

The Centralia Guard calls on Mexico to "dry up"—if she wants a better chance for that Pythian State home.

Boozing often gives a man the nerve to do things he could not do if sober. The nerve for the act of suicide, for instance. And isn't that a little high-priced?

A taxpayer, up near Thompson, said to the Message the other day, "Give all criminals a prompt and speedy trial and we wouldn't need so many jails throughout this State." Well, yes, that's a fact, but Audrain needs a jail all right. As long as the millennium is so far off we will still need jails.

Vandalism to celebrate the Glorious Fourth this year also. She takes the same day that Laddonia takes, July 3rd. That's right—you Vandalia and Laddonia folks—we Mexico folks will see you on Saturday and then you come to see on Monday following.

Morton H. Pemberton, member of the Legislature from Boone county and who is author of the publication "Reuben, His Book," which by the way is in many Audrain county homes, has traded his farm, south of Centralia, for the Columbia, Mo., Herald printing plant. Reuben, from our experience, we would have advised that you stay on the farm.

A correspondent in the Fulton Telegraph writing from St. Louis says: Ben Deering, for many years well known in this state as a Methodist minister and Democratic politician, now neither is appointed by Hadley Deputy Factory Inspector with offices in St. Louis. Ben was a constant attendant at the last legislature. While pretending to be steering the submission issue of prohibition, he was really steering the Republican House. He is well informed on state affairs and was much assistance to Hadley for which he is rewarded. For the last year he has edited the Republican and Anti-Led paper of St. Louis County.

We have found out by sad experience that the tariff is a tax. It has come home to us. We have to buy white newspaper—and in the past few months, when that tariff bill came up in Congress, the paper trust anticipating that the duty might be removed on paper, put the price down from \$3.00 for 100 pounds to \$2.40. That's all right, but after the 22nd of this month when the tariff bill will be disposed of and nothing is done with the tariff on paper we are warned that the price will be put back to \$3.00 and maybe higher than that. What do the Republican newspaper editors throughout the country think about this?

Here are a few fine pointers for the Mexico churches, which we quote from the Paris Appeal: A suggestion for the new Christian Church at Paris. Include a rest and toilet room, to be open each Saturday for the women who do their shopping here. Christ looked after the physical welfare of the people. Why should not His churches do likewise? The new building will be close to the stores and yet far enough away to be private. Think of the practical philanthropy of a room furnished with rockers, couches, hot and cold water and toilet conveniences! Think how the tired women and weary babies would rest and rejoice in such a retreat! Christ encouraged such enterprise when He said: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me." Provide a rest room, brethren.

There is some talk of Champ Clark not being in the running for Congress next year. Champ has always done his utmost for his constituents, and it seems to us his place could not be bettered. But if he wishes to go higher—but we'll not stand for his being crowded off the track, mind you,

by Claud Ball or any one else of no higher caliber—if Mr. Clark is really not to be in the running, why we have in mind a man who can ably fill his place, all right. We don't know that he would seek the position, but he has the ability, has every Jeffersonian quality out of which the best statesmen are made. We think Audrain will not have a candidate, and the man we refer to above is no less than the Hon. C. M. Hay of Callaway county. Mr. Hay is every inch a man. If Champ Clark goes to the Senate next year Hay would make a good successor to him.

SOME CASH; SOME NEWS.

J. E. Wilcox, at Vandalia, is a new subscriber.

Miss Jane Botts has our thanks for a renewal favor.

J. H. Moran, St. Charles, renews for this paper.

Ed. Crawford boosts his subscription date up into June, 1910.

Willis Eastham of Wellsville was here Friday and called and renewed for the MESSAGE.

Henry Rodhouse renews for the MESSAGE. Robert Walter, one of Rush Hill's hustling business men, also renews.

Gaither Berry is a new MESSAGE reader. Mr. Berry owns the old John Dye farm, and other lands, south of Worcester.

Mat Neil of near Rush Hill, a jolly good fellow—renews. He says they couldn't key house in his home without the MESSAGE.

The MESSAGE formerly addressed to M. F. Stauffer at Benton City is now received at 308 E. Liberty street, Mexico, the family having moved here a few weeks ago.

Geo. W. Spencer called and renewed for this paper a few days ago. Says he is making a full hand in his field plowing corn these days; his corn prospect is fine.

J. E. Conklin, out between Gant and Thompson, called on the MESSAGE Friday and renewed for the paper. He says the corn crop prospect up his way appears much better than at this time last year.

J. Hord Davis renews. J. Hord is a mighty good fellow. Says he hasn't been hunting squirrels lately. They still have the laugh on him when last spring he shot at a squirrel and the gun kicked him and broke his collar bone. Mr. Davis was taking out a McCormick harvester to his farm. He has a 30 acre field of fine wheat.

Miss Cunningham Dead.

Miss Edith Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cunningham, northeast of Mexico, died quite unexpectedly last Saturday afternoon at 3:30 of acute indigestion.

Miss Cunningham was aged 17 years and 10 months. Besides the parent she is survived by three sisters and two brothers. She had just returned from Virginia where she had been in college thru the past year. She was of beautiful character and bright mind, and her many friends are greatly pained to hear of her sudden death.

The funeral was held at the home Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. A. Wallace; buried in Mexico cemetery. Samuel Cunningham, a brother, of Oklahoma, and Emmett Cunningham, an uncle, of Paducah, Ky., attended the funeral. A sister, Mrs. Lewis Moore, who had left the day before the death for Ohio, was called back by telegram.

Two Deaths.

Mrs. M. W. Chase, 61 years of age, wife of the postmaster at Farber, died last Sunday morning at 5 o'clock. The funeral was held Monday morning at the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. G. M. C. Osakes. About two hours after Mrs. Chase's death Mrs. Nep Brown, aged 67 years, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Elza, in Laddonia. The funeral was held at the Farber Baptist church Monday afternoon, conducted by R. V. Lake Kirtley. Both burials were in Farber cemetery.

SURROUNDING AUDRAIN.

A little son of Sam Poqua, of near Hutchison, Ralls county, got a fish hook in his hand, which had to be cut out by a doctor.

To avoid big bats at church, the Paris Appeal says the ladies should be seated on one side of the church and the men on the other, as in days of yore.

Centralia has a canning factory which does a flourishing business every season. The farmers around Centralia are raising 100 acres of tomatoes for the factory this year.

John Shrader of Gamma went into his horse lot to interfere with a big grown mule which was about to kill a suckling mule, and the big mule fought him and his wife was obliged to help him even up the fight.

A German lady called on the Bowling Green Times the other day and told of the prosperity of her neighbor, saying, "He is making money by taking care of what he makes. He is sober and industrious." This is a good combination.

Miss Bessie Evans of near Perry is an A. M. graduate of the State University. Miss Josephine Evans who has been attending the High School at Mexico has returned home. They are daughters of T. M. Evans, of Jasper township, Ralls county.

Dr. E. D. Vaudeventer and family of Laddonia went over to Middletown in their automobile and spent a day with relatives. Chips comments: They took a spin around town, and of course we all rubbered again. But, we're going to quit being green—there is an auto in town nearly every day now.

The Bowling Green Times advertises for the return of a loose-fitting lady's tan jacket, whereupon the Louisiana Press remarks that it is sorry that Bowling Green ladies are loose fitting. If they would come to Louisiana and enjoy the river breezes they might fill out and tighten up a little. At least some of the Bowling Green men come down there and tighten up.

W. M. Thompson of Louisiana is in jail at Palmyra charged with forging several checks at Hannibal and signing the name of Louis Rupp to them. Mr. Rupp raised a rupture about it, hence Thompson's trouble. Thompson is accused of working two or three games of the same kind on different parties at Bowling Green. Young man, be sure your sin will find you out.

The suit of Dr. F. M. Moore vs. Burlington R. R. for the maintenance of a minor was compromised, Dr. Moore receiving \$225, says the Perry Enterprise. The case grew out of the injury of his son, Edgar Moore, a year or more ago. At the time Edgar was injured he was 21 of age, hence the suit by Dr. Moore for taking care of his son. Hon. Pat Callen represented the plaintiff, and received as his fee one third of the above amount.

Here is how the Ralls County Record describes the visiting auto: "The high-wheeled benzine buggy from Center came through town last Tuesday evening like a bee martin looking for a lunch. Dogs lying peacefully asleep along Main street hurried to shelter like bad fleecing from wrath to come, and children playing on the streets turned somersaults and hand-springs to make a right-of-way. It was Dan Leake and a party of friends down to get a fleeting glimpse of the city. Dan said the machine was a 90 mile-an-hour affair, but if it came from Center like it did thru town, it made it here in a piece of a second."

Miss Laura Robertson has returned from Washington City where she attended school the past year.

Applications for concessions for the Mexico Chautauqua for eating house, stand, etc., must be filed with Judge Geo. Robertson before Friday, June 25. The committee on grounds will act on these applications on the above date.

In Memory of W. S. Edwards.

We are confident that all who knew Mr. Edwards, will agree with us, when we say he was the embodiment of truthfulness and uprightness, as was expressed by many in the meaningful words: "He was truly a Christian gentleman."

His daily life averaged high. He was every day to everybody and in every place the same, pleasant, good natured "Uncle Scott"—kind, true, unassuming, unpretentious. Malice found no place in his life, but "Love suffereth long and is kind" was prevalent.

He was more concerned about making a good honest living, and setting a high standard in life, than he was about worldly gain. One son said, "father would rather have lost five or ten dollars in a transaction than to take a penny more than he thought was just." Such was characteristic of one who was in every inch a man.

In early manhood Mr. Edwards was converted and joined the Baptist church. His God, the church, and his brethren were the crown of his rejoicing since he first knew the Lord.

We do not mean to say he was without faults. He was like all—even the best of us—made mistakes and had his short-comings. However, like every true Christian, he had perfect desires. A true husband, a kind, loving father, a neighbor of great worth, nearly forty years of his life spent in Christian service, rests from his labors, but his influence for good will continue to bless our lives.

May the One who was his strength, be our strength. May that home over there be reached by us when life ends. May we, his family, friends, and neighbors, be anxiously willing to live a plain, everyday, Christian life, as only such living blesses the world, and prepares for Heaven.

S. M. Loeke has bought an automobile.

Mrs. J. J. Wakefield, north of Mexico, has been very sick.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bonnell, of this city, a daughter.

J. T. Maupin of Bidwell, Okla., visited his nephew here, John Maupin.

Mrs. John Beal and daughter, Miss Zola, visited relatives and friends in Louisiana this week.

Mrs. Walter Hubbard and children of Ismay, Mont., are here to spend the summer with relatives.

CHICAGO & ALTON RY. TIME TABLE

(In effect Nov. 1, 1908.)

EAST BOUND	
Train	Leave
No. 24 "Early Bird" to St. Louis	2:15 a.m.
No. 12 "Fast Express" for Peoria, Springfield and Chicago	2:30 a.m.
No. 25 "Night Hawk" to St. Louis	4:19 a.m.
No. 22 Local Passenger to Roodhouse and South	7:30 a.m.
No. 14 Mo. State Express for Peoria, Springfield and Bloomington	2:00 p.m.
No. 23 "Red Flyer" to St. Louis	2:50 p.m.
No. 21 Local passenger to Louisiana	8:45 p.m.
No. 19 "Red Hummer" to Jacksonville and Chicago	10:42 p.m.
WEST BOUND	
No. 23 "Early Bird" to Kansas City	1:06 a.m.
No. 25 The "Night Hawk" to Kansas City	3:53 a.m.
No. 9 "The Red Hummer" to Kansas City	3:07 a.m.
No. 11 Fast Express to Kansas City	6:45 a.m.
No. 103 Except Sunday Local freight to Sisseton	7:10 a.m.
No. 21 Local passenger to Jefferson City	7:30 a.m.
No. 21 The "Red Flyer" to Kansas City	12:45 a.m.
No. 15 "Missouri State Express" for Kansas City	1:37 p.m.
JEFFERSON CITY BRANCH	
South Bound—Departs	
No. 213 daily Jefferson City mail	7:30 a.m.
No. 211 Except Sunday Jefferson City accommodation	2:00 p.m.
JEFFERSON CITY BRANCH	
Fast Train South—	
No. 203 Except Sun., Jeff. City	1:25 p.m.
No. 212 Daily, Jefferson City accommodation	8:40 a.m.
E. F. MATTHEWS, Trk. Agt., Mexico, Mo.	

Benton City.

(The items below were in type and should have been used last week but were overlooked.)

Jno. Hofsess, 11-2 miles south of town, is very sick.

A. F. Romans was in St. Louis several days last week.

Mrs. Edgar Woodson of East St. Louis, who was visiting her parents here, was called home last Thursday on account of the illness of her husband.

Owen Tinsley and family have moved to Centralia, and Perry Davis now has charge of the telegraph office here.

Miss Georgia Tanner of Farber is visiting her grandfather here. Born to Hiek Hofsess and wife, May 28th, a daughter.

Uncle Jim Brown and daughter, Mrs. Romans, of Mexico, were guests at Mrs. W. Johnson's Sunday.

Mrs. A. Collins of near Mexico is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Hofsess.

On account of the illness of the minister there was no preaching at the Christian church Sunday. Loney Owens and wife visited at Mexico Monday.

Mrs. French Douglass was shopping in Mexico Monday.

Jno. Watkins and wife of St. Louis were here Decoration Day.

Dr. Tidd, of Genoa, Iowa, was called in consultation with Dr. Douglass last Wednesday in the case of Mrs. Lou Stevens.

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WABASH RAILROAD. MEXICO.

(In effect 12:01 a. m. Mar 17, 1908.)

Going East.

No. 4 Atlantic Express 2 48 a.m.
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. 2 40 p.m.
No. 12 St. Louis Expr. 7 03 p.m.
No. 72 Local frt. (ex Sun) 12 11 p.m.

Going West.

No. 7 Pacific Express, 2 25 a.m.
No. 13 Moberly Accom 11 34 a.m.
No. 3 Western Mail and Express 12 11 p.m.
No. 9 North Star Limited for Kan. City and St. Paul 5 21 p.m.
No. 51 Moberly Accom., 9 40 p.m.
No. 1, Kan. City, Des Moines and Omaha 12 04 a.m.
No. 73 Local frt. (ex Sun) 10 30 a.m.

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I. M. RICHARDS,
Agent Mexico, Mo.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Joseph M. Coons, deceased, late of Audrain Co., Mo., have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of said Audrain County, bearing date, June 13th, 1909. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after 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 publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

WM. M. COONS,
Administrator.

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To celebrate its one hundred and first birthday, the TWICE-A-WEEK REPUBLIC of St. Louis, Mo., is offering a THREE-YEAR subscription to their paper for \$1.00, good until July 15, 1909, only. The TWICE-A-WEEK REPUBLIC is the oldest, biggest and best metropolitan semi-weekly in the entire Southwest. Until very recently the subscription price has always been \$1.00 a year. Just think of it, you can secure a THREE-YEAR subscription NOW for \$1.00; the former subscription price for a single year.

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Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Luther A. Johnson, deceased, late of Audrain Co., Mo., have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of said Audrain County, bearing date, April 17th, 1909. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after 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 publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

E. L. JOHNSON,
Administrator.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of James W. Gilpin, deceased, late of Audrain Co., Mo., have been granted John W. Howell, bearing date, June 7th, 1909. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after 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 publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

JOHN W. HOWELL,
Administrator.

Executrix Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of James E. Hall, late of Audrain County, Mo., deceased, have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of said Audrain County, bearing date the 31st day of May, 1909. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within one year after 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.

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