

THE WEATHER.

The cloudy spell broke yesterday—everybody ran out to see the sunshine, the first any of us in these parts had seen in several weeks. This Missouri weather, it's all great.

Mrs. John T. Ricketts is home from New Mexico.

Interest paid on all deposits, North Missouri Trust Co.

Judge W. W. Botts is to be a candidate for re-election as Probate Judge.

Barton Iman, of near Centralia, paid the Message a pleasant business call Monday.

Miss Helen Wright of Libertyville, Ill., is visiting Miss Harriet Pasqueth in this city.

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Mrs. Charles Powell is visiting her daughter in Wichita, Kan., Mrs. Thomas Lampton.

Lydia C. Kroenke, formerly of Rush Hill, now of West Chicago, Ill., renews for the Message.

FURNITURE, STOVES, RUGS, New and Up-to-dat. Sold cheap by Saa Morris. Near Hitch Lot.

John Winkler of Hochfeelen, Switzerland, is visiting his brother, Henry Winkler, at Rush Hill.

Mrs. R. B. Kidd and small son of Denver, Colo., are visiting the family of J. B. Woolery southwest of Mexico.

Miss Cyrene Shepperd of Columbia was the guest of Miss Florence Crosby in this city several days last week.

Mrs. Ida Settle and son, C. J. Settle, of Kansas City were the guests last week of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Settle of Mexico.

Mrs. A. B. Smith and small son and Miss Annette Smith of Boonville visited relatives and friends in Mexico during the holidays.

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J. E. Tineher, a brother of Dr. E. H. Tineher of Mexico, died at his home near Hatton last Saturday morning. The funeral was held at Pleasant Grove church Sunday afternoon.

A Good Skater.

Likes the Barney & Berry brand and so does the beginner. They stay sharp longer.

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Miss Lottie Cornett went off and left her home a few hours the other day with an oil stove burning. When she returned she found that the smoke from the stove had ruined practically all her furniture.

Mrs. A. H. Dieus and little son, Marvin Lee, returned home from Chariton, Iowa, Monday, where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Dieus' mother, Mrs. Eliza Wagner and two brothers, Fred and John Wagner.

20 PER CENT OFF.

On all heating stoves. This means \$100 off on a Radiant Home. Winter is just getting a good start.

Ferris & Cauthorn.

Miss Minnie Morrison is visiting friends in this county. Miss Morrison owns a 320 acre land claim at Carter, Mont., for which she recently refused \$8,000. She entered the land only four years ago.

LOCAL OPTION CASE.

The Test For Mexico to Be Settled Soon.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 6.—Supreme Court in bane held a brief session today to announce the appointment of W. C. Hughes of Mexico as a special commissioner to take testimony in the proceedings filed by George Robertson to test the validity of the recent local option election in Andrain county.

The proceedings raise the question of the suspension of the county unit act passed by the last Legislature by the filing of the petitions invoking the referendum. It is argued that Secretary of State Roach made no public announcement as to the sufficiency of the petitions filed and therefore the county unit act was not suspended at the time the election was held. It is further urged that if that law was in force at the time of the Andrain county election, the election is invalid for the reason that votes were cast that are not legal under that law.

Commissioner Hughes is instructed to report to the court within ten days.

SANTA FE ITEMS.

Santa Fe, Mo., Jan. 5.—Santa Fe school resumed work Monday, the 29th. The adjoining schools began last Monday, the 5th.

Alva Hanna and wife entertained a crowd of young folks Saturday night.

Miss Nan Dull returned to Fulton Tuesday to attend school.

Little Mamie Barley and brothers, Earl and Jack, returned to their home in Columbia Sunday.

Miss Effie Drake entertained the Epworth League Friday night. All in attendance report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Neugent of Colorado are visiting in and around town. Mrs. Neugent is a daughter of Uncle Zack Hunt.

Murrell Crump returned to his home near Florida Saturday.

Will Norman and wife and daughter entertained the young folks Saturday night.

Willie and Ollie Moore hauled corn from Perry Monday.

Doll Hanger made a business trip to Mexico Monday.

Mrs. Dr. M. C. Botts gave the young folks a social Wednesday night.

Miss Clara Sterrett who has been in the hospital at Keokuk, Iowa, for some months past, we are glad to learn will be home this week much improved.

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BEAN CREEK.

Born, to Lewis Ketter and wife, December 9th, a daughter.

J. W. Ellington returned to his home near Madison Saturday. His sister, Mrs. Annie Martien, accompanied him home. She expects to spend several weeks.

Wm. Hesterburg made a business trip to Illinois last week.

John Blum visited his uncle, Henry Kemper, in Illinois, last week.

Miss Minnie Gibbs took up her school duties at Bean Creek last Monday, after a two weeks' vacation.

Wm. Armstrong is visiting his brother, Dave Armstrong.

Those who lost horses last week were, Robert Allen, John Blum, R. T. Byars and Joe Dudley.

R. T. Byars gave the young folks of this community a watch party New Year's eve.

Miss Nellie Wilson of Chico Springs, New Mexico, writes to relatives here that there was a large snow fall there and that hundreds of sheep died, and some cattle, from the exposure.

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MOLINO ITEMS.

Molino, Mo., Jan. 6.—Thomas Peyton and family of Boonville visited relatives in this vicinity last week.

Mrs. W. B. Marshall of Mexico came out on the electric car Saturday and was the guest of Miss Leota Weaver until Monday.

Miss Byrd Barnett of Mexico was the week end guest of Mrs. Will Heizer.

Rev. T. M. Grinnett filled his regular appointment at Mt. Zion Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Emma Marshall of Mexico is the guest of Mrs. T. U. Stuart. S. P. Cunningham of Mexico was a Molino visitor Monday.

Mrs. R. L. Robinson is home from a visit with Harve Robinson and family of Dulý.

We are glad to state Aunt Sallie Morris, who has been quite ill the last few days, is improved.

Richard Baker and family were guests of R. L. Heizer and family Sunday.

Pepton Canthorn and Josiah Marshall each had a sheep killed by dogs Saturday.

Miss Ruth Woods was the guest of Miss Ellen Carter Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. P. I. Schobel of Bloomington, Neb., and Miss May Muzzy of Centralia, formerly of Laddonia, were married the evening of January 6th, by Rev. H. B. Rice, at the bride's home. Mr. Schobel is one of the leading Merchants of Bloomington. Miss Muzzy is well known in Laddonia and has many admiring friends in that vicinity.

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W. L. Rice, formerly of Mexico, was married Christmas day to Miss Ethel Whanger of Mokane. He orders the Message sent to him at Palmyra.

"MANAGER" GOVERNMENT

An Idea Originating From the Commission Farm.

Abilene, Kansas, June 5.

This town of 5,000 population has a "manager" who is hired to perform the same sort of work as that done by the manager or superintendent of a private corporation. He is Kenyon Riddle. The town manager plan is replacing the commission form of government in many smaller cities of the West. It is especially applicable to the small town, provided the manager is an engineer. The greatest part of the town's business is based on engineering principles.

After the new manager had been in office six months an examination of his books showed that a great saving had been made and most efficient work done. At present the town does all its own sewer and water extension work. The material is bought and then installed by paying in unit quantity, eliminating force accounts wherever possible. Five miles of pavement is divided into cleaning districts and after each day's cleaning a report is made, thereby checking the amount of work done and giving the cost per square yard. Also the dirt roads are divided into districts for dragging. Each district comprises a certain number of miles to be dragged and is paid for at so much per mile.

Complete records are kept of all underground work. If a street is to be paved the future of that street is considered and underground pipe systems are provided for before the paving is placed. At a meeting of the commissioners the town manager submits plans and estimates of the future week's work and also submits his records and costs of the past week.

The saving is almost one-half of what was spent under the old form of city government.

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A CONDITION OF GROWTH IN GRACE

(From the Mexico Methodist.)

One of the principles in the growth in grace is elimination. If we are to grow there are some things that must be eliminated, because they hinder growth. "Laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocracies, and envies, and all evil speaking." The primary meaning of the word here translated "malice" is worthlessness—laying aside all that makes us worthless. Here is a principle that has been urged time after time during the past few weeks upon all Christians and all who are longing to be Christians: Whatever links you with an evil institution, and thus renders your influence worthless as a Christian, that renders it impossible for you to render a Christian service, ought to be laid aside at whatever cost. My contention is that theatre going dancing, card-playing, and wine-drinking do link us with evil institutions, and make us worthless as workers in the Church of God. People who indulge in these things do not grow as Christians. There is no difference of opinion on that subject among those who know the facts. If you would be a growing, useful Christian, you must lay aside the things which make you worthless.—Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D.

We heartily agree with the above sentiments of Dr. Dixon, and wish to add that we do not believe that a Christian, one who appreciates the high privilege of representing Jesus Christ in the world, can in anywise afford to compromise along these lines, and it is our humble opinion that the modern dance is indecent, sensual and wholly outside the range of those things that Christians can indulge themselves in without severing their relations with Jesus Christ. If there are those who can do the tango, the hesitation and the other round of dances dug up from the underworld and polished by the demi-monde of Paris and New York and still retain the consciousness of the sweet and holy presence of the Spirit of God I have a great interest in listening to their experience, and until that I am convinced of its genuineness I shall consider it an impossibility, a contradiction in terms, as much as white blackbirds or clean smut. There can be no fellowship of righteousness and unrighteousness.

A GOOD INDIAN'S PRAYER

The following is from a New Year's card received from the Rev. W. F. McMurry, our Church Extension Secretary, of Louisville, Ky. We feel that it is a most excellent prayer for every Christian for the new year, and we therefore pass it on.

"O Powers that be, make me sufficient to my own occasions.

Teach me to know and observe the rules of the game. Give me to mind my own business at all times and to lose no opportunity of holding my tongue.

Help me not to cry for the moon or over spilt milk. Grant me neither to value nor to welcome cheap praise; to distinguish sharply between sentiment and sentimentality, cleaving to one and despising the other.

When it is appointed for me to suffer, let me, so far as may humanely be done, take example from the dear, well-bred beasts and go away quietly to bear my sufferings by myself.

Give me to be always a good comrade, and to view the passing show with an eye constantly growing keener, a charity broadening and deepening day by day.

Help me to win, if win I may, but—and this, O Powers especially—if I may not win, make me a good loser. Amen.

J. B. Slavens and wife spent the holidays with relatives and friends in Lincoln county.

Mrs. Henry Iman, out beyond Molino, has been in quite ill health since last June. We hope to be able to record soon that she is much improved.

FARM AND LIVE STOCK.

Mr. Galton, east of Laddonia, lost a valuable horse last week.

Wm. Braden, near Laddonia, lost a \$200 mare a few days since.

Lewis & Sims of this county shipped in a car of corn from Chariton county last week. It cost them 71 cents delivered in Mexico.

MARTINSBURG ITEMS.

Misses Mae Marlowe and Lela Joseph of Wellsville visited Miss Minnie Pike Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Torreyson of New Florence visited the Misses Jacobi several days last week.

Miss Rose Jacobi returned to her school duties in St. Louis Sunday. Fred Jacobi, Jr., accompanied her back.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kuhne and Miss Sylvia of Wellsville visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Burwell Sunday.

Miss Frances Lail and Olan Johnson returned to their studies at the State University Sunday.

Misses Mary and Louise Jacobi visited friends in Wellsville Sunday.

Miss Celia Bertels returned to St. Louis Monday, after spending the holidays with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bertels.

Miss Laird of Bellflower and Miss Wilson of Jonesburg, were the guests of Miss Hazel Friedman Sunday.

Miss Minnie Pike visited Miss Mae Marlowe in Wellsville Friday.

Miss Elizabeth Schafer of Moberly is visiting her sister, Mrs. Addie Reyer, this week.

Mr. Clark Stotler and Miss Bessie Sankfril were united in marriage at the bride's home near Hutchison at highnoon January 7th, 1914, by Rev. H. B. Rice. They are prominent young people of the community. We hope for them a happy future.

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