

DR. T. M. MONROE BIG LAW SUIT

Badly Hurt in Railroad Accident at Laddonia Last Summer.

Dr. T. M. Monroe of Laddonia, thru his attorneys Kemmen & Kemmen and E. S. Gant, has filed suit in the Callaway County Circuit Court for \$25,000 damages against the Chicago & Alton railroad for injuries received in a railroad accident at Laddonia on July 17th last.

On the above date Dr. Monroe while in his automobile was struck by a C. & A. train at a crossing in Laddonia, suffering serious hurt, narrowly escaping being killed. He alleges loss of practice and permanent injury.

WINS A TEN DOLLAR PRIZE

Hugh Bates of Mexico, a student at Westminster College at Fulton, won the ten dollar prize offered by the Westminster fortnightly, a college publication, for the best story written by any student of the college. Mr. Bates' subject was "The Easter Solo."

The composition was well written and is complimented from all sources. Young Bates is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bates here who recently moved to Mexico from Santa Fe.

IN ST. LOUIS.

Audrain Teachers Attend The State Convention.

The following Audrain county teachers are among those attending the State Teachers' Association gathering in St. Louis this week:

Laddonia—Laura Syler, Herminie Gibbs, Lydia Hatton, Mrs. Ida Yost, Fernie Fuqua, Ruby Webber, Maple Newland, Iva Hummel, Florence Underwood, Gladys Furber.

Vandalia—D. E. Tuggel, Roy Ferguson, Pearl Parker, W. E. Lovellen, Margaret Miller, Mrs. H. E. Lewis, Mrs. Louise Ryan, Georgia Gooch.

Farber—Ella Criswell, Vera Smith, Ethel Smith, L. E. Morris, Florence Kirkpatrick, Effie Pierce.

Molino—Lida Botts, Jessie Latham, Mattie Slonaker, E. Z. Gooch and Gray Golden and G. B. Dugan, Gazette.

Mexico—Beulah Crawford, Mrs. Anna Kelly, Myrtle Duncan, Blanche White, Beulah Moore, Lucy Lewis, Mary Cowles, Abbie Sullivan, Mrs. E. C. Nieman.

Centralia—Mabel Mahan, Susie Winn, Mary G. Harshbarger, Betty Harshbarger, Maurine Cowherd, Jenette R. White, Ada Douglass, Frances Sappington, Hattie W. Boyle, W. S. Brace, Mabel Kilgore, Agatha Copeman, Grace Copeman, Grace Smith.

Benton City—Cashie Ryan, Helen Graham, Elizabeth O'Brien, Martinsburg—Miss Dick Covington, Mary E. Murphy.

Thompson—Blanche Slonaker, Annie Marshall, Lola Spencer, Mrs. Nellie McKeahan, Mabel Cook, Zola Beal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Heizer, two of Molino's splendid citizens, paid the Message a pleasant call last Monday.

SOME INTERVIEWS.

Mrs. T. J. Jerman: I live in the neighborhood of Gant. My husband and I spent a week recently with our son, J. T. Jerman, and family, south of Vandalia. This son used to live near Laddonia and later near Martinsburg. We also visited our granddaughter, Mrs. Arthur Soboliski, in Vandalia; also Mr. Jerman's sister, in Vandalia, Mrs. Bettie Fox. The latter used to live in Mexico. Her husband, B. F. Fox, died about five years ago. He was night watch here at the time of his death and previous to that was City Marshal. We enjoyed our visit in the east end of the county very much.

Charlie Wilkins: I returned last week from a four months' stay in Colorado. How did I like the Centennial State? I didn't find paradise out there nor any pearly gates. After you get 200 miles west of Kansas City you enter upon a desolate country. From Clyde to Denver there is not enough timber growing to load the running gear of a wagon. Colorado, generally, is very mountainous and rugged. Very little level land only in the valleys. The valley lands are productive. I was in Uncompahgre Valley, 30 miles long. The land in general is very common. People who invested in land here several years ago cannot sell it for half what they gave. I didn't like the Sunday work out there, the people seem to have no regard for the Sabbath nor no fear of God or man. While out there I ran out to Salt Lake. Attended a service in the big Mormon temple. The tabernacle seats 8,000 people.

Rev. S. W. Hayne: I am expecting great things as a result of the revival effort to begin at the Mexico Methodist church the 16th of this month. I am admonishing my members to get down to hard personal work. Purge out the old leaven, as Paul said to the Corinthian church. Be as steadfast as was Baalim before Balak, but don't walk near the dangerous precipices. You, too, at last, might become a castaway. A Baalim does not make a good worker nor a good example. His words are too much like sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. Be like Paul who at last was able to say, "I have fought a good fight."

M. B. Paige: I have moved back to my farm west of Mexico, from my father's farm, E. P. Burns, near Wellsville. My son, Earl Paige who had charge of my farm here, has gone to Colorado for his health.

John W. Hammett and his neighbor, Britton Hill, who live southwest of Farber, called at Message headquarters while in Mexico last Saturday. Mr. Hammett owns a 290 acre farm in that neighborhood and Mr. Hill has 220 acres adjoining him. Both are very fine farms and are in one of the best localities of the county. Mr. Hammett called to renew for the Message.

Rev. H. I. Cobb, southwest of Mexico, who is pastor of the Methodist church at New Florence, commenced a revival meeting at said church last week but the bad weather discouraged him and he has postponed the meeting to a future date.

Theo. H. Miller, son of E. C. S. Miller, of near this city, changes his address for the Message from Bay City, Texas, to Burlington, Iowa.

FROM THE COL- DEN STATE

Audrain Friends Re- membered—"How Is California"?

Keyes, Calif., Oct. 27, 1913.
Dear Editor: The Message of Oct. 23rd has just reached me. Its news is of more interest to me than any letter I receive. Each number though brings sad news. It brings notice of the passing of dear friends and acquaintances of yore. Bob Thorpe I knew in Howard county and Uncle John Stowers was a friend I greatly honored. Mrs. Fanny Crawford was among the best of women, Dr. C. C. (Cobe) Gentry and I were boys together in western Audrain. I take an especial pride in following the careers of my many former pupils. Most of them are staunch citizens, leading honorable and useful lives. Among such I notice lately the names of Blanche White, Thos. Bruce, John Hook, John Woods, Omar Gray, Ed. Summers, Theo. Selb, Luther Rice, Clarence Hopkins, Nelly (Gray) Smith, Anna Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Mord Fox, Frank Erisman, Clay McClure, Misses Alma and Zella Brown, Wm. Doolin, Abbie Sullivan and many others.

How is California? Well, this part of it is in the midst of a delightful "spell" of weather. If it will interest your readers I will tell you about irrigation and its peculiar methods and effects upon crops, but not this time. Only this much. We are supposed to have four or five irrigations each year, commencing in April. There is plenty of water in the early season and sometimes farmers turn in the water early to settle fresh-worked lands preparatory to re-breaking and sowing to alfalfa. But nearly always there is not hardly enough water for the farmers along in July and August and the alfalfa crops are not so heavy as the first ones. We need early rains to start the native grasses for fall and winter feed. And then again the people who have pigs and grapes and beans want dry weather till first of November or later. We usually have a big rain or two in October but this year we have had no rains so far. There is no country in the world that has a greater variety of climates and products than California, and that is the reason one man condemns California and another praises it. It is like the three blind men of Hindostan that went to see the elephant. They formed opinions from different view points. Where we live in the San Joaquin Valley we have much cool weather, sometimes freezing ice a half inch thick and once in a great while thunder and lightning. It snowed a little last winter and I heard young people from 12 to 20 years of age say that it was the first time they had ever seen snow fall. We have hot weather too, and sometimes for several days at a time the winds blow fiercely—nearly always from the northwest. Now most crops are nearly all in. Much of the sweet potato crop is yet out. A field adjoining our village has in it 800 acres of sweet potatoes, the best of which will make 225 crates of 110 pounds each to the acre. The prices are down to about 1 cent a pound now. The same field had in it 300 acres of melons. One man is hauling his alfalfa with his threshing engine

Audrain County

Sunday School Convention

Interdenominational

Tuesday, November 11th

Morning Session

9:30 Reception and Registration of Delegates.

10:00 Preparation Service.....Rev. W. A. Shullenberger

10:15 "Problems in the Country Sunday School".....E. E. Jones

10:35 "Problems in the Town Sunday School".....Joe Dye

10:55 "The Efficient Sunday School".....Sec. Herman Bowmar

11:40 Election of Officers and Appointment of Committees

Afternoon Session

1:45 Praise Service.....Rev. S. W. Hayne

2:00 "The Best Method I Have Used" Five Ten-Minute Talks and Discussion.....J. C. DeLaporte, Levi Watts, J. C. Crockett, S. P. Cunningham, A. B. Hale

2:30 "Grading the Elementary Division".....Miss H. Edna Beard

3:15 "Adult Class Activities".....Sec. Herman Bowmar

Evening Session

7:30 A Service of Song.....Hardin College Chorus

8:00 "The World's Sunday School Convention".....Sec. Herman Bowmar

8:30 "Graded Missionary Instruction".....Miss H. Edna Beard

Wednesday, November 12th

Morning Session

8:30 Meeting of Committees

9:00 Prayer Service.....Rev. A. A. Wallace

9:15 "Making the Home Department Count".....Rev. J. P. Rowlison

9:40 "Finding Good Teachers".....Rev. H. B. Barks

10:05 "Graded Lessons".....Miss H. Edna Beard

10:30 "The Teen Age Pupils".....Sec. Herman Bowmar

10:55 Conference conducted by Secretaries Beard and Bowmar

11:20 Reports of Committees

Afternoon Session

1:45 Praise Service.....Rev. J. E. Ayscue

2:00 "Cradle Roll Success".....Miss H. Edna Beard

2:30 "Junior Boys".....Mitchell White

3:00 "Junior Girls".....Mrs. Herbert Pryor

3:30 "All Aboard for Saint Joseph".....Sec. Herman Bowmar

4:00 Installation of Officers and Adjournment

Convention Committees

Program: W. G. Wilkins, S. D. Stocks and H. E. Tralle

Music: S. D. Stocks, Paul StVrain, Mrs. Renzo Gibbs and Mrs. A. A. Wallace Mrs. E. R. Locke

Entertainment: L. B. Hawthorne, Mrs. S. P. Emmons, Mrs. J. A. Guthrie, Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Mrs. W. W. Botts

Reception: C. A. Witherspoon, Russell Emmons, Gay Holliday, H. D. Llewellyn, H. W. Gibbs, L. J. Ritter, John McClain, Howard Haggard and Turner Williams

Advertising: John Beal

General Information

- 1 Free entertainment provided
- 2 Be present at all the sessions
- 3 Take part in the discussions
- 4 Smile and shake hands with everybody
- 5 Make good use of notebook and pencil
- 6 Take back to your Sunday-school information and inspiration

—hauling two wagons at a time loaded with about two tons each. Another man has had two teams of 4 and 8 horses each hauling alfalfa three weeks to warehouse here—perhaps he has already hauled 200 tons.

Well, if I write again I may tell you some whoppers and may have to get some of the Audrain old-timers to vouch for me.

J. N. Cross.

All freight will be hauled on the Electric Railroad on the 1:30 p. m. trip instead of the 9:30 a. m. as heretofore.

The Message has a business note from Mrs. Simon Davis, formerly of this county, now of Morganville, Kan. She and her family are well and send best regards to all their old Audrain county friends. Her daughter, Josie, is teaching and her two boys, Charlie and Kenneth, are in High School at Clay Center, Kan.

Mrs. John Beal was called to Louisiana this week on account of the death of her aunt at that place, Mrs. Kate Kling.

Howard Haggard is at Dallas, Texas, on business.

SAVING THE HOGS BY VACCINATION

Farmer Rusk has vaccinated 1,391 hogs since April 7th last. So far as results have been reported about 95 per cent of the hogs vaccinated have been saved, and in most cases there was disease in the herd before vaccination.

Mr. Rusk reports the following amount of work done in vaccinating hogs just recently:

October 20, vaccinated 17 head for J. R. Vance, 12 miles north of Mexico; Oct. 20, 18 for H. T. Vance, 12 miles west of Mexico; Oct. 20, 16 for J. T. Woolery, 12 miles north of Mexico; Oct. 21, 33, for J. A. Edwards, 11 miles northwest of Mexico; Oct. 21, 56 for J. T. Edwards, 11 miles northwest of Mexico; Oct. 22, 49 for Earl Carter, 5 miles north of Mexico; Oct. 24, 65 for Coates & Rusk, Sturgeon; Oct. 27, 41 for Fred Norris, 7 miles northeast of Mexico; Oct. 27, 5 for C. B. Larue, 7 miles northeast of Mexico; Oct. 29, 130 for J. E. Azdeh, 12 miles northeast of Mexico.

RUSH HILL ITEMS.

Shipping in Feed—Gaither Ber- ry's Twin Boys.

Rush Hill, Mo., Nov. 4.—I see the regular correspondent from Rush Hill has forgotten she was a correspondent. It would be just that way if women could vote. They would go visiting and forget when election day came.

Talk about hard times, scarcity of money, etc. Why, there is now standing on the railroad track at our depot seven or eight cars loaded with hay, corn, cotton seed meal, potatoes and flour, billed to the following citizens: Nathan Spencer, ear of shelled corn; Dr. W. E. Cornett, ear shelled corn; J. P. Harper, ear corn; J. C. Maxwell, ear potatoes; Pete Erdle, Jr., ear potatoes; Ray Beagles, ear baled hay; Ed. Shobe, ear shelled corn; Lute Diggs, ear cotton seed meal, and others looking for cars tomorrow. And still some of our citizens drove to Benton City today to buy small quantities of corn, oats, bran, and other feed, and this only the first of November. What will it be by February?

We had a very impressive picture show pass thru our town the other day when the mud was deepest. Two large covered wagons. The first wagon contained a man, his wife and seven children. In the second wagon a man, his wife and only five children. One of the men informed us they were going back to the "Ellinoy" to see their wives' people. They came from that land that flows with milk and honey—some water. They were in the section where the 10 inch rain was reported—Oklahoma.

Gaither Berry has completed his large barn. He is one of our progressive farmers. He owns 700 acres of very productive land, and is an up to date farmer. His wife is an accomplished lady and a business woman. They have a pair of twin boys who are the wonder and admiration of the neighborhood. We think if there is an ideal home in Audrain, Gaither Berry is the proprietor.

Ed. Crooks who owns the adjoining farm on the north of Mr. Berry has also erected a very neat and convenient barn on his farm. Ed. is a rustler and comes about as near keeping up ends as any farmer we know. He, like Mr. Berry, always has on hand a bunch of good feeding cattle.

MRS. BELL SPRIGGS HUNT

Lived Many Years in Audrain County— Is Dead.

Mrs. Bell Hunt died at her home in Webb City, Mo., Oct. 15, 1913. She was a daughter of the late Thomas R. Sprigg and lived many years in Audrain county, Mo. She was married to T. J. Hunt on March 4, 1875. She joined the Christian church in 1872, under the ministry of the Rev. W. H. Hook of Mexico and lived a Christian life for more than 40 years. The husband, two sons, five brothers and three sisters are left to mourn her death. The brothers and sisters present at the funeral were: Mrs. S. T. Davis of Morganville, Kansas; Mrs. Austin Moomaw, Bayard, Neb.; Mrs. R. N. Canterbury, Alba, Mo.; M. P. Spriggs, Webb City, Mo.; E. B. Sprigg, Caddo, Okla., and C. T. Sprigg, Aurora, Mo.

The funeral was preached at the Christian church in Webb City. The body was buried in the Orongo Cemetery beside her three daughters, who have passed on before.

MRS. CRAWFORD'S WILL.

Real Estate and Personal Prop- erty Goes to Children.

Mrs. Frances E. Crawford's will was filed for probate last week. The will was executed in 1897. J. A. Abbey and J. C. Wilkins of Mexico were the witnesses and two sons, J. G. and W. L. Crawford, are named as executors.

After all debts and the funeral expenses are paid Mrs. Crawford disposed of her property as follows: Lena Callaway, a granddaughter, \$25 for a watch; Fannie Crawford, a granddaughter, her own watch; Paul and James Crawford, two grandsons, \$25 each; Minnie Reed, her negro servant, \$500; Mrs. Mary V. Callaway, a daughter, her wearing apparel; Samuel C., a son, set of silver dessert spoons; Benjamin C., a son, set of silver teaspoons; James G., a son, silver butter dish. Beds, bed-clothing to her children. All of her real estate consisting of about 300 acres of land on Youngs Creek and the other personal property Mrs. Crawford left to be divided evenly among her five children—Mrs. Mary Callaway, James G., William L., Samuel C., and Benjamin F. Crawford.

S. M. Silver of Pilot Point, Texas, arrived here last week to visit his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Sallee. Mr. Sallee formerly lived here. He was glad to hear that Mexico had gone dry. His town, in the Lone Star State, is dry also and he says the law is enforced, too.

Joe Considine of Elgin, Kan., arrived here last week on business.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Crockett, of Rush Hill, a 9 pound baby girl.

Mexico Savings Bank

Capital Stock, \$150,000.00

43rd Year in Business.

W. W. FRY, President.

SAM LOCKE, Cashier.