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MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

BEST GOODS AT LOWEST PRICES

At DINSMORE'S RED FRONT 5C. & 10C. STORE, Mexico, Mo.

WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL STORE AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU SEE IT.

HAPPENED AND HAPPENING.

Mrs. J. C. Gowin of this city has moved to Farber.

J. F. Beam, from the vicinity of Molino, has moved to Mexico to reside.

W. L. Kent has leased Jess Worsham's 40 acre farm northeast of Mexico.

Judge Baker Barnes, of near Thompson, went to Indian Territory last week on business.

Miss Kota Luckie left last week for Fort Worth, Texas, where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. Alice E. Ragsdale has brought suit against her husband, W. S. Ragsdale, for divorce.

A. W. Wagoner at Thompson shipped four cars of cattle to Adelpia, Iowa, to put on feed this winter.

"Flave" Vandeventer was here from Columbia last week. He says Columbia is all right, but she is none ahead of Mexico.

John O'Brien, of near Thompson, went to Chicago this week as a delegate to the National Meeting of the Father Mathew Society.

Hon. W. S. Cowherd of Kansas City made a fine speech at the Mexico court house last week. He urged the Democrats to "vote right."

Mrs. Felix Arnall, of Monitou, I. T., visiting her mother at the Old Ladies' Home in this city, was called back home suddenly last week by the serious illness of one of her children there.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Gregory and two sons, Russell and McCall, visited Fulton friends last week and attended the big revival meeting there being conducted by Evangelist Brown.

B. F. Doan, six miles north of Mexico, is one of the oldest citizens of the county. He was born in Boone county; came to this county when but three years of age and has been here 74 years. That's a long residence of citizenship.

Miss Lena M. Petty is now principal of the school at Chilhowee, Johnson county, Mo., with two teachers under her. Her sister, Miss Mollye Petty, is teaching in Wyoming, near Cody. She went there for her health, and is getting as "fat as a pig." These two young ladies, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Petty, formerly lived at Rush Hill, this county.

DEMOCRATIC CLUBS.

A Number of New Organizations Formed.

The organization of Democratic clubs goes on over the county. The officers in each case are elected for two years, or until after the Presidential year of 1908.

At Naylor school house a club was formed recently. J. B. Wisdom was elected president of a club, the prefecting of the organization to be carried out later.

At Molino a club was organized with the following officers: President, W. W. Wilson. Vice-President, Dr. J. F. Flynt. Secretary, Almer Mundy. Sergeant-at-arms, Plyde Hendrix.

An enthusiastic club has been organized at Martinsburg with the following officers:

President, G. Jacobi. Vice-President, S. N. Walker. Secretary, Hubert Fennewald. Sergeant-at-arms, Mike Dunn. Judge W. W. Botts and Rufus Jackson organized a Democratic club at Rowena with the following officers:

J. Rowe, President. J. H. Neal, Vice-President. Frank McGee, Secretary. W. R. Hayden, Sergeant.

Rev. G. W. Petty of Warrensburg called on the MESSAGE last week. He was on his way to the synod of the C. P. church in session at Louisiana. Rev. Petty is well remembered in Audrain where he formerly lived.

Last Thursday night Rufus Jackson organized a club at Burks school house. E. A. Shannon addressed the voters. Following are the officers of the club:

President, Reed Burks. Vice-President, J. Shan Brown. Secretary, S. C. Groves. Sergeant, J. H. Tines.

The Third ward Democrats of Mexico organized a club last week with the following officers:

T. F. Roden, President. A. G. Smith, Vice-President. J. L. Edwards, Secretary. S. D. Byrns, Sergeant.

The following officers serve for the Laddonia club, organized recently:

W. H. Logan, president. J. M. Culbertson, vice-president. Ed Slavens, secretary. Lee Barker, sergeant-at arms.

Miss Kent Married.

Miss Madge Kent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kent of this city, was married last Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents to Mr. Frank M. Clark of Chicago, Rev. C. M. Aker tying the nuptial knot. Mr. Clark's father and mother were present, with the relatives and a few intimate friends of the bride. Mrs. Rowland, a sister of the bride, played the wedding march. The happy couple left on the afternoon Wabash train for a bridal trip to Niagara Falls. They will reside in Chicago. We extend them our best wishes.

Gov. Joseph W. Folk will speak in Mexico Saturday night, Nov. 3.

AUDRAIN TEACHERS.

They Were Here at the Institute Last Week.

The following is list of those who attended the institute.

MEXICO.

Misses— May Offutt, Rob Baker, May Jackson, Katherine Cook, Lida Powell, Mabel D. McHendry, Jennie Karnes, LaChair Tucker, Pearl Tucker, Mary Hopkins, Kathryn O'Brien, Ona Rachel Bradley, Estelle Blattner, Ora Johnson, Eighty-One Turley, Lotta Clark, Carrie Baldwin, Ida Jewett, Hattie Stevenson, Nora Caskley, Betha Humphries, Mory Humphries, Floy Hubbard, Minnie McIntyre, Stella Snidow, Kathryn Duncan, Anna Koenig, Mary White, Elizabeth Shannon, Callie Morris, Nannie Wright, Elizabeth Gill, Mamie Davis, Bess Brownfield, Frances Cauthorn, Vinnie Harrison, Golden Emerson, Lena Dowell, Wallace Harrison Myrtle Dunkin, Ethel Bybee, Lucy Jesse, Frankie Harrison, Carrie Baldwin.

Mrs. Laura Houghland.

Messrs.— A. A. Duncan. R. B. Finley. Jas. M. Harrison. C. W. Sansberry. Wallace Harrison. E. E. Shay. J. W. Atkins. Mark Skidmore. A. W. Clemeus.

VANDALIA.

Misses— Lida Botts, Rose Burns, Anna Shannon, Margaret DeLaporte, Emma May, Louise DeTienne, Mayme Neal, Mary Craig, Catherine Hudson.

Messrs.— R. W. Moore, Walter S. Monroe, Clyde Johnson, E. A. Irvine.

LADDONIA.

Misses— Martha Montague, Flemma Snidow, Mattie Butler, Sue Biggs, Lydia Hatton, Bernice Bruton, Blanche Wood.

Mrs. V. B. Bowman.

Messrs.— J. W. Hancock, T. H. Lirt, E. J. Powell, Ernest Horton, S. L. Mapes, C. C. Wooldridge, J. L. Shobe.

FARBER.

Misses— Vera Smith, Dollie Grigsby, Florence Kirkpatrick.

Messrs.— Jno. H. Rain.

MARTINSBURG.

Misses— Birdie Hults, Alta Davis, Dorothy Robinson, Anna Pritchett, Sara Harper, Susau Martin. Mrs. L. C. McCall.

Messrs.— L. C. McCall.

BENTON CITY.

Misses— Laura Brown, Rhoda Hughs, Eva Tuttle, Blanche Taylor, Jessie Allison, Camilla Garrett.

THOMPSON.

Misses— Alma Keiser, Winnie Gibbs. Mrs. Nellie McKeenan.

Messrs.— Beverly Mays.

MOLINO.

Miss Stella Dixon. W. E. Cauthorne. Miss Nola Hanna, Santa Fe. Miss Sophia A. Owen, Hallsville. Miss Nell Cohoon, Centralia. J. E. Dunn, Middletown. S. S. Shay, Auxvasse. S. T. Davis, Rush Hill.

A GAS PLANT.

That's What We Are to Have in Mexico—The People Vote It.

Mexico is coming to a solution of the fuel question; wood is scarce and becoming more so every year, coal keeps a good price, and it is coming to a point when there must be some other supply for fuel, especially for cooking purposes and light house keeping.

The gas franchise voted the Mexico Heating & Power Co. last Thursday will help solve the problem. The vote stood as follows:

First ward—for, 94; against, 20. Second ward—for, 76; against, 14.

Third ward—for, 204; against, 27. Fourth ward—for, 77; against, 22.

Total for the proposition, 351; against the proposition, 83.

A Pretty Home Wedding.

The MESSAGE last week referred to the marriage of Miss Lebbia Ball to Mr. J. J. Wood in California. The following clipping is from the Bakersfield (Cal.) Echo, giving further reference to the wedding:

Miss Lebbia Ball and Mr. John J. Wood were married last night at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Snook on Sixteenth street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. M. Shaw, of the South Methodist church, and was witnessed by a number of friends and relatives. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood left on the nine o'clock Santa Fe for Fresno where they will make their home.

The bride, whose former home was in Mexico, Mo., has been visiting here for only a few months. She has been engaged as a teacher in Arkansas for the last four years. The groom is in the employ of the Telephone Company and has made his home here for the past year, but has recently been transferred to Fresno. The happy couple carry with them the best wishes of many friends.

Dr. Howard Crutcher, chief consulting surgeon for the C. & A. R. E., who is to move here from Chicago, will establish a general medical and surgical hospital in Mexico. It is just what the city and community needs. We hope Dr. Crutcher will receive every encouragement.

Judge John A. Guthrie, Mrs. Sam Evans, J. W. Keltner and Rev. H. E. Trux of the Mexico Baptist church are attending the annual meeting of the Baptist Association in session at Cape Girardeau this week.

Jap Moomaw has bought the Byron Barton 120 acre farm north of Laddonia, paying \$57.50.

RUINED BY DRINK.

Married a Mexico Girl—Commits Suicide in California.

The following is taken from the Los Angeles (Cal.) Times:

Brought down by drink from a fine position and a promising career, losing the love of his wife after she had tried to help him for five years, finally losing one place after another because he couldn't keep sober, and out of work and drunk for nearly a month, Philip S. Thompson, who married Miss Ida Meniffee, formerly of Mexico, Mo., killed himself some time Saturday by a mixture of sulphuric acid and cyanide of potassium.

Thompson lived at No. 207 North Broadway. Saturday evening the landlady looked into his room and saw him apparently asleep on the bed. She closed the door and did not pay any more attention to him until yesterday when she again saw him in the same position. Investigation showed that he had been dead nearly a day. On a chair were bottles containing sulphuric acid and cyanide of potassium, and it was evident that he had taken a mixture of the two poisons, as his mouth and throat were burned from the effects.

He left no note or any explanation of the deed. The only papers found on his body were an insurance policy of small amount made out in favor of this divorced wife, Mrs. Ida M. Thompson of No. 2647 Raymond avenue, and a document showing that he was a thirty-second degree Mason.

From acquaintances it was found that he had been drinking heavily for some days. Drink had been his downfall. Fifteen years ago he came here from Vermont, and had worked his way to a good position. For some time he was credit man for F. W. Braun & Co., wholesale druggists.

While he held that position he married a sister-in-law of Glenn D. Edmonds, a real estate man. This was eight years ago. For five years she tried to help him, but finally it became impossible for her to live with him, and she went East. A year ago she returned here and secured a divorce from him. There are no children.

Thru drink he lost his position with the drug company. Prominent Masons tried to assist him, and he held various positions in Los Angeles, losing one after another. A short time ago he got a place as bookkeeper for the Title Insurance and Trust Company, but a month ago he lost that. Since then, it is said that he was hardly ever sober.

Thompson has a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, living at Linden Corners St., and a brother, Nathan Thompson, who is in Everett, Wash. It is said that his people, after vainly trying to straighten him up have disowned him. He was 37 years old.

M. M. Rogers of Martinsburg has some excellent bargains in new millinery. New goods every week.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

John T. Douglass, near Frankford, nearly 90 years of age, suffered an "indisposition" of one of his big toes recently and had it amputated by a physician.

Auxvasse is to have an "Old Maids' Convention" just before Thanksgiving. The Review says standing room in the meeting place will be at a premium—so much interest.

Billie Danahue, over in the Kingdom of Callaway, was riding a horse along the road the other day and it fell dead. He borrowed another horse and rode on toward home and when he got there found the one he supposed was dead alive and standing at the gate ready for its feed. They are calling on Billie to explain.

Alfalfa hay in Callaway county sells at \$9.50 to \$11.75 a ton.

The Railroad Commissioners are to hold a meeting in Sturgeon next Tuesday to hear complaints against the Wabash R. R. for its refusing to provide "proper and adequate passenger service in and out of Sturgeon."

Telephone poles unloaded at Sturgeon cost \$5.35 each.

New London has a graveyard that has been transformed into a garden, the last vestige of a grave having been removed. Some folks would feel a little "skittish" to eat truck grown in that garden.

V. G. Turner of Columbia has bought the Johnson Bros. saloon in Centralia. The Courier says Turner keeps an orderly grog shop.

J. D. King of Wellsville has invented a spark arrester for locomotives that is said to be the very thing the railroads have sought in vain for many years. It will make him immediately rich, it is thought.

L. W. Hinebaugh of Monroe county refused \$550 for a pair of fancy mules that won first premium at the Madison street fair recently. The mules average 1500 pounds in weight—such fine big fellows that to look at them makes a regular mule man dribble at the mouth, it is said.

Miss Madge Finley at Fulton has given up her school duties at Hot Springs, Ark., and has gone to Colorado with the hopes of helping her health.

James A. Carlisle has received the appointment as postmaster at Auxvasse.

Mr. J. N. Baskett of this city delivered an address before the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis last week. His subject was: "Early Spanish Expeditions; Their Relations to Each Other and to Missouri."

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