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MRS. BERRY DIES IN ST. LOUIS.

Mrs. M. F. Berry, mother of S. L. Robison of this city, died at her home in St. Louis Monday morning. The body will be brought to Centralia for burial, interment Friday afternoon. A daughter resides at Centralia, also a son. Three sons reside in St. Louis.

DIES AT THE COUNTY FARM.

Mrs. Mary Wright, who came to the Audrain County Infirmary from near Middletown a year since died at that institution Sunday morning. The funeral was held at the Farm Monday afternoon. Mrs. Wright was 46 years old. She had been in ill health for some time.

SEED CORN SOLD FOR \$2,500.

Marshall, Mo., Dec. 6.—A record-breaking crowd Saturday attended the corn show and auction of seed corn. The sale amounted to \$2,500.

The first bushel of the prize corn was sold to Rose & Buckner, clothing merchants, for \$25.

Farm Adviser Paul V. Maris of this county was the leading spirit in the show and sale.

A PAIR OF FOXES FOR \$6,000.

H. L. Smith, near Littleby Station, this county, has two Silver Foxes which he says he has been offered \$6,000 for. The silver fox has a very fine fur, very valuable. The animal is very seldom found in the United States. Mr. Smith bought his foxes in Canada and they cost him \$3,400.

GRAND JURY INFORMATIONS.

John Burgess and Ben Steele were arrested this week on charges of violating the local option law. Amiel Jungbluth was arrested for permitting a slot machine to be operated in his place of business at Benton City. Thod Boulware was also arrested on the charge of disturbing the peace. These informations were furnished by the grand jury. The parties have all plead not guilty and their cases will be heard at this term of the Circuit Court.

A crowd of young folks helped Miss Ruth Rouse celebrate her birthday Saturday night. Old-fashioned games were played. In the "bean" game Earl Jesse won the prize, which was a beautiful red-tipped match with a lustrous red ribbon bow. Fruit punch and cake were served. Among those present were Misses Fannie Scott, Hester Thompson, Lucy Brown, Minnie Conklin, Lena Ritter, Katie Hoover, Mary and Beulah Griffin, Norabelle Ferguson, Messrs. Thompson Scott, Willard Thompson, Leonard Harrelson, Ralph Griffin, Dewey Plybon, Claud Rutter and Earl Jesse.

President Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Galt are to be married December 18th. It is to be a "quiet affair," it is said. All right: all weddings should be quiet affairs.

McMillan basket ball team met the Bowling Green team at Hardin College Gymnasium Saturday and defeated the visiting team by a score of 42 to 26.

U. S. (Boss) Goran of Vandalia was in Mexico Monday on business for that end of the county. Boss is a mighty popular fellow. His friends want him to become a candidate Sheriff in the campaign next year. Conscientious, trustful in every line of his endeavor we believe he would make a fine official.

J. W. Rouse is nursing a very badly sprained ankle. He got the hurt by falling from a step ladder.

B. B. Brown, 2 1-2 miles northwest of Mexico, will have a big public sale of live stock and his farm implements on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Keep in mind his date.

HOW TO GROW FARMERS ON THE FARM.

Making the farm home and life attractive and keeping the sons and daughters so interested in farm life they would not leave the farm has been the policy of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Fountain of Centralia, Mo., says the Kansas City Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Fountain have five sons and a daughter—all grown—and, only one son quit the farm for the city. Each one was given a university education and a peep into city life. Three sons and the daughter are married and each lives in a modern home on the 1,600 acre farm. One son, a bachelor, lives with his parents.

"We devoted a lot of attention and thought to rearing our children without lessening our desire to grow better crops and keep better live stock," Mr. Fountain said. "It didn't offend them one bit to give them 'Keeping the boys and our one daughter interested was \$500 to \$1,000 at a time and set them to watching it grow. Boys and girls like to be partners with their parents. If they are not they can't be expected to take much interest in the work. Employees are interested only to the extent of the amount they are paid. Most parents make employees of their children."

"How can a parent expect a boy or girl to be interested in farm life when they spent 21 years there for board only? If the American farmers would devote a little more thought and attention to growing boys and girls to remain on the farm without lessening their interest in crops and live stock every rural community would be better cultivated."

When the Fountain boys were small they were taken into partnership on some feature of the farm or live stock work. Each was made to feel he was working out his own destiny while being guided along the paths the parents desired them to travel. Mr. and Mrs. Fountain wanted to keep their children on the farm. They moved to Missouri 40 years ago.

"I thought at first I would be satisfied with the 200 acres of land that comprised our first home in the State," Mr. Fountain said. "Then I bought an adjoining farm and another until pretty soon I found that I wanted to own all the land adjoining mine. I finally concluded 1,600 acres ought to be enough for one man and we set about providing our children with the homes we have about us here."

Five thoroly modern homes stand on the 1,600 acre farm. A happy family reunion is of frequent occurrence on the Fountain farm and a more pleasing situation hardly could be imagined for a family. At his marriage each child was given a handsome home with 200 acres of land.

"Those children never have lost sight of the fact that mother and father are their friends," Mr. Fountain said. "We knew very well it was of vastly more importance to bring our boys and our daughter up in the right way than to increase the crop production. Providing attractive and pleasant home surroundings was most important. My wife and I began life in Missouri in a little house with a ladder running up on the outside to the 'upstairs,' our only bedroom. Those were our happiest days, too, we sometimes think. That causes many parents to conclude that what was good enough for them is good enough for their children. Just that kind of a thing drives more boys and girls from the farm than anything else."

"Give the boys and girls an attractive home and make home life attractive for them. It is true they want recreation, but a child soon learns to obtain recreation from doing the things that will be profitable to them."

"We manage to conduct the farm in such a way we could declare a dividend occasionally, and the children never failed to share in the dividend. I didn't make the mistake of turning over to them \$500 to \$1,000 at a time to go out and spend as they pleased. Not a bit of it. We talked over the best means of investing the money to get the greatest returns. You would be surprised the amount of interest boys and girls show when that course is pursued. In the first place they were made to feel that they were earning the money, and they enjoyed working out the best means of taking care of it."

"There are too few farm boys and girls who never have more than 10 cents in their pockets at one time. They are not permitted to get acquainted with as much as a dollar. Acquainting the children with the value of personal effort and the value of the things they earn is of prime importance. In placing money in the hands or under the management of children it mustn't be done in such a way as to encourage a desire to be a spendthrift."

When each of the Fountain boys became 16 years old he took on the ways of a business man. He bought and sold live stock, looked after his interests about the farm and learned the ins and outs of the business world. Stockton Fountain fancies Shorthorns and has established a herd of pure bred Shorthorns on his farm. J. R. Fountain, another son, likes Herefords and has a small herd of white faces, pure bred. John M. Fountain, Jr., still clings to the grade beef idea and breeds grade beef, using pure bred bulls. R. A. and W. T. Fountain favor feeders and black cattle, as well as mules and horses. They deal in mules principally. They have 150 mules on the farm now. Ben F. Morris, son-in-law, deals in live stock extensively.

"Each of the children do pretty much as they please," Mr. Fountain, Sr., said. "Instilling confidence and initiative is important. Building character is most important. To rear a child to face the world without some business training is criminal. We made everything else on the farm secondary to the children's bringing up. Crops and live stock are important and necessary, but above all should be that co-operation and partnership with the children to build successful characters and business careers."

They enforce the local option law in Nevada, Mo. The office of police judge has become a luxury and the city council has cut the office out—abolished it. It carried \$500 a year salary.

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Sale begins at 10 o'clock. Dinner served by the ladies of the Littleby Methodist church.

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PAUL HUDSON.

Auctioneers: J. T. Johnson and J. G. Ford.
North Mo. Trust Co., Clerk.

Mrs. D. M. Granfield, widow of the late Rev. D. M. Granfield, a minister of the Chrstan Church, who formerly lived in Mexico, died at the home of her daughter in Los Angeles Cali., last week. The body was brought to Troy, Mo., for burial.

Miss Lena Whitson of this city, a graduate of the Mc Millan, is having fine success in her school work at Clinton Mo. She has established a commercial school there.

Fred Roberts shipped 88 butcher hogs that weighed 210 pounds to the St. Louis market last week. They sold at \$6.85, the top of the market.

Roy Briarly of Mexico is a winner again with his Buff Orpington chickens. He had them at Fayette last week and came home with ten prizes.

A copy of "The McMillan" lies upon our desk. It is a most creditable publication. Full of fun and high-class intellectual meat. The editorial staff is composed of the following: Alan Coatsworth, Sam Locke, Morris Keith, India Johnson, Archie Rodgers, Marie Gibbs, Margaret Thomas, Helen Coatsworth, Evelyn Threlkeld, Frank Houston, Wm. W. Johnson, Dorothy Wymore and Ruth Cauthorn.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the Audrain County Circuit Court giving one-half of 400 acres of fine farm land to the heirs of Restora McPike. The land is near Vandalia. Restora McPike died some time ago, while the case was in the courts.

Attorney Clarence A. Barnes attended an important Republican meeting in St. Louis last week. The State Republican campaign will be launched at a big banquet to be held in Kansas City on February 12, Lincoln's Birthday.

"Reasonable" national defense is all right, but "preparedness" beyond that is not sought by the great common people—who will have to meet the cost. Here's our slogan: Millions for permanent good roads, but not one cent to please the jingoes or the munition manufacturers.

During the past year Prosecuting Attorney Whitson has obtained 158 convictions of different cases of crime in Audrain county. That's a fine record for Mr. Whitson. But it looks like there is a good deal of meanness going on in the county. Yet, if the evidence had been forthcoming, there would have been other convictions.

T. W. Lambert sold Dr. E. H. Tincher six fat hogs at \$6.35.

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