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MR. MOODY DEAD.

One of the County's Best Citizens Passes Away.

L. S. Moody, one of the oldest residents of Washington school district, died at his late home, just south of Hardin College, last Friday morning. He had been in declining health for a year or more.

Mr. Moody was a native of North Carolina, born Jan. 30, 1852. In his early manhood he went to Tennessee, then later he settled in Boone county, Mo., lastly settling in this county, where he remained to his death.

Mr. Moody was twice married. To the first union two children were born; they are now Mrs. Katie Thornton and Mrs. Minnie Tierny, both of this city. His second wife was Miss Ollie McCowan, who survives him. To this latter union three children were born, Mrs. Nora Dudley and Clarence and Clark Moody. The children all survive him.

Mr. Moody professed religion at the age of 18 years. His was a noble Christian life. He was ruggedly honest which is the main characteristic of Christianity. The funeral was held at the home Sunday afternoon, at one o'clock, and scores of his neighbors and friends gathered to pay their last respects. The funeral discourse was preached by Rev. John E. Ayscuse of the Baptist church. It was on Easter Day, and the preacher's talk was tender, and pointed much consolation and hope for the future life, and for that time when the faithful "shall be caught up with Christ in the skies."

The burial was in Elmwood cemetery, the following serving as pall bearers: J. B. Botkins, W. E. Newkirk, Elzea Harrison, George LaForce, John Wood and F. L. Crosby.

TALKS WITH PEOPLE.

Charles C. Lucas was here from Santa Fe Monday, coming in from Molino on the electric car. "Oh," he says, "but it does beat riding in a big wagon too bad."

A. Nichols is a new resident out in Washington school district. He moved here recently from Wayne county, Mo. He tells us that he is well pleased with Audrain county and her people. The Message is glad to welcome him to our midst.

Thomas Dudley says they had so many good things to eat left over at the Washington school closing the other day that he wanted the teacher to leave the table still "set" with the "12 basketsful" on it and lock the school house door and give him the key that he might come back and eat and eat, as he pleased—to his fill.

J. B. Botkin tells us that just 40 years ago Monday of this week while on his way to Kansas from Ohio he stopped off in Mexico to visit T. J. Roberts here and he never got away, settled here, married here and has resided here ever since. T. J. Roberts now lives at Rush Hill. He and Mr. Botkins were army chums together for four years. "If you are hunting an honest man," says Mr. Botkin, "there you have him in Mr. Roberts. I saw him tried four years and he's as true as steel."

R. E. Elliott, the Mexico stove lining manufacturer, says he likes fresh air and Paul's doctrine of "temperature in all things." Mr. Elliott is past three score and ten but he doesn't look a day over 60—is still a young man. He never overeats, or partakes of those things, whether meat or drink, that nature's laws forbid. He is a native of England, but he says he is a German in some of his likes; the Englishman likes the parks, the Parisian the boulevards and the German the woods. "The latter for me," says Mr. Elliott.

THE HORSE.

Robert Hook, a Mexico High School Boy, Writes as Below.

The Arabian horse has had a wide influence on all of the present day breeds of horses of much importance. It also represents perhaps the most ancient breed and because of the care shown in early history to keep the breed pure. Authentic ancestry may be found tracing back to the days of Abraham. His son, Ishmael, inherited a beautiful horse. Five famous mares from this horse were owned by Solomon. The Quezah tribe descended in a direct line from Ishmael and owned the purest breed of the Arabian horse coming from the mares of Solomon.

They began to import Arabian horses to America about 1760. In 1765, an Arabian stallion ringer was imported whose son, a half breed gray son, was used by Gen. Washington in the Revolutionary War.

As to the characteristics of the Arabian horse: The head represents a superior character and intelligence, small, lean, tapering to the nose more than other horses, the eyes and nostrils very prominent, the ears small and pointing inward. The neck is of medium length and supports the head most gracefully.

The body on the whole is rather short and stout built; the tail, high and carried with style; very superior feet. For his size, the Arabian horse is remarkably strong.

The use of the Arabian horse in the pure blood directly is not great. It has always been used under the saddle and in battles with little feed and very irregularly fed. So, if the Arab horse is kept up in a stall and fed regularly, he becomes too fat and even his form changes.

The most important use in the Arabian horse is in cross-breeding. He finds his place in the blood of the thoroughbred, the coach, the trotter, the saddler and the draft horse. He is valuable in cross-breeding because of his transmission of his best qualities. In the thoroughbred he transmits speed and especially endurance, a good and strong bone in the light harness horses especially. It is true that the thoroughbred of America is an improvement over the Orient thoroughbreds as to speed in sprinting, but they are becoming less enduring and should have a new infusion of the Arabian or Turk.

In the draft horse he transmits endurance, docile disposition; extreme strength and especially life, making the lazy, drowsy horse of Flanders the active draft, perhaps the Percheron and Belgian.

Mrs. Petty Dead.

Mrs. Guy Petty, who before her marriage was Miss Carrie Hunter of this city, died at her home in Greeley, Colo., one day last week. The remains were brought to Mexico for burial. The funeral was held at the Baptist church Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. E. Ayscuse, interment in Elmwood cemetery. The pall bearers were: Frank Cawthorn, of Thompson; Robert Crews, John Graham, Howard Haggard, Fred Gardner and Mr. Cawthorn of Littleby.

Jur Census by Wards.

The census department at Washington City last week gave out the population of Mexico by wards as follows: First ward, 1,350; second ward, 1,230; Third ward, 1,865 and Fourth ward, 1,494. Total population, as given out some time ago, 5,939.

Ladonia has 614 population; Farber, 305; Rush Hill, 168; Benton City, 235; Centralia, 2,116; and Wellsville, 1,194.

Mrs. Frank Pearl of this city visited relatives at Thompson last week.

FROM KANSAS.

Former Mexico Girl Writes a Most Interesting Letter.

Holcomb, Kan., April 15, 1911.

Dear Editor:— I wonder if you would be surprised to get a letter from me, or would any of my friends and schoolmates be surprised to hear from me through the Message? I am 12 years old, but have never written anything for print before. (Should this be in print.) I am always so glad to get the Message, the old home paper, and eagerly scan each column, and with much interest hunt up the several country correspondents, that I may hear from old friends and relatives.

Last week I saw an account of the closing of Post Oak School, where I have always attended, until this last year, so will say a few words in regard to Ash Grove school, where I attended this last term. Ash Grove is in Finney Co., Kan., 3 1/2 miles west of Holcomb, 5 1/2 miles east of Deerfield, and 10 miles west of Garden City, on the Santa Fe trail. Our school is small now but was formerly twice as large but the district was divided by the Santa Fe railroad. Have a nice room, furnished with all the equipment that most any of the country schools have; has a nice organ, which some do not have. Had a Michigan lady for a teacher. We have a lady Superintendent. Bro. Theodore and myself attended the seven months term without missing a day, and only tardy once. Sister Susie missed two days on account of sickness. I finished the 7th grade. School closed April 1st with a big dinner.

I hope to be back at Mexico by the time I am ready for high school.

I must tell you about the Garden City National bank sending out calendars in January to each district in Finney County, which had on them a picture of "Washington in Time of Peace," requesting the pupils to write essays on that subject and offering prizes to those who might have the best essays. I received the prize in our district.

We are having pretty good health since we have been in the West, but most as sleepy and hungry as ever. Have the finest water, and saying nothing about the wind, Kansas would not be a bad place to live in if one had a nice bank account readily at hand.

I attend Sunday school and church at Deerfield. We have a nice church and a new preacher, Bro. Newcomb. We have conference in the spring. I haven't attended church much since March 1st, on account of bad weather. We organized a Junior class at our school house.

Our town, Holcomb, is improving rapidly. They have a new creamery building just completed and are putting in the new machinery.

Misses Frankie and Vinnie Harrison, formerly of Mexico, will close a very successful 8 months term of school at Holcomb April 21st, with large programme at night.

I will bring this writing to a close, hoping to be remembered by all my good friends and near relatives in Audrain. While speaking of friends, will mention some of them, in particular: Bro. S. P. Emmons, my old home S. S. Superintendent, Miss Emma L. Barrett, my first S. S. teacher; Dr. T. H. Winans, Mr. F. H. Parker and family and last but not least, the Editor of the Message.

Your Friend

Rosalie Stewers.

Carter Taylor, attending school in Columbia, spent Easter with homefolks in this city.

L. C. Gove and family are planning to move back to Mexico from Montgomery City.

ABOUT THE FARM.

O. H. Smith's Fine Hogs—Mr. Righter's Wee Pigs—Sam Morris' Foxes.

James Ware, northeast of Mexico, planted seven acres of his fine seed corn last year but this year he will plant 20.

W. H. Morgan, southeast of town, is going into the poultry business on a good scale. Buff Orpingtons will be his stock.

Sam Morris of this city bought seven young foxes from Clarence Johnson of Benton City a few days ago. Mr. Morris expects to sell them to stock some zoo or park.

The Vandalia Leader says: T. C. Righter sent two one day old Poland China pigs Monday to his cousin at Rush Hill. These were the smallest pigs ever shipped out of Vandalia and attracted much attention at the station.

At Kirksville, last week, 62 jacks, jennets and Percheron horses brought \$25,000. A jack sold for \$2,075 and a two-year-old stallion \$1,075. C. A. Robinson sold 38 Berkshire hogs the same day for an average of \$48. One sow brought \$225.

George Swanton recently bought a 120 acre farm in Washington school district, southeast of Mexico. He moved here from Callum, Ill. He comes highly recommended as a citizen and the Message is glad to welcome him and his family to our county.

Our good friend O. H. Smith, the auctioneer, out Gant way, is having bad fortune with his fine Duroc hog stock. We are sorry to hear. Has lost near 65 head of young prospective porkers lately. He raises some good stuff, and we wish him good luck from this on.

The State Fair directors have chosen J. A. Glandon of Mexico to be clerk in the speed department, and A. W. Householder and Charles Householder, of Skinner community, northwest of Mexico, as directors and superintendent respectively of the sheep department.

Roy Dunlap, formerly of this city, a recent student in the Agricultural department at the State University, has leased a 280 acre farm some miles out from Centralia and is putting his new ideas of farming into practice and has his eye especially on live stock raising.

T. W. Lynes, near Fulton, hatches chickens in incubators and uses the Philo system in rearing them and likes it; had had 302 chickens left of a lot of 307 after three weeks. He also has contracted to supply others with 1000 day-old chicks selling them at 7 1/2 to 25 cents each.

The General Passenger Agent of the Wabash Railroad calls attention to the fact that the greatest show in the world "Missouri Chief Josephine," is owned by the College of Agriculture at Columbia. "Rex McDonald," is owned by R. R. Middleton of Mexico; and the biggest mule in Missouri is owned by Dr. Sheets of Orrick. All three were bred and reared on the Wabash Railroad.

"Say, it's great to have a gravel road along your farm," said Walter McCann to a Paris Appeal man Monday. "It is three and one-half miles out to my place, but on Monday, when farmers on dirt roads could not have hauled an empty wagon. I made two trips to Paris with hogs, and made the second delivery by 11 o'clock. I gave \$100 dollars towards the road we built, but would not be without it for several times that amount. Besides I believe my 85-acre farm would bring \$25 an acre more than it would a year ago."

Roy Combs, who has been in the West for several years, is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lewis McKee and Mrs. Norton Nelson visited Vandalia relatives and friends last week.

MEXICO ACTIVITIES.

John McIntyre's Will—Miss McAllister to the Philippines to Wed.

George McLoney exhibited his flying machine free to the public last Saturday.

Miss Zella McAllister of this city left last week for Manila, P. I., where she is to be married to Mr. Harry Thompson, next month. J. C. Bassford is visiting his son, Wallace Bassford, at Washington, D. C. Wallace Bassford is private secretary to Speaker Champ Clark.

Mrs. Dea Carr Smith, art teacher in Hardin College, will resign that place and next year will open an art studio in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Charles Foster, colored, charged with slashing Pearl Minor, another negro, with a razor one day last week, was fined \$50 therefor in the police court.

Mrs. M. E. Ruloff of this city celebrated her 87th birthday last Friday. She was the recipient of a large number of Easter post cards from friends.

Misses Lucy Jesse and May Jackson of the South Side school gave their pupils a free trolley ride out to Sun Rise church neighborhood last Thursday.

Mrs. Walter Squires has been chosen delegate from Washington Hive, Lady Macabees, to the State meeting to be held at Springfield, Mo., May 18 and 19. Mrs. T. F. Roden was chosen alternate.

John A. McIntyre's will was filed for probate last week. The estate is valued at about \$25,000. The three children are bequeathed \$13,000, the sum to each child to be held in trust till each is 23 years of age. The wife gets \$12,000. A monument at Mr. McIntyre's grave is to be erected not to cost over \$150.

W. H. Miller of near Thompson is out in Kansas looking after his farm there and making arrangements to move to that State. Dr. J. Miller, a son, is home from Gem City Business College and he and his mother and the remainder of the family have temporary quarters on East Jackson street in this city until all their arrangements are made to move. We are sorry to lose this good family from our county.

A THREE-CORNERED DEBATE

Poole Harrison, of This City, Is to Have a Hand.

"Resolved, That United States Senators should be elected by popular vote" will be the theme and three-cornered debate between Westminister College, of Fulton, Missouri Valley of Marshall, and Central College of Fayette, on the night of April 24, for which Westminister has just chosen the following teams: Affirmative—J. C. Bond, leader; A. L. Walker and J. L. Boyer. Negative—W. T. Armstrong, leader, Poole Harrison and Frank P. Baker.

Debates will be held in each of the three cities, Westminister affirmatives meeting Central negatives in Fulton and the Westminister negatives meeting the opposite team from Missouri Valley at Marshall. The same evening Missouri Valley and Central colleges will debate at Fayette, Missouri Valley taking the negative side of the question. Thru this arrangement all three of the colleges will handle both sides of the question and the awards will be made on a majority basis.

License to Preach.

The following young men were licensed to preach at the Methodist conference recently held at Moberly: E. B. Hadwig, J. B. School and H. M. Rutledge.

A splendid Easter service was rendered at St. Brendan's church in this city last Sunday.

THOMPSON ITEMS.

American Yeoman Lodge Organized—Little People Enjoy Easter Party—Personals.

Hulen Bugg of Murry was in Thompson Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gant of St. Louis were the pleasant guests of his brother, Henry and family, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Skaggs and daughters of Moberly were the guests of Joe Considine and family several days last week.

Kelly Weldon of Sturgeon visited his best girl here Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Shock of Woodlandville, Boone county, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Jordan, this week.

The friends of Mrs. Robt. Davis will be glad to hear she has about recovered from her recent severe illness.

Dr. Jordan and family were called to Columbia Monday on account of the death of his brother, Clarence.

John Haley visited friends in Centralia Sunday.

Mrs. Considine of Moberly is visiting her son, Joe and family, this week.

W. C. Allen, district deputy of the American Yeoman, was called to Des Moines, Iowa, Saturday night on business. He will return the last of this week.

The American Yeoman, fraternal beneficiary order, was organized in the hall in Thompson on the night of April 11th. A strong lodge has been organized, there being something like 35 members to date, and a prospect of 50 or 75.

Operator Powell, formerly second trick operator here on the Wabash, was transferred to Sturgeon, and operator Davis of Sturgeon was sent here.

Frank Wales visited home folks in Mexico Saturday night.

Miss Bettie May Considine gave the little folks of Thompson and vicinity an Easter party on Saturday evening, from 2 to 5. Hazel Gant won the prize for being the most successful in the search for eggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Considine entertained the Gant Lodge of Knights and Ladies of Security with an oyster supper on Wednesday night, April 12th.

Knights Templar Service.

The Crusade Commandery Knights Templar Easter service given at the Baptist church last Sunday afternoon was one of the most impressive and classic of its nature ever given in the city. Fifty Knights were in line, attired in their uniforms and plumed chapeaus. All the protestant ministers in the city had part. Rev. E. S. Gibbs had the part of Rev. Willis Carlisle, who was ill. A congregation of between 800 and 1,000 persons was present. Rev. John E. Ayscuse, pastor of the Baptist church, delivered the sermon. It was a masterful effort. There were vocal solos, quartets and anthems by the choir. All was to bring to mind the certainty and glory of the Resurrection.

Mr. Parsons Dead.

T. M. Parsons on the old Tuttle farm, northwest of Mexico, died last Sunday morning, after an illness of several months' duration. He was 69 years old. He came to this county from Montgomery county about 18 months ago. The wife and two children survive him. The children are, Ward Parsons, residing at home, and Mrs. W. A. Umbarger of Montgomery county. The remains were taken to New Florence for interment.

Mr. Parsons was a good citizen, and a kind husband and father. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Miss Esley Campbell left last week for a visit to relatives at Nevada, Mo., and at Decatur, Ark.

SURROUNDING AUDRAIN.

A Perjury Indictment in Boone—Miss Lemon at Fulton—Roller Skating Condemned.

A boy of Frankford is about to lose a leg from roller skating and an ordinance has been passed forbidding any more skating.

A Wellsville colored boy, Ollie Thompson, has enlisted in the U. S. Army. He belongs to the 9th Cavalry and is now stationed at San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Lucy Lemon, of Fulton, is back of a movement to organize a humane society in that city. Miss Lemon is the grand-daughter of "Uncle" Rufus Pearson of Mexico.

Capt. Robert Berry of Williamsburg, Callaway county, celebrated his 93rd birthday last Thursday. His natural strength is considerably abated yet he is healthy and active for one of his age.

The Sturgeon Leader man warns his readers of a wedding to take place in Sturgeon real soon. The couple will reside in Sturgeon, and they are further described as "mighty good young folks."

That old rolling pin joke was no laughing matter for William Thomas, of Alexandria, Mo., whose wife hit him over the head with that famous weapon and killed him outright. Mrs. Thomas has no Mr. Thomas now.

Mrs. Pearl Roppel, widow of Herman Roppel, who accidentally shot himself at his farm in Montgomery county, has instituted suit for \$5,000 life insurance against the Mutual Life Insurance Company. The company refused to pay the policy.

Probate Judge J. W. Tinscher of Callaway county and Miss Joanna Jolly, also of Callaway county, were married one day last week. Judge Tinscher is a brother of Dr. E. H. Tinscher of Mexico and Mrs. Tinscher is a cousin of Miss Bettie Jolly, Mrs. Jennie Phillips and Mr. Robt. Jolly, all of Mexico.

Wm. Berry of Fulton said he could beat any man in Boone, Callaway or Audrain counties playing checkers, but forgot about Cooper county. Some people over there can play, too. He said he was a Missourian, and Mr. Givens, of Cooper, "showed him." Every body in Audrain is too busy for as slow a game as checkers.

The Christian Church Sunday School at Center has received a challenge from the Sunday school at Ladonia to enter a contest to last six months, the test of victory to be the largest attendance and contribution. The Center Sunday school has accepted the challenge and will get to work immediately. A postal card will be exchanged each Monday.

Among the indictments returned by the grand jury in session at Columbia last week was one against Henry Thornton, who is said to have bought whiskey from R. I. Woodward, druggist, on March 18, paying one dollar for same. Thornton is said to have a treacherous memory about the transaction. This is the first perjury indictment returned for ten years by a Boone county grand jury.

The Largest M. W. A. Camp.

Vandalia, Mo., April 13, 1911.

Editor Message:— I notice in today's Message you state that the largest Woodmen Camp in the county, outside of Mexico, is located at Rush Hill, having a membership of 100. Allow me to correct you in this, as both Farber and Vandalia have larger Camps than Rush Hill. I do not know the exact membership of the Farber Camp, but it is about 125 or 130, while the Camp here at Vandalia, of which I am Clerk, numbers 166, with several candidates on the road. So you see we have Rush Hill beat a mile.

Yours,
E. B. Johnson, Clerk,
Vandalia Camp No. 2076.