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## The Dronth Put the Churn in the Attic.

Montgomery City has been suffering lately from the unusual condition of being without a pound of butter in any store in the city.

The butter famine is due to drouth, the pastures being exceptionally poor.

Now that a good rain has fallen in that region the merchants say that butter will be plentiful again in a few days.

It was selling for 20 cents before the famine.

Mother's apple sass and grandma's jam are the bread-spreaders of popular favor and few therefore have really missed Bossy's product of the churn.

Who's got Montgomery's goat? We'll lay him cold on a shutter. The nerve of the thief! Just note: He swiped that poor city's butter!

We have been able to get butter at Mexico all summer, but it's always been more'n 20 cents. Grandma's jam up here is sarser'n Bossy's butter.

## SPECIAL FEATURES IN THIS ISSUE OF THE MESSAGE:

Chapters III. and IV. of the serial story, "The Land of Broken Promises."

"They Decided to Try it Again"—offstage comedies by Will Bradshaw.

Physical director to tired business men—"Forget your dignity, throw away your staidness, and be a kid again."

St. Louis, to avert plague danger, makes war on rats.

Lightning splits a church.

Big revival at Rush Hill closes.

Missouri cob pipes.

Phil Rogers witnesses a fight between to big bucks.

Nellie Maxwell proposes a hot weather drink.

"The Onlooker" by Henry Rowland.

## MRS. KENT DEAD.

### One of the City's Most Highly Respected Women.

Mrs. W. L. Kent, 63 years old, died at her home in this city last Friday afternoon of pneumonia. The husband survives her besides the following children: Edgar, Oscar, Eugene and Fred Kent, and Mrs. E. M. Rowland and Mrs. Madge Clark.

Mrs. Kent was a native of Warren county, Mo., born Jan. 17, 1851. With her family she moved to this county over 20 years ago. She was a fine Christian spirit; a thoughtful neighbor, devoted wife and loving mother. She will be much missed in the home and the community.

The funeral was held at the home Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Ayscne. The pall bearers were S. P. Emmons, W. J. Rixey, W. P. Rowland, Warner Bryan, G. B. Null and Ernest Garrett.

## Reid-Sellard Nuptials.

Mr. Orville Reid, formerly in the confectionery business in Mexico, now located at Clinton, Mo., and Miss Floy Sellard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sellard of this city, were married last month at Temple, Okla., where Miss Sellard was visiting a sister, Mrs. A. Lee. Both have many friends in Mexico who wish them long life and happiness.

## Some Views and Interviews

Thornton Scott: My home is about four miles southwest of Mexico. I have 20 acres of corn, the best prospect I have seen in the county. It is as pretty a field as you ever saw. Blackleg is among the young cattle in our vicinity. I recently lost a young calf as also did Isaac Jesse and George Mayes. O. B. Davis as a calf very sick. Dr. Snyder vaccinated about 16 head of cattle for several of my neighbors.

L. E. Winn: Ah, plague take it, I lost Sam Locke's eyeglasses the other day which I had borrowed from him. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding—but I wanted to find those eyeglasses just then, don't you know? Sam needn't 'em.

Mexico Young Woman: I read the two opening chapters of the serial story in the Message last week, "The Land of Broken Promises." I can hardly wait to read the next chapters this week. I want to see what kind of a bargain "Bud" strikes with that old man Kruger who found the lost gold mine.

Dr. J. B. Hawkins: Were you at the Community Party in Hardin Park last Saturday? Oh, I showed 'em. I can sing, I can sing.

Ed. Atchison: Will I invest in an automobile? Not I. I want to stay here a while yet. I don't want to go by the auto route. I'm a fool about machinery; I might tell by the rattle when something was not working right, but I wouldn't know what to fix nor how to fix it. No, I'm content to let the auto alone.

J. F. Edwards: When that good rain fell in this section last week we out in my locality near Centralia got a fall of 3.14 inches. I measured it by a vessel I had in the yard. That was a fine rain, let me remind you. This is Monday of this week and the top of the soil is still damp. My, how the corn is coming.

George Kabrich: I'm just in from Kansas and Oklahoma. Fine crops out that way this year I tell you.

John Vaughn: I'd like to know who destroyed my bean patch. A thief went in Saturday night and cleaned up the whole works. After picking the beans he trampled down and destroyed the vines. It was a dirty ugly trick.

## SANTA FE ITEMS.

Very hot at present. Robt. Smiley was a Mexico visitor Tuesday. Gertie Davis visited a few days at Clark last week. Mrs. Leander Heckhart was a Mexico visitor Monday. J. N. Bailey and family visited relatives in town last week.

Everybody spent the 4th at fish fries or picnics.

Earl Brown is home on a vacation. Mrs. Scobee and family attended the Scobee reunion at Mrs. Lucy Scobee's at Florida Sunday. Everything good to eat you could think of and plenty of ice lemonade. About 70 relatives were present.

Robert Johnston of Santa Fe is attending summer school at the State University.

## MR. CORNER'S DEATH.

### More Details of His Life and Final Passing Away.

The Message a couple of weeks since contained a short account of the death of John F. Corner, who died in Spokane, Washington. The Gazette, of Colfax, Wash., gives the following further details:

John F. Corner, a former resident of Whitman county and a brother of Deputy Sheriff Geo. L. Corner, died in Spokane, Wash., last Thursday night after a few days' illness.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Methodist church Saturday afternoon and were attended by about 800 sorrowing friends. He had been a zealous church worker ever since he joined the church at the age of 10 years. At the time of his death he was a member of the official board of St. Paul's church, a member of the church choir, a teacher in the Sunday school and had been chairman of the finance committee that had just completed the new St. Paul's church. His funeral was the second to be held in the new edifice.

Beautiful floral offerings from the different organizations of the church and from many friends attested the high esteem in which he was held by his associates. The J. O. C. class of girls, of which he was teacher in the Sunday school, attended the funeral services in a body all dressed in white.

Besides a wife Mr. Corner is survived by three children, Marie, Ivan and Julia. He also leaves a mother, aged 72 years, and four brothers, M. A. Corner of Wallace, Idaho; E. W. Corner, in the county treasurer's office in Spokane; L. V. Corner, who taught the eighth grade at Oakdale last year and has been elected principal of the Malden school for the coming year; and Geo. L. Corner, deputy sheriff of Whitman county. His father died in Spokane in 1911 at the age of 77 years.

John F. Corner was born in Audrain county, Mo., June 13, 1870. He came west in 1891 and had charge of the Endicott and Elberton schools in this county until 1898. That year he was elected county auditor and served one term. He went into business in Colfax in 1901, first in the implement business and later in the general merchandise business. He moved to Spokane in 1907 and at the time of his death was with the Washington Steel & Iron company. He married Senora Griggs in 1892.

Among those who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Corner, J. B. Johnson, John Faires and Mrs. E. K. Hanna of Colfax and J. S. Faires and Bertha Hutchison of Endicott besides several other Whitman county people.

## Lockridge-Wilding Nuptials.

Mr. Jaek Wilding and Miss Leta Lockridge were married last Friday night at the bride's home in this city. Mrs. Kate Lockridge, Rev. W. A. Shullenberger officiating. It is a very popular young couple. The groom is engaged in the insurance business.

Mr. and Mrs. Holly Newkirk of Hannibal left Monday after a pleasant visit with Mr. Newkirk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Newkirk of this city. Mr. Holly Newkirk is a skillful machinist and is planning to locate in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

## RUSH HILL ITEMS.

### The Big Revival—Fried Chicken Is Ripe.

Rush Hill, Mo., July 6.—Miss Florence Underwood who is attending school in Columbia came home to spend the 4th with her folks. Jake Baehr and wife of Mexico spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baehr, Mrs. L. C. McCall and children who time have returned to their home have returned to their home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. W. S. Doolin and wife spent Sunday with L. H. Sims and wife. R. H. McManamy and wife and daughters spent the 4th with Mr. McManamy's mother at Laddonia. Everyone is busy harvesting. Farmers laying by their corn. It is almost impossible to find men enough to thresh.

Fried chicken is getting ripe, and with plenty of fried chicken and watermelon, we don't care if school keeps or not.

The big revival meeting wakened up our people to see the good of attending Sunday school, and on Sunday, July 5th, there were 88 at the Christian Sunday school. There was a Bible class of 22 men, and with Val. Erdel, Jr., as teacher, they spent a very interesting hour. Mrs. Barney is teacher of the women's class, and the women beat the men, just one. There being 23 women present. The other teachers are Misses Lillie Lower, Pauline Miller and Benigh Greer. Sunday, June 28, there were 109 at Sunday school. The revival was grand. We disliked to see it close. Bro. D. G. Reavis is a good man and very earnest. But his work was calling him elsewhere, and Bro. Leonard too had other duties, so on last Friday night the meeting was brought to a close. Those who were to be baptized were baptized at the tabernacle on Friday night. There were 28 additions to the cause of Christ in our little town. Some by letter, some by confession. For the benefit of our friends not living here we give the full list: Maud Maud and Macie Hearn, Harley Hearn, Alfred Feutz, Harry Armstrong, Louis Knobel, Harry Carnes, Val. Erdel, Jr., and wife, W. S. Doolin and wife, O. Bernard and wife, Ben Canterbury and wife, W. Canterbury and wife, Laura Canterbury, Orba Harper, Luther Sims and wife, Homer Dillard, Harley Stuart, Chester Stuart, Henry James and wife, and Mrs. Stine. Those who were baptized were Henry James and wife, Maud Cornett, Maud and Macie Heavn, Harley and Chester Stuart, Harry Armstrong, Alfred Feutz, W. S. Doolin, O. Bernard and Homer Dillard. The meeting was one never to be forgotten. As one young man who was immersed said "I wish these men could stay with us always, it's so much easier to be good with such good men in our community." And so we must remember what they told us in the sermons each evening and profit by the examples they set, while staying among us. Bro. Leon Harpole, who played the cornet is from Nebo, Ill., and he goes from here to assist Bro. Reavis in his next meeting. Bro. Leonard, our minister, has gone to his home in Canton. May their good works continue and God bless them all is our prayer.

Lemuel P. Spotswood is in Chicago taking a course in photography.

## HIGH HILL DISTRICT.

### Fine rain the 30th of June. All are rejoiced over it. It has been too wet to plow since.

C. E. Sellers delivered two wagon loads of 8c hogs at Centralia week before last. Last week he sold to Tom Hodge 8 hogs at 8c per lb. They weighed 225 lbs. each.

B. F. Pulis and wife visited their son in Centralia the 4th.

The following persons have had threshing done here: C. E. Sellers, L. L. Spencer, Barton Hubbard, Aaron Oyer—mostly wheat. C. E. Sellers had 232 bushels of fine oats. Threshed also 384 bushels of wheat.

Mrs. Ed. Edwards of Centralia visited her sister, Mrs. Tom Fournere, last week.

J. O. Sims baled straw for Barton Hubbard Monday. Commenced baling for C. E. Sellers Tuesday. Got several tons baled, but the rain stopped them. The Edwards brothers baled straw for L. L. Spencer Tuesday.

Mathew McGraw of Centralia visited his children and grandchildren here the past week.

The men were making arrangements to attend the speaking at Gant, but they were glad to have the rain just the same instead.

Mrs. J. O. Sims visited her mother and father Monday, J. H. Turner and wife. Miss Marie Sims attended church at Hopewell Sunday week. Philip Dalby and wife visited at B. F. Pulis' Sunday eve.

C. E. Sellers bought 13 head of 70 lb. shoats of Sam Music at 71-2 cts. per lb.

Olan Barus is spending a few days at C. E. Sellers'. Olan can get around on his crutches now. It will be remembered he got his leg broke several weeks ago. Has got along fine. Dr. Todd set the bone.

## MARTINSBURG ITEMS.

Miss Frances Lail of Kirksville visited with her folks here last week. J. B. Devault and wife visited with the former's mother at New Florence Saturday. I. T. Peyton of Monroe City spent the 4th at home. Will Jacobi and Frank Bertels were calling in Mexico Sunday evening. Miss Eddie Lee McDaniels and Miss Marie Torreyson who have been the guests of the Misses Friedman returned to their homes in Laddonia Monday. Hubert Williams of High Hill spent Monday at home. Miss Elizabeth Matthews of Mexico visited with her folks Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Wm. P. Kemp of St. Louis has been a guest at the Paschang home the past week. Lon Burchard of St. Louis spent the 4th with his family, here. F. X. Voymund made a business trip to Mexico Monday. Pat Rennie of Centralia spent a few hours in town Sunday.

## Leg Badly Broken.

Orville, 10 years old, the son of Fred A. Farris of this city, jumped an auto driven by Clarence Smith last Saturday morning and when he jumped off again he fell and both bones were broken in one of his legs.

Misses Maurine Heizer and Mildred Wallace of this city visited Fulton friends last week.

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

## REED'S SCHOOL REUNION.

### Hon. A. W. Johnson Writes Urging The Idea.

Salisbury, Mo., July 7, 1914. John Beal, Esq., Editor Message, Mexico, Mo.

My Dear Sir:

I have just been advised that citizens around Benton City are planning a picnic and reunion at Reed's Spring, in August, and write to say that I am delighted to hear it, and hope that all old and new pupils of Reed school will be on hand to spend a delightful day. You will remember that I suggested this last year in a letter to the Message, and am pleased to know it is to be carried out.

Now let every one lend a hand and see to it that all interested know of the time and place, and a glorious time may be expected. The idea originated with the late W. A. Douglass, one of the best men that Audrain ever produced.

Sincerely your friend,  
A. W. Johnson.

## Mr. LaRue Writes.

Hempel, Mo., July 5, 1914.

Editor Beal: Enclosed you will find one dollar which you will please apply on subscription to the Message.

We are having fine weather, and fine crops in prospect, since the rain of June 30th, and we are all feeling better. We have our improvements well under way and hope to move onto our own farm in four or five weeks.

I'm glad to know that Mexico went dry, and am glad to see that the officers are trying to keep her that way. I'm sure Sam Wallace and Lon Whitson will stand by their town and do their part toward enforcing the law.

Your friend,  
J. H. La Rue.

## Gill-Morris Nuptials.

Mr. Thomas Gill, Jr., and Miss Grace Morris, the bright and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morris of this city, are to be married at 11:30 a. m. today at the bride's home, Rev. A. B. Culbertson officiating. The happy couple then leave for a bridal trip in the West. They will make their home at El Centro, Calif., where the groom is located in business. Mr. Gill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gill here and was always one of Mexico's most popular young men. His bride is most charming in character and personality and has been a teacher in the city schools for several terms. Scores of friends here extend them congratulations and very best wishes.

## Corder-Corder Nuptials.

Mr. Joseph L. Corder, son of Mrs. Mary L. Corder of this city, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Corder of St. Louis, are to be married in Mexico on the morning of Wednesday, July 29, at St. Brendan's Catholic church, Rev. Father J. J. Dillon officiating. The attendants will be Miss Mary Francy and Mr. William Murphy. The bride-to-be has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kleine here for some little time. She is a very popular young woman.

The groom is a popular switchman of the C. & A. railroad. Best wishes extended them in advance.

Mrs. Geo. W. Teague, who used to live on a farm near Farber, this county, died at her home at Clayton, N. M., recently, following an operation for tumor. The husband and four children survive her.