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A \$59,000 LAW SUIT IS FILED

A CHICAGO MAN COMES TO AUDRAIN TO ASK FOR INSURANCE MONEY.

A big law suit was filed with Circuit Clerk E. F. Elliott in Mexico this week. It is for a sum exceeding \$59,000 and is brought by B. E. Page of Chicago. It is to recover on an accident policy, in which the assured came to his death by accidentally taking poison, it is said. The attorneys for plaintiff are A. C. Whitson, Chas. Obermeyer, E. S. Gant and R. D. Rodgers.

The company being sued is the General Accident Corporation Ltd. of Perth, Scotland.

The case will be tried at the next term of the Audrain County Circuit Court.

MARTINSBURG ITEMS.

Mrs. Russell Martin visited relatives in Mexico Sunday.

R. W. Taylor and wife and C. T. Peyton and wife motored to Perry Sunday.

Mrs. H. L. Burwell of Wellsville was the guest of her father, E. W. Pritchett, Sunday.

Miss Louise Enlow of Hardin College spent Sunday with Mrs. T. R. White.

Mrs. H. A. Meyerpeter will visit friends and relatives in Mexico this week.

F. B. Newberry of Hannibal is a business visitor here this week.

Bartley Arvin of Benton City was the guest of friends here Sunday.

Misses Mayme Pihale and Minnie Pike spent Sunday with friends in Centralia.

H. P. French and son, Clark, and S. D. Tease were in Minneola on a fishing trip Monday.

John H. Stuart of Laddonia visited friends here Sunday.

R. W. Taylor and C. T. Peyton were business visitors in Moberly Tuesday.

Clarence Taylor of Percy, Iowa, visited relatives here first part of the week.

C. D. Williams spent the first part of the week in La Plata.

Dr. J. C. Blain of Wellsville was in town a few hours on business Tuesday.

Dick Burchard of Marshall and Lon Burchard of St. Louis visited relatives and friends here Thursday.

Misses Mayme Holterman and Maud Watkins were shopping in Mexico Thursday.

Miss Annie Cunningham of Montgomery City was the guest of Miss Lizzie Holterman Thursday.

Mrs. Mollie Ballowe of St. Louis spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. A. Matthews.

Mrs. Lucy Bussen was dangerously ill the latter part of the week, and is no better at this writing.

S. P. Emmons, president of the Mexico school board, writes a letter for the public opposing the proposed bond issue for school improvements. He thinks that instead of helping it will cripple the schools for the next 25 years. The taxpayers are differing in opinion on the question.

Congress would do well to consider a system of internal improvement, and the advisability of employing all idle men thereon.

An Associated Charities organization is being urged for Mexico, to remain permanent throughout the year. If it will keep off the tramps who go about begging things to eat we are for it, now and forever.

MARTINSBURG TEACHERS.

Miss Janette White of Centralia, who has taught with fine success in Western Audrain for several years, has been elected principal of the Martinsburg schools. Miss Edna Ernst of Martinsburg will have charge in the grammar department and Miss Florence Underwood of Rush Hill will be the primary teacher. Both the latter are also very successful teachers. Now see the Martinsburg schools get to the front.

RUSH HILL ITEMS.

School closed April 23. On Friday, Apr. 16, the teachers gave "Parents Day". This program was given: Recitations, Calvin Underwood, Sycille Cornett, Francis Britton. Folk Drill, Guskaff Skoal. Recitations, Ruth James, Glenn Maxwell Clarence Erdel. Song, pupils of No. 1. Shoemakers Drill. Song, Japanese—Six girls. Recitations, Lily Erdel, Howard James Ernest Smallwood. Solo, Gertrude McManamy Song, pupils of No. 2. Recitations, Howard Maxwell, Helen Hearn, Walter James, Elmer Baehr, Rutherford Mudd, Ada Melahn, Cedric Carnes, Rulif Smallwood. Dialogue, A Curiosity. Latin Song, Pupils of No. 2. Visit from Mother Goose. Song by Mabel Fox, Lura Smallwood, Grace Melahn, Macie Hearn. School Paper by Nettie Mudd and Ruth Stuart. Essay, Maude Hearn. Debate: Resolved that Domestic Science and Manual Training should be Taught in Every School. Affirmative, Milton Smith, C. V. Ford. Negative, Owen Maxwell and Pete Baehr. The subject was ably debated and the judges, Mr. Pete Erdel, Jas. Myers and Mrs. Harry Carnes, decided in the negative.

The exhibition of handwork and school work was fine. The teachers had refreshments consisting of cakes and ice tea, daintily served by the High School girls. We hope to have our three teachers again next year.

The new Union Church is nearing completion.

Thelma Hoffman left Monday to spend the summer with her grandparents in Illinois.

Edith and Florence Jackson of Mexico visited friends here Sunday.

Yes, Wallace can have his choice of the girls in town, providing his car doesn't break down.

Misses Grace and Agnes Copman of Mexico visited relatives here.

L. H. Sims and wife and Mrs. Geo. Baehr and Miss Grace were shopping in Mexico Saturday, went up in Luther's car. The teachers training class has livened up again and will meet this week with Mrs. Floyd Peery.

Contract your Twine at once. If you wait till you need it you will not be able to get it. Bring in your corn and let us grind your chicken feed. 25-2t...

PETE ERDEL, Jr., Rush Hill, Mo.

J. W. Coleman, the blacksmith, has now moved to town.

Miss Josephine Evans returned to St. Louis to resume her duties as nurse in the Masonic Home after a pleasant visit with her aunt, Mrs. Fannie Roberts southeast of Mexico.

Chinch bugs are in some of the wheat fields.

J. T. Johnson is confined at his home on account of illness.

A barn in the east part of town belonging to S. B. Reighly burned early Tuesday morning. A large quantity of feed stored in the barn was lost.

"So far as lies within you live peaceably with all men," so sayeth the Scriptures and all experience says it is good advice.

STOCKMEN ORGANIZE.

Centralia to Be Headquarters for Hereford Cattle Breeders.

Centralia, Mo., April 25.—About 300 stockmen and farmers met yesterday and organized the Central Missouri Hereford Breeders' Association. Centralia was selected as headquarters and sales meeting place. The following officers were elected: J. E. Summers, of Gilliam, president; M. B. Murry, Stephens, vice-president; Ernest Cottingham, Clark, secretary and treasurer, and John M. Herndon, Centralia, sales manager.

FARBER ITEMS.

This ideal weather reminds us of the Spring of 1902.

Mary McCann was up town Friday, the first time. She is recovering from a severe tussle with typhoid fever.

Fred Brandt made a trip to Mr. John Boyd's, east of town, to buy eggs from the pen of barred Plymouth Rocks.

Elder Dameron of Centralia filled an appointment at the Christian church, his sermons are always interesting.

Miss Cecil Ford and her grandmother left Monday for Iowa to visit relatives. It will be lonesome for Tom. Corn planting. Farmers don't take any daytime to go to town.

Buck McCurdy lost one of his best horses last week. Since farmers are selling their cream, we are having a butter famine. Gravy poor substitute Mrs. A. M. Chase is the mother of a fine boy. Thursday, 22nd. Arthur decided to put in 20 acres more corn at once.

Mrs. Wm. Layne of Vandalia returned home Monday. She visited her daughter, Mrs. Fay Turner, several days.

Layne and Buddie Turner have a new bicycle, it doesn't rest much.

The Presbyterians reshingled one side of their church this week.

Miss Lillian Crow was in Vandalia Tuesday.

Artie Lee and family came from Vandalia Monday and Miss Ethel Sutton took them out to Judge J. D. Sutton's in their car. Glad to have Artie visit his home town.

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MOLINO ITEMS

Miss Corinne Cowherd of Mexico was the recent guest of Mrs. Porter Cauthorn. Misses Mabel Cook and Cora Mundy were guests of Misses Lillian and Lola Bybee Wednesday.

Mrs. Homer Fry of Perry was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mollie McFadin, last week.

Mrs. Noble Barnes, south of Mexico, and Mrs. Tom Peyton and two small children of Boonville were guests of Mrs. Claude Bybee Saturday.

Joe Peyton lost a good mare Wednesday night.

Mrs. Homer Roberts who has been sick at the home of her father, J. S. Creed, is some better. Was able to return to her home Monday.

Richard Lynn, the four months old son of Walter Robinson and wife died at their home in Hannibal Saturday, April 24th and was interred at Berea cemetery Monday at 2 o'clock. The sympathy of this community is extended the bereaved.

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EAST END NOTES

Mr. Barbee's Singin' Skule—A Farm Bureau—Mr. Coontz's Lecture.

Vandalia, Mo., April 25.—Wheat and oats looking fine. Pastures ready to turn stock into, and some of the farmers have small fields of corn beginning to come up.

Mrs. W. S. Barbee attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Keithley, in St. Charles county, last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sipple and little daughter, Mildred, of Laddonia, were the guests of Z. T. Bondurant and wife Sunday.

Miss Eva Stone has been employed to teach the Pleasant Plains school again the coming fall term at an advanced salary, and Miss Atta Grey has been employed to teach the Hickory Grove school.

Frank Bick of St. Louis is visiting his cousins, Edwin and Grover Webber.

T. C. Scholl shipped in a car of milk cows and butcher cattle last week driving them out to his farm.

Alf Darnell bought a fine Duroc sow and eleven pigs from parties in Vandalia this week for \$50.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Shoup and daughter, Barbara, spent over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Webber. Mrs. Webber also entertained a number of friends for dinner Sunday.

Prof. Barbee met his singing class at Gazette Sunday afternoon. They entertained the audience with some of their usual good music.

The Cuyve Farm Bureau held a profitable meeting at Pleasant Plains school house Tuesday night of last week. An interesting literary feature was rendered by the school pupils. The male quartette, composed of W. S. Barbee, R. S. Nuckles, Albert Barnes and L. K. Barbee, rendered an excellent selection. The string band, composed of T. A. Goodwin, Clay Jewell, A. W. Brown, R. S. Nuckles and Chas. Kolter gave music pleasing to all. Mr. J. L. Coontz of Vandalia then gave a splendid address, "America's Place in the Sun", giving an accumulation of the events now transpiring with the nations of the world, touching on the aims and ambitions of the nations now at war and of their definite place in the world. He spoke of the Western Hemisphere and our own country's place, what we are and what we should be. His language was excellent and the address was appreciated by the audience. The Club will hold meetings the third Tuesday night in month during the summer.

Why not put the idle men at work on the construction of a great automobile thoroughfare from New York to San Francisco?

F. M. Ragsdale has leased his fine new store building east of the Square to J. H. Sallee, the book man. Mr. Ragsdale will remain at the old stand with his Cash Store.

Let us clear away the old rubbish, try (tho we fail) to kill off the dandelions, destroy the weeds and give nature a chance to show how beautiful Mexico can be.

In a country like ours with resources that are almost unparalleled, no man willing to work should be out of a job.

R. H. Lee: I have taken out a commission as Notary Public at Rush Hill. The Message would better quit talking about me. I am going into work now harder than ever.

Wilkinson N. & O. Co., north of Hotel Hoxey, Mexico, Mo., still have a good assortment of Nursery Stock on hand. Fine large trees. Special Prices for new Orchard setting....

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CULLEN-CLARK WEDDING.

Mr. James U. Cullen of Perry and Miss Margaret Lackland Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Mexico, were married at the home of the bride's parents Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. W. A. Shullenberger officiating. Only immediate members of both families were present. The happy couple left for their future home at Perry. The groom is a nephew of P. H. Cullen of St. Louis. Both are very popular among a large circle of friends, all of whom join in wishing them long life and happiness.

State Food and Drug Inspector, F. H. Frick, writes the Message that he is going to insist on a thorough compliance with all the sanitary laws of the State. He'll be around and he may catch us "if we don't watch out." Put up the fly screens to your store doors and windows. Cover the food receptacles. Don't use second hand bottles unless they are thoroughly sterilized regularly steamed. Clean out the cuspidors and disinfect. In short, keep your store as "clean as a pin."

Bennie Sneed of Youngs Creek has gone to Pipe Stone, Minnesota.

The dandelions are about to take the fields—the yards and lawns of Mexico.

The City Council has passed an ordinance for only one or more night police.

The City Council is to consider an ordinance to tax vehicles.

J. E. Goodrich of Jefferson City is visiting in Mexico and at Molino.

At the meeting of the City Council Monday night E. R. Locke, manager of the Merico Power Co., in a signed statement, offered to sell the property to the city, as a whole or in part. If the offer is taken the price will be named by the State Public Utilities Commission.

The sweat shop where thousands of young girls toil surrounded with unsanitary conditions, is a menace to this country.

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A SHORT AUTO TRIP

A VISIT TO "THE OLD HOME FARM"—CROP CONDITIONS IN AUDRAIN.

The editor of the Message in company with father and daughter and brother, C. W. Beal, of Nebraska, took a hurried auto trip a few days ago across the country northeast from Mexico 17 miles to the old farm where the editor and brother were born and reared.

The farm is composed of 150 acres and was "entered" by father from the Government at 12 1-2 cents per acre. We walked over the old grounds again. Everything is changed and all the former improvements are gone. The house and barn and all the old trees are no more. We found but one relic, and that was a patent gate, sawed out of oak wood, and put up about 45 years ago, where it still hangs.

It was hard to realize that it was the same old grounds we had gambolled over in the years ago.

Field Akridge now owns the farm on the southwest that adjoins our old homestead, E. C. Smith owns ground to the south, W. W. Braden has land on the east, and John S. McCune owns a fine tract to the west and northwest.

We walked over the grounds where we used to attend district school—the site of the old Asher school house. The house burned some years ago—nought but ashes now to mark its location. The Oak Grove School house now takes its place.

We met our old friend and school-mate, Wood Hoyt, and his good wife, who own the farm just east of the old school house site, the place formerly known as the George Elliott farm. Mr. Hoyt's brother, Walter Hoyt, owns the old Luther Moss place in the same neighborhood. Arthur Barnes also lives near, and Ed Webber still sticks to his fine farm lying to the northwest.

Reader, have you visited the old home farm recently? It brings up happy thoughts and sad.

On this trip we counted 14 silos on the round from Mexico and return. There has never been such a crop of wheat grown in the county, and every field looks fine. The oats was also looking good, but was needing rain. Hundreds of acres of corn planted.

The farmers are putting up fine barns and there was evidence of thrift everywhere. A number have put out walnut and catalpa groves—a mighty fine idea, as we see it. This wood will be valuable and high priced when it is grown.

Road improvement was in evidence. Concrete bridges are taking the place of all the old wooden structures.

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

Notice to The Public

The lady who calls Phone No. 334, or comes to the Store, and orders the largest amount of Groceries Saturday, May 1st, 1915, I will make YOU a PRESENT of a \$2.50 gold piece. Remember, the Goods must be paid for before you get the prize.
Z. E. UTTER.
Cash Grocer.

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