, has been drilling for water on his farm. A week or so since he got the well tools fastened, at near 200 feet down, and Sam Bellamy, an expert at well drilling, of Laddonia, was sent for, and he with others spent a whole night in loosening the tools.

The following, from the Kansas City Star, refers to a sister of Mr. P. H. Cullen, the attorney, of this city: Miss Lizzie Cullen, principal of the Central school at Louisiana, received a nice little note from Secretary Loeb last week acknowledging for the President the receipt of some flowers sent him while in Missouri. Miss Cullen prizes the note very highly.

### POISONOUS GREENS.

#### Child Dead From Eating Wild Parsnips.

Centralia, Mo., May 15.—Beulah Wright, age 11, is dead, and her brother, aged 8, is dying, as a result of eating wild parsnips. They are children of James Wright a well to do citizen here.

The children were having an outing in the woods. They took a notion they wanted some greens for luncheon. The boy gathered them and the little girl cooked them. Instead of greens they had gathered wild parsnips. The little girl died in agony last night, and the doctors say the boy can not live.

### IN THE TOILS.

#### This Man Attempted Some "Work" in Mexico Last Summer.

Fred W. Fout, Jr., Room 300, 911 Locust street, Public Library Building, dealer in soldier's additional homestead claims and government land warrants, St. Louis, Mo., has at last run up against Uncle Sam. Last August 8th, he was in Mexico and gave Ester Lillard, colored, a check for \$100 as part payment for 120 acres of land near this city which he claimed was hers, from the records, which Ester until she saw Fout, never heard of before. The matter was reported from here to the department at Washington. Of course, it is presumed the authorities began to look him up. It appears that he has been putting in work elsewhere, also. Last week he was put on trial in St. Louis, as indicated by the following, taken from Friday's St. Louis Republic: Fred W. Fout, Jr., was yesterday convicted on four courts in the United States district court charging him with making out and fudging in making out false affidavits relative to land claims of soldiers of the civil war against the United States Government. Fout's trial has been in progress for four days in the district court.

The maximum penalty upon each court is a fine of \$500 and five years of imprisonment. The court postponed sentence until to-day. Pending the passing of the sentence Fout's bond was fixed at \$6,000, which was furnished.

### WHISKEY DID IT.

#### And Mexico Citizens Will Remember This Old Man.

The St. Louis Chronicle last week contained the following editorial, found below. It rehearses how an old man—once a citizen of this county—trailed his good name in the gutter, the awful fall explained in four words:

At Butler, Mo., they led Dr. J. L. Gartrell out on the scaffold. Around him were stern faced men, ready to perform an awful duty. On the trap stood an old man. His hair was snowy; his beard was long and white. He had lived two years beyond the span of life allotted to man. Think of passing 72 years in this good world and then, within sight of the graveyard, to feel the clutch of law at one's neck and then be hanged.

Once he was a famous lawyer. He had held crowds spell-bound by his eloquence. People used to say, "Great man, that Gartrell; he can do anything, do anything."

He was elected County Judge. Then he was sent to the Texas Senate for two terms. He was a man of affairs, highly educated, keen, intelligent. He loved just the same as other men do—did this hangman's victim. Eight children were born to him, and there was not a happier family in the West. It doesn't seem possible that a human being would tip over the magnificent structure that had taken the best years of his life to make. Dr. Gartrell did that very thing.

He trailed his good name into the gutter; he disgraced his sons and daughters; he dissipated his fortune; he became little better than a tramp, and the explanation of this awful fall is found in four words.

He became a drunkard. The old man stood on the trap. The rays of the morning sun crept into the jailyard and touched his wrinkled face and massive forehead. He didn't look like a murderer or a bad man. You would almost as soon suspect your own father of a crime as that patriarch

of murdering a friend for a few paltry dollars.

Yet he did it. Listen! He is speaking. He is telling the white-faced crowd of his fall, and the last words that pass his lips are:

"Whiskey did it all."  
The trap is sprung, and J. L. Gartrell, patriarch, is shot into eternity.

If Ma was only runnin' things,  
In this here state, Mizou,  
The boodlers soon 'ud holler, "quilt,"  
An' good and lussy, too;  
The constitution right loophole  
They'd find 'ud take to wings,  
They all 'ud get their just deserts  
If Ma was runnin' things.

Now Bill the youngster son o' mine,  
Reads all the papers thru  
He's followed up the boodle news,  
An' understands it, too,  
So when Ma ast 'bout some cake  
She'd left upon the shelf,  
The youngster 'lowed he wouldn't tell,  
An' criminate hisself.

Altho accordin' to the court,  
He didn't have to tell,  
Ma jes' ignored the rulin' fer  
A lively little spell.  
Like Bill, the boodlers all 'ud feel  
The Justice slipper's stings,  
An' feel 'em quick, you bet your life,  
If Ma was runnin' things.

### PUNCHING GROVER.

#### The Old Sinner Should Sit Down.

Lincoln, Neb., May 14.—In answer to the Brooklyn Eagle's declaration for Cleveland, Mr. Bryan in the Commer will say tomorrow: The Democrats who have been loyal to the party deny that Cleveland would be a strong candidate. In 1894, after two years of experience, the people repudiated his administration and elected a Republican Congress by an enormous majority. What reason have we to believe they will treat him more kindly now? (Two years later, in 1896, he left the Democratic party and threw his support nominally, at least, to the Palmer and Buckner ticket. That ticket not only failed to carry a single state or county, but actually carried but one precinct in the United States and that was not a large precinct but only a frontier precinct in Western Kansas, where there were only six voters in a precinct, and the Palmer and Buckner ticket received only three votes out of the six. What was there in the result of that contest to indicate that Mr. Cleveland would be popular today?)

It is said that Mr. Cleveland's friends voted the Republican ticket instead of the Palmer and Buckner ticket. Will that be urged as an evidence that he would make a popular democratic candidate? If Mr. Cleveland's friends voted the Republican ticket in order to carry out his wishes, why don't they secure his nomination for the Republican party? Why don't they boom Mr. Cleveland for the Vice Presidency on the Roosevelt ticket? Or if that would not be acceptable, why not have Mr. Morgan arrange with Mr. Roosevelt to run for Vice President with Mr. Cleveland as Republican candidate for the Presidency?

They seem to be very much afraid that the business interests of the country will be disturbed by a real battle between the people and organized wealth. Surely a combination between the friends of Mr. Roosevelt and the friends of Cleveland ought to settle the matter entirely, if both are as popular as their friends say they are. It is absurd in the extreme to mention in connection with the Democratic nomination, a man, who in the two last campaigns, did not support the ticket and any one would see it who had any knowledge of Democratic voters or any sympathy with the Democratic principles.

Ed. Slaughter, at Laddonia, has moved his family to Sherman, Ill.