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SUES THE RAILROAD

ALLEGES THAT HE WAS RUN DOWN WHILE IN HIS AUTO.

David Hill, by next friend, his father, G. E. Hill, thru his attorney, E. S. Gant, has filed suit in the Circuit Court against the Wabash railroad for \$5,000 for injuries he received last January, when he alleges he was run down by a freight train while driving his auto over the Jefferson street crossing.

The father also files suit asking \$2,500, alleging the loss of his son's services, medical treatment and damages to his auto.

BOND PROPOSITION LOSES

The special school election was held in Mexico yesterday. The proposition was to issue \$50,000 in bonds to make school improvements and to build a community house, etc. The question was lost by a vote of 197 for to 638 against—over three to one against.

THOMPSON ITEMS.

The Biggest rain Sunday that has fallen this spring. Farmers thru planting corn. W. H. Dempsey and family Mrs. J. L. Smith near Centralia Sunday. Sumner Davis and family visited Thos. Brenton and family first of the week.

J. Kelley Wright gave a lecture and stereoscopic views of the Agricultural department of the M. U. of Columbia Monday night.

Mrs. Joe Beatty is some better. Little Ethel Wilson continues quite ill.

W. H. Blythe killed a fox last week. It was after his guineas. Besides this there have been four young foxes killed. They have been killing the young pigs and lambs.

Miss Mary Griffin closed quite a successful school at Daniel Friday. She had a short program in the afternoon. The padons went in with well filled baskets. Daniel has re-employed Miss Mary for the next term.

Uncle Jack Covington of Middletown always likes to pay his taxes. Recently he appeared before the Board of Equalization and insisted that his tax assessment was too low. He has appeared before the Board heretofore with like requests. Let all the citizens take note and catch Uncle Jack's spirit.

Rev. A. B. Culbertson of Mexico held quarterly conference at Fulton and Mt. Carmel, in Callaway, Sunday. If you are keeping personal property from the County Assessor, look out, the Board of equalization is investigating.

The Audrain County Board of Equalization will be in session again next Monday. We understand there is likely to be some interesting reports.

Mrs. Mattie Fecht won the prize Saturday at the Utter Grocery Store for the highest order of goods bought. Another similar offer by this store in a few weeks. Watch the Message for announcement.

Mr. Roy M. Green of Columbia and Miss Mary E. Milles of Mexico were granted marriage license this week.

THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Real Estate Increased.

W. C. Barkley—\$500 to \$700.
August Webber—\$2200 to \$2400.
E. B. Norris—\$1140 to \$1200.
F. M. Brewer—\$800 to \$1200.
Mrs. Sarah Little—\$1200 to \$1500.
J. M. Atkinson Est—\$2100 to \$3000.
John T. Ricketts—\$1200 to \$1600.
J. M. Pollard—\$200 to \$400.
M. F. Horton—\$850 to \$1000.
J. A. Glandon—\$1600 to \$1800.
H. E. C. Tucker—\$1100 to \$1200.
J. F. Llewellyn, trustee—\$1500 to \$1750.

E. C. Gamble—\$1800 to \$2100.
Coatsworth Lbr. Co.—\$100 to \$200.
R. B. Cauthorn—\$900 to \$1000.
D. C. Owen—\$400 to \$600.
William Pitts—\$520 to \$700.
J. F. Llewellyn—\$1000 to \$1800.
W. W. Harper—\$250 to \$400.
C. C. Wonneman—\$1900 to \$2500.
P. E. Locke—\$850 to \$1000.
J. M. Atkinson Est—\$2100 to \$3000.
W. F. Atkinson—\$1400 to \$2900.
Alfred Larsen—\$3000 to \$3500.
E. L. Johnson—\$1600 to \$2000.
Southwestern Telephone Co.—\$2000 to \$6000.

R. T. Carter—\$1100 to \$1200
J. W. Plunkett—\$800 to \$1000.
L. Y. Moore—\$1100 to \$1500.
J. W. Rutter—\$1500 to \$2000.
R. M. White—\$1200 to \$1500.
Fry and Clay—\$800 to \$900.
Z. W. Blackmore—\$680 to \$890.
J. T. Mason—\$500 to \$900.
P. E. Coll—\$1700 to \$2000.
G. L. Denham—\$700 to \$1000.
L. F. Austin—\$250 to \$500.
Cordie Mundy—\$600 to \$800.
W. W. Johnson—\$1200 to \$1400.
J. F. Llewellyn—\$1000 to \$1500.
John W. Howell, trustee—\$4000 to \$4500.

R. M. White—\$100 to \$200.
G. W. Crosswhite—\$50 to \$450.
M. L. Jones—\$1000 to \$1200.
W. A. Hendrix—\$900 to \$1000.
Gus Steinman—\$1000 to \$1200.
M. T. Vandegrift—\$1200 to \$1500.
E. O. Morris—\$60 to \$800.
J. J. Conlon—\$1100 to \$1500.
J. F. Harrison—\$1200 to \$1500.
Mrs. Sula Pilcher—\$1000 to \$1200.
R. R. Arnold, Sr.—\$2000 to \$2500.
J. E. Blattner—\$850 to \$1000.
John Payne—\$400 to \$500.
E. W. Cauthorn Est—\$800 to \$1000.
William Vivion—\$650 to \$800.
A. B. Owen—\$600 to \$700.
Joe Steinman—\$1400 to \$1750.
W. S. Eller—\$650 to \$800.
J. D. Greer—\$800 to \$1000.
A. M. Trimble—\$600 to \$1500.
Ed Walker—\$600 to \$750.
Fry and Clay—\$1200 to \$1650.
D. W. Butler—\$700 to \$900.
Harry Atchison—\$550 to \$700.
Mrs. A. M. Ruloff—\$1000 to \$1250.
Gather Berry et al—\$1400 to \$2000.
W. L. Fowles—\$400 to \$600.
W. F. Atkinson—\$450 to \$1000.
J. T. Johnson—\$500 to \$800.
Jacob Schopp—\$400 to \$1000.
F. M. Towson—\$450 to \$750.
W. I. Paul—\$500 to \$750.

Real Estate Lowered.

Ned Turner—\$1100 to \$1000.
J. W. and G. T. Pledge—\$1000 to \$900.
F. E. Osterhout—\$700 to \$100.
Mrs. Ruth Cauthorn—\$3600 to \$3000.
Lewis Barth—\$3600 to \$3000.
Sallie Lakenan—\$200 to \$150.
C. F. Clark—\$200 to \$150.
J. W. Lee—\$200 to \$150.
J. C. King—\$1100 to \$1000.
C. W. Criswell—\$800 to \$700.
Mrs. Belle Crews—\$1000 to \$900.
Mrs. Dean—\$700 to \$600.
A. P. Green—\$3000 to \$2500.
A. W. Prussing—\$1000 to \$800.
F. M. Williams—\$500 to \$400.
W. W. Canterbury—\$450 to \$400.
Bettie Jolly—\$370 to \$300.
Mrs. Jordan—\$500 to \$400.
Leotta Hall—\$500 to \$400.
B. W. Welch—\$1000 to \$900.
Mrs. Steffens—\$1400 to \$1200.
W. R. Holmes—\$1500 to \$1200.
Ed. Hartman—\$300 to \$200.
J. E. Durkes—\$1200 to \$1000.
E. A. Shannon—\$1200 to \$1000.
Mrs. D. A. McMillan—\$1200 to \$1000.

Gus Dillard—\$800 to \$650.
Mrs. Nancy Smith—\$880 to \$650.
J. M. Pollard—\$3000 to \$2500.
A. R. Creasey—\$750 to \$600.
Mary J. French—\$4020 to \$3500.
Lizzie Field—\$4000 to \$3500.
Sarah Little—\$1200 to \$800.
Mrs. J. C. Shepherd Est—\$360 to \$350.
L. M. Angert—\$900 to \$800.

Mrs. J. V. Williams—\$850 to \$600.
T. W. Crawford—\$300 to \$200.
S. P. Emmons—\$6000 to \$5000.
Rachel Bridgford—\$1600 to \$1400.
Mrs. Dunlap—\$1000 to \$600.
E. D. Harrison—\$850 to \$680.
Personal Property Raised.
J. G. Apel, Rush Hill, \$250.
Christ Mattis—\$500 to \$2000.
George Miller—\$1000 to \$4500.
Mrs. Joseph Barth—\$500 to \$10,000.
P. S. Morris—\$2000 to \$3500.
Mrs. Lucy Vandeventer—\$900 to \$2400.
John M. Meyer—\$1000.
J. J. Wood—\$50 to \$2050.

OUR COUNTY TAX RATE

The County Court has fixed the annual levy for the county at 79 cents on the \$100. Forty cents for county; four cents, interest and principal county infirmity bonds; 10 cents, roads outside of town corporations; (10 cents, Mexico and Vandalia roads); 25 cents, roads and bridges—total, 79 cents.

BENTON CITY ITEMS

Mr. Shay Elected School Principal—
"Dora Thorne" Repeated.

Benton City, Mo., May 4.—Mrs. Charles Hildebrand and daughter Miss Hazel, were shopping in Mexico Saturday.

Alford Hicks is laid up this week with a sore toe, caused by a tie falling on it.

Rev. Mitchell of Keytesville delivered his initiatory sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Prof. E. E. Shay of Mexico has been elected principal of the Benton City schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead of Wells-ville were guests Sunday of Oscar Heinze and family.

Mrs. W. H. Douglass was the guest of Mrs. Charles Hildebrand last Friday.

The Dramatic Club, by request, staged their play, "Dora Thorne," the second time here Saturday evening. It was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

Amos Harris shipped a car load of hogs to the market Monday night.

Miss Nora Moore, who has been re-employed as teacher in the primary department of our schools, will spend the summer school at Bushnell, Ill.

Cale Douglass, Dr. Roberts, L. T. Bashaw, Judge Douglass, Wm. Coll, and Dr. W. H. Douglass attended a meeting of the Masonic lodge at Shamrock Thursday night.

A thief or thieves entered the homes of Dr. N. R. Rodes, John Beal, H. B. McKinley and Mark Pilcher Monday night. Mr. Pilcher lost a watch and chain and about \$2.50 in cash; a bull dog interfered at McKinley's and Mr. Thief got nothing; Mrs. Beal lost the contents of her purse, about \$2.00, and at Dr. Rodes' Ryland Rodes lost his watch and chain. Are the thugs wanting extra night police?

The Sunday schools of Mexico have organized a base ball league. They will play on Tuesdays and Fridays. No admission to the grounds will be charged and there will be no games on Sunday, of course. The object of the league is to discourage Sunday base ball.

John Brewer is in Iowa. He is getting into the mule-business.

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

McMILLAN WINS STATE DEBATE

CHARLES WRIGHT BEST DEBATER AND IS AWARDED UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.

By Fred Lavender.

The Inter-high-school debating contest was finished Saturday evening in Columbia when McMillan defeated Chillicothe and won the State championship. McMillan was not only awarded the honors of having the best team but also of having the best debater. Charles Wright was chosen as the best individual debater and thereby received a scholarship to the University of Missouri.

McMillan had the affirmative of the State question, Resolved, That thru appropriate legislation a minimum wage system ought to be put into operation in the U. S. Chillicothe was represented by Louis Potter and Sam Painter, and Wright's colleague was Alan Coatsworth.

All four debaters were very good and showed that much time and thought had been given them. Strong argument was produced but the McMillan boys had the best of it, they clinched every statement so tightly that Chillicothe could not shake it. The Negative's greatest weakness was that she did not clinch her arguments with concrete proofs.

Coatsworth is a junior, has been in the team two years and has won seven consecutive debates. Wright is a Senior and has been on the team for three years. He is the Champ Clark of McMillan and can make a good spontaneous talk at any time. He is one of the most energetic boys in Mexico, and is successfully carrying several other phases of work along with his debating and school work. Charley is qualified to accept the honor that has come to him.

The base ball team defeated Macon City High School team 9 to 6. Altho many errors were made by both teams the game was interesting. Pitcher Howard Wayne of McMillan led in hitting with two three baggers out of four times at bat.

Mr. Ed Williams sang for the students Friday afternoon and was gratefully received by them. Mr. Williams is a Chautauqua singer but Mr. Street wishes him to keep in training by singing in McMillan.

Rural Teachers Chosen.

The following districts have chosen teachers for next fall and winter: Daniel, Mary Griffin; Erisman, Mary Farrington; Bryan, Elizabeth O'Brien; Dye, Della Talbot; Duly, Bessie Day; Berea, Lizzie Telkemper. Cedar Grove, Mary Hatcher; Washington, Georgia Miller; Eureka, Alma Brown; Liberty, Bessie Hickman; Hedgedale, Zella Brown; Prairie Lea, Abbie Sullivan; Burnham, Bessie Watson.

Mrs. G. C. Valentine bought a cow of the Ritter Brothers for \$62.50. She makes a pound of butter a day. Ritter brothers were good as their word when they commended the cow. J. B. Woolery, James Sims and Will Carr, neighbors in Beaver Dam, are as fine fellows as you ever saw.

15th ANNUAL ELECTION.

Mexico, Mo., May 6, 1915.
An election will be held on June 7th (the first Monday), 1915, for the election of seven directors to serve the Farmers' Town Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Mexico, Mo., for one year. Held at their office, corner of Jefferson and Promenade streets, second floor, Mexico Missouri.

W. L. Kent, President,
W. L. Fowles, Secretary.

BOY KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Sturgeon, Mo., May 3.—Leo Hanley, 18 years old, living with his grandfather, Rasmus Anderson, while fishing Sunday with companions, was killed by lightning when he sought shelter under a tree from the rain. Hanley's companions ran to other trees and were only shocked. His clothes were torn from his body. The boys were on the Batterton farm, north of Sturgeon.

THE PETIT JURY.

The County Court has named the following as members of the Petit Jury for the June term of the Circuit Court:

SalingT ownship—Gill Turner and Luther Jennings.

Wilson Township—James Curry, John Beatty, John Simcoe and George Brown.

Salt River Township—Gus Dillard, Jack Shultz, J. W. Rouse, F. T. Harris, Noble Barnes and W. D. Fonville.

Linn Township—Charles Maxwell and Alex Paris.

Prairie Township—Hamp Elliott and William O'Hearn.

Loutre Township—R. F. Offutt and Sam Coll.

Cuivre Township—T. S. Elchaor, George Adams, G. H. Miller, Ben Wood, Tom Moss and Carl Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Null are home from a visit in California.

SUFRAIGISTS ELECT.

The Mexico Equal Suffrage League has elected the following officers: Mrs. Alex Carter, president; Mrs. J. T. Johnson, vice-president; Miss Clara Haggard, secretary; Miss Mary Nichols, treasurer; Mrs. S. P. Emmons, delegate to the meeting at St. Joseph; Mrs. J. W. Millon, who is State recording secretary, will attend also the State meeting.

Mr. Sam Cunningham, son of Earl Cunningham, of this county, and Miss Ruth Stone of Coffeyville, Kansas, were married recently at the bride's home in Coffeyville. They will reside at Fort Gibson, Okla.

They are getting onto your midnight raids, Mr. R. You'd better fade away and visit your wife's kin. It

A calender hangs by me that has "a lesson in saving" on its front. A child is putting a penny in a bank, and the mother smiles approvingly. Too bad that all parents are not content to teach this most useful lesson—never having learned it themselves. Saving does not mean miserliness, merely using good judgment in expenditures.

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Your Trade Solicited
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EIGHTH GRADERS TO GRADUATE

Program Announced for the Closing of The Mexico Schools.

The Mexico Schools are to graduate 96 pupils this year from the Eighth Grade.

There will be 35 from the South Side School as follows:

Joe Hanson, Helen Heizer, Elizabeth Green, Sims Rixey, Gibson Winans, Sue Carter, Stanley Peters, Peyton Emmons, Frances Botkin, Charles Yager, Forrest Ridgeway, Roy Howerton, Mary Worrell, Wilmoth Jesse, Milton Towson, Louise Dollens, Joseph Koss, Lila McIntosh, Robert Jesse, Winnifred Adkins, Sarah Jesse, Bess Dyke, Margaret Rutter, Herschel Clevenger, Robert Powell, Dellno Calhoun, Frank Dearing, Wesley Neiderschultz, Roselle Haskell, Ruth Harper, Fred Dean, William Flittner, Edward Caldwell, Joe Wolterling, Ray Staples.

The graduates from Central School will be as follows:

Clayton Brown, Enoch Craig, Russell Gibson, Rhodes Dillard, John Brown, Wm. Walker Johnson, Carroll Jenkins, Richard McKinney, Seibert Spottswood, Loyal Wonneman, Elmer Cantrell, Kent Rowland, Frank Wilkins, Frederick Stallings, Clarence Hardine, William Culbertson, Luther Brown, George Sullivan, Charles Kunkel, Edna Howdeshell, Mary Hill, Leona Jones, Maud Martin, Opal Wilson, Jennie Knoebel, Otelia Knoebel, Eleanor Mackie, Prudie Dearing, Hazel McIntyre, Margaret Cragen, Bertha Taft, Lizzie Crews, Thelma Weinand, Marie Gibbs, Beatrice Green, Pauline Ketter, Gladys Kistler, Alice Dobyns, Lillie Drewer, Stella Martin, Eliza Martin, Margaret Mackie, Frances McCue, Frances Marshall, Martha Meyers, Mary McLoney, Mary McDonough, Leona Miller, Georgia Morris, Virginia Rodgers, Gladys Robinson, Dorothy Rodhouse, Lillian Spottswood, Minerva Sandford, Helen Smith, Anne Wallace, Elsie Ward, Alaska Wright, Lida Yowell, Dola Estes, Mamie Bailey.

Baccalaureate sermon to McMillan graduates, Methodist church, Sunday morning, May 16, by Rev. S. W. Hayne.

Senior Play at the McMillan Auditorium, May 19, 8 p. m.

Alumni Banquet, Hardin Gymnasium, May 20th, 7 p. m.

Grade School closing Exercises, McMillan Auditorium, May 21, 2:30.

High School Commencement, McMillan Auditorium, May 21, 8 p. m.