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## HAPPENED and HAPPENING

OR EXPECTED TO HAPPEN

SOME LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS IN PELLET FORM

Rudolph Miller and J. H. Faucett remembered the MESSAGE in a substantial way last Saturday.

Miss Nellie Coloon of Benton City recently graduated from the high school at Montgomery City.

Mexico has a blacksmith who is White yet who is black. Presume we should say he is a colored man named White.

E. G. Starkey and wife of Mexico were down at New Harmony recently, where Mr. Starkey did some building.

P. P. Hummel and John T. Elzea, the former lately a resident of this city, have bought the J. D. Greer furniture and undertaking business in Laddonia.

Those two excellent fellows, Geo. Fritch and W. E. Thompson, of near Laddonia, were in Mexico last Friday and honored the MESSAGE with a pleasant business and social call.

I. M. Greer, the furniture man, has done himself proud again. Last week he presented \$100 worth of furniture for the Old Ladies' Home, being completed in South Mexico.

Mexico now gets a night mail service—postoffice open till 9 p. m. Postmaster Kunkel knows how to importune the Washington authorities till he gets them to do what he asks.

Auxvasse will hold a big Woodman log-rolling and picnic at Swon's Grove, Saturday, July 29. Many Audrain choppers with their "battle axes" will be visitors at Auxvasse that day.

Miss Gertrude Dancau has taught three terms of school in the Hedge Dale district, down near Rush Hill. She teaches there again next winter. She's successful; teaches a splendid school.

J. O. Outlaw, near Vandalia, is putting in tiling on his father's farm. Ten acres were tiled last year, and according to the Vandalia Mail, Mr. Outlaw thinks he has proven a success of the system for this section of Missouri.

Labe Lake, of Vandalia, assisted by Otis Lake, L. R. Long, Homer Richard, and James Bowers, also of Vandalia, have just finished the carpenter work on a fine house for J. H. Minor of Mexico. Milton Sayers, of Laddonia, did the plastering.

The Columbia Herald thus comments: Walter Barch, of Mexico, who represented Audrain county so ably in the last session of the General Assembly, has moved to St. Louis to practice law. He is a fine fellow, clean, courageous and with a conscience in working order.

John S. Marmaduke died at a hospital in St. Louis one day last week. The remains were shipped to Mexico for burial. Funeral Friday at the Methodist church conducted by Rev. C. C. Selesman. Deceased was born and raised here; was the only son of the late John S. Marmaduke.

John Peaster, who left Mexico recently with Mrs. J. D. Kanaly, was arrested at Fulton last week by Wm. Barnett and Sidney James and brought back to this place. He was fined \$20 on a charge of disturbing the peace and is paying the fine by serving 20 days in jail. Mrs. Kanaly was brought back with Peaster and was released. She and her husband fixed up their differences and they are living together again.

M. F. Engle, a whole-souled friend of the MESSAGE, sends the paper to his brother, T. E. Engle, Hunnewell, Mo.

Attorney W. A. Edmonston has moved back to Mexico from Colorado. He will have an office on the north side of the square.

The pupils of Prof. Fichtel, assisted by the vocal pupils of Miss Thomas, gave a very enjoyable piano recital at Hardin College last Wednesday night.

Rev. Charles Scovill of Chicago, who recently closed a revival meeting at Paris, Ill., with 720 conversions, is to assist Rev. A. W. Kerkendoffer of the Mexico Christian church in a revival meeting here this fall.

Mrs. Martha Harwood, aged 97 years, an aunt of J. G. Lakenan, Miss Sallie Lakenan, Mrs. S. M. Edwards, Mrs. A. K. Luckie and Mrs. — Lackland of Mexico, died at her home in St. Louis last Thursday.

The County Court last week appointed Dr. Paul E. Coil to the office of County Coroner, Dr. W. H. Douglass of Benton City resigning. Dr. Coil is City Physician of Mexico. He is a good man and all right in every way.

Rev. J. C. Armstrong, editor of the Central Baptist of St. Louis has been presented with a purse of \$600 to defray the expense of himself and wife to the Baptist congress, to be held in London this fall. Rev. Armstrong is well remembered in Mexico, where he formerly resided. He is to preach the dedicatory sermon of Gilead church north of Mexico, the 28th of this month.

This is a good sample Audrain girl, mentioned as follows by the Sturgeon Leader: A man in Audrain county gave his daughter two chickens and agreed to feed the increase for four years. He evidently didn't realize just what sort of contract he had entered into, for at the end of two years the girl had \$64 egg money in the bank and 200 chickens for the old man to winter.

The Laddonia Herald twits Mexico in the following fashion: Mexico has found oil rocks near that town that burn like coal. This would have been nice last winter to have found a pile of rocks like that, but we don't see how they can use them during summer. Mexico thinks the rocks are saturated with a spring that oil flows from. Folks shouldn't smoke or throw lighted matches around that spring. We remember at one time Mexico had a "hole in the ground" that was dangerous.

### Sharp Forfeits His Bond.

The Paris Appeal thus comments on a case that has interested the people of northern Audrain county for several weeks: Clarence Sharp failed to appear when the case against him for disturbing the peace of Jerre Jackson was called at Paris last Thursday. The \$300 bond he has given was forfeited though it has not yet been paid. It is reported that he has fled the country, leaving his wife with her father, James Guthrie, near Long Branch.

Should he fail to appear at the August term of circuit court the \$1,000 bond given after his assault on Tom Pryor will also be forfeited. It is reported that his bondsmen will resist any effort that may be made to collect the money. Sharp is said to have turned over to them the money received from his stock, and to have retained only \$50 for his immediate needs.

### GREETING TO THE FARMERS.

Mr. Ray Has a Parting Word With Audrain Tillers of the Soil.

After having spent ten days in your county in behalf of the farmers, I am compelled to say to you that you are a prosperous class of people, and your hospitality has been most generous to me, a stranger in your midst.

My mission here was to promote an organization known as The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America, and my visit has not been in vain, for I have not only interested many farmers but have installed some local unions in your midst.

In introducing this organization, I am without doubt offering to the farmers of Audrain county something that is legitimate, something that is based upon good principles, and that stands ready to help the farmers as a class, regardless of their circumstances.

While it is a fact that in all sections of the farming country there are farmers who are well-to-do, and have all the modern conveniences and luxuries, there are many of them, yea thousands, that do not, and some have only a mere existence, so to speak.

It is the latter, especially, that we wish to reach and help; yet we want to lend a friendly assistance to all our brothers, who are tilling the soil for their substance.

We realize that we have a great work to accomplish but we have a great people with which to accomplish the work.

Time never was riper in which to organize the farmers of our country than now, for at this day and age of the world all vocations, or rather men who follow all the various vocations, are in deed and truth, organized, except, alone the man who guides the plow.

Hence we say that the farmers must organize, to protect their industries and thus enable them to obtain at all times just and equitable prices for their products.

There is no class of people that should be more respected and honored and who should have a better living than the farmers. To this end we are striving to lift the farmers of our fair State to the standing they should have.

Our farmers are hard working and industrious, as a class, and notwithstanding this fact they are not recognized as they should be, neither do they receive fair compensation for their products, in which their labor is contained.

They frequently are forced to pay excessive prices for necessities they must have simply because the "other fellows" are organized while they are not.

I say, brother farmers, let us organize, to better our condition, to promote ourselves, and our children, of whom we think so much. We are a part, and a great part, of our nation's inhabitants. Our assessments show that we own thousands of dollars worth of valuable property, both personal and real estate, and that we as a class pay our taxes and all other debts as they accrue. We at all times try to live as loyal citizens of our various counties and States.

The object of the Farmers' Union is to discourage as much as possible the present mortgage and credit system, to get our people upon a cash basis. Last, but not least, "to aid you in buying and selling."

It is to you, brother farmers, we are speaking, and we hope to see you investigate this "Farmers Union" and enlist with us in a grand and glorious cause.

Let us ever remember the Golden Rule, "To do unto others as we would others would do unto us," and strive to live and let live all other vocations of man, and be not mad but desperately in earnest.

We have over 200,000 farmers enlisted with us, and ask your assistance and membership, that we may eventually tower, as it were, with other grand organizations of our country, and that it may be well and truly said of us, we were a benefit to all who till the soil.

H. M. RAY,  
State Org. Farmers' Union,

## Needs for Newspaper Work

By WHITELAW REID,  
Editor of The New York Tribune.

We may next look for whatever will facilitate wide acquisition and persuasive expression. You must first know things and know where to find things, and next how to interest people in your way of telling these things, and in your reasoning about them.

Knowledge, real knowledge, not a smattering of a history of your country, is indispensable, and no historical knowledge will come amiss. Constitutional and international law, at least, you must know, and if you can take a full law course, so much the better.

Modern languages will be most helpful, and in our great newspapers a reading knowledge of at least three of them—French, German and Spanish—becomes every year more desirable.

Finally, let me remind you that the man who succeeds is a man who has not undervalued what he has undertaken. This work we have considered is as varied, as exciting, and as responsible as any known to our modern civilization, if not also the most potential for good or ill. It calls for patience, for moderation, for quick and accurate perception, for deliberate judgment, for resolute purpose, and for what the politicians call staying power. No man who cannot, like the pugilist, "take punishment," has any business in it. No man who lets his nerves run away with his ice cold judgment has any business in it.

## Parents and the Children

By MRS. H. J. JOKISH,  
President Chicago Club Women.

Parents should know the teachers of their children better than they do now, and teachers, on the other hand, should know the parents, if they are to have the largest amount of freedom and discretion in dealing with the child.

Together parent and teacher should discuss the child, and together they should work for his moral as well as his intellectual advancement.

The system under which the child receives his physical training at home, his mental training at the public schools and his moral training once a week at the Sunday school is all wrong, because it is insufficient and does not give to the child the adequate preparation it needs in coping with the complexities of life in the years to come.

Moral training should be a part of the school life of the child, and this condition can only be realized satisfactorily where the parents and the teachers are brought together in close bonds of sympathy and cooperation.

### THE MORRIS DAMAGE SUIT.

Depositions Taken in St. Louis—Some Letters Produced.

The MESSAGE publishes below one of several articles printed by the St. Louis Republic relative to the damage suit of Geo. A. Morris, Jr., of Mexico, against Jesse Barnes, et al. The case now seems to be hinging considerably on several letters alleged to have been written to the Texas jewelry house by defendants and which a stenographer, Miss Goodwin, in Texas, took copies of, so she affirms. The defendants swear they never heard of the letters till they were produced in court and the Texas jeweler swears he never received them. Miss Goodwin did not produce the letters—showing only alleged copies. Following is the Republic article:

Geo. Morris, Jr., of Mexico, Mo., testified yesterday at the hearing in his \$100,000 damage suit against A. C. Barnes and others, that the letters he exhibited, which were declared forgeries by the defendants, had been secured by Miss Alice Goodman, a stenographer, formerly employed by the jewelry firm of Linz Brothers of Dallas, Texas., to whom they are alleged to have been addressed.

The hearing was resumed in the offices of Boyle, Priest & Lehman yesterday morning. Morris was made to undergo a rigid cross-examination by Attorney Cullen, which lasted all day.

Besides the letters alleged to have been secured by Miss Goodman who has since moved to St. Louis and is at present employed at a dry goods house, Morris testified that three of the letters were given to him by William Rodgers, of Dallas, who, he said, was a friend.

Several times during the hearing feeling was exhibited among the attorneys. An attorney declared that the defendants, at the trial would charge that Morris was the author of the letters he produced.

Attorney Lehmann, for Morris, said that the charge was uncalculated, and that the witness should refuse to answer any questions which might lead to such an assumption.

Morris was asked regarding the forty watch movements that he had in his possession at the time of his arrest. He declared that he still had a number of the movements at his home in Mexico. He said that when he sold out his jewelry store eight or nine years ago he reserved the movements from the stock. He had bought others, he said.

It developed during the testimony that just previous to his arrest Morris had pledged a watch and several diamond rings as security for a loan with the Savings Bank at Mexico. He learned later that one of the attorneys who was employed to secure evidence against him had visited the bank, he said, and examined the jewelry and taken the number of the watch.

After his arrest, when he was on the train on his way to Dallas, he said he was accused of removing some papers from a grip. He denied the charge, but despite his protests he was searched. No papers, however, were found on his person, he said.

He said that Miss Goodman had visited his sister at his home in Mexico, but that she was only an acquaintance. On cross-examination he said that he had accompanied her to the World's Fair on one occasion.

It is expected that the taking of testimony at St. Louis in the case will be completed today.

The following are verbatim copies of the letters in question:

will pay all your expenses, officers' and lawyers' fees and expenses and for your time and trouble as per Mr. Jesse's agreement with you. Please act promptly and with no fear of consequences to you, as we have all the evidence needed in any court. Yours truly,  
J. G. Lakenan,  
A. C. Barnes.

Mexico, Mo., June 24th, 1903.  
Mr. Jos. Linz,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:  
Altho I wrote you yesterday, will write you again today. I have found out that Morris some months ago sold \$1139.50 worth of loose diamonds to Bauman Nassa Jewelry Co., of St. Louis. In fact he had told a jeweler here and Wrcrell and I investigated it and found it to be so.

From my information gotten here believe he did have them left over from his stock as in 1898 he sold Walker Ragdale of this town two diamonds and that was nearly two years before going to Texas. However we can use this against him if you think advisable.

Consult Mr. Ethridge and if you desire Worrell on account of being a good customer of Bauman Nassa's can get them to lead a helping hand as Morris is nothing to them. Let me hear from you soon. Yours truly,  
F. R. Jesse.

Mexico, Mo., June 29th, '03.  
Jos. Linz, Esq.,  
Dallas, Tex.

Dear Sir:  
We have just started to Chicago to investigate certain rumors. There is no fear of Barger leaving down, and our case is stronger since Morris' arrest. Since our recent conference here with your brother, think you understand our interest in the case and that we will watch everything.

Yours truly,  
Lakenan & Barnes.

Mexico, Mo., July 14, 1904.  
Mr. Jos. Linz,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:  
Since my return from Dallas last week I have seen Lakenan & Barnes. They are highly pleased with the result of my currency for them, they agree to pay \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred) more for your trouble and if the prosecution of Geo. Morris results in conviction. You understand of course the importance of this to us.

Be careful and act according to our last conversation with New York party.  
Don't spare any expense. We will stand it all. Yours truly,  
F. R. Jesse.

Mexico, Mo., Aug. 22nd, '03.  
Jos. Linz, Esq.,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:  
Mr. Jesse will write you shortly in regard to Robertson's fee. There is no question but what it is too large, but we have to stand it, as we cannot afford any words with him and may have to have him later. Just pay it and at our next interview we will take care of this and all extra expenses not figured on before this. Yours truly,  
Lakenan & Barnes.

Mexico, Mo., Oct 12th, 1903.  
Mr. Jos. Linz,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:  
In answer to yours of Oct. 9th, will say that I regret as much as anyone your disappointment over the result of the Morris case. However we can still win the civil suit against him which will stop him from bringing damage suits.

You will see the importance of Worrell's statement when taken in connection with other testimony. We will make a strong case in a civil suit. Lakenan & Barnes at

my suggestion employed O. Hitt in the trial of Clarence Barnes for killing R. Clay. He is Worrell's brother-in-law and has given us valuable aid in controlling Worrell before, and I have had Lakenan & Barnes keep Mr. Hitt employed as "silent" lawyer in this civil suit. This means big money to Hitt and so Worrell is not liable to kick out of the traces.

You had better take a trip to New York City and see personally your man there. Watch everything closely and rest assured we are keeping tab on everything at this end of the line.

Yours truly,  
F. R. Jesse.

The following is a short reference to the same matter taken from the Globe-Democrat:

The taking of depositions in the suit of Geo. A. Morris, Jr., against Frank R. Jesse, Clarence A. Barnes, A. C. Barnes and J. G. Lakenan of Mexico, Mo., was adjourned yesterday morning at 11 o'clock with the conclusion of the cross-examination of Miss Alice Goodwin, a witness introduced by the plaintiff.

From here the attorneys for the plaintiff and defendants will go to Dallas, Texas., where depositions will be taken. They will return in about ten days. The adjournment followed the failure of the attorneys for the plaintiff to produce certain papers bearing on the case. They said they would produce them later.

Miss Goodwin was questioned concerning six letters produced by the plaintiff purporting to be from the defendants to Joseph Linz, of Dallas, Tex., which, according to the plaintiff, reveal a conspiracy to blacken his reputation. Miss Goodwin said the letters were received by Linz while she was stenographer. She said she recognized a portion of the contents of the letters but declined to identify the writing or the paper that they were written on.

On their return from Dallas, the attorneys for the plaintiff say they will produce the real letters received by Linz, of which those shown in the court were only copies.

### An Oil Well Promoter.

Wellsville, Mo., May 6.—Henry Bradford, the promoter of the oil boom at this place a few years ago, has been released from jail at Montgomery, where he has been serving a term, having been convicted of using the United States mail for fraudulent purposes.

He was a Federal prisoner. The oil wells which were advertised extensively at this place were not in existence.

### It's Up to Audrain to Yet Do More.

We want to see this work of road improvement, commenced in southeastern Audrain, spread to other portions of the county—don't care how soon. Here's a comment by the Middletown Chips:

The Carter district Audrainites are now going to begin work at the county line north of town, and grade and gravel one mile of the road leading toward the Salt River ford on Cuivre. Then it will be "up to" Middletown.

## MONEY TO LOAN!

If you want to buy, sell, or trade any kind of Real Estate, borrow Money on Real Estate, or Insure your buildings, Etc., call on me. I have what you are looking for. I always have a choice list of farms and City Property for sale and exchange.

Yours truly,  
WM. HARDIN RIXEY, Mexico, Mo.