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## CALL HIM FARM COMMISSIONER

A Word Regarding That Man E. W. Rusk.

Prof. E. A. Trowbridge, instructor of Animal Husbandry in the College of Agriculture at Columbia, Mo., was a guest at the luncheon of the Mexico Commercial Club last Friday and when called on for a speech among other things said:

"Just one thing about E. W. Rusk; I hope the people won't regard him as a 'book-farmer.'"

"I have never been able in my own mind to see how Mr. Rusk ever accepted this place as Farm Adviser for Audrain when he now has a position that pays him a large salary. He is a manager of the A. S. Burr estate at Bement, Ill.; he is a saddle-horse man of great ability; he is a graduate of the Missouri College of Agriculture and is a man of all round practical experience.

"I really do not believe there is a better man available for the position of Farm Adviser in Audrain county.

I feel pretty well acquainted in Mexico; I came here today to attend Hamilton Brothers' horse sale and in this connection I want to say that Mexico's reputation for fine horses and other live stock is nation-wide. Mexico has often been referred to as the 'Lexington of Missouri.' Now, why not the 'Mexico of Missouri?'"

"Another thing that appeals to me at this time is this: Why not call your Farm Adviser a 'Farm Commissioner?' It sounds better and carries with it less of the 'expert' savor that is so objectionable to both the official himself and the farmers. I hope the name will be changed.

"At any time I can be of any service to the Mexico Commercial Club or any citizen in Audrain county, I want you to know that I am at your service. I am glad to be with you."

### NOBLE BARNES ELECTED.

Is President of Audrain County Mutual Telephone Co.

Officers for the Audrain County Mutual Telephone Company were elected last Saturday in Mexico as follows: President, Noble Barnes; vice-president, W. Ed. Boyd; secretary, Miss Annie Byrns; treasurer, John H. Wayne. An executive committee consists of the following: L. A. Harris, S. P. Martin, Thad. Boulware, Joe Crews, K. B. Wilkerson and Val Erdel.

The Mexico mutual exchange was bought by the above company several weeks ago for \$2,000. A guarantee of \$2,500 was pledged. The pledges were as follows: Benton City, \$1,000; Beaver Dam, \$190; Martinsburg, \$75; Worcester, \$75; Auxvasse, \$500; Rush Hill, \$490; Molino, \$100; Harrison-Pfizer, \$70.

Dr. F. G. Domnitz, formerly a practicing physician in Mexico, died at his late home in Philadelphia, Pa., last Sunday. He married Miss Fannie Nicholas of this city, a sister of Mrs. Virgil Pearl and Robert Nicholas here. They left Mexico several years ago.

Theo. H. Miller, who lately moved from here to Bay City, Texas, writes back to his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. S. Miller, that he likes his new home and is getting along splendidly.



BURNHAM SCHOOL HOUSE.

### BURNHAM SCHOOL APPROVED.

One of The Most Progressive Districts in The County.

The Burnham School is located about three miles north of Centralia, in Audrain county, Saling township. We give a fair likeness of the building herewith. It has solid concrete foundation and is well looked after. There is cloak room; heating and ventilating plant, which furnish even heat and ventilation. Water cooler and individual drinking cups. Grounds fenced and well kept. Living well. Outbuildings screened and painted.

The school is of first rank, having met the following requirements:

The term must be at least 8 months in length.

The teacher must hold a certificate higher than a third grade.

The Board must have complied with the library law.

The State Course of Study must be followed.

The organization and classification of the school must be definite and systematic.

The instruction and discipline must be satisfactory.

The school buildings, grounds and outbuildings must be adequate, cleanly and sanitary.

Room must be heated by other means than radiation.

The teacher must be a regular attendant at county and township meetings.

A satisfactory program of recitation and study periods must be posted conspicuously.

Certificate of Approval.—A 12x18 inch certificate on which is a picture of the old State Capital Building, stating that the school is a school of the First Rank and will

J. R. Brown, Sr., R. O. Brown and J. R. Brown, Jr., one or two of whom, it is understood, got into trouble several years ago at Laddonia for selling liquor contrary to law, got into a similar trouble at Perry a few weeks ago—70 counts against them. The court assessed a fine of \$800 against J. R., Sr., R. O. and J. R., Jr., Brown, on 13 counts, Judge Ragland paroled all three defendants on the balance of the charges amounting as follows: R. O. Brown \$2000; J. R. Brown, Sr., \$1400; J. R. Brown, Jr., \$1200. The parole bond for the first two is \$1000 each, and for the latter \$500. Costs paid by the defendants in 7 cases.

M. B. Paige and wife, west of Mexico, will move this week to Mr. Paige's parents' farm, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Burns, near Wellsville. Mr. and Mrs. Burns are becoming quite aged. Mr. Paige leaves his farm west of Mexico in the care of his son, Earl Paige.

Mrs. W. E. Cornett, of Rush Hill, visited her father in this city last week, Mr. Caleb Berry.

remain on the Approved List so long as the above requirements are met. Signed by the State Superintendent and the County Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Janette White is the teacher at Burnham this winter. She



MISS JANETTE WHITE.

holds a State life certificate and gets a salary of \$70 per month. She was born near Sturgeon. Her father, Lysander White, died 16 years ago. Her mother, Mrs. Lizzie White, now resides in Centralia. Miss White has taught eight years and always has commanded a good salary. Began teaching before she was 16 years old. She attended the Normal at Kirksville—has made her way by her own energies and has reached the top among the rural school teachers of the State. We congratulate her upon her success.

The School Board at Burnham is composed of J. G. Waggoner, T. J. Arnold and A. C. Genrich, all progressive and up-to-date school men.

In the Circuit Court last week judgment by consent for possession of property in litigation and one cent damages was given to plaintiff in the case of John Callahan, guardian of George Callahan, a minor, vs. City of Mexico.

Dan Canthorn last Friday, at the east front door of the Mexico court house, bought at sheriff's sale 112 acres of land belonging to the Burl Willingham estate, on Bean Creek, for \$3550.

Harvey Summers, in Mexico Monday of this week, bought at administrator's sale the Elizabeth Summers 40 acre farm, northwest of Laddonia, paying \$62.50 per acre.

Mrs. Joel Moomaw, residing with her daughter, Mrs. Reube Brown, on West Lick, this county, is very ill of heart and kidney trouble. Mrs. Moomaw is about 80 years of age.

Mrs. M. A. Worsham, late of this city, is now making her home with Mrs. Geo. Day, near Laddonia.

## JAIL BUILDING CONDEMNED

Grand Jury Finds That It Is "Unsanitary, Unsafe and Insufficient."

The Grand Jury was in session three days last week—and they did a good work, they found evidences that a number of persons had been violating the laws, and they brought in 27 indictments.

But in this connection you will be interested in their report regarding the County Jail Building. It was as follows:

To the Honorable Circuit Court of Audrain County:

We, the Grand Jury, beg leave to report as follows: We have

examined into the conduct of the officials in office and the care and management of the court house and county records; and we commend the officers of the County Court for their careful and efficient management of the business of the county; that the building and equipment at the County Farm are new we have not deemed it necessary to make close inspection.

Further reporting we wish to call attention to the unsanitary and unsafe condition of the County Jail. We have examined it and find that the Jail portion is constructed of soft brick and that it is old and water worn; that the walls therefore are in an aged and water-soaked condition, cannot be cleaned and disinfected; and that there is grave danger to persons confined therein from tuberculosis and other germs contained in the walls thereof. That the cells are old pattern, small and illy lighted and entirely insufficient in size and strength for the keeping of the persons necessarily confined therein. That there is no way in which the sheriff can separate the unfortunate persons and the female prisoners confined in the jail from the criminal classes.

Further, the jail is too small and there is no way in which it can be properly lighted and that it is entirely without sufficient ventilation.

We further find that the jail house is unsightly, unsafe and insufficient.

Signed, R. H. Lee, Foreman. John O'Brien, Clerk.

B. D. Brown, near Mexico, has traded for a farm seven miles southeast of Curryville, in Pike county. He has leased the farm and thinks he will not move to it this year at least.

The new Scouts Museum is now open Monday, Thursday and Sunday afternoons, Nelson Carter, Spencer Boyd and Eric Cunningham having charge as sergeants.

David Bruce of this city used coal oil Sunday morning in kindling the fire. The fire blazed out suddenly and Mr. Bruce was badly burned about the face.

Mr. Manuel Hill and Miss Rosa Shay, both of Callaway county, were united in marriage in Mexico Wednesday of last week, Rev. C. A. Mitchell officiating.

Ben H. Stowers, at Holcomb, Kan., writes back to Mexico friends that he is well pleased with the Sunflower State and is doing well.

Carl Smith and family, late of this city, have moved to a farm out toward Molino.

Martinsburg is to have a new \$3,000 opera house.

### DIES FROM WOUND.

Former Audrain County Man Accidentally Killed.

W. R. Ballew, 47 years old, who married Miss Rhoda Stauffer of near Benton City some years ago, died last Friday at his home at Eldorado Springs, Mo., from an accidental gunshot wound which he suffered while hunting. The body was brought to this county for burial, funeral at Unity church, near Benton City, last Sunday, Rev. W. H. Hook of Mexico officiating.

Mr. Ballew leaves his wife and two sons and three brothers to mourn his death. He was a manly man and Christian gentleman, an active churchman, serving as deacon in the Christian church at Eldorado Springs.

We extend sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

### Ragsdale-Vaughn Nuptials.

Mr. Leslie Ragsdale, son of C. C. Ragsdale, southwest of Perry, and Miss Callie Vaughn, daughter of Judge and Mrs. B. F. Vaughn, were married at the home of the bride's parents, in Monroe county, near Santa Fe, Wednesday of last week, Rev. John Kerr officiating. The groom is a progressive young farmer, a nephew of Judge John Beagles, Monroe Beagles, Mrs. N. S. Johnston and Mrs. Lizzie Atkinson of this county. His bride is an accomplished young woman and most popular among a large circle of friends. They will reside on Mr. Ragsdale's farm, northeast of Worcester. We hope for them long life and happiness.

### Helwig-Zimmerman Nuptials.

Mr. Elmer Helwig, a progressive young farmer living south of Mexico, and Miss Emma Zimmerman, of the vicinity of Benton City, a highly respected and accomplished young woman, were united in marriage in Mexico Wednesday afternoon of last week, Rev. W. A. Shullenberger officiating. We extend the young couple congratulations and very best wishes.

### Mr. Koch Dead.

Edmund H. Koch was born Nov. 1, 1831, in Saxon, Germany. Came to the United States May 12, 1854. Was married to Caroline Pagendam, Feb. 22, 1866, and came to Audrain county, Mo., the same year, where he lived until the time of his death, March 6, 1913, at the age of 82 years, 4 months and 5 days. His wife preceded him to the grave eight years ago. Nine children survive him, all of whom are living: Lpeinda Snedeker, of Anna, Ill.; Otilie Beck of Chicago, Ill.; Helen Boehm, of Laddonia, Mo.; Louis S. Koch of Rush Hill, Mo.; Rosa Deichman, of Laddonia, Mo.; Ernest G. Koch of Moberly, Mo.; Sophia Ehrlich of Rush Hill, Mo.; Marie Koch of Rush Hill, and Fred G. Koch of Rush Hill.

Since his wife's death he lived with his oldest son, Louis, and youngest daughter, Marie. He was an honest, upright citizen and a soldier in the Civil War. He joined the Union Army at Lincoln, Ill., in April, 1861, and served 3 years in Company H, 7th regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

Deceased was a life-long member of the Lutheran church. The funeral was held at the home Saturday, conducted by Rev. W. H. Hook, of Mexico, burial in Laddonia cemetery.

John Sallee, a prominent printer of St. Louis, who has been conducting a paper at Maplewood, has been the guest of his brother, Wm. Sallee of this city.

### TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

A Large Number Take the Test for Certificates.

Prof. and Mrs. J. L. Shobe conducted teachers' examinations for certificates in Mexico last Friday and Saturday.

The tests were in Geography, Language, Algebra, Orthography, Grammar, Arithmetic, Literature, Reading, Civil Government, U. S. History, Agriculture, Advanced Science, Physiology, Writing, Pedagogy, Advanced History.

The following were among those who took the examinations: Pauline Powell, Alpha Hoyt, Mabel Mahan, Mabel Kilgore, Effie Bryson, Hattie Boyle, Mary Farrington, Nadine Brooks, Lela Davis, Myrtle McAfee, Erna McAfee, Dollie McKenzie, Mary Griffin, Rita Rinaann, Edle Rinaann, Lizzie Telkempor, Lena Lawrence, Marine Towher, Beulah Greer, Lotta Belle Tucker, Mrs. Nellie McKeenan, Dorothy Norris, Zella Brown, Alma Brown, Camilla Garrett, Joseph McAfee, Zola Beal, Sallie Crane, Lizzie Holterman, Lucile Yelton, Mollie James, Elsie Nagel, Edd. C. Offutt, Lena Johnson, Mary Johnston, Lola Spencer, Bessie Day, Edna Righter, Ruby Webber, Sarah Quinlan, Martha Montague, Bonnie Clappool, Ruby Franklin, Ella Criswell, Beulah Crawford, Rowena Brown, Anna Hammett, Estelle Shonaker, Blanche Shonaker, Goldie Quinn, Mary Stallings, Elizabeth O'Brien, Minnie Stallings, Helen McIntyre, Ven Smith, Ethel Smith, Fern Fuqua and Warren Lewellen.

### Martin-Barnett Nuptials.

Mr. Jesse Martin, living south of Mexico, one of the hustling young farmers out that way, and Miss Pearl Barnett, one of the county's most successful school teachers, were married last Friday, at the Mexico Christian church, Rev. W. A. Shullenberger officiating. The attendants were Mr. Basil Smith and Miss Ruth Crews.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin will reside on Mr. Martin's farm, south of Mexico. They are a most popular young couple and we join scores of friends in wishing them long life and prosperity and happiness.

### Mrs. Clay Gets Divorce.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 10. Mrs. Frances Cook Clay of Mexico, Mo., obtained a divorce decree Saturday in the Cole County Circuit Court from Cassius M. Clay, a wealthy stockman of Mexico, Mo. The court awarded her \$10,000 alimony.

### POWELL FORD.

Mr. Newberry and family have moved to Mrs. Greer's farm, known to many as the Robert Dillard place.

Miss Zola Dowell went to St. Louis last week to visit her brother, Elmer Dowell and family.

Mrs. Wallace Johnson spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hamilton, west of Mexico.

Miss Mary Louise Lewis is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis, of Mexico.

Robert Allen sold a beautiful horse to Lee Brothers of Mexico for \$160.

Elder Taylor preached two sermons at Rising Sun last Sunday.

All welcome Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carter back to their home, after several weeks' absence, and all are glad to hear Judge Carter is improving and hope he will soon be out.

The Dowell Bros. are baling hay.

Mrs. E. D. Graham is visiting in San Antonio, Texas.

## HIGH PRICED PRIZE CHICK

"Lady Showall" Renc "Thousand Dollar Hen."

Columbia, Mo., March 10. When Mrs. R. Lee Alford Vandalin, Mo., was offered for "Lady Showall" at St. recently, she answered a modest "No." One thousand dollars was her price.

"Lady Showall" is not a 100 lb. hen or a prize-winning Missouri hen, reared in a "thousand dollar hen" in a that raises more hens than other in the Union.

Mrs. Alford is one of the increasing number of Missouri women who have gone into raising scientifically an making money—not mere money—out of it.

It has been said that if a hen in Missouri were one bit it could dig the Panama while merely scratching worms. A good big section canal could be dug by the owned by the women of the

All over Missouri women raising chickens as a business and every year sees more of in the field as shippers and holders of fancy fowls at shows. They are getting a considerable share of the more \$50,000,000 that Missouriian receive every year for their products.

Several Missouri women attained state and even national fame as poultry raisers. Of Mrs. Alford is probably the known. Her "Billiken" pens are celebrated throughout country.

Mrs. Alford is wealthy, chicken-raising is her hobby husband is a physician. I practice did not keep their town she would like nothing ter than to get out in the co and run a chicken farm. As she has had remarkable success developing fancy strains in back lot of their home at Lalia.

Mrs. Alford has an autom but she says she gets more fun of her chickens. Her party pride, of course, is "Lady Showall," the buff Orpington that succeeded the late famous "gy" of the Kellerstrass far perhaps the most valuable h the State.

Though Mrs. Alford has b chicken enthusiast only for five years, her chickens taken blue ribbons at all the epal State shows—at the Missouri State Show at St. field and the American Roy St. Louis. She raises black buff Orpingtons.

She attends all the show which her chickens are exhibit to see that they are in prime condition for the judges' inspection. Carnations on her coops add distinctly feminine touch.

Dr. R. W. Bourne, of Me celebrated his 93rd birthday Friday. Mr. Bourne is one of the liveliest fellows you ever saw his age.

Mrs. Frank James and Monia Edwards visited Mrs. A. Roberts last Friday.

**Mexico Savings Bank**  
Capital Stock, \$150,000.00  
43rd Year in Business.  
W. W. FRY, President.  
SAM LOCKE, Cashier.