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MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE.

The Three Link Men Gather in Great Concourse in Mexico.

Mexico Lodge I. O. O. F. celebrated the 89th anniversary of the birth of Oddfellowship last Friday night by inviting in brothers from neighboring lodges and doing some big degree work.

A special train brought the visitors from Jefferson City and Fulton. There was a large contingency from Centralia, and representatives were here also from Rush Hill, Laddonia, Santa Fe, Wellsville and other points. The Martinsburg brothers brought the Martinsburg Band with them. It is one of the best bands in the State and furnished excellent music on the streets at different hours throughout the afternoon.

Mexico Lodge had the work of conferring the Second Degree. The staff was composed of the following:

L. B. Larkins, S. J. Sanford, E. L. Johnson, Claude Powell, A. C. Whitson, A. Owen, J. F. Miller, Dr. F. M. Shoush, Joe D. Pratt, N. B. Wilson, Frank Squires, Robt Jolly, C. L. Staples, Edgar Threlkeld, John Wayne, James Squires, Thomas Williams, Henry McGee, P. C. Smith.

J. W. Wilkerson of St. Louis, Grand Secretary, delivered an address which was followed by a banquet.

The following compose the officers of Mexico I. O. O. F. Lodge:

Ernest Johnson, N. G.
L. B. Larkins, Act. G.
Claude Powell, Vice-G.
James Squires, Warden.
W. N. Boatman, Chaplain.
S. J. Sanford, L. S. N. G.
A. C. Whitson, R. S. N. G.
Dr. Shoush, L. S. V. G.
A. Owen, R. S. N. G.
James Towson, I. G.
John Howard, O. G.
C. L. Staples, Secretary.
H. L. Miller, Perm. S.

Finas Dye Passes Away.

Finas Dye, employed in the Mexico Shoe Factory, died the 22nd inst., after a short illness of pneumonia. He was a son of W. C. Dye, formerly of this county but who now resides at Milan, Wash. He was a nephew also of Leb Dye of Molino, also was a relative of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dye of the same neighborhood and of Mrs. Frank Wilson of Thompson.

The burial was at Berea church last Thursday morning. The young man had many friends who will be pained to hear of his death.

Gottlieb Winzer, who is charged with unlawfully taking into his possession Valentine Erdel's horse about ten days since, was tried in Rush Hill last Thursday on another count, resisting an officer, and was fined \$25 and costs. He has appealed to the Circuit Court.

Mrs. F. E. Jesse is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rhodes, at Sedalia.

FOR SALE—Full Plymouth Rock eggs. 3 1/2 miles north of Mexico. Phone Hickory 21.

Mrs. F. J. HARRIS.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that final settlement of the estate of Annie E. Roberts, deceased, will be made at the May term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, State of Missouri, to be held at Mexico, on the second Monday, 1908.

Wm. A. ROBARDS, Executor.

Mexico Savings Bank

Capital and Surplus, \$150,000.00

40th Year in Business

W. W. Fry, Pres.
Sam Locke, Cashier.

ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING.

Don't Buy Goods From a Traveling Hobo Peddler.

The Auxvasse Review last week printed the following concerning a happening over the Callaway line, south of Mexico:

N. Tennoy alias Charles Farris came into Auxvasse Saturday morning in a stage of excitement and hunted up constable Holland, and swore out a warrant against E. G. Berry, who resides about 8 miles north-east of Auxvasse, charging him with shooting with intent to kill. Deputy constable B. P. H. Neal went down to Berry's place Saturday afternoon and served the warrant. Berry gave bond for his appearance before the Esquire Holland Monday at 1 o'clock.

At the preliminary trial it developed that some time last fall Tennoy had sold Berry a bill of goods and before Tennoy left a quarrel ensued and Mr. Berry ordered him off the place and told him not to come back there anymore. But it seems that last Friday Tennoy, alias Farris, again visited the Berry place for the purpose of selling another bill of goods. Mrs. Berry had purchased a pair of table cloths when, as Mr. Berry testified, Tennoy and Mrs. Berry became involved in a quarrel. Mr. Berry was in an adjoining room lying down. He arose and went into the room where Tennoy and his wife were and ordered Tennoy to leave the place. Some rough language ensued and Mr. Berry seized his shotgun. Tennoy grabbed hold of the gun and tried to take it away from Berry. After Tennoy had left the house and was at his wagon untying his horses Mr. Berry took a shot at his wagon. Several witnesses were examined and after hearing testimony on both sides, Prosecuting Attorney Tinscher concluded that there was not sufficient evidence to convict Mr. Berry in the circuit court, and after giving him some good wholesome advice about using fire arms he was discharged.

It developed during the hearing of the case that Tennoy was selling goods under a license issued in the name of Charles Farris and that the license was made out for a pack peddler. Tennoy was peddling with a two horse wagon loaded with goods. In fact Tennoy was peddling without license and in strict violation of the laws of Missouri. Mr. Tinscher told him that it was a serious offense against the law, but as Tennoy could not read he told him he would let him off without paying a fine if he would take out a license in his own name and pay all costs in this prosecution.

There is no doubt in our mind that many of the hobo peddlers going over the country selling cheap, shoddy goods at high prices have no license, and we think that when one of these vendors is caught up with he should be punished to the full extent of the law. Our advice is: Don't buy goods from traveling vendors and peddlers.

Circuit Court Cases.

J. P. Robnett vs. unknown heirs, etc., of Geo. W. Long; perfect title.
W. H. Upham et al vs. unknown heirs, etc., of Joseph Pearson; perfect title.
J. R. Browning vs. W. A. Stewart et al; to revive.
North Missouri Trust Co. vs. W. E. Mitchell et al; to revive.
W. A. Krutel vs. A. G. Armstrong; for money.
Chas. B. Lyman vs. unknown heirs, etc., of J. H. Stephenson, etc.; perfect title.

O. L. Woods, near Molino, finished planting a 40 acre field of corn last week.

MEXICO CHAUTAUQUA.

July 22-29, Inclusive, Eight Splendid Days—Outline of Program.

Great Political Day: All parties represented. Best Orators in the country.

Fraternit Day: With address by a magnificent orator. Parades and prizes.

Farmers' Day: With addresses suitable to the occasion. With special prize to some farmer's family.

Educational Day: With special features. On this day a cash donation, to be used in purchasing a library, will be made to some school district.

Old-fashioned tournament. Liberal prizes and crown to victorious knight.

Talent: Great political speakers. The celebrated Markee family Band Pamahaika and his trained dogs and birds. The popular Mrs. Fannetta Sargent Haskell. Dr. Richard Wilkerson, the great Southern orator. Booth Lowrey, a whole chautauqua in himself, for a whole week. The "Only" Ed. Vance Cook. The Magnificent Wendling. Col. Bain, the unrivaled. Senator Ben R. Tillman. The noted Dixie jubilee singers. Prof. J. C. Elder in charge of Seton Indian work. Mrs. Jessie McKenzie Walker, in her excellent travel lectures. Prof. Arthur Lee, on educational matters. Etc., etc. Every hour will be full from start to finish.

More people on program than ever before. Watch for Illustrated program.

Season tickets now on sale. If purchased and paid for before May 10, 1908, \$1.50. After that date, \$2.00. No four day tickets will be issued this year. General admission, 25 cts. Special days, 50c. There will be three special days. Children's season tickets, \$1, if purchased before May 10th. After that date, \$1.25. Season tickets purchased before May 10th may be exchanged for other tickets at later date if holder desires at \$2 value.

Mrs. Barton Dead.

We take the following from the Laddonia Herald of last week:

The remains of Mrs. Rachel Barton, who died in South Missouri, were brought to this place Saturday and buried in the city cemetery after funeral services by Rev. Brownell. Her maiden name was Rachel Grim, and lived about 3 miles south of Laddonia. She moved to south Missouri about four years ago.

Mrs. Barton was a sister of Lemuel Grim, late of Mexico, now located at Columbia. She was a woman of fine Christian character and her many friends in this county will be pained to hear of her death.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our thanks to our friends and neighbors thru the columns of the MESSAGE for the many favors and acts of sympathy shown us during the serious sickness and death of our dear husband and father. May God reward all in his own way is our prayer for each.

Mrs. A. D. ERIKMAN AND CHILDREN.

Administratrix's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Wm. T. Parks, late of Audrain county, Missouri, deceased, have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of said Audrain county, bearing date the 14th day of April, 1908. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from benefits of said estate; and if such claims are not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

Little Miss Marion Flynt of Molino has been visiting relatives at Hallsville.

LIQUOR LIES.

"The Christian Messenger" of K. C. Puts Things in Plain Words.

A good friend of the MESSAGE out at Hollensville, this county, sends us the following taken from a Kansas City paper:

If liars were treated now as in the days of Annanias and Sapphira there would be some funerals with millionaire brewers doing the star act. All through the country the liquor men have been publishing the most villainous lies about Kansas City, Kansas, since the prohibitory law was enforced. C. W. Trickett, prosecuting attorney, by whose vigorous efforts in law enforcement the city has been cleansed of the filth of the liquor traffic, asked C. L. Brokaw, cashier of the Commercial National bank, the largest financial institution in Kansas City, Kan., for a statement as to the effect of prohibition in that city. We publish Mr. Brokaw's letter with the assurance that our readers can place the utmost confidence in what it contains. The complete refutation of the false and malicious utterances of the liquor men found in this letter makes good temperance campaign literature. Pass it on:

Dear Mr. Trickett: Answering your inquiry with reference to my opinion about the conditions of Kansas City, Kan., before and since the closing of the "joints" 21 months ago, I am glad to state that it has been the best 21 months in the history of the city during the 17 years that I have lived and been engaged in the banking business here.

It has been a 21 months during which bank deposits have about doubled; 21 months in the largest activity in building ever known in the history of this city; 21 months in which it has been almost impossible to find a vacant store room on the business streets on which to locate a business; 21 months of the largest growth in population that the city has ever been able to record for the same length of time: 21 months of the least crime; 21 months of the largest progress made in the building of school buildings and in increase of school facilities; 21 months of the greatest satisfaction among our retail business men; above all, 21 months of the purest city government we have ever had, and 21 months of the best moral atmosphere this city has ever enjoyed; a 21 months during which hundreds of men who were formerly committed to re-submission and who were violent anti-prohibitionists have been wholly converted to the strict enforcement of the prohibitory law and who will use all of their influence and a reasonable amount of their time and money to keep the city clean and free from the influence of the brewers and distillers, as it is free now.

It has been estimated by those who are competent to judge that the enforcement of the law, as it has been enforced here for the last 21 months, is a net saving of 1 million dollars a year to the citizens of this city and the work of yourself and others who have been interested with you cannot possibly be commended too highly.

Very respectfully yours,

C. L. BROKAW.

J. C. Bassford and Sam Locke attended the opening of Gov. Folk's senatorial campaign, in St. Joseph last Friday night.

Miss Lottie Cornett, attending Elizabeth Institute in St. Louis, visited her father, T. J. Cornett, in Mexico last week.

Several choice residences Mexico for sale cheap.

LAKENAN & BARNES.

SOME CASH; SOME NEWS

T. J. Bybee: Renews for the MESSAGE.

Ed. F. Ingram, at Middletown, pays for his MESSAGE into 1909.

Otto Byars, out on route 5, Mexico, is a new reader of this paper.

Russell Watts, out on route 5, Mexico, joins our growing subscription list.

W. T. Wilkerson, down on Littleby, is ahead on his sub. to the MESSAGE to Jan. 24, 1910.

S. C. Groves, out Gant way, hands in the "stuff" and says, "Want to try your paper a year."

Mrs. Zerelda Bagley, out near Molino, thru the courtesy of a friend, gets the MESSAGE for a year.

Mrs. Mary J. Bybee: Resides at Santa Fe. A good friend at Hollensville sends her the MESSAGE.

W. O. McKinzie of Thompson, G. F. Ballew and Mrs. Charles H. Brown, both of Centralia, are new readers of the MESSAGE.

Willis Eastman of Wellsville attended the Oddfellows celebration here last week and dropped a dollar in the slot for the MESSAGE another year.

Hiram Threlkeld was in town the other day and renewed for the MESSAGE. He is an enthusiastic local option man and wants a dry town to come to trade.

Wm. Childers of Hinton, Mo., was in to see the MESSAGE the other day and renews to July 18, 1909. He used to live in this county, and he had some high compliments for the paper as a news giver.

Four children of Perry Davis at Santa Fe have been afflicted with measles. Perry attended the Odd Fellows celebration in Mexico last week, renewed for the MESSAGE and told us that he had been having a hard time at his house lately, but two of the children are much better.

Bryan School.

The last day of school in Bryan district, Miss Mary Coakley, teacher, was a most entertaining event. The pupils enjoyed a peanut hunt. E. E. Pierce, one of the directors, and that genial young bachelor, J. G. Crawford, did the hiding of the nuts while the children engaged themselves in ciphering and spelling. The nuts were hidden in fence corners, in the trees, under the grass—anywhere. What a race when the children were let loose! Miss Alice Crawford found the biggest number of nuts, and she won in a like contest just a year before. She is called a hustler. The school was an eight months term. Miss Ella Miller attended every day—and won a prize, tho it was a surprise; she had not been working for it. Miss Coakley has been elected to teach in the district again next winter. It is her third term at Bryan. She is highly prized as a teacher wherever she has taught.

George Steel, son of J. J. Steel of this city, has accepted a position in a drug store at Elk City, Okla.

Prof S. L. Maps of Laddonia is at Kirksville where he will attend the Normal this summer.

T. F. Roden, collector of Audrain county, attended the State meeting of collectors in Moberly last week and was elected treasurer of the State Association.

Mrs. Rodgers whom this paper mentioned a couple of weeks ago as having died at Monitou, Okla., was a sister of Felix and Thomas Arnall, late of this county, and a sister of Mrs. Harvey Robinson, now residing near Molino.

SURROUNDING AU DRAIN

J. N. Nolan, merchant at Centralia, has shipped his stock of goods to Eolia, Pike county.

The Christian church Sunday school at Centralia week ago last Sunday took a collection of \$116.85. The school is contesting with two other cities in Bible school honors.

Dr. C. W. Jones of Columbia is under arrest charged with issuing prescriptions to negroes for whiskey. It is said that the doctor is good for a fine ranging from \$40 to \$200 if proven guilty.

Mrs. Alice Woodson, colored, of Middletown, has a trakey that sang her merry "lay" all winter, and has kept it up until she now has 106 eggs marked up on the "good" side of the ledger.

J. L. Rives, east of Paris, is demonstrating the merits of the dairy business. During the year, besides supplying his own family, he sold \$360 worth of butterfat from six cows, an average of \$60 to the cow.

The pastor of the Paris Christian church announced last week that every woman who wore a Merry Widow hat to church between that date and the first Sunday in May would be taxed \$5.00 for home missions.

For fifteen years there have been no negroes in Hallsville, seven miles south of Centralia. Recently two negro families purchased property and are now living there. The citizens have warned them to leave, but the two families have decided to remain. The officers expect trouble.

Capt. R. M. Berry, of Williamsburg, Callaway county, an uncle of Porter, John and Lee Gregory and Caleb Berry of Mexico, celebrated his 90th birthday last week. He served in the Mexican war. The old veteran holds his age well, has a good memory and keeps well informed on the questions of the hour.

The Middletown Chips prints the following: Mrs. James Dillon has 275 little chickens and 20 goslings. She is going ahead and making the living. This reminds us of a hotel at Fulton, years ago, run by a Mrs. Whaley. The printed stationery of the hostelry announced that Mrs. Whaley was proprietor, with a line below: "Old Whaley helps her."

Louisiana has quarantined against Bowling Green on account of smallpox prevalent in the latter town. The B. G. Times thinks that it is smallpox Louisiana has "closed the door after the horse is stolen," for the same disease is all over the county, and it keeps no one away from public gatherings—except, perhaps, prayer meetings.

M. B. Wilkerson at Santa sold his 80 acre farm last week to his neighbor, Robt. Yowell, for \$8,000—even \$100 per acre. That's a good figure, all right. Mr. Wilkerson had lived on said farm since 1849. He has been a resident of Monroe county since he was 9 months of age—celebrated his 78th birthday last January. He is a grand old man, but is as young in spirit as anybody.

Joseph Reid, 76 years old, a resident of Gant, Audrain county, visited Columbia for the first time in 52 years, says the Centralia Courier. He came down to probate the will of his father-in-law, Giles Adams, who recently died in Centralia. His wife, who was Miss Sarah Adams, was a Boone county girl. Columbia is in no way recognizable, he said. Nothing familiar greeted his gaze except the old court house.

F. R. Jesse was at Ft. Scott, Kan., on legal business this week.