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## LIVE STOCK MEN

### STATE ASSOCIATION FORMED—MEXICO MAN PRESIDENT.

#### Divided Opinion Against Increased Commission Rates.

At a meeting of more than 100 leading stockmen of North Missouri, held in this city last Saturday, the Missouri Live Stock Association was formed. The matter of organizing a co-operative commission company to do business at the National Stock Yards, Ill., was referred to the committee composed of a member from each of the counties represented at the meeting.

The committee is as follows: C. N. Downing of Macon county; Henry Gant, Audrain; H. D. Wilcox, Randolph; T. J. Murry, Callaway; J. F. Littrell, Chariton; B. F. McClure, Pettis; H. S. Tucker, Saline; E. E. Henry, Morgan Co., Ill.; J. H. Starr, Boone; G. W. Henesy, Lincoln; John Reiman, Monroe; F. D. McClure, Pike; J. R. Brown, Boone; P. R. Smith, Macon. The officers and Executive Board also are members.

Officers of the association were elected as follows: President, C. F. Clark, Mexico; secretary, Chester G. Starr, Centralia; first vice-president, H. J. Wilcox, Randolph county; second vice-president, J. A. Starr, North Boone; treasurer, Joe Considine, Audrain county.

A hitch in the organization of a commission company was caused by divided opinion in the committee as to whether the company should become a member of the National Stock Exchange or transact business independently. The committee decided to send a delegation to East St. Louis to investigate and recommend a course for adoption. Those appointed are: C. F. Clark, J. H. Starr, Joe Considine, B. F. McClure and T. F. Murry.

#### DIED LAST SUNDAY.

Mrs. Sarah J. Jesse, 74 years old, died last Sunday morning, at 9 o'clock, at the home of her son, John S. Jesse, northwest of Rush Hill.

Mrs. Jesse was born and raised in Callaway county, near Auxvasse. The following children survive her: Benton Jesse and Mrs. Pearl Huttis, of Texas; Mrs. Minnie McAfee, of Centralia, Mo.; Mrs. Nettie Corley, of Callaway county, and John S. Jesse, of Rush Hill. Deceased was a relative of the Jesse family in Mexico. She was a devoted Christian and a member of the Baptist church.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. H. B. Rice, burial in Laddonia cemetery.

Our sincerest sympathy extended to the bereaved family.

#### FARM AND LIVE STOCK.

M. L. Silts at Thompson is in the dairy business.

Corn is selling on the Martinsburg market at 65 cents a bushel. Joe Considine has bought the Porter Tinsley farm near Thompson.

Jim Sims of Beaver Dam bought a nice pair of mules for \$475.

W. H. Morgan sold two fat hogs to Powell & Mundy for \$31.55.

A. J. Tribble of Rowena lost a valuable hog recently, killed by mules.

See full notice of A. B. Weidner's public sale in the Message this week.

W. H. Morgan bought two blooded Duroc sows last week of L. F. Ross.

J. E. Lanham, of High Hill District, bought a mare of Elmer Stock for \$125.

John Rediger, of High Hill District, has bought a fine stallion, paying \$600 for him.

## MR. TUCKER DEAD.

One of Mexico's Very Best Citizens Passes Away.

J. W. Tucker, 55 years old, born in Lincoln county, Mo., 21 years a citizen of Mexico, died at his home here last Saturday morning after a prolonged illness, lasting over a year. The wife survives him besides the following children: Misses Claire, Pearl, Elizabeth and Lottie Bell Tucker and Orval Tucker.

Mr. Tucker was a valued citizen. A zealous worker in the church, and always stood ready to do his part wherever you put him. A couple of years ago he was a member of the City Council. He was zealous in Sunday school work and as a teacher he could not be excelled in his interpretation of the Scriptures.

A large concourse of neighbors and friends gathered at his home Sunday afternoon to do homage to his memory, where his pastor, Rev. J. C. Handy, of the Methodist church, preached the funeral discourse, a touching and comforting message concerning a man of God who had simply passed on before. The pallbearers were A. K. Luckie, J. W. Howell, S. P. Emmons, Horace Mundy, Dr. Fred Griffin and John Beal.

R. A. Herring of Beaver Dam sold to Harry Henderson of Callaway county two pairs of mules for \$800.

J. A. Yager, out Rowena way, has a fine bunch of horses and mules on feed—about ready for the market.

T. N. Waugh of Beaver Dam sold to Elmer Dieus 40 head of hogs at \$7 per hundred pounds, to go in April.

Walter Holloway of Skinner bought 500 bushels of corn of Harry Householder recently at 63c, buyer doing hauling.

H. L. Berrey of Skinner purchased 1,400 bushels of corn of Harry Householder at 63c per bushel, purchaser hauling.

J. L. Carpenter of Skinner had a load of 200 1-2 lb. hogs on St. Louis market Wednesday good enough to bring \$6.22 1-2. They were his own raising and feeding.

J. L. Carpenter of Skinner shipped two loads of cattle, his own feeding, to Chicago, last Tuesday. They were on Wednesday's market and brought \$7.00 per cwt. They averaged about 1,200 pounds.

W. B. Meyers who recently came to Mexico from Perry and purchased J. C. King's grocery store here, has bought a fine bungalow and ground in Eastholm, paying \$5,000. The deal was made thru Miss Pinkie West.

That jolly fellow Fred S. Johnston, just over the line in Montgomery county, southeast of Laddonia, called on the Message a few days ago. He says his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnston, have been in Kansas City about all winter. Fred's young brother, John Johnston, has been looking after things at home. One of his big tasks is to put down the feed to 160 head of cattle, 100 hogs, 75 sheep and 20 head of horses. John has something to do but he is master of the situation.

"I buy tobacco dust by the hundred pounds for fruit trees," says R. C. Young, of Dunklin county, in the Rural World. It costs him \$1.50 a hundred in St. Louis, and the freight is 39 cents, so it costs less than 2 cents a pound. He digs the dirt back from the trees and sprinkles in about a pound of the dust and covers it up. He thinks it helps kill borers and insects. Then it has a high per centage of potash which improves the flavor and color. He uses it also on his melon vines for the striped bugs, mixing slugs with it. There is said to be only three animate things that will eat tobacco, a worm, a goat and a man.

## COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Lunch Together and Talk Mexico and County Interests.

President R. D. Worrell, of the Mexico Commercial Club, has appointed the following standing committees:

Finance: W. F. Atkinson, chairman, I. T. McCue and Ross Cauthorn.

Membership: Fred W. Pilcher, chairman, Fred Llewellyn and Sam D. Byrns.

Manufacturing: Joe Smith, chairman, H. E. C. Tucker and Frank Kelso.

Publicity: Frank Ragsdale, chairman, Charles Malone and Charles Claybrook.

Public Improvements: L. B. Hawthorne, chairman, W. G. Wilkins and Chas. Buckner.

Conventions: Rufus Jackson, chairman, John Beat and John T. Ricketts.

Railroads: Geo. Lee, chairman, Lea M. White and W. J. Morris.

Merchants: Nate Phillip, chairman, Joe Wilkins and J. W. Dry.

Eighteen members from these different committees with President Worrell and Secretary Race took luncheon together at the Hoxsey Hotel last Friday at noon and discussed policies for the public benefit. The library tax proposition, for the proposed Carnegie library, was indorsed and the City Council is impertuned to submit the question to a vote of the people. The proposition favoring a new county jail was also endorsed and the publicity committee was instructed to assist in circulating petitions urging the County Court to submit the question to a vote of the tax payers of the county.

The present jail building is antiquated, unhealthy and a disgrace to the county.

These committees will lunch together again, this week, Friday, at noon.

**Rieman-Corder Nuptials.**

Mr. Floyd Rieman and Miss Nell Corder were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Corder, in this city, at six o'clock, last Monday evening. Father J. J. Dillon officiating. The attendants were Mr. Joseph Corder and Miss Sarah O'Brien. Mr. and Mrs. Rieman will reside in Slater. Our best wishes extended them.

East Love street is to be paved.

The City Council has ordered new ladders for the Fire Co.

We are glad to enroll Mrs. D. M. Dakin as a new Message subscriber.

Judge D. A. Murphy returned from a visit to relatives at Crawfordsville, Ind., last week.

B. F. Shultz changes the address for his Message from Center, Mo., back to Rush Hill.

W. C. Torreyson at Laddonia sends the Message a dollar and says "Push up the tally mark."

Mrs. Alvin Martin and small child, living near the Shoe Factory, are both ill of typhoid fever.

License to wed was issued Monday to Mr. Paul Wyss and Miss Ida Boeger, both of this county.

R. S. Martin of Sarcoxie, Mo., was here several days this week shaking hands with old friends.

Yancey Blevin of Martinsburg has moved to Mexico and orders the Message to the Mexico address.

Polyde Hendrix of Molino had the lumber for his new dwelling shipped out from Mexico by the electric car last week.

A. D. Hamilton, formerly with the Mexico Implement & Harness Co., is now traveling for the Johnson Harvester Co. with headquarters at Moberly.

## A HAPPY BOY

### IS FRANK.

#### Presented With a Fine New Library.

A. Frank Owings, 15 years old, who makes his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Boatman, is the happiest boy in Mexico, or ought to be. Last week he was the recipient of a very valuable library of books, shipped to him from New York, the gift of his uncle, J. Robert Boatman, a highly prosperous business man of Belize, British Honduras. There are 31 volumes of The World's Best Literature, 40 volumes of Shakespear's works, five volumes of Natural History and six other volumes on different subjects; 84 volumes in all.

Frank now has the very best of company at home every night. He is lucky, too, on another score along this same line. One of his teachers last July told him he will give him \$50 if he will abstain from the use of tobacco for a year, and of course he expects to keep the pledge.

Frank is a good boy and if he will keep the company of those good books he will remain a good boy.

#### Y. W. C. A. CONVENTION.

The Student Conference of the Young Women's Christian Association held in Mexico last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, brought together 150 delegates. Among the schools represented were Liberty Ladies' College, Forest Park University, Missouri Valley College, Missouri University, Cape Girardeau Normal, Kirksville Normal, Central Wesleyan College at Cameron, William Woods College, Christian College, Howard Payne, Central College, Hardin College, Christian College at Camden Point and Synodical College.

Every session of the conference was a feast of good things for mind and soul.

The banquet at Hardin College Saturday night, at which Mrs. J. W. Million served as toastmistress, was a most joyful event. The toasts proved a happy combination of good cheer, mental quickening and spiritual uplift.

Special meetings were held Sunday forenoon and in the afternoon and with the evening service the conference adjourned. The delegates all enjoyed their coming, we trust, all going away feeling that it was good they came.

**Fire at Vandalia.**

A fire broke out in the Arnold Department store at Vandalia, at about two o'clock, last Sunday morning, discovered by Night-watch C. C. Thompson. The alarm was given and citizens made a hard fight. But the building and stock of goods were destroyed, also an adjoining building burned. The burned property was all insured.

**Holtkamp-Yostemeyer.**

Mr. Herman Holtkamp and Miss Ervie Yostemeyer, both of north of Mexico, were united in holy matrimony last Monday morning at St. Brendan's Catholic church in this city, Father J. J. Dillon officiating. It is a very worthy and popular young couple. They have our best wishes for happiness and prosperity all along down life's pathway.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Marshall of Molino will move to Mexico this week.

J. T. Turpin changes the address for his Message from Rush Hill to Perry.

Blanche, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koss, fell last Friday while playing at the South Side School in Mexico and broke her collar bone.

## IN THE EVERGLADES.

### A Mexico Man Tells About His Visit in The South.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 14, '12. Editor Message:—I have just returned from Tampa, Fla., via the Seaboard Air Line Ry., to see that section of the country. The first stop was at Plant City. Here many fine oranges grow and some small garden truck, but the soil is very sandy. Then to Summerfield, a nice little village, surrounded with orange and grape fruit groves, but too wet and sandy for garden truck.

Summerfield, the next stop, but too much sand and water for either fruit or vegetables. From Summerfield we took a short line to Leesburg. Here is where a cousin of Gen. Robt. E. Lee settled and the city takes its name from him. One of my nephews married a daughter of this Mr. Lee. There are several nice lakes around Leesburg and good fishing and hunting about the year round.

This is also the home of some of the finest orange groves and gardens I saw on my trip. The next stop of any importance was Orlando. The soil here is as at Leesburg, very rich, and is quite a favorite of winter tourists. But the east coast of Florida seems to be the favorite section of the state for the tourists. The living there is much higher but the class who go there have little regard for money, so long as personal enjoyment is gained. From Orlando we double back to the main line of the seaboard at Silver Spring. Here, again, we found too much water and sand, although a beautiful spot. From here we go to Gainesville where we found much better soil, and located toward the northern portion of the State.

Here, also, we found many fine orange groves and also garden truck of all kinds. In this section five acres is often called a farm, but these "farms" do not raise wheat, oats, corn, barley, clover or timothy, or any of our domestic fruits, but tropical fruits in abundance.

This state is very spotted, and I would advise all my friends not to buy of land sharks in that country, but before buying, all should come and see the land, as there are many reputable real estate dealers here, that are willing and anxious to show their lands. The real estate dealers here claim that the northern land sharks do Florida a great injustice by their misrepresentation.

As I was passing through the country some days ago I came across an old white man, a native of the country, who was fully eighty years of age, who had never seen snow. I asked him what he did in this sandy country to make a living, and he replied, "Wall, in summer we skin alligators for a living and in winter we skin the Yankee tourists."

To make a success of raising vegetables and fruit in Florida, it is necessary to fertilize the land, and in many instances the cost of doing this is \$100 per acre.

We are now homeward bound for Jacksonville, where at the union depot we saw hundreds of tourists arriving on every south bound train. Some headed for the east coast and some as far south as Havana, Cuba. About the last of March these same winter tourists will be seen again at the Jacksonville depot, headed for their northern homes, as thick as blackbirds.

Jacksonville is destined to be a great city, as it is the gateway for all the south. There have been several Mexico people in Jacksonville this winter, some going further south. Among these are the Melsons, the Widow Stewart, Mayor Graham and family, Mr. W. W. Fry and Col. Clay, Mrs. Brown and daughter and Mrs. Hoxsey and others, a majority of them going further south.

Two of my nieces and I took a spin out to the new Ostrich Farm and Zoo. It is now located at Phoenix Park,

six miles north of this city, a five cent car fare and an admission fee of ten cents. Cheap to get in, but if you wish, ten dollars to get out. Here you can find nearly everything on earth to attract the people, a regular carnival the year round, and a roller coaster that covers fully an acre of ground, the cars taking us more than a hundred feet, and after being released they run down at a furious rate of speed. This up and down continues and runs all over the acre of ground. There are also dance halls, moving picture shows, theatre, restaurants, high diving, balloon ascensions, merry-go-rounds, ostrich racing, cow boy and cow girl performance, two bands of thirteen people, alligator trick farm, negro minstrels, 200 ostriches, deer park, and thousands of birds, snakes, animals, etc. Nearly every kind of living thing known to man is here represented. This park consists of 45 acres and is enclosed with a high fence, inside of which are many large white buildings, from which it is sometimes called the White City and thousands visit it every day. Tourists who visit the ostrich farm say that it rivals any place they have ever seen for amusement and entertainment.

When the Ostrich Farm was moved to its new location, the animals were all moved in boats, as the farm is now in the bend of the St. Johns River, and the animals were easily unloaded.

While on my visit at Tampa, I found the climate too warm, so I lost no time in returning to Jacksonville where the temperature was 10 degrees cooler. When you have snow we are having rain. While you were having 20 degrees below zero weather in Mexico, we were having some cool weather in Florida, but everything here is green and fresh and flowers are blooming everywhere. We cannot realize that it is so cold with you, while it is so pleasant here.

Florida has one advantage, health and climate.

Geo. Kabrich.

#### Miss Jurgensen Injured.

Miss Clara Jurgensen, a sister of Mrs. George Lee of this city, was one of the injured in the railroad wreck in Pennsylvania last Thursday when a train of great steel coaches rolled down a high embankment. Three persons were killed and 60 or 70 others seriously injured. Miss Jurgensen suffered broken ribs and other hurts. She is being cared for in a hospital and it is hoped she may recover all right.

#### Aker-Stevenson Nuptials.

Announcements have been received here of the coming marriage of Rev. Grover Aker, associate pastor of the Central Methodist church of Kansas City, and Miss Elizabeth Jean Stevenson of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The bride-to-be is a zealous church worker and a highly accomplished young woman. Her intended is a brother of Rev. C. M. Aker, formerly pastor of the Mexico Methodist church at Columbia. He is quite well known in this city. Many friends here join in extending best wishes for the happy couple.

#### Gore-Waters Nuptials.

Mr. Price Gore and Miss Lillian Waters, both living north of Vandalia, came to Mexico last Thursday and were united in marriage, Rev. W. A. Shullenberger officiating.

The following are late renewals for the Message: J. F. Dorgan, John H. Wayne, J. A. Y. Boyd, Mrs. Wm. Steffens, T. J. Eton, J. O. Sims, W. H. Morgan, and Barton Hubbard.

Miss Grace Henderson, expression teacher at Wesleyan College at Cameron, and Miss Ruth Sidebottom, a senior in the same school, were the guests of Mrs. John Beal during the Y. W. C. A. conference held in this city last week.

## THAT HOUN' DOG.

### YOU GOT QUIT KICKIN' HIM AROUND.

#### A Square Deal Demanded for Dumb Animals.

The following article appeared a few days ago in the St. Louis Republic, written from Clark, Mo., and was signed "N. G. B." We guess that to have been Mrs. Nellie G. Burger. She was a former Mexico girl and the article will be all the more interesting to the Mexico public on that account:

It is the mark of a high degree of civilization to be kind to dumb animals and Missourians have proven themselves worthy of the highest commendation by their love of the faithful dog.

Coleridge truly said "He prayeth best who loveth best both man and bird and beast," and surely thru our love for the dog we have demonstrated that we are a praying people.

Rather than displaying a lack of "culture" in laying claim to the authorship of the "houn' song" as our own, it is an evidence of "culture" of heart and mind to demand a "fair show" and a "square deal" for dumb animals as well as the human family.

Faithfulness and trust have their most perfect delineation thru the eyes of our four-footed friend whether he is of kingly origin or only a "lowly houn'" and many a heart-weary man, driven to desperation by the defection of cherished friends, has had his faith and courage renewed and been given a new grip on himself and life in general by the evidences of devotion on the part of his dumb companion.

Senator Vest never made a more eloquent speech than when he pronounced his famous eulogy upon the dog and certainly his brain capacity and culture were equal to that of the high school critic who denounces this song, now so justly famous.

The devotion of this particular "houn' was of the usual type, for he followed his master to town "every time" and what could his master do but resent the indignity visited upon his faithful companion and give voice to the threat "They gotta quit kickin' my dawg aroun'."

Let us as loyal Missourians applaud the commendable sentiment of giving the "under dog in the fight a square deal."

I did not write this "houn' song," but if you have a fiddle and bow for one who wishes she had, send it on.

A lover of Missouri and her "houn'."

#### METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The Mexico District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will convene at Wellsville, April, 1-2-3. There will be about 100 preachers and delegates in attendance. Bishop Collins Denny, one of the greatest men of the church, will preach one evening. A full program will be published later.

#### Mr. Kennan Dead.

George A. Kennan, 60 years old, a brother of the late Gen. W. H. Kennan of Mexico and a brother also of James Kennan and Mrs. Farrar and Mrs. Canon of Centralia, died a few days ago at his home in Hot Springs, Ark. He was an uncle also of Misses Harriet and Carrie Kennan, Mrs. W. D. Mason and C. B. Kennan, all of this community.

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