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HAPPENED and HAPPENING OR EXPECTED TO HAPPEN

SOME LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS IN PELLET FORM

L. T. Pasley of Rush Hill returned last week from a visit to his son, E. L. Pasley, at Bloomington, Ill., following railroading there, who has been very ill.

The Audrain Coal Co. at Vandalia was recently awarded the contract for 3,000 tons of coal to be furnished the C. & A. during the months of April and May.

B. W. Hill was over to Mexico Saturday from his late new home near Paris, which he moved to first of the year from near Skinner. He orders the MESSAGE to his address.

A revival meeting of two weeks' duration closed at Hardin College last Sunday. All the ministers of the city assisted in conducting the meeting. There were about a dozen conversions.

Street Commissioner Owen is cleaning out the alleys—accumulations of ages, it would appear,—of Mexico. Get near some of our back streets and alleys and you are not next to Godliness.

A young lady arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doane in Mexico last Saturday a week, to remain permanently. She Doane object to having her name known; she is now 12 days old.

Charles Kimball and wife of Colfax, Wash., are visiting Mexico friends and Mrs. Kimball's parents at Centralia. Mr. Kimball has prospered well in the West and he and his wife will return thence after a vacation here of two or three weeks.

Noble Barnes thinks that Audrain farmers should drag the roads. He has been trying it and it works wonders. It fills the ruts and smooths off the surface so the water drains off readily. Dragging the roads is becoming quite a fad in most every section of Missouri.

Perry Enterprise: J. R. Dye sold a chestnut sorrel high action mare to Lee Bros., of Mexico, for \$300. The mare was raised by Harry Stallard, of Hawkins Station who sold the animal to Mr. Dye about three weeks ago for \$200. Mr. Dye says the mare is the highest keen acting mare he ever saw. He also sold another mare to the same parties for \$140.

P. C. Ackerman, on Bean Creek, met with a peculiar accident a few days ago. He had his wagon loaded with a ton of hay and was driving along the highway when the hay caught fire and was destroyed as was also his wagon, saving but the tongue, one wheel, the neck yoke and double-trees. It happened in this way: His hay frame had iron bows over the hind wheels of the wagon, and the weight of the hay pressed one of the bows down so that it rubbed the tire, the friction causing the fire. Mr. Ackerman's loss is about \$35.

Miss Elizabeth Whitaker, the gifted instructress who has served with credit and distinction for the last three years as superintendent of the Louisiana (Pike county) public schools, has bought a farm near that city and will study agricultural problems during vacation times. It is commented that by planting agricultural ideas of a good variety in the spring, it is thought the crop can be harvested by the time school takes up in the fall. Miss Whitaker's pupils will enjoy driving the bees to the clover shooing the grease, getting the piggy out of the corn patch and stirring up the frogs in the meadow. Miss Whitaker is all right; this writer knows her and she has many other friends in Mexico and all over this section of the State.

George Fisher and John Jerman, down near Mt. Carmel, this county have traded farms.

Three colored boys were fined in Mexico last Thursday for hopping on moving train.

J. A. Glandon of Mexico has been appointed clerk for the speed ring for the Missouri State Fair.

The State Association of County Assessors will hold their annual meeting in Mexico next year.

Thomas Duty and wife of Mexico will live with their son, W. C. Duty, near Benton City, thru the coming year.

Mrs. James Simmons of this city has been quite ill for some time and her condition does not materially improve.

D. A. Sneed and family, north of Mexico, this week left for Los Angeles, California, where they will reside in the future.

X. P. Willey and Joe S. McIntyre, both late of Audrain county, have formed a partnership for the practice of law in St. Louis.

C. F. Clark has been appointed guardian for Mr. John B. Gregory. Mr. Gregory is nearly 90 years of age and has a large property.

About forty teachers were in Mexico last Friday and Saturday taking the examination before the County Institute Board for certificates.

United in marriage in Mexico last Thursday morning, Judge W. W. Botts officiating, Mr. T. J. Mills, of Callaway county, and Miss Hannah Bates, of Audrain.

The Farmers Town Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of this city has elected the following officers: President, Alexander Carter; vice-president, A. B. Smith; treasurer, C. J. Buckner, secretary, W. L. Fowler.

Says the Farber Forum: Frank Dore says he will move his family to Martinsburg, having a position in the coal mines there. Altogether different from what he use to be. He took the cure sometime since and has given up the habit of drink. We give him the glad hand of congratulation and hope he may never be tempted to break over again.

Mexico hunters, be careful. We notice that the Legislature, just adjourned, passed a law requiring every person who hunts to get a certificate of permission from the county clerk of the county in which he lives. This certificate will cost one dollar and anyone found hunting without this permit will be liable to a heavy fine.

Rev. R. Fischer, pastor of the Lutheran German church on Bean Creek, leaves this week for a visit to his parents in Germany. For the next five months his postoffice will be Wallendorf, Thiering, Germany. The MESSAGE will make him weekly visits, and he has promised us some interesting letters for publication while he is absent across the waters. Wish him a pleasant visit and safe return.

Mrs. Margaret Dermody, aged near 80 years, died at the home of her son, Jerry Dermody, in this city last Thursday. She had been in declining health for some time. Her husband died 17 years ago. She leaves the following children: Jerry and Edward of Mexico, John of near Benton City and Mrs. Mary Moore of St. Louis. The funeral was held Saturday, conducted by Father J. J. Dillon and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

WANTS \$100,000. Geo. Morris, Jr., Files Big Damage Suit.

The following petition has been filed:
In the Circuit Court of Audrain County, State of Missouri,
GEORGE A. MORRIS, JR., Plaintiff,
vs.
F. R. JESSE, A. C. BARNES, C. A. BARNES and J. G. LAKENAN, Defendants.

Comes now George A. Morris, Jr., the Plaintiff in the above entitled cause, and, for his cause of action against the above named defendants, states:

That he is a resident and citizen of the County of Audrain, State of Missouri, and has resided there for the greater part of and almost continuously during the last 25 years.

That he has at all times been an honest and law abiding man and citizen, and behaved and conducted himself as such from his nativity to the present time, and among his friends, neighbors and associates, and all others who knew him, was so known and reputed.

That on or about the 10th day of July, 1902, the above named defendant, C. A. Barnes, in the said City of Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri, shot and killed one Rhodes Clay, and thereupon the said homicide became the subject of inquiry by the grand jury and the other legally constituted authorities of said Audrain County, and this plaintiff was required as a witness in that behalf on the part of the State, and was a competent witness in that behalf, which facts at once became known to defendants and to each of them.

That at a subsequent term of the Circuit Court of said Audrain County, to-wit, the June term of the year 1903, the grand jury of said County returned a true bill indictment against C. A. Barnes, charging him with the crime of murder in the killing of the said Rhodes Clay.

That later, to-wit, at the October term of the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, Missouri (to which court the said indictment had been removed on application for change of venue made by the said C. A. Barnes) the cause came on for trial, and the defendant was acquitted.

That at the trial of the said indictment, this plaintiff was a witness on behalf of the State, and from the time that the investigation of the said homicide was first begun by the grand jury and the legally constituted authorities of Audrain County, to-wit, in the month of September, 1902, it was known to the defendants, and to each of them, that it was the purpose and intention of the State in said prosecution to call this plaintiff as a witness in the investigation or trial of said C. A. Barnes on any charge for said killing.

That the defendants, and each of them, well knowing all the matters and things hereinbefore set forth, but contriving and intending by all means within their power, whether lawful or unlawful to secure the acquittal of the said C. A. Barnes from said charge of murder did, on or about the day of May, 1903, in the said City of Mexico, in Audrain County, maliciously and wickedly conspire, combine, confederate and agree with each other to injure, break down and destroy the good name and fame of this plaintiff, and to destroy his credit as a witness for the State on the trial of said indictment, and to secure his removal from the State of Missouri altogether, in order that it would not be possible for him to be present and testify at the trial of said indictment or at any investigation had of the charge against said Barnes.

That to accomplish the end and purpose of said conspiracy, the defendants did, at the time and place afore said, maliciously and wickedly conspire, combine, confederate and agree together amongst themselves to falsely accuse and by

means of false testimony to procure plaintiff to be indicted and convicted of a crime against the laws of the State of Texas, in the County of Dallas, in the said State of Texas, to-wit the crime of grand larceny, known to and designated by the laws of Texas as the crime of "Theft over fifty dollars."

That in pursuance of said conspiracy and by means of false and fabricated testimony, the said defendants procured an indictment to be returned against this plaintiff in the said County of Dallas, in the State of Texas on the 15th day of June, 1903, as follows, viz:

"In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas:

"The Grand Jurors, good and lawful men of the County of Dallas and the State of Texas, duly elected, tried, empaneled, sworn and charged to enquire of offenses committed within the body of said County of Dallas, upon their oaths, do present in and to the Criminal District Court of Dallas County, at the April term, A. D. 1903, that one George A. Morris, Jr., on the 31st day of December, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and One, with force and arms, in the County and State aforesaid did unlawfully and fraudulently take one Raymond R. Ruby jewel nickle movement of the value of twenty dollars; one Raymond nickle movement of the value of eighteen dollars and fifty cents; one O. F. 17 jewel nickle movement of the value of ten dollars; one Elgin movement of the value of sixteen dollars; one Elgin movement of the value of sixteen dollars and fifty cents; one Royal 17 jewel nickle movement of the value of twenty and fifty cent; one Htg. Royal 16 J. movement of the value of ten dollars; one 15 J. Nickle movements of the value of eight dollars, the same being the corporeal personal property of Joseph Linz, and brothers, a firm composed of Joseph Linz, Ben Linz, J. J. D. O. P. J. I. A. Z. and Albert Linz, from the possession of the said Joseph Linz and brothers, without the consent of either of them, and with the intent to deprive the said Joseph Linz and brothers of the value thereof, and with the intent to appropriate it to the use and benefit of him, the said George A. Morris, Jr., contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State, S. L. French, Foreman of the Grand Jury, Wal-

ter S. Lemon, County Attorney." Which said indictments bear the following indorsements: "No. 6258. The State of Texas vs. George A. Morris, Jr., Theft over fifty dollars. S. L. French, Foreman of the Grand Jury. Filed June 15th, 1903. H. W. Jones, Clerk. By Calhoun Knox, Deputy."

That in further pursuance of said conspiracy, the defendants, on or about the 15th day of June, 1903, procured the plaintiff to be falsely arrested at his home in the City of Mexico, Audrain county, Missouri, as a fugitive from justice of the State of Texas, and did cause him to be held in custody for the period of one day, without warrant or other process of law, and did thereafter, to-wit, on the 16th day of June, 1903, in the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, lodge and caused to be lodged the following charge against the plaintiff, to-wit: State of Missouri vs. Geo. A. Morris, Jr., in the County of Audrain.

Before the Hon. E. M. Hughes, Judge of the 11th Judicial District, sitting within and for the County of Audrain, Missouri.

On this the 16th day of June, 1903, personally appeared before the Hon. E. M. Hughes, Judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit sitting within and for the County of Audrain, in the State of Missouri, F. R. Jesse, a creditable witness

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FATAL ACCIDENT. Young Man Dragged to Death in a Runaway.

The Vandalia Leader contained the following account last week: Brice, aged 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Kirtley, met death about noon Wednesday in a distressing manner. He had been plowing and was arranging to go to the house for dinner. The horses had been unhitched from the plow and he mounted one when the animal became frightened and ran away. He was thrown off and his feet became entangled in the harness and he was dragged for some distance. When found both legs were broken and there were many bruises on the body. He lived only a few minutes after the accident.

The accident is all the more distressing because the household was in preparation for a wedding. A sister, Miss Orpha Kirtley, was to have been married that evening to James Gore. Much sympathy is expressed for

the distressed family. W. H. Norris, dealer in Nursery Stock, "Hiner Building," Mexico, Mo.

A Callaway man advertises in an Auxvasse paper for "a black shepherd dog with a white breast that jumped from a train south of Auxvasse about two weeks ago with a strap around his neck which is five feet long and answers to the name of Fido."

Don't forget that 5 per cent money. W. A. Sharp.

Sleep With Dead Folks.

Columbia, Mo., March 25.—The students of the medical school of Missouri university have organized a society through which they propose to promote the cause of temperance. Their first efforts for reform were limited to students who were, whenever caught drunk, seized by a committee of the "medics" and dunked in ice water until sober. Last night they invaded the saloons, captured two well-known Columbia drunkards and took them to the dissecting room in the medical building, where two beds had been prepared. When the drunks woke up this morning each found himself in bed with a corpse. Around the neck of each corpse was hung a placard with the words, "This will be your finish."

Did you ever play that new game called "Tiekle the Editor?" It is played as follows: Take a sheet of writing paper about six by nine inches (altho the size is not material) fold it neatly, enclose a bank note sufficiently large to pay all arrears and one year in advance and hand it to the editor. Watch him closely and if he smiles it is a sign that the trick worked all right. Now is the time to play the joke, as it is especially appropriate at all seasons of the year. It has all other games skinned a mile.

A Monroe county lumber merchant recently bought a car load of red cedar shingles for which he paid \$203.50. The freight charges alone were nearly as much, \$196.25. He also bought a load of brick for \$48.80, paying \$66 freight charges. The crime of high prices can be charged to the transportation companies, and it is no wonder the people are clamoring for the government.

Another game law imposes a fine of from \$25 to \$50 on any person guilty of killing a squirrel between January and July.

400 Conversions. Paris, Mo., March 26.—The First Christian Church of this city has had more than 400 conversions during the revival, which is still in progress. The Reverend Charles R. Seoville, the evangelist is assisting the pastor, the Reverend Finis Idleman. The singer, Deliss Smith, is also assisting.

Mill For Sale.

Saw and grist mill, 9 acres of land, good four room house, 2 wells, outbuildings. Land well fenced. Will sell mill without the land. Call or write, J. E. Sharp, Youngs Creek, Mo.

Election Judges.

The following have been appointed to serve as judges in the city election next Tuesday:

First Ward—T. J. Gibson, E. B. Norris, J. W. Batty, G. N. Johnson.

Second Ward—R. H. Kernan, W. Squires, J. R. Browning, D. W. Campbell.

Third Ward—R. A. Calhoun, J. R. Marshall, John N. Brown, John Renie.

Fourth Ward—W. K. Potts, W. W. Clendenin, W. C. Gamble, J. G. Head.

Mrs. Nath Spencer of near Rush Hill is visiting relatives at Palmyra.

Ernest Harvey is a new reader of the MESSAGE.

Wanted, strictly good yearling mules. Address W. W. Cornett, Laddonia Mo.

Hon. F. R. Jesse is visiting his brother, Dr. J. W. Jesse, at Santa Rosa, Cali.

C. A. Candy of near Centralia was down this way Saturday. Came in and introduced himself to the MESSAGE. He is a pleasant gentleman.

Mrs. Bertie Crossley, after a pleasant visit to Miss Jane Botts here has returned to his home at Warrensburg.

A Sick Boodler.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 24.—Edmund Bersch, the St. Louis boodler, now serving five years in the penitentiary for bribery in the city lighting deal, will probably not live to complete his sentence. He is now confined in the prison hospital, and has been for the past month Dr. Chastine, prison physician, says Bersch has consumption and is a very sick man. Gov. Folk may pardon him.

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