

# THE MESSAGE

THURSDAY, DEC. 26, 1907.

Mrs. Vaughn Crawford is visiting friends in Chicago.

The MESSAGE and Hick's Almanac for 1908 for \$1.20.

Wm. Hardin Rixey is reported quite ill with pneumonia.

Miss Bertie Armstrong of Chicago is visiting relatives in this city.

H. G. Baskett has bought the Scudder farm of 60 acres just east of Mexico.

Miss Kittie Turley, attending school at Warrensburg, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Alice O. Macfarlane of Columbia is visiting her sister in this city, Mrs. P. E. Locke.

Mrs. N. S. Johnston of Worcester visited her daughter in Mexico this week, Mrs. P. E. Coil.

Adams & Son sold the John Ricketts place, east of Mexico, 58 acres, to H. G. Baskett for \$4,500.

John Owen, formerly of this city, was married a few days ago to Miss Flovella Clark in Denver, Colo.

Rev. W. D. Puls and family of Spring Garden, Mo., are the guests of W. S. Edward and family, near Mexico.

V. E. Kendall of Muscatine, Iowa, and O. R. Kendall of Hedley, Texas, are visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Englund of St. Louis are spending the holidays with Mrs. Englund's mother, Mrs. Fannie Roberts, near Mexico.

Dr. P. E. Coil and wife and little son, Evert Johnston Coil, are visiting Mrs. Coil's mother at Worcester, Mrs. N. S. Johnston.

The Laddonia and Martinsburg postoffices are now Presidential offices; postmasters for these places will hereafter be appointed by the President.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roberts and little daughter, Marion, of Columbia are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. James, southeast of Mexico, this week.

Judge J. B. Sutton representing the Audrain County Court, met the Ralls county judges recently with reference to the building of certain bridges on the Audrain and Ralls county line.

The Laddonia Herald says that J. A. Quick of that place has surrendered his government license and quit the drug business and will devote his time henceforth to the hotel business.

Mrs. John Parks, near Mexico, a shut-in, doesn't go from home renews for the MESSAGE and sends kindly greetings. We thank her for her good words concerning the MESSAGE and for her wishes for the paper's success.

Misses Ruth and Minnie Younger's friends, of north Liberty, gave them a surprise party last Saturday night, it being Minnie's birthday. Large number of guests present and all report a pleasant time.

Mr. Clarence Julfs and Miss Fannie Hickman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hickman, south of Mexico, went over to Fulton one day last week and were married. They will reside on the groom's farm near this city.

Nothing should be done to better reported conditions at the Audrain County Poor Farm. Mr. Crutcher's picture of the situation out there may be a little overdrawn but a State official could not afford to report conditions which were known to be too wide of the truth.

W. H. Beal, one of the pioneers of Audrain Co., who has been rustling out in the sand hills of Nebraska the last three years, leaves here Friday by the way of Kansas City to visit a brother's family at Siloam Springs in Ark. From there he goes to visit a sister at Conway in the same State.

## SEVEN STORES ROBBED.

Two Young Fellows Will Get a Term in the Pen.

Two burglars got in their work in Mexico last night, seven stores being entered, as follows: Gantt & Rowland, grocery, Parly's drug store, Patterson's drug store, Smith Bros. grocery, Blum's, clothing, Blum's variety store and Ferris & Cauthorn's hardware.

About 11 o'clock the thieves were discovered by James Mundy at their work in Ferris & Cauthorn's store. The police were notified and the intruders arrested, who proved to be Harvey Stanley and Charles Houch, two youths aged about 18 years each. On their persons was found about \$25 in money and a gold watch and a gun and other articles which they had carried from this and that store which they had entered.

It was a great undertaking for the boys, but they got only a small rake-in. However, they have probably earned a nice little term each in the State Prison.

## Circuit Court Cases.

The following late suit filed will come up at the January term of Circuit Court:

B. H. Icenogle vs. Aetna Insurance Co., of Hartford, on policy.

B. R. Middleton vs. William Burke, breach of contract.

City of Bowling Green vs. A. J. Forgey, appeal, change of venue. State of Mo., vs. J. A. Quick, appeal, J. P.

William Wilburn vs. C. B. & Q. R. R., damages.

August Yeager vs. C. B. & Q. R. R., damages.

Joseph Deimike, vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Co.

Otto Smith, by next friend, W. S. Smith, vs. Wabash R. R. Co., damages.

Thayer, the best of Illinois coal, and Cannel coal at E. B. Sellard's.

## Mrs. Russell Emmons Dead.

Ethel Plunkett Emmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Plunkett, was born Jan. 10, 1879, in Mexico, Mo.; died Dec. 22, 1907, aged 28 years.

She was married to Mr. R. M. Emmons Feb. 26, 1906. The husband, her parents, one brother, Herbert, and two sisters, Trix and Helen, and aged grandmother, Mrs. Botts, survive her in the home. She leaves an infant daughter a few days old.

Mrs. Emmons joined the Methodist Church in Mexico some years ago under the ministry of Rev. W. A. Hanna, and remained a faithful and consistent member of that church to her death.

She was an unselfish and devoted wife, an obedient and loving daughter, an especial favorite of all who knew her. Was unselfish in all her dealings with others. Being the oldest child of the family much of the family care and responsibility devolved upon her, thus she became doubly dear to the younger members of the family.

She was patient and brave during her last suffering and was resigned to her Heavenly Father's will. She had her infant daughter brought to her bedside and named it and committed it to her parents to be cared for and asked them to train it as they knew she would have it trained. She bade them all good bye and "fall on sleep," to awake in the presence of her Lord in her Father's eternal home.

The funeral was preached at the home Monday morning by her pastor, Rev. C. M. Aker, and Rev. H. E. Truex, of the Baptist church assisted. A large gathering of relatives and friends were present. The floral offerings were profuse and most beautiful. Burial was in Mexico cemetery. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved husband and relatives in the great loss they have suffered.

The meeting at the Mexico Presbyterian church closed last Sunday with ten additions to the membership.

## AS TO CO-OPERATION.

Noble Barnes Argues That Fruit Growers and Beekeepers Should Get Together.

EDITOR MESSAGE: I beg a line in your paper in reference to the Audrain County Horticultural and Beekeepers Association.

This association was organized with the view of ascertaining the best systems of how to cultivate and care for an orchard and the best methods of handling bees.

We want men of experience to visit us and tell us how they have managed to raise 10 to 15 bushels of large nice apples when we have only raised 5 to 10 bushels of scabby, wormy fruit; also tell how they have managed bees so as to get 40 to 50 pounds of honey, nice white honey, to the colony, when we are only getting 20 to 30 pounds, mostly dark comb.

Horticulture may also be discussed, how to care for flowers, and how to beautify the home.

These things can best be accomplished thru an organization, in as much as the State has men employed whose duty it is to visit counties as have such organizations, and render them such assistance as their knowledge and experience would suggest—in this age of organization and trusts; the bad trust that tells you what it will give and what you must pay, the good trust that tells you what you must pay and what it will give.

Then the labor organizations make their demands for an eight hour day or more money, and frequently both.

This being an age of trusts and organization it is but fair to presume that the industry that is not organized stands very little show in the unequal contest.

Now if trusts and labor organizations are benefited by reason of organization it is evidently at the expense of unorganized industries.

This being the case can any person, whether his orchard is large or small, neglect such aid and encouragement to an organization that would be of mutual benefit to all orchardists? Not by trying to be a bad trust, telling your townspeople that they must pay a certain price or go without, but rather that thru organization and co-operation you will be able to find out, before you are ready to ship, the names of responsible commission firms, and learn something about how to handle the different fruits for market, and where the best markets are, whether it be north, south, east or west; to co-operate in buying barrels and boxes, to co-operate in making up car load lots.

Thru co-operation you will be able within 48 hours to tell how many apples can be delivered at any point in a given time.

Thru co-operation you will be able to tell approximately how many apples there are in the locality of different railroad stations.

If such things are known it may induce buyers to come to your locality and buy your crop on the trees, paying you more for them than you might get if you waited and gathered them yourself.

Co-operation puts you in touch with the best markets, therefore the best prices.

Co-operation will cause you to succeed where you would not attempt it single handed.

Co-operation makes you a stronger man, and properly directed, a better man.

In co-operation you have the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped your neighbor and incidentally yourself, for no man can in anywise help his brother without being the better for having done so.

Co-operation begets hope, hope begets confidence. Confidence properly engineered will surmount any difficulty. Then shall we co-operate in trying to raise larger and better crops than formerly, for people living who need such things as we have, and therefore be a mutual benefit to all parties concerned.

The Audrain Horticultural and Beekeepers Association will meet at the court house in Mexico, Mo., January 6, 1908, at 2 p. m. Come, friend, your presence is needed. United we rise, divided we stay at the bottom.

NOBLE BARNES.

## HERE'S A HOT ONE.

A Member of the State Board of Charities Tells of Audrain's Poor Farm.

Rev. James Norval Crutcher, member of the State Board of Charities, made a visit to Audrain county some weeks ago and visited our "Poor Farm." He publishes the following scathing article in the Kansas City Independent:

Audrain county is wedded to her idols and begs to be let alone. The man who dares to call attention to her miserable excuse for a county home is a "grandstander" regardless of the few poorly constructed "cottages," reeking with filth and vermin when I saw them, and filled with foul odors, where idiots and negroes are herded promiscuously with the aged and honorable poor whose only crime against their fellows is their poverty. Instead of a pleasant room in which to eat their meals, Audrain's paupers must, in sunshine or in rain, march up to the kitchen window and receive their food in tin plates, eating it wherever their fancy may dictate. For this food the penurious county court allows twenty-five cents per day per inmate, just one-half of the allowance for feeding the prisoners in the county jail. In this county of perhaps twenty-five thousand population there are but nine inmates of the almshouse, and these are kept in such style that they envy the dog in his kennel. Their clothing is the cheapest in the market and their beds are filthy in the extreme. In the "cottage" is a stockade with barred door. Formerly three negroes slept in this cell. A stout, healthy boy of twelve years lives here, upon public charity, and is being reared with idiots and negroes. An intelligent old man in this almshouse whose usefulness was ended by paralysis, said "I have been here five years and in all that time I have never seen a book or a newspaper; never had a visitor; no minister of God has ever entered here to comfort me in my loneliness or to pray with me. I am forsaken by man and it takes strong faith to believe that I am not forsaken by God himself." And thus within walking distance of proud Mexico, where fine churches are the pride of a cultured citizenship and gifted ministers preach of the pauper's Friend of long ago, who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it not to me."

## Mr. Clapper Dead.

George Clapper, aged 35, residing 6 miles northwest of this city, died Tuesday morning of this week after only a week's illness of pneumonia.

The wife, formerly Miss Lena Dye, and a daughter, Mary, survive him. The funeral was held at the residence Wednesday at noon conducted by Rev. Cobb.

The burial was in the Mexico cemetery, the following acting as pallbearers: Henry Neiderscutte, Wm. Neiderscutte, Wm. Lambert, B. Morrell, Fremont Platte, Wm. Creasey.

## Has a Bad Injury.

The Moberly Democrat prints the following item: Lenos Galbreath of this city, who is working at the insurance business in Mexico, is here visiting his parents while he recovers from a severely sprained ankle. He injured the member a few days ago in Mexico and is compelled to get around with the assistance of a cane. The injured member is giving him much trouble and as a sprained ankle is a pretty bad injury it will probably be several weeks before he recovers.

## SOME FIGURES

Does Mexico Need Revenue from Saloons to Prosper.

On March 24, 1906, E. E. Jones furnished a statement showing the permanent improvements made in Mexico during the four years he was Mayor. The saloon license then was about \$1,200 a year for each saloon when now it is \$3,000 for each saloon. The figures below show part of what was expended—not all, perhaps by \$1,000 or \$1,500. Seems like we got along then on but very little "blood money." Why could we not do without any of it now? Study these figures:

FOR PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.	
Fire hose and other equipment	\$ 955 25
City scales	250 20
Put out gen'l fund for main sewer	600 00
Hardin Park walks	196 21
Excavating streets for paving	5,612 85
Road Grader	300 00
Rock crusher	884 75
Cart	35 00
Mowing machine	37 90
Paving along city property	1,375 95
Painting city hall	129 50
Typewriter	73 00
Book case for police court	13 50
Granitoid walk at city hall	160 00
Iron fence for city cemetery	1,000 00
Lbr., etc., for fencing cemetery	928 81
Hitching lot	4,000 00
Walks along hitching lot	108 75
Improvements on lot	150 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,773 37</b>

NOTES AND DAMAGE CLAIMS PAID	
Notes assumed and paid	\$2,407 85
Jdgmt and Int., Mary A. Reed case	2,818 72
Costs, Mary A. Reed case	278 45
Costs, W. F. Reed case	188 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,693 05</b>

Balance on hand at beginning of present administration	\$ 304 18
Present indebtedness of city	\$4,000 00
Amt. of cash on hand Mar. 24, '06.	\$1,766 44

The amount expended for permanent improvements during four years, the city records show, was about \$21,058.78; amount received from saloons during four years, about \$13,500. There was spent during the four years about \$7,500 for permanent improvement not received from saloons.

The Mexico Intelligencer of March 24, 1906, commenting upon Mayor Jones' report given above used these words:

"It shows what the Mayor has accomplished in his two terms of four years. He has a pride in it and in that he is justified. The running expenses of the city, the matter of street improvements, with the exception of excavating for paving, official salaries, smallpox indebtedness and the charity fund and other like expenditures are not considered in this statement."

## Mr. Roseberry Dead.

John N. Roseberry, formerly a citizen of Mexico, died a few days ago at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. D. Houx, at Marshall, Mo. The body was shipped to this city Tuesday and was buried by the side of the wife who preceded him to the grave 20 years ago. Mr. Roseberry had been in failing health for several years. He was an uncle of Mrs. J. Frank Miller who resides in this city.

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J. R. BELL.

R. F. D. 3, Ortiz Fruit Farm.

## Died in Colorado.

Dr. James J. Wilson, brother of Mrs. Alex Carter, north of this city, died at his home in Littleton, Colo., this week. He leaves a wife and one child. Dr. Wilson about 16 years ago, practiced medicine at Molina, this county, had a fine practice, but contracted lung trouble and moved at once to the West. He was a nephew of the late Mrs. C. H. Sandia.

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No. 14. Atlantic Express 4 15 a m  
No. 50. St. L. Accom., 7 27 a m  
No. 20 St. Paul Lim., 11 07 a m  
No. 2. East'n M' & Exp. 3 06 p m  
No. 12. St. Louis Expr. (ex. Sun.) 3 45 p m  
No. 54 Moberly Accom., Sunday only 6 41 p m  
No. 72 Local frt. (ex Sun) 12 11 p m  
No. 64 " " 6 41 p m  
Going West.  
No. 7. Pacific Express, 1 55 a m  
No. 13. K. C. Express. (ex Sun) 11 31 a m  
No. 55 Moberly Accom Sunday only 11 53 a m  
No. 3. Western Mail and Express 12 11 p m  
No. 9. K. C. Mail 5 15 p m  
No. 9 St Paul Limited 5 15 p m  
No. 51 Moberly Accom., 9 40 pm  
No. 1. Ottumwa, Des Moines and Omaha 10:55p m  
No 73 Local frt (ex Sun) 11 31 p m  
I. M. RICHARDS, Tkt. Agt.  
I have a choice lot of Barred and White Plymouth Rock Roosters for sale. Henry Rodhouse Fair Grounds Ave., Mexico, Mo.