

MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

50 CENT CORN.

**TOM DUDLEY, AUCTIONEER—
JUDGE MATHIAS CRUM'S
PURCHASE.**

**Centralia Man Buys Bonds of the
Electric Railway.**

Henry Lowery of near Santa Fe bought a draft horse of Wm. Norman for \$300.

Henry Kohl of Vandalia bought two fine Percheron stallions in Iowa and will ship them to this county.

Powel & Mundy recently sold at National Stock Yards two cars of heifers, the heifers of one load averaged 800 pounds and sold at \$5.65; the others averaged 650 pounds and brought \$4.65.

W. J. Porawski has bought the dwelling of the late J. D. Morris, on West Monroe street.

The Apex Realty Co. of St. Louis have subscribed for \$1000 worth of bonds in the electric railroad. The St. Louis company is interested in some real estate in Mexico. Like the rest of us who have property here, they know the railroad will be a great thing.

H. E. C. Tucker last week bought of Wilkins & Crigler a lot on Woodlawn and will put up a handsome residence thereon soon.

Alva Crabtree, of Florida, Monroe county, raised 65 acres of corn this year that averaged 55 bushels to the acre, and he has sold part of it at 60 cents a bushel. Alva knows how to make farming pay. He is a single fellow and he is evidently worth the girls setting their caps for him.

The Perry Enterprise said last week: We were pleased to have a visit from our staunch friend, El Webber, of near Laddonia, Monday. He was feeling most awful proud on account of being through gathering his corn. He reports that he shucked 50 acres which averaged about 40 bushels or a little better. He has on feed 1 load of steer cattle, and 50 hogs which he expects to put on the market about Christmas.

J. R. Brown, the popular auctioneer of Centralia, believes in pushing a good thing along, giving it every strong encouragement, and subscribes for \$1000 worth of bonds in the Mexico electric railroad project.

Joe Mongler recently bought of H. H. Weakley a big quantity of this season's corn at 50 cents a bushel, delivered.

A Pike county farmer, who bought a number of calves last fall, paying from \$15 to \$17 each for them, sold them the other day at an average of \$77.12 a head. A fair profit, even though the grass and hay upon which they were fed are both rather valuable commodities in these days of prosperous farming.

Judge Mathias Crum of this city has bought Dr. C. A. Rothwell's 162 acre farm, near Hatton, in Callaway county, paying \$9,000. It lies along the line of the electric railroad to be built from Mexico.

George Willingham sold a white pony to Charles Schopp for \$15.

W. A. Willingham sold J. F. Morrison a Jersey cow for \$40.

Emmett Mundy bought of Mr. Hays a brown horse for \$37.

Bill Johnson bought of Mr. Hayes a fine brood mare for \$163.

W. E. Sims bought a male colt of Mr. Blevins at Thompson for \$37.

J. R. Smiley of Santa Fe shipped a car of hogs to the Chicago market last week which brought him \$8.10.

Tom Dudley is looking after one of F. L. Crosby's farms, four miles southeast of Mexico. Mr. Dudley has had charge of the place six years and is making the property bring money. He thinks

Mr. Crosby a gentleman, made of the three stuff.

James Quinlan, out in Bean Creek vicinity, has 20 head of fine yearling heifers on feed.

J. R. Smiley sold a car of 1325 pound two-year old steers in Chicago last week which brought him \$6.80.

Boone county poultry raisers sold 20,098,200 eggs in 1908 that were shipped out of the county.

While you are gathering corn select two or three hundred ears of good corn, then later on at your leisure use the score card in selecting fifteen of the best in the lot for the corn show. The seed you have left, if stored and dried in a warm place, will be worth big money to your next year's crop.

E. C. Carroll, of Vandalia, a former Fultonian, is delivering lectures at poultry shows throughout Missouri under the auspices of the state poultry board, of which he is a member. The Vandalia Leader says that he has made some experiments in poultry growing that are valuable.

WON'T MARRY 'EM.

**A Man With a Living Wife or a
Woman With a Living Husband.**

The Audrain Co. Oracle interviewed Rev. G. W. Elliston, the other day, pastor of the Martinsburg Baptist church, and the editor thus reports Bro. Elliston: Divorced folks, old maids over one hundred years old, boys under twenty-one, girls under sixteen, need not call on Rev. G. W. Elliston, pastor of the Baptist church, to unite them in marriage unless they want to be refused.

Rev. Elliston said to us that some of our marriage laws are destroying, to some extent, the happiness of the American people. He also thinks that the ministers should be more strict in uniting people in marriage, and if they did it would diminish the divorced evil to some extent.

Mr. Elliston says that he has refused many times to unite in marriage people who had living husbands and wives, and that he would always refuse to do so, because he thought it was wrong in the sight of God.

Says he will not unite in marriage boys under 21 and girls under 16 years of age if their parents are willing. He thinks boys and girls under that age don't know much about what they are doing.

Rev. Elliston also believes that Christian people should not marry those that are not Christians.

By leaving off the word "obey" in the marriage ceremony, he has many calls from far and near.

Mrs. Moore Dead.

Mrs. Carl B. Moore died in Vandalia vicinity last Thursday after only a brief illness. She and her husband had but recently returned from California. Happy and well she was, but Friday she was shipped back to Oakland, Cal., a corpse. She was but 22 years of age.

Mrs. Moore had been married but about three years. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Moore, near Vandalia. We deeply sympathize with him in his great loss and affliction.

Special Sales Company.

The Missouri Special Horse Sales Co. was organized in Mexico last week and will be incorporated with a capital of \$2,000. Those interested in the company are W. D. and George Lee, B. R. Middleton and Rufus Jackson. They expect to have their first annual sale some time next February.

Mrs. W. P. Rowland is visiting relatives and friends in St. Louis.

'T WAS GREAT.

**THE FIRST AUDRAIN COUNTY
POULTRY SHOW—LARGE
CROWDS ATTEND.**

Closes With Two Sessions of Poultry Institute—The Awards.

The first Audrain County Poultry Show, held in Mexico last Thursday and Friday was great indeed. Some of the prettiest birds you ever saw on exhibition were here, and they were here too from many places outside of Audrain county. Large crowds were in attendance each day and the interest in the exhibits grew from the start.

At the court house Friday afternoon and at night a Poultry Institute was held. J. H. Swindler, of the Southwest Poultry Journal of this city, was the first speaker and talked interestingly on the subject, "Thorbreeds vs. Scrubs, or the 200 Egg Hen."

Reese V. Hicks came over from Topeka, Kansas, and told us something of what he had discovered about the poultry business in Missouri. Among other things he said that Missouri in the last 15 years had shot up and now was the leading state in the Union in poultry raising. Last year there were \$44,000,000 of poultry products over what the state used, and \$22,000,000 of it was eggs. The Missouri hen averages 60 eggs a year. Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes and Rhode Island Reds are the best all-purpose chickens.

E. C. Hoban, of the Swift Poultry Co., of this city, offered some valuable suggestions on "Poultry for Market Purposes."

T. E. Quisenberry, Secretary of the State Poultry Board, talked at the night session about "A Few Tail Feathers Pulled From the Missouri Hen."

C. M. McCarroll, of Vandalia, gave some good thoughts on "Practical Experiments I Have Made With Hatching Chickens with Hen and Raising Them to Maturity."

E. C. Branch explained "The Score Card."

Person making most points, W. H. Turner, Mexico, 100 points.

Highest scoring pen, American Class, silver cup by Pilcher Jewelry Co., Isham Boulware, Centralia, White Wyandotte.

Highest scoring pen, English class, silver cup by E. A. Dearing, Mrs. W. E. Hitch, Vandalia, S. C. Buff Orpington.

Highest scoring pen, in Mediterranean class, silver cup by Missouri State Poultry Board, W. S. Eller, Mexico, S. C. Brown Leghorn.

Highest scoring male bird in show room, W. T. Wilkerson, Mexico, W. C. Black Polish.

Highest scoring bird owned in Audrain or adjoining counties, \$5.00 rug by Ricketts & Emmons Dry Goods Co., W. T. Wilkerson, Mexico, W. C. Black Polish Pullet.

Highest scoring pen, any breed, W. S. Eller, S. C. Brown Leghorn. Largest exhibit, any variety, one ton Mt. Olive coal by Guthrie & Son, W. H. Turner, 65 birds.

Highest scoring Barred Rock cock, Mrs. Harry Drebbling, Mexico.

Highest scoring Barred Rock hen, J. R. Lampson, Mexico.

Highest scoring Barred Rock cockerel, J. R. Lampson.

Highest scoring Barred Rock pullet, \$1.50 umbrella by McLoney Dry Goods Co., J. R. Lampson.

Highest scoring White Rock cock, \$1.00 cash by Gus Steinman, E. L. Utterback, Gazette.

Highest scoring White Rock hen, E. Grenwald, St. Charles.

Highest scoring White Rock cockerel, E. Grenwald, St. Charles.

Highest scoring White Rock pullet, one ton Illinois coal by C.

E. Harrison, E. L. Utterback.

Highest scoring Buff Rock cock, Mrs. C. C. Wonneman, Mexico.

Highest scoring Buff Rock hen, Mrs. C. C. Wonneman.

Highest scoring Buff Rock cockerel, Mrs. C. C. Wonneman.

Highest scoring Buff Rock pullet, Mrs. C. C. Wonneman.

Highest scoring White Wyandotte cock, Isham Boulware, Centralia.

Highest scoring White Wyandotte hen, Isham Boulware, Centralia.

Highest scoring White Wyandotte cockerel, L. P. Necklin, Clarksville.

Highest scoring White Wyandotte pullet, Isham Boulware, Centralia.

Highest scoring pen Silver Laced Wyandottes, J. D. Greer, Mexico.

Highest scoring Silver Laced Wyandotte cockerel, J. D. Greer.

Highest scoring pen White Orpingtons, E. E. Reynolds, Vandalia.

Highest scoring pen Buff Orpingtons, Mrs. W. E. Hitch, Vandalia.

Highest scoring pen Black Orpingtons, S. P. Cunningham, Mexico.

Highest scoring R. I. Red cock, Mrs. Wm. Mudd, Auxvasse.

Highest scoring R. I. Red hen, Emil Branse, California, Mo.

Highest scoring R. I. Red cockerel, Mrs. Wm. Mudd.

Highest scoring R. I. Red pullet, E. C. McCarroll, Vandalia.

Highest scoring pen S. C. or R. C. Brown Leghorns, first, W. S. Eller; second, Henry Sannebeck; third, N. B. Webster, High Hill.

Highest scoring Buff Leghorn cockerel, W. D. Hart, Columbia.

Highest scoring Buff Leghorn pullet, W. D. Hart.

Highest scoring pen, W. S. Eller, Brown Leghorns; second, Isham Boulware, Centralia, White Wyandottes.

Highest scoring white Leghorn cock, W. H. Turner.

Highest scoring White Leghorn hen, W. H. Turner.

Highest scoring White Leghorn pullet, W. H. Turner.

Highest scoring pair Bantams, any variety, \$1.00 cash, J. B. Fleming, Mexico.

Highest scoring pen White Crested Polish, W. T. Wilkerson, Mexico.

Highest scoring pen Houdans, 1st, \$5.00 tankard jug by F. M. Ragsdale, W. F. Wilkerson.

Highest scoring Houdan cock. Same for hen, cockerel and pullet, W. T. Wilkerson, Mexico.

Best mated pen of Barred Rocks to produce exhibition cockerels, J. R. Lampson, 1st; second, Mrs. Harry Drebbling.

Best mated pen of Barred Rocks to produce exhibition pullets, \$1.00 cash, L. E. McKee, Mexico.

Best pair ducks, any variety, Southwest Poultry Journal one year; Ledger one year, Orlando Worrell, Mexico.

Best pair geese, any variety, Southwest Poultry Journal one year; second, Mexico Message one year, E. L. Utterback, Gazette.

Best pair games, any variety, Southwest Poultry Journal one year; second, Mexico Intelligence one year, J. B. Flemming, Mexico.

Best pair White Holland turkeys, Mrs. C. M. Fox, Mexico.

Best pair Bronze turkeys, Mrs. W. Rudd, Auxvasse.

Lady making the largest poultry exhibit, one \$2.50 plate by R. D. Worrel, Mrs. C. C. Wonneman.

cockerel, J. R. Lampson.

Highest scoring White Wyandotte cockerel, L. P. Necklin, Clarksville.

Highest scoring Langshan cockerel, Mr. Elliott, Mexico.

Highest scoring pen R. I. Reds, E. C. McCarroll, Vandalia.

Highest scoring pen Buff Orpingtons, W. D. Hart.

Washington School.

The Washington school, southeast of Mexico, Miss Zola Real, teacher, gave a box supper and literary program last Saturday night. The house was crowded with patrons of the school and visitors and all had a most enjoyable time. The little folks quitted themselves like men. The literary program was as follows:

Song, school.

Recitation, Lulu Schleeter, "November Goodnight."

Recitation, Grace Dudley, "Useless Tears."

Recitation, Julius Schleeter, "Bed in Winter."

Recitation, Lyda Hudson, "The Duel."

Song, Primary pupils.

Recitation, Myrtle Dudley, "The Mistake."

Essay, Howard Kennett, "A Thanksgiving Turkey."

Recitation, Marie Lockeridge, "Her Reasons for Liking to Come to School."

Recitation, George Sullivan, "The Wise Answer."

Song, Earl Murphy, Clark Moody, Lulu Schleeter, Lyda Hudson, Myrtle Dudley, "The Farmer Boy."

Recitation, Earl Murphy, "A Bargain."

Recitation, Joe Watts, "The Mother Cloud."

"Pillar Fights," Clark Moody.

"The Watermill," Lyda Hudson and Earl Murphy.

Paper, Delsie Dudley, "The Washington Gossip", and it was a good one too.

Then followed the auctioning of the baskets, Cole Edwards acted as auctioneer. The young men bid lively and the offerings brought from 30 cents each up to over two dollars. One pie sold for 90 cents. The sales in all amounted to \$18.20, which will be used to build up the school library.

Howard Kennett's essay is mentioned above. It was original, was written during school hours, and is worthy of publication, so we append it here. Howard is but 13 years of age, is in the Fifth Grade, and is a good student. Here is what he wrote:

"A Thanksgiving Turkey."

The day before Thanksgiving was bitterly cold. The snow was deep and hard. That morning we decided to go to Grandpa's and stay till Thanksgiving afternoon. So we all bundled up, climbed in a big sled and were off for a ride of seven miles to Grandpa's. We reached there in about an hour.

My cousin and I had our rifles with us, so we thought we would take a little hunt. We hoped to find some wild turkey. Grandpa's neighbors had some turkeys, but we did not know it. We had heard Grandpa talk about killing wild turkey, so we did not expect to find anything but the wild variety.

Out by the pen in the wood, where Grandpa fed his hogs, there was a ditch. When we got to the ditch a turkey flew out on the bank. We thought it was a wild turkey and fired upon it and killed it.

We were very proud to think we had done such a thing as kill a wild turkey. We were so delighted at our success, that we hurriedly grabbed up the turkey and started for the house on the run. We wanted to get home and show it to the family.

How big we felt as we walked in with the turkey on our shoulders. When Grandpa saw it he was very angry and asked us where

we got the neighbor's turkey. I told him we thought it was a wild turkey. Then Grandpa laughed heartily and told us to take it back to its owner. We were very sorry to lose our turkey. When we told the neighbor how it came to be killed he thought it a great joke.

After a hearty laugh at our mistake, he said, "You deserve that turkey," and gave it to us. So we did not feel so bad after all. Grandpa roasted it and we thought it better than if it had been a wild turkey.

THOMPSON.

Ed Brown Buys Farm—Live Stock Bought and Sold.

E. P. Robinson rented the 40 acre farm, Saturday, from W. C. Hagan.

Judge Barnes bought 11 yearling mules Saturday for \$1100. They were extra nice.

James Wisdom came in Saturday from Eldorado Springs with 20 two year old mules and two good work horses. James expects to farm here this next season.

H. T. Ferguson has rented the farm of Mr. Fisher of Illinois, near this place, recently owned by C. Householder.

Frank Hoover and wife were in Mexico over Sunday.

H. T. Gant brought in two cars of heifers from Omaha Wednesday. He has done considerable business from Omaha this year.

Mrs. Robert Dorgan and sisters, Misses Laura, Zella and Alma Brown, of Benton City spent Saturday night and Sunday with their aunts, Mrs. Engie Tinsley and Miss Sallie Jesse.

Ed B. Brown came home Saturday from Johnson county. He bought a farm while there, consisting of 160 acres, eight miles from Holden, for \$5,000. Possession March 1st. He was accompanied by George Chadwick who tells us that Johnson county is one of the foremost counties in the state.

Newt Davis got in a car of tip top feeding cattle Saturday.

Joe Considine sold 15 yearling mules to L. Patrick for \$140 each, and 6 aged mules to Lee Green of Centralia for \$200 each. He bought 11 shoats of H. T. Ferguson, averaging 65 lbs. at \$6.25, and two steer calves of Mr. Ferguson for \$25. Bought one late yearling mule of Sam Brown, price \$65, and bought 2 two yearling mules and 2 yearling mules from R. L. Phillips for \$580. Mr. Considine shipped out one car of hogs over the Wabash Sunday night.

H. T. Gant shipped a car of hogs to St. Louis Sunday night.

Rev. Bishop Complimented.

The Moberly Democrat thus refers to the Sunday school address given at the International Convention in that city last week by Rev. C. M. Bishop, pastor of the Methodist church of this city:

"His subject was 'The Personal Life of the Teacher.' In a brief and concise talk he led all to see the careful attention to the daily life of the Sunday school teacher. While other teachers and other leaders may fall short of the high standard required of this instructor every body realizes that the life of a Sunday school teacher must ring true. Those who train the intellect or help to give accomplishments and polish to humanity may not be judged so close. To a teacher of the Gospel falls the task of helping to mold and form a character. The searching address was well received and made a deep impression on the hearts of all hearers."

Stowrie Yowell of Kansas City has been the guest lately of his sister, Mrs. R. A. Hanger, and other relatives at Santa Fe.

CATCHES COONS.

**ASK J. L. SAPPINGTON—TO
VISIT IN SCOTLAND—
CAUGHT BOOTLEGGING.**

**Spend \$2.00 Worth of Time to Get
30 Cents Worth of Game.**

The Shelbyville Herald says that just now the county is scourred by enthusiastic hunters with \$10 dogs and \$50 guns, who shoot away \$1 worth of ammunition, wear out \$5 worth of clothes and spend \$2 worth of time to get 30 cents worth of game.

J. L. Sappington at Centralia goes coon hunting and catches the coons. He has captured 25 of the critters this fall already.

The Baptist church at Paris has called Rev. Lotus Aspy, who has taken courses at Chicago University, to be its pastor. The pastor of the Paris Baptist church resigned some time ago because his church members signed saloon petitions.

D. E. Watterston of Perry left this week for a visit to his old home in Forfar, Scotland.

The old debating question: "Resolved that pursuit is a greater pleasure than possession" is decided in the affirmative by the fox hunters of Columbia. They have a chase nearly every night and their only fear is that some night the hounds will catch the fox and end the sport.

A school teacher in one of the lower grades asked her room, "What is wind?" After a thoughtful pause, a small hand was raised. "Well, Robert, what is your answer?" "Why-er, wind is the air when it gets in a hurry," answered Robert.

A Columbia negro with a sliding wage scale was looking for a job. "Have the leaves raked off your yard this morning?" he asked at a home on Lowry Street.

"It'll cost only \$2. Yes sir I'll do it for \$2." "Two dollars!" shouted the landlord. "I'll give you just seventy-five cents." "Seventy-five cents; seventy-five cents," repeated the negro. "All right, I'll do it."

The Louisiana Press says there is a man in that town so stingy that he is afraid to go to sleep. He is afraid he will dream of giving away money.

Arthur M. Moore, a cigar manufacturer at Marshall, last week was convicted on two charges under the local option law of bootlegging and was fined \$700 and sentenced to six months in jail. Arthur will be Moore good, so the chances are, when he is released.

A Tulip correspondent of the Paris Appeal tells how a big billy goat butted into a prayer meeting service out there two weeks ago. The pastor was leading in prayer and the congregation was bowed in reverent worship when William entered the door, walked calmly down the aisle, mounted the pulpit rostrum and watched the pastor with evident curiosity. Before he could take a more active part in the proceedings Deacon Brown dragged him back to the door and cast him into outer darkness. The animal, the correspondent thinks, had strayed away from one of Madison's lodge rooms.

In the Moran gold-medal declamatory contest for members of the Wellsville High School last week, there were seven contestants, Misses Nellie Sharp, Mattie Aydelott, Minnie Harris, Emma Elliott, Audrey Williams, Peter Motz and Clay Hudson. The medal was won by Miss Nellie Sharp, a member of the senior class. The judges were President Million, of Hardin College, Mexico; Superintendent Humphreys of the Centralia schools.