

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Clark are in Quincy, Ill., to attend a soldiers' reunion.

A complete line of up-to-date furniture. L. W. Roberts.

Glenn Blakeman of this city visited his father at Laddonia last week. J. T. Blakeman.

Craddock's Book Store has all the new adopted school books.

Mrs. R. C. Strode is enjoying a visit from Misses Agnes and Margaret Hayes of Hannibal.

We furnish your home without excessive cost. L. W. Roberts.

Mrs. Mattie Sumner, of near Worcester, is enjoying a visit from Mrs. Walters of St. Louis.

School books bought, sold and exchanged at Craddock's Book Store.

Miss Willie Hook left this week for Shadwick, Ill., where she will be a teacher in the public school.

Furniture of quality at right prices at L. W. Roberts'.

Miss Kitty Turley has returned to Washington, Mo., where she is teacher in the public schools.

School books and school supplies of every description. Lowest prices at Craddock's.

Mrs. H. B. Barks of this city is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. P. E. Lamkin, of Clinton, Mo.

If it is new, up-to-date furniture you are looking for, call on L. W. Roberts.

Marriage license was issued here Monday to Mr. Presley Caulton, of Maurice, Okla., and Miss Lyda Hudson of this county.

Our Undertaking Department is high-class, and gives satisfactory service. L. W. Roberts.

Miss Bertha Waters of Laddonia has been the guest here this week of her friend, Miss Margaret Cunningham.

Have you seen my fine line of full value rugs? They are money saving bargains. L. W. Roberts.

R. T. Baker, A. J. Landrum, Russell Spurling, Frank Eckler and George Bachr renew for the Message.

I have a limited number of extra good second hand and slightly used school books as good as new at a big saving in price. Craddock's.

Miss Mary Dillard visited the family of Rev. John Sneed at Paris recently. Miss Dillard attended every session of the Paris Chautauqua and enjoyed it all supremely.

J. C. King has sold his fine 157 acre farm near Molino to John H. Talley, of Idaho. The price received for the farm was \$70 per acre. Mr. Talley will put his daughter in school here. Mr. King will move back to Mexico.

We think Missouri from this section of the State should quit going across the Mississippi to see a Fair—we have the biggest one west of the Father of Waters at Sedalia, Mo., Sept. 28-Oct. 4. See advertisement of the same in this issue of the Message. The State Fair at Sedalia is the fair you should attend.

James H. Quinlan, northeast of Mexico, and Fred Jacobi, of Martinsburg, left this week for St. Marys, Kan., where they will re-enter St. Mary's College.

Maj. J. C. Johnson, U. S. Army, headquarters at San Francisco, with his daughter is spending several weeks visiting relatives in this county.

LADDONIA ITEMS.

Two Deaths—Mrs. Pierce Paralyzed—Other Mention.

Mrs. Onie Beal and son, Clark, leave this week to make their home with her son, Garth, at Odessa. We regret to lose this good woman from our town. She spent Monday with relatives and friends at Mexico.

Carl Fegan is in Iowa on business.

Mrs. Jane Summers died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Menefee, Friday evening, at 6 o'clock. Funeral was preached at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, by Rev. Kirtley of Vandalia. The body was laid to rest in the Laddonia cemetery. Mrs. Summers had been a sufferer for several years and before her death had been confined to her bed nearly three months. She was a splendid woman and good neighbor.

Silas Landrum died at 3:00 a. m. Sunday after an illness of six weeks. He was one of our oldest citizens, having come here from Illinois in October, 1869, and settled on a farm near town. Moved to Laddonia 13 years ago. He leaves a good wife and three sons to mourn his loss. Harry Landrum of Columbia was faithful to him thru his sickness; Reube of Clarksdale, Mo., was unable to come before the funeral on account of not being able to get relieved from his work. He is operator at Clarksdale and with his family came Monday to attend the funeral.

Mrs. P. I. Pierce is in a serious condition. She is paralyzed. Her son, James of Mexico, is with her.

There is said to be near \$6,000 available for building permanent good roads in the Mexico eight-mile road district.

Miss Mary Neal, west of Rush Hill, has been suffering greatly of late from blood-poisoning. The trouble started from a small scratch on one of her fingers. Had her arm lanced a few days ago.

Beautiful line of Pipes at Wren's Pharmacy.

Mrs. Walter Allen, of Rush Hill, is still in declining health, we are sorry to report.

Mrs. Frank Paris, of Rush Hill, who has been an invalid so long, is now seriously ill.

J. B. Schroll, of Fitzgerald, Ga., visited Mexico friends this week. Mr. Schroll for a number of years was located at Farber, this county.

Often an editor has items sent to him from which the sender expects to reap benefit, with the statement that "it helps to fill up." It may help fill the columns, but it falls short of helping to fill another place—just under the belt of the editor. Do you catch the idea? If you don't butt a board fence with your head

Only A Short Time

Now until my demonstration of the Malleable range begins. Don't forget the date, **September 30th to October 5th.** Something new, something different in the way of cooking utensils to be given with every range sold during demonstration. Several nice pieces of aluminum ware added to assortment this year. The range is better, the price is the same. Buy the best, it's cheaper.

J. W. DRY

FARM AND LIVE STOCK.

Geo. W. Green, of West Lick, sold W. L. Beckley a milk cow for \$50.

Joe Considine holds his big annual sale of live stock at Thompson Sept. 26.

J. R. Thomas, near Rush Hill, bought three steer calves of Wilber Shoup at \$22 per head.

T. J. Rowe, of Hollensville neighborhood, sold a span of mules to J. G. Crawford for \$430, and a span to Milt Householder for \$400.

I. T. Van Note bought J. D. Miller's fine Jersey cow last week, paying \$100. The cow gives over four gallons of milk a day and at her best she does far better than that.

The Auxvasse Review says: James M. Overfelt, the well known Auxvasse farmer and trader, received a car containing twenty-six Shorthorn bulls from St. Louis Wednesday morning. They were driven to his farm, northeast of Auxvasse, the same morning.

The Fulton Gazette says: Herbert Patterson, who left Callaway last year and moved to the Ortiz neighborhood, in Audrain county, has been buying up some cotton mules lately. He got three from his brother-in-law, Edgar Lockridge, two five-year-olds and one two-year-old. Mr. Patterson already had six two-year-olds in his barn. He reports fine crops in his vicinity and said that he has 18 acres of very promising cow peas on his place.

EAST END NOTES.

Farmers busy preparing ground for sowing wheat.

Frank Bick has returned to his home in St. Louis after spending the summer with his cousin here Grover Webber.

Yes, Vandalia decided at once that the Chautauqua was a real necessity for next year.

Miss Grace Herlinger returned last week to California to resume school work.

Pleasant Plains school opened Sept. 2nd with Warren Lewellen teacher.

Mrs. Clara Keithley of O'Fallon is making an extended visit to her nephew, W. S. Barbee and family.

The semi-annual session of the Salt River Presbytery was held at Mt. Olivet church last week.

C. W. Kindred returned from Jacksonville, Ill., Saturday where he had been to see his mother who is in a critical condition at the hospital.

Miss Maud Barbee and brother Leslie, left Monday to attend college. The former to Hardin and the latter to William Jewell. Miss Lena Shannon will attend the University this year.

The revival meeting at Pleasant Plains Baptist church closed Thursday night with seven additions, four by letter and three by conversion, also four other conversions who go to other churches. Revs. Dew and Rogers are now assisting Rev. Kirtley in a meeting at Farber.

J. D. Lewellen and family attended the Chautauqua in Mexico Saturday.

Zack Bondurant was over near Hutchison Sunday attending a basket meeting and shaking hands with old time friends.

Mrs. Luke Staples has been confined to her bed for two or three weeks with inflammatory rheumatism.

Joe Early of this city attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Nanie Gentry, who died in Kansas City this week.

Prof. Guy C. Motley, teacher in Hardin College, was married in Sturgeon last Saturday to Miss Blanche Green of that city.

See Craddock for your school books and supplies. School books bought, sold and exchanged.

Rev. W. C. Rice of this city a few days ago united in marriage Mr. Irvin Crockett, south of Mexico, and Miss Beulah Adams, of Martinsburg.

FULTON TEACHER RESIGNS.

Miss Dorothy Robnett, who has been teaching in the Fulton public schools for a number of years, has tendered her resignation to accept a position in the public schools of Webster Grove, Mo. This place is nearer her home and where her relatives live and will be more pleasant for her. Miss Robnett has been one of our most successful teachers and Fulton is reluctant to see her leave. All wish her the greatest success in her new field.—Fulton Telegraph.

Miss Robnett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Robnett, of near Martinsburg, this county.

The Single Tax.

The Higginsville Jeffersonian. Lee Shippee's paper, in order to be fair to everybody, is giving both sides of the Single Tax argument. Last week that paper had the following as an argument in favor of the Single Tax:

According to the figures obtainable, the single tax would operate in Lafayette county like this:

Taxes on land would be increased approximately 30 per cent.

Taxes on personal property would be abolished.

Therefore, a farmer would be taxed 30 per cent more on his land but would not be taxed at all on his house, barns, livestock, implements, money or collateral in bank. If these latter things are taxed at less than 30 per cent as much as his land at present, then his taxes would be increased under the new plan. If they are taxed more than 30 per cent as much as his land at present, then his total taxes would be lowered under the new plan. In the case of large land holders, therefore, single tax would result in a considerable increase in taxes, while in the case of smaller land holders whose personal property is proportionately larger as compared to the value of their land, it should result in lower taxes.

In the towns and cities the new plan would practically have the effect of exempting the poorer people, who own no land, from all taxes. The home owner, on the other hand, would be taxed more on his land but nothing at all on the improvements on his land or on his personal property.

Mrs. White Dead.

Mrs. Nannie White, 48 years old, wife of Clay White, died at her home in this city last Sunday afternoon, of lung trouble of long standing. The husband survives her, besides one son, Clark White who is a student in Transylvania University. One brother also survives her, Rev. Robt. Shelton, of Butler, Mo., and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Bratton and Mrs. Barton Cox, both of Centralia.

Deceased had been a member of the Christian church for many years. The funeral was preached by Rev. W. A. Shullenberger Monday morning, interment in Elmwood. The following served as pall bearers: Ross Cauthorn, T. A. Threlkeld, W. G. Wilkins, Price Cunningham, S. A. Puli and W. A. Sharp.

Mrs. T. G. Holmes, of Wielita, Kansas, is the guest of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Settle, of this city.

Claude Fowles is home from Illinois. He has been touring lately with the Texas exhibit car.

Rev. A. D. Culbertson will be the new Presiding Elder for the Methodists of the Mexico district.

Mrs. D. P. Moore, of St. Louis is visiting Mrs. Clarence A. Barnes and other friends of this city.

Miss Addie Hale, of near Laddonia, has been the guest of Mrs. G. M. Nuff during the Chautauqua.

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You'll wear "Soft and Good" Shoes not only because you are trading with us, but because they are the best adapted for your line of work.

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They are made of leather that is "Soft and Good."

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The upper leather in every pair is as soft as a glove.

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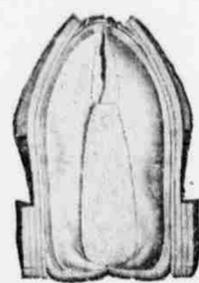
The soles are of the best wear-resisting leather.

They are made over broad, roomy lasts that fit the foot.

One pair of "Soft and Good" shoes will outwear two pairs of ordinary work shoes.

The price is reasonable considering the amount of service gotten out of every pair.

"Soft and Good" shoes are members of the "Star Brand" Family.—We carry this shoe in tan and black, plain or cap top, price pair \$2.99.

A Better School Shoe

Parents desiring the most dressy, and at the same time the best wearing school shoe in America, will buy the "Our Family." We have sold these shoes long enough to know that "They Wear Like Iron," and hold their shapeliness to the last. They come in all sizes and styles, are for both boys and girls, and cost less than many inferior shoes. They are solid leather through and through. We know this to be true, just as the picture shows. "Price of 'Our Family' Shoes: Boys' and Girls' 1-2 to 12, pair, \$1.49; 12-14 to 2, pair, \$1.75.

Shoe Findings Way Underpriced.

Men's cut-out half soles, pair	10c
Men's large squares, will make two pair half soles	25c
Men's braced shoe tacks, box	4c
Cobbler's soles—mend your own shoes	25c and 49c
"Ezola" blacking box	5c
"Shinola"	8c
Shine outfit, consisting of wool polisher, good dauber, box paste, worth 20c, special price complete	10c

Shoe That Is "Stronger Than The Law."

Wouldn't you pay \$2.99 for a shoe that wore twelve months and withstood the hardest kind of service? We have such a shoe and it is known as the "Stronger Than The Law." It has 2 full soles thoroughly infused with oil, "solid leather" heels, solid leather counters. The upper is of heavy, oiled calf leather sewed together with the best selected thread. For the price there is nothing that can equal it.



Ragsdale's Cash Store

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Minor, living near Benton City, lost their little eight-months-old son, Charlie, last Monday of cholera infantum. The community extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Mrs. M. S. Carter, of Centralia, attended the funeral of Mrs. Clay White in this city Monday.

B. B. Brown was given a verdict for \$150 by a jury in the Circuit Court last week against the C. & A. railroad. Mr. Brown claimed damages to some corn which burned by a spark from an engine of said railroad.

Ex-Postmaster George Kunkel has his old position with Fred A. Morris, the grocer.

\$4.50

To St. Louis and Return

VIA

WABASH

Account United Drug Company Convention, \$2.25 for children between the age of 5 and 12 years. Tickets will be sold September 16, 17, 18 and 19. Good returning to reach Mexico on, or before Sept. 21, 1912.

I. M. Richards,

Agent, Wabash R. R.

THOMPSON ITEMS.

Mr. Nevins Very Ill—Knights and Ladies of Security Election.

Thompson, Mo., Sept. 2.—Sumner Davis started to Stoddard county Tuesday morning to visit his father-in-law and accompany his wife home who has been visiting her parents there for the last month.

Edward Crawford and wife are entertaining his mother from Oklahoma.

Baker Barnes bought six head of yearling steers from Ben Spencer at 6 cents per pound.

Edward Morris bought two steer calves from L. E. Davis for \$42.50.

J. B. Nevins and wife have again been called to the bedside of his father, who is not expected to live.

The Salt River meeting closed Sunday night with four additions to the church.

The Knights and Ladies of Security met at the hall at Gant Friday night, Sept. 6th, election night.

Mrs. Edgar Sims spent several days with her parents, Robert Davis and wife.

Thos. Brenton is baling hay and straw for J. T. Beatty.

Brish Daniel and family visited their daughter, Mrs. James Beatty, Sunday.

W. H. Dempsey and wife entertained J. T. Beatty and family and Ed. Beatty and family Sunday.

Miss Ella Geary returned to Mexico after a week's visit with W. H. Dempsey and family and her brother, Sid Geary, of Thompson.

Maggie Baker Hagan Gone Home.

Again the Death Angel has come into our midst and claimed a dear, precious girl, yet in her teens, the bride of only a year, and a mother of only a few hours, to a dear little girl. Right in the bloom of youth and health, Margaret Elizabeth (nee, Baker) Hagan, been called to come and meet her Saviour face to face.

The death of this loved one has filled the hearts of many with sadness, and especially her dear father and mother, who are almost prostrate with grief. Her dear little sister and brother died of diphtheria just a year ago last March. All has been so sudden it has been so hard to bear. Yet we bow submissively in obedience to the will of the Lord, and say, thy will be done.

Margaret Elizabeth Baker was born Aug. 1, 1893, near Mexico, Mo. Was married to R. E. Hagan Sept. 27, 1911; died Sept. 6, 1912, at the age of 19 years and 29 days. She leaves a husband and infant daughter, father and mother, three brothers, a number of other relatives and a host of friends to mourn her untimely death. Everything was done that faithful doctors and loving friends could do.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. L. Bibb of Perry, assisted by Rev. Arthur Burch. The singing was led by Mr. Jno. Johnston. The pall bearers were six young married ladies, all her schoolmates. There were many beautiful flowers; among them a beautiful wreath of carnations from the school with the word, "School mates." The body was tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery at the Little by Baptist church late Saturday afternoon.

One less at home,
The charmed circle broken,
A dear face missed day by day
From its accustomed place,
But cleansed and saved by grace;
One more in heaven,
Yes, one more in heaven,
That home where separation cannot be,
That home where none are missed eternally,
Lord Jesus, grant us all a place
with Thee,
At home in heaven.

Her Aunt,
Visit the Soda Fountain at
Wren's Pharmacy.