

# MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

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## ELECTION JUDGES.

### To Serve at the General Election Next Month.

The County Court has appointed the following persons to serve as judges at the general election the 5th of next month:

**Canada.** Democrats—H. T. Crawford, J. J. Miller, Stanley Palmer; Republicans—Grant Ficklin, George Everhart, John Everhart.

**Macedonia.** Democrats—W. B. Graves, O. T. Smith, S. A. Wright; Republicans—Harry Bartelma, N. D. Owings, O. Everhart.

**Friendship.** Democrats—C. D. Littrell, P. D. Forrest, Charles Turner; Republicans—Dan Hobart, A. J. Burkey, Wm. Nofsinger.

**Burnham.** Democrats—Ed. Wilson, J. W. Walker, J. S. Prather; Republicans—Geo. Waggoner, G. G. Starr, G. C. Turner.

**Burke.** Democrats—Reed Burke, Harry Brown, James Groves; Republicans—Newton Davis, George Mayes, Will Allison.

**Thompson.** Democrats—E. M. Morris, John Murphy, W. R. Surber; Republicans—Joe Conside, W. H. Dempsey, Jesse Hoover.

**Naylor.** Democrats—James Curry, James Ridgeway, John Winn; Republicans—C. A. Candy, Sid Hartley, F. A. Ehret.

**Rowena.** Democrats—C. M. Berrey, John Turner, R. C. Peck; Republicans—James McGowan, A. H. Leach, Shem Schwartzendruber.

**Gant.** Democrats—Ed. Beatty, Wm. Sims, W. T. Puls; Republicans—J. A. Givens, Geo. K. Gildea, C. W. Wilson.

**Mexico, 1st Ward, Democrats—**W. W. Johnson, Edgar Threlkeld, J. L. Shobe; Republicans—W. A. McMurtry, L. N. Ketter, Otto Kunkel.

**Mexico, 2nd Ward, Democrats—**John Marshall, J. C. Ringo, Geo. Azdell; Republicans—E. S. C. Miller, Wm. Frazier, R. H. Kernan.

**Mexico, 3rd Ward, Democrats—**C. A. Bast, J. H. Wayne, D. S. Burroughs; Republicans—A. V. Averitt, G. J. Cass, Wm. Burk.

**Mexico, 4th Ward, Democrats—**F. E. Eller, Wm. Vivion, J. E. Callahan; Republicans—D. M. Roberts, Bert Roberts, Geo. F. Clark.

**Molino.** Democrats—C. L. Blum, E. E. Pierce, Pelide Hendrix; Republicans—Clyde Ellis, Otto Howard, J. H. Hebel.

**Union.** Democrats—M. F. Harrison, W. B. Freeman, Hiram Threlkeld; Republicans—A. Pfizer, L. R. Larkin, E. H. Dieus.

**Beagles.** Democrat—E. O. Snaedeker, J. J. Johnston, Ed. Settle; Republicans—Albert Scherer, Jack Brown, Simon Forbes.

**Ladonia.** Democrats—John Hobson, E. R. Hagan, T. H. Slavens; Republicans—E. D. Elder, W. W. Braden, Walter Hoyt.

**Rush Hill.** Democrats—J. B. handling only meritorious good, cater-Stewart, M. M. Givens, J. C. Diggs; Republicans—Val Erdle, Ernest Leirheimer, Will Erisman.

**Edwards.** Democrats—James Montague, Adolph Fennwald, Jos. Adrian; Republicans—Will Thompson, Leslie Fryer, John Scott.

**Benton City.** Democrats—J. W. Douglass, Herman Tratchell, Jno. Byars; Republicans—F. L. Precht, C. W. Erisman, J. E. Stauffer.

**Martinsburg.** Democrats—E. P. Johnson, Frank Davis, F. M. Walker; Republican—H. L. Burwell, Geo. Stotler, Wm. Reitzel.

**Vandalia.** Democrats—J. L. Coontz, S. E. Merrell, R. F. Read; Republicans—Paul Groschill, Tom Morris, Ches. Matterson.

**Crow.** Democrats—J. M. Branstetter, A. J. Middleton, John

Hickerson; Republicans—O. F. House, Geo. Saxe, Chas. Ford.

**Farber.** Democrats—W. O. Hostetter, S. P. Sutton, W. J. Crow; Republicans—A. J. Schroll, Tom Reighley, Ira Charles.

**Black.** Democrats—T. J. Parker, Jas. Hall, John Walker; Republicans—L. B. Deaton, Henry Oaks, B. L. Frisbie.

**Anti-Single Taxers.** The farmers of Liberty school district, southeast of Mexico, have formed an anti-single tax organization. H. P. Warden is president; Earl Bell, secretary, and Frank James, treasurer. About \$20 has been subscribed to help the cause in the State.

The following are the charter members of the organization: L. R. Larkin, Joe Lockridge, W. G. Sims, Frank James, J. E. Bell, Byron Bradford, Earl Underwood, John Morris, Clarence Adams, Cole Edwards, Noble Barnes, Neil Watts, Garl Lockridge, Dunny Sims, Wilbur Kunkel, Ben Sims, Fletcher Sims, Leburn Dudley, and Worth Allen.

## SOME INTERVIEWS.

**Mrs. Sumner Very Ill—Nephew of Rudolph Miller Dies.**

G. W. Newgent: Here's a "wheel" to keep your paper going another year to my son, W. V. Newgent, at St. Joseph, Mo. He likes the Message and so do I; success to the Message.

J. F. Fredde: I put upon your table, Mr. Editor, a couple of boxes of the sweetest persimmons you ever put in your mouth—not the "puckering" kind, thank you. That's the kind I grow in my orchard.

Frank Edson: It seems popular to announce yourself against the Single Tax. But it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good; this agitation is going to call attention to some of the iniquities of our present tax laws.

I. P. Dyer: Mrs. Dyer and I visited our relative and friend, Mrs. Mattie Sumner, a few days ago, near Worcester. She remains in a serious condition of health. Her daughter, Mrs. S. L. Hickam, of Booneville, Mo., is now at her bedside.

W. H. Morgan: Here, Mr. Message, is the tallest stalk of corn you have seen this year. Put it in your show window with these two stalks of kafir corn. They don't grow the tallest corn down in Callaway and I think, too, my kafir corn is as great as Tom Rideway's Indian maize.

Rudolph Miller: My wife and I were called to Highland, Ill., last week to attend the funeral of our nephew, Clinton Clouth, 15 years old, who died from poison getting into a hurt on his hand. He was a nephew also of Mrs. Robt. Walter, of Rush Hill, who could not attend the funeral. Mrs. Walter and my wife are sisters.

J. C. Lower: I certainly appreciate what the Message and our other county papers are doing against Single Tax. Keep it up. We can win this fight if we will work as we ought. Are we going to sit down and do nothing and let those wicked schemers drive us from our homes? Do not be ashamed to appeal to farmers and land owners for money to carry on this work.

A. B. Hale: Everything is all O. K. at Ladonia. The Christian Sunday school had a big rally day last Sunday. Over 100 in attendance. I notice that Rev. H. E. Pinkerton, late pastor of the M. E. church, South, at Ladonia, joined the M. E. conference at Hamilton, Mo., the other day and the

bishop gave him the charge of the M. E. church at Vandalia. The new pastor for the M. E. church at Ladonia is Rev. E. V. Campbell.

A. B. Smock: I have just returned from a visit to relatives in Illinois and attended the State Fair while over there. The crowds at the Fair are getting too big. It is not a pleasure to be in such jams. By the way, I want to subscribe for the Message to go to my daughter, Mrs. Arthur Stanford, at Artesia, N. M. They appreciate getting the paper very much. Mr. Stanford has a position in an alfalfa mill there and he and his family are prospering and happy.

O. S. Ackerman: Down my way, around Rush Hill, they are as much interested in the Single Tax, and maybe a little more, as in all the other big questions in the November election put together. Our people are against it. It looks like a bad thing to me.

P. S. Underwood: I sometimes joke, too.—I am for the Single Tax. I also want the tariff taxes fixed so high—well, by that time maybe we will have learned a thing or two about taxation and tariff in this country.

J. O. Barrow: I returned last week from a trip to Houston, Mo., where I tried a case in the circuit court. Met Ed. Pilcher at St. James, Mo., and staid over night with him. He is in a good town and doing fine. Ed. is a brother of your Mark Pilcher of Mexico and of Mrs. E. D. Graham of Mexico and Joe Pilcher of Wellsville.

I like that section of the State I visited but I like Vandalia and old Audrain far better than anything I have ever seen. Yes, I'm doing well in the law business at Vandalia.

## POWELL FORD.

The rain of last week spoiled our good roads.

Bro. Taylor, of Columbia, filled his appointment at Rising Sun church last Sunday. Many of the members were absent but a very good audience and many hearts were made glad. One confession and baptism at the morning service. Elder Taylor's talk was excellent. Several of the Rising Sun church will attend the Louisville, Ky., convention. Mr. and Mrs. Mord Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Berry, Judge Alex. Carter, and Bro. Taylor, the pastor, will also attend.

Mrs. Gill of Mexico is visiting her daughter this week, Mrs. Earl Carter and family.

Mrs. Ellen Mason, Mrs. Wm. Mason and children of Mexico were out in this neighborhood Sunday afternoon.

The Willing Worker Society of Rising Sun church will have a "County Produce Sale" at Ferris & Cauthorn's hardware store Saturday, Oct. 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McMurtry entertained relatives last Sunday.

Miss Mary Carter is visiting her sister, Miss Laura Carter, who is attending the University at Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Berry will visit in Carlisle and Moorefield, Ky., before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dowell visited near Benton City a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Powell and M. N. and M. J. Powell spent last Saturday in Mexico with Mrs. Fannie Powell, it being Mrs. Powell's 79th birthday. All her children were home at the noon hour, and several grand children, and a splendid dinner was served. All enjoyed the day very much.

Earl Carter is putting in a concrete foundation for his scales.

Born, on the 8th inst., to Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Aker, at Fayette, Mo., a son.

## COUNTY COURT.

### Bills Allowed and Other Matters Looked After.

The County Court met in regular session Monday, Oct. 7.

Warrant for \$68 was drawn in favor of the Mexico Special Road District, for special road and bridge fund, for road work.

Warrant ordered for \$52.50 in favor of A. C. Pledge for work in cutting down Owen Hill, in district No. 62.

Warrant ordered in favor of Wm. Pollock Mill & Elevator Co., balance due on account of County Farm amounting to \$86.95, a difference being paid by sale of wheat from said farm.

E. F. Elliott, Circuit Clerk, filed his statement of fees collected for third quarter, 1912.

P. E. Coil \$8.44 for inquest over the body of John A. McIntire.

Apportionment of the railroad tax approved.

Printing for the November election awarded to the Mexico Message and Ladonia Herald.

Amount of special road and bridge tax apportioned to the town of Farber ordered turned over to C. W. Tanner, for work on the roads near Farber.

Resignation of J. R. Dorgan, road overseer in district No. 64, was accepted.

Dramshop license granted to C. T. Johnson and J. W. Sullivan.

The following bills were allowed:

E. F. Ketter, acct. Road and Bridge fund, \$20.00; Intelligencer Pub. Co., supplies sheriff, \$2.75; Moore & Field, sup. Co. Farm, \$23.55; Ricketts & Emmons D. G. Co., sup. poor farm, \$18.85; Mexico Power Co., water court house, \$10.10; Mexico Power Co., water jail, \$1.00; Mexico Power Co., water court house, \$7.85; Mexico Power Co., water at jail, \$1.50; Mexico Power Co., sup. court house, \$1.20; Otis Purdy, sup. Co. Farm, \$7.95; Guthrie & Son, sup. Co. Farm, \$3.85; G. W. McIntyre, livery, Co. Farm, \$2.50; Haskell Bros., sup. county farm, \$5.00; L. W. Roberts, sup. court house, \$3.50; Lane & McLoney, sup. jail prisoners, \$3.73; Mo. Kan. Phone Co., sup. court house, \$6.80; Mo. Kan. Phone Co., phone jail, \$4.50; Mo. Kan. Phone Co., phone at Co. Farm, \$4.50; Mo. Kan. Phone Co., phone Pros. Att'y. office, \$6.00; Bert F. Wells, repair court house, \$1.30; Arctic Ice Co., sup. court house, \$10.00; Wilkins & Brown sup. Co. Farm, \$2.00; J. T. Baker sup. Justice Peace, \$1.00; W. L. Craddock, sup. Co. Clerk, 75 cts.; Geo. D. Bernard & Co., sup. Recorder, \$45.23; John H. Wayne Justice Peace, \$6.35; Buxton-Skinner, sup. Collector, \$1.70; Buxton-Skinner, sup. Clerk, \$53.75; Buxton-Skinner, Collector, \$1.29; J. S. Atkins, criminal cost, \$6.20; J. B. Graham, stamps, freight, etc., \$10.96; J. B. Woolery, attending Probate Court, \$24.00; McPheeters Bros., sup. Jail, \$8.00; Thomas Lumber Co., bridge sup., \$16.80; J. H. Sallee, supplies county offices, \$10.50; J. B. Evans Construction Co., bal on contract, \$85.00; Henry Youngblood, bridge work, \$12.05; Andy Talbott, bridge work, \$50.00; J. W. Tanner, bailing hay, at Co. Farm, \$19.75; J. B. Woolery, attending Circuit Court, \$140.40; The Intelligencer Pub. Co., supplies, Collector, \$8.25; J. B. Graham, acct. with Co., \$86.30; S. A. Puls, Collector, \$576.72; E. F. Elliott, per bill, \$60.60; W. S. Hamilton, sup. Co. Farm, \$550.00; J. W. Mackey, bridge work, \$34.61; J. B. Woolery, feeding jail prisoners, \$313.50; E. S. Gantt, phone message, \$1.35; Alex. Carter, three days justice and mileage, \$15.20; S. C. Groves, same, \$16.00; J. S. Gatson, justice and mileage, \$7.40; A. H. Biggers, plastering at Co. Farm, \$8.00.

## Anniversary Program.

The Mexico Presbyterian church last Saturday and Sunday celebrated the 25th anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. A. A. Wallace. Rev. H. E. Truex, of St. Louis, formerly pastor of the Mexico Baptist church here, offered prayer, Rev. J. H. Jackson, of the Methodist church, spoke for the Mexico Pastors' Association, followed by letters of congratulations from friends at a distance read by Dr. J. C. Moore. All this followed by a short response from Mr. Wallace expressing his appreciation of all the kindnesses he had enjoyed at the hands of the people in his quarter of a century stay in Mexico.

Sunday morning Dr. C. B. Bovington, President, of Westminster College, at Fulton, preached an appropriate sermon for the occasion.

The meeting levied an assessment of three mills on the dollar on live stock insurance and four mills on other property.

## Mrs. Wilson Dead.

Mrs. Nellie Wilson, 45 years old, wife of Dr. J. W. Wilson, of Pollock, La., died last Monday morning at the home of her brother, George Duncan, in this city. Mrs. Wilson had lived several years in Louisiana and was brought back here to her old home last week. She was born in Callaway county. Besides the husband she is survived by a daughter. Three sisters and three brothers also survive her—Mrs. C. A. Griffith, of Slater; Mrs. J. A. Griffith, of Fulton; Miss Kate Duncan, of St. Joseph, La.; Geo. and Sam Duncan, of this city, and J. W. Duncan, of Edwardsville, Illinois.

Rev. J. H. Jackson, of the Methodist church, conducted funeral service Tuesday morning, burial in Elmwood.

## WEST DULY.

Mrs. Gertrude Proffitt of Chase, Kans., visited Mrs. Maude Paulin last week.

Robert and Bruce Powell, sons of C. T. Powell, spent Sunday and Monday with their uncle, R. W. Powell.

Mrs. Dakin is visiting Mr. Dakin's sister, Mrs. McKeithen, at Green Top, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Vigil are home from the Illinois State Fair.

Mrs. S. P. Carter is still on the sick list, not much improved.

Rev. Taylor filled his appointment at Sun Rise Sunday. Had good attendance. One addition to the church.

T. R. Caldwell and wife, of Lebanon, Ind., visited their niece, Mrs. R. W. Powell, week before last.

## GANT ITEMS.

J. W. McCammon and wife visited their son, Orme, of near Centralia, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Loren have returned home after a three weeks' visit in Texas.

Fannie Brown was operated on for appendicitis last Sunday at her home southeast of Gant. Dr. I. C. Moore of Mexico was the physician.

Mrs. Squire Jerman and son, Dick, of near Amarillo, Texas, are visiting in this vicinity.

Joe Beatty, Henry Vance, and W. P. Denham are all erecting new barns.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Bybee of Mexico visited T. M. Broadbudd and wife Sunday.

J. H. Faucett spent Saturday night and Sunday with J. R. Daniel and wife.

The suit of W. R. Dudley against the Wabash railroad for the death of his daughter at Martinsburg three years ago, was affirmed in the St. Louis Court of Appeals last week. Dudley gets judgment for \$2,500.

## Price-Gibbs Nuptials.

Mr. Eben Price, of Billings, Mont., and Miss Eliza Gibbs were married in this city at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gibbs, Wednesday evening of last week. Rev. J. E. Aysene, of the Baptist church, officiated.

Miss Susie Houston was maid of honor; Mrs. J. Wm. Stueck of St. Louis was matron of honor, and Misses Mary Buckner of Marshall, Frances Glandon, of Columbia, bridesmaids; Leo Daly, of Billings, Mont., the groomsman. Miss Victoria Brooks played the wedding march and Miss Laura Robertson sang.

## Endeavor Organized.

A Christian Endeavor Society has been organized at Benton City with the following officers:

F. E. Miller, president; Amiel Duffen, vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Coil, secretary, and Frank Erisman, treasurer. Meetings are held every Sunday evening alternately at the Christian and Presbyterian churches.

## Attending National Convention.

The following from Mexico and community are attending the National Convention of the Christian Church in Louisville, Ky.: Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Shullenberger, Mrs. J. M. Atkinson and sister, Mrs. C. C. Ragsdale; Misses Alecia and Nell Mason; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Medford Berrey, and Miss Lillie Dohy and sister, Mrs. T. J. Gatewood.

Robert Fritchie, near this city, is prosecuting witness against the Black Fur & Commission Co. of La Crosse, Wis., which company is charged with using the U. S. mails to defraud. Thru circular letters received from this company Mr. Fritchie was induced to ship them furs worth \$100, but they only remitted him \$16. Mr. Fritchie turned the matter over to the postal authorities.

The Women's Division of the Missouri Presbytery, embracing the counties of Northeast Missouri, held a three days' meeting in Montgomery City last week. Miss Ella Amatts, of Benton City, and Mrs. H. B. Barks and Mrs. Elton Dearing, of Mexico, had places on the program. Mrs. W. W. Botts, of Mexico, was elected secretary of the Presbytery for the coming year.

Room No. 1 in the Central High School, Miss Nannie Wright teacher, where 79 children are enrolled, has been divided into two sections; one section comes in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon. This will be better for the health of the children and no doubt as much work also will be accomplished.

Wm. Rodgers, who formerly kept a meat market west of the postoffice in this city, is at the Bethesda Home for Incurables in St. Louis. He is in very poor health.

There will be a Mission Feast at the German church in Rush Hill, Sunday, Oct. 20. German preaching in the morning and English in the afternoon. Dinner served on the ground. Everybody is invited to attend.

Rev. J. D. Greer, of Mexico, is holding a great revival meeting at Central Union Christian church, this county. He baptized about 20 converts in Quivre Creek a few days ago.

Twenty brick makers arrived in Mexico from Ohio last Saturday. They are employed at the Mexico Brick Plant.

George Berrey, who has been ill for some time, is no better.

## New Company Officers.

The F. & L. Co-Operative Insurance Association of Audrain county has elected the following officers and directors for the ensuing year:

D. L. Rodgers, re-elected president; J. W. Walker, vice-president; G. L. Denham, secretary; R. L. Barnes, re-elected director; John F. Winn and Geo. M. Dean, directors.

The following amendments to the constitution were adopted: Giving the Board of Directors authority to levy an assessment to cover all indebtedness and what they may deem necessary for losses, and expense for the following year and not exceeding one per cent.

The President, Secretary and Adjuster may settle all claims for losses when they and the insured are agreed.

Art. 7, Sec. 9.—Changed so as to except automobiles.

Art. 8, Sec. 13.—Prohibiting the use of stove pipes as flues above the roof.

Art. 8, Sec. 14.—Acetylene light plants are prohibited.

## Lightning Strikes.

During the storm last Friday lightning struck the barn of C. S. Ray in Rush Hill and a horse and mule were killed. The barn did not catch fire, but was considerably damaged inside. The horse and mule were insured against loss but the barn was not.

## Crews-Garrett Wedding.

Mr. C. D. Crews, a Wabash railroad employe, and Miss Martha Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Garrett of this city, were married Tuesday morning, Rev. C. A. Mitchell officiating. Here's best wishes extended them.

## Mr. Ragsdale Dead.

Walker Ragsdale, 56 years old, formerly of this county, died at his home in St. Louis Wednesday of last week. He had been ill for some time. The remains were brought to Mexico Thursday and funeral service was held at the home of Wm. Ragsdale, a brother, Friday afternoon by Rev. W. H. Hook, interment in Elmwood. The wife survives him. Deceased had been a traveling man.

C. C. Kimbell, a young carpenter of this city, has accepted a position with the C. & A. Railroad as car repairer and left here Sunday for Slater where he took up his new work. Messrs. Glenn and William Bafford, of this city, will also go to Slater and work as helpers with Mr. Kimbell.

Rev. C. C. Long, a relative of Mrs. C. A. Mitchell of Mexico, has been called to the pastorate of the West Park Baptist church of St. Louis. Mr. Long was pastor of the Baptist church at Centralia for three years. He is a very successful gospel preacher.

Hon. Oliver W. Stewart will talk on the Prohibition question at the Mexico court house tonight, at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Stewart is said to be one of the best speakers in the country. He spoke in Mexico in 1900 and made a fine impression.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bowyer, of Linneus, Mo., visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Worner here last week. Mr. Bowyer is a brother of Mrs. Worner. It was Mr. and Mrs. Bowyer's first visit to Mexico and they were delighted with the city and our people.

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