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## BRISCOE ESTATE ASKS \$50,000

C. & A. Sued for Death of Walter Briscoe

Attorneys Clarence A. Barnes and P. H. Cullen, for John W. Howell, administrator for the estate of the late Walter Briscoe, killed by the cars at Francis one night last June, have filed suit against the Chicago & Alton R. R. Co. for \$50,000 damages. Mr. Briscoe was a field switchman and was in the employ of the railroad at the time he met his death. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Gussie Briscoe, and two small children, Laverine and Bernadine Briscoe. Mrs. Briscoe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cannon of this city.

## MR. OWEN DEAD

One of The City's Oldest Citizens Passes Away

Major John R. Owen, nearly 90 years old, a veteran of the Mexican War, died at his home in this city Sunday night. He was born in Tennessee, January 10, 1825. Came to Missouri with his parents when 11 years old. Had resided in this city since 1876. The wife survives him besides the following children: Mrs. A. A. Ously, Decker, Mo.; Mrs. D. C. Knodder and Mrs. A. A. Helges, Nevada, Mo., and Charles, J. B., D. C. and Wm. Owen, all of this city. The funeral was held Tuesday, Rev. E. S. Gibbs, officiating.

## BEREA ITEMS

Merry Christmas to all. Jake Thiner and wife returned to their home in Texas county Thursday after a few days' visit with R. L. Miller and family. Mr. and Mrs. Kettler of California who are visiting at J. S. Creed's spent part of last week with Henry Stowers and wife of Mexico. Willis Pilcher of west of Long Branch bought two calves from Jas. Creed Thursday, paying \$26 for each. J. W. Gorrill visited his parents in Texas county recently.

Berea school rendered an interesting program at their pre-holiday entertainment Friday evening. Berea is only a small school and we thought they did exceptionally well. A number of pies and boxes were sold after the exercises which netted a neat little sum to buy books for the library.

Mrs. Fannie Davis is on the sick list. Frank Cawthorn and wife and children returned from Tulsa, Okla., Saturday, where they had resided for the last year. Mr. Cawthorn was engaged in the grocery business in Tulsa. They are visiting at P. R. Cawthorn's.

The C. W. B. M. of Midway church will give an oyster and ice cream supper at the home of J. E. Mundy next Saturday evening, Dec. 26th. Everyone cordially invited. Fred Callaway of Moberly visited at J. E. Mundy's last week.

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

## Some Views and Interviews

J. W. Plunkett: I wrote my old lang syne friend J. N. Cross at Keyes, Cali., a few days ago, sending him Christmas greetings. He remembered me last year. I'm ahead of him this time. Cross is one of the best fellows living.

Harry Erdel: Quiet down on Littleby. Everybody has caught somewhat of the Christmas spirit.

B. D. Brown: I lost a valuable brood mare a few days ago. She died of a paralytic stroke. At one time I sold a colt from her for \$125 and I sold another for \$110. She was quite a loss to me.

John W. Rosser: I'm still with the farm up beyond Centralia. Have about concluded that the farm's the place for me.

T. N. Berrey: My sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Gould, of California, who used to live north of Mexico, reads the Message every week. She says it is the best letter she can get. Say, we're going to raise good crops next year. Mark it down. Good times are on the way.

M. O. Clutter: I have concluded not to move to my farm at Linn Creek this winter. Will remain in old Audrain till next fall.

Fred Henke: All's well out my way near Molino. The snow Saturday was fine on the wheat. Wheat was needing a little dampness, and you see whether it goes off or stays on it's a help and benefit.

## DEMPSEY-PAYNE

Wedding in This City Sunday Afternoon at Bride's Home

Mr. Hugh Dempsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dempsey of Thompson vicinity, and Miss Lucy Payne were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Payne, in this city Sunday afternoon, Rev. A. A. Wallace officiating. Among the witnesses present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Owen, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Tineher and Mr. and Mrs. John Dempsey. A large reception was given the happy couple Monday at their new home south of Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey have scores of friends who join in wishing them long life, happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. Lucy Weaver, who is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. C. W. Tanner, at Farber, visited her step-daughter this week, Mrs. Claude Thomas, of near Benton City.

Eld. J. D. Greer of this city has been retained in his present field for another year except he will preach at High Hill instead of Central Union church, in the east end of Audrain. His field for 1915 will be Clark, Martinsburg, Middletown and High Hill—four splendid villages. His work has prospered and his churches hold him in high esteem for his work's sake.

George Sievers and W. M. Harper of Rush Hill were in Mexico Saturday and while here paid the Message a pleasant call. Mr. Sievers is arranging to move to Illinois soon. We shall be sorry to lose him from Audrain county.

## FINAL ADMINISTRATION SALE!

### JOSEPH BARTH ESTATE

Beginning Saturday, 26th Dec., \$34,000.00 in men's and boys' clothing and furnishing goods will be quickly converted into cash before final inventory.

Remember the Barth record of more than a third of a century of value-giving (we buy with seven other big stores), and now the orders to the executor are imperative that prices on all the standard lines be shattered as follows:

Men's Overcoats and Suits	Children's Overcoats and Suits	Furnishing Goods	Work Goods
BARTH \$10 qualities, \$6.85	BARTH \$6 qualities, \$4.55	Linen collars, 9c	BARTH corduroy coats, \$2.35
Barth \$15 qualities, \$10.85	Barth \$3 qualities, \$2.15	25c knit and silk ties, 17c	BARTH \$2 corduroy pants, \$1.55
Barth \$20 qualities, \$14.85		BARTH \$1 wool caps, 79c	BARTH \$2.50 flannel shirts, \$1.95
Barth \$25 qualities, \$18.85	Men's Pants	BARTH 3.50 sweaters, all styles, 2.65	50c work shirt (not more than three to a customer), 37c
Balmacans and mackinaws included	BARTH'S \$5 Pants, \$3.85	Boys 1.50 and \$1.25 sweaters, 95c	75c heavy jersey shirts, 55c
	BARTH'S \$2.50 Pants, \$1.85	Heavy fleeced shirts and drawers 38c	Double-palmed cotton flannel mits, 3c
		\$1.50 mushroom shirts and others, 1.15	35c heavy wool socks, 27c

Impossible to list all items. See Intelligencer for other reductions on furnishing goods and work goods. The stock has been appraised and we shall have extra service to help us during this final Administration Sale.

**LOUIS L. BARTH, Executor Joseph Barth Estate.**

## Mexico: Notes-Comment

I notice that the farmer folks down in Crow neighborhood, east of Laddonia, have organized a Neighborhood Improvement Club. Wm. De Tienne is president and C. F. Barney, secretary. They meet every other Friday night. I don't know what they do, but I venture the guess it results in good—tho it may be only the old-fashioned debating society with new trimmings.

The play of "Little Women" by pupils of McMillan High Friday night was great indeed. You might go to the large cities and you could not beat it, for the careful working out of details, manners of expression, costumes, etc. Jo, Aunt March and all the characters were just fine. Miss Benson Botts dramatized the play, assisted by Misses Elizabeth Gill and Frances Glandon. The play was one of the best things in its line McMillan has ever done.

Mexico will revive monthly stock sales. We used to make 'em go years ago and why not now? Fulton never did give up the custom, and her stock sale occasions are now the biggest days she has thru the year. Let's get back somewhat into the old ways.

G. Leslie Ferris is manufacturing washing machines in Mexico. It is the Ferris Steam Washing Machine, first made in Mexico a number of years ago and afterwards manufactured in St. Louis. There always has been a demand for this machine in Mexico and surrounding country. Mr. Ferris proposes now to supply this demand. We hope our people may give him every encouragement in his endeavor. He makes one of the best machines manufactured anywhere.

We heard a traveling man say the other day that the suggestion some months ago by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson against useless giving had affected the whole country—people are taking the suggestion, are not buying trivial Christmas gifts this time. Now here's our suggestion: People are not buying as many Christmas gifts this year as usual anyway; many haven't the coin this time.

At one of the local churches Sunday night the young people, aside from their devotions, dis-



A wonderful day is Christmas. In no other day of year is so much of happiness, unselfishness, of kindness, to be found. A transformation takes place in the heart that best expresses itself in bringing joy to others. The more happiness you the greater the giver's joy. A very Merry Christmas may this be to you is the wish of The Message which comes to your home every week in the year. May the glad day bring all Message readers an abundance of Peace and Good will.

## VAN NOY-BEAGLES

Wedding at The Home of The Bride Tuesday

Rev. George Van Noy, pastor of Water Tower Baptist Church in St. Louis, and Miss Lucille Beagles, the charming and accomplished daughter of Judge and Mrs. John W. Beagles, were married Tuesday at high noon at the home of the bride's parents, north of Worcester, Rev. G. M. C. Oakes of Frankford, officiating. The following from this city attended the wedding: Mrs. Elizabeth Atkinson, aunt of the bride, Wm. F. Atkinson, Dr. and

Mrs. Paul E. Coil and Misses Ruth Averitt and Ruth Covington.

The bride formerly attended Hardin College and she is one of the county's very brightest young women. The groom is to be congratulated upon his choice of a wife. May long life and happiness be the portion of Rev. and Mrs. Van Noy.

Mrs. Kate Barnes, at Los Angeles, Cali., thru a friend gets the Message for a year as a New Year's present.

J. G. Lakenan went to Amarillo, Texas, last week.

Circuit Court is adjourned until January 8th.