

MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.
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The Mexico Fair has been declared off. Shortage of show stock and high priced feed given as the cause.

The French military authorities have barred all intoxicants—booze must not be furnished the soldiers.

Laddonia last week by an overwhelming vote adopted a proposition for a levy of 25 cents on each \$100 for a town lighting system. Laddonia generally does the best thing for herself.

Two Audrain county women have offered their free services for the army registration for June 5th. Mrs. Ferris of Laddonia and Mrs. Pike of Martinsburg. You can't beat the good women in a show of patriotism and love of country.

Senator Thomas of Colorado thinks that the thing to do with food speculators is to string them up to lamp posts. The Senator is not far out of the way. He also might have included the coal operators and others who have been waxing fat at the expense of the people. It has been observed that if something is not done to curb the speculators, once and for all, there will be serious trouble in this country and the people will not be to blame, either.

The editor of the Message attended part of Journalism Week in Columbia last week and had a plate at the Made-in-Japan Banquet Friday night. That banquet was all right and won for itself fame that will reach around the world. We listened to telegrams of greetings from President Wilson, one from Secretary Lansing, one from Speaker Champ Clark, a cablegram from the Government of Japan, and also from representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, and Belgium. There was a speech by Consul General, Kusuro, of Chicago, representing the Imperial Government of Japan, a speech by a representative of Great Britain and addresses by Gov. Gardner, Dr. Ross A. Hill and others. The banquet was a great event, and we wish all our readers could have had a place at that table with us.

RUSH HILL ITEMS.
 The Fifth Annual Audrain County Sunday School Convention will be held here Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Let everybody interested in Sunday school work attend the convention. You can't afford to miss hearing the State officers. Dinner and supper served on the grounds at the Community Church.
 Monroe Beagles shipped 122 hogs to the St. Louis market Monday.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Doolin and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cornett and daughter, Lucille, took an auto trip to Hannibal Sunday.
 Mrs. Lizzie Hogan of Kansas City is visiting her niece here, Mrs. Henry Stuart.
 Rev. C. V. Wood will preach at the Community Church Sunday and will remain over to attend the Sunday School Convention.
 Several ladies from here attended the Lessons of Instructions of the Eastern Star at Santa Fe last week.
 Miss Pearl Davis visited over Sunday with her sister, Mrs. H. F. Holderman.
 J. C. Maxwell is putting down a concrete walk and making improvements in his store.
 Mrs. Cash returned to her home in Curryville after a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Graham.

COL. MUNDY DEAD.
 Laddonia, Mo., May 22.—Col. J. B. Mundy, a newspaper man of Missouri, died recently at Pasadena, Calif., of heart trouble. He was connected with papers at California, Mo., Columbia, Mo., and, until a few months ago, was editor of the Herald of this place. He was one of the old school journalists and printer, having worked with Mark Twain in his early days.

LADDONIA TEACHERS.
 Laddonia, Mo., May 22.—The following teachers have been elected for the Laddonia School for next year: Superintendent, George C. Weiss, Lexington, Mo.; principal, Miss Lucille Duncan, Columbia, Mo.; High School teacher, Miss Goldie Quinn; eighth grade, Miss Della Talbott; room No. 3, Miss Mary Farrington, of Centra; rooms Nos. 2 and 1, Miss Susie Holloway, of Columbia, Mo., and Miss Mary Miller, Mexico, Mo.

DIGS SENATOR STONE.
 "W. S. B." writing from Vandalla, Mo., to the St. Louis Republic says: One day last week the following headlines appeared in The Republic: "Stone to Aid Fight on Dry Measure Today." And he did aid and the drys lost. Now, I say shame on the U. S. of ours wanting to continue in partnership with the brewers. If all these other nations, Russia, Germany, France and others, can carry on war for years without the drink why not these U. S.? So much has been said in regard to the U. S. entering this awful war to bring about final peace, and introduce our form of government in those foreign nations. We ought to give them a good example all along the line. Mr. Stone uses the same old threadbare argument that the liquor interests have been using. Throw so many out of employment, and lose the revenue. How inconsistent the first argument. The cry above all cries is for more help, more men, so many places to use them, no trouble to find employment.
 Now as to the revenue proposition we had better go down in our pockets and pay this amount we get from liquor revenue and take the temptation away from our boys and live a sober nation.
 We learn from history that no one thing has been more instrumental in the downfall of nations than the drink habit.
 Mr. Stone has been hung in effigy in parts of Missouri for his views on the war question, and some very hard things are said about him claiming he is not in sympathy with Wilson. But one thing very sure, he is a stand-patter for the brewery interests. Every movement that comes up for temperance he fights it.
 He forcibly reminds me of what I heard a preacher say in regard to one of his church doctrines: "I expect to preach this doctrine as long as I live, in spite of hell and high water."

REGISTRAR CLERKS FOR JUNE FIFTH.
 Mexico—1st. ward, L. E. Warner, John Beal, S. D. Stocks; 2nd. ward, Wm. Frazier, L. McF. Gamble, Harry Householder; 3rd. ward, C. F. Clark, Chas. Clark, C. C. Heizer, W. A. Wayne; 4th. ward, Alex. Carter, A. C. Barnes, L. C. Gove, Ran Kendall.
 Farber—S. P. Tipton.
 Vandalla—J. A. Hagan, Chas Daniels, Jr., John A. Brooks, John S. Gatson, F. B. Detienne.
 Martinsburg—Wm. G. Pike, L. D. Blanchfield.
 Benton City—J. J. F. Johnson.
 Laddonia—J. C. DeLaporte, Mrs. Alice Moss Ferris.
 Edwards—Hubert Fennewald.
 Beagles—J. J. Johnston.
 Rush Hill—Wm. Doolin, J. R. Snook.
 Union—Hiram Threlkeld.
 Crow—J. R. Gatewood.
 Black—J. F. Parker.
 Molino—P. H. Cauthorn.
 Gant—E. J. Sims.
 Burke—S. C. Groves.
 Thompson—Baker Barnes.
 Rowena—S. A. Pulls.
 Naylor—J. W. Davenport.
 Macedonia—B. B. Littrell.
 Burnham—J. G. Waggoner.
 Friendship—W. H. Angell.
 Canada—O. T. Smith.

CIRCUIT COURT CASES.
 Eli Moore has sued the C. & A. R. Co. for \$5,000, alleging that his wagon was struck by a C. & A. train at Vandalla while he was crossing the tracks last December and he received injuries for which he asks judgment.
 Roy Weatherford of Bowling Green manager of the Cotton Lumber Co. brings suit to the Audrain County Circuit Court for \$10,000 against the LaCrosse Lumber Co., alleging that the latter company "issued statements against him."
 C. H. Inlow against the C. & A. R. Co. damages, appealed from John H. Wayne's court.
 State against George West, charged with assault, appealed from H. B. Hooton's court.

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to extend our most sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors for their untiring assistance and kindly ministrations in behalf of our dear wife and daughter, in her late illness and death. God bless you all.
 Homer Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Sim Creed.

AFRICAN MISSIONARY.
 C. P. Hedges, of Longo, Africa, spoke at the Mexico Christian Church Sunday morning. Mr. Hedges is being supported by this church in missionary effort in Africa.
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Missouri Military Closing Exercises

The Graduates—Baccalaureate and Commencement Addresses—Medals Awarded.

The past few days have witnessed the commencement exercises of Missouri Military Academy. The graduates are as named below. They come, as will be observed, from different parts of Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Oklahoma, Colorado, Montana, Iowa, and Kansas.

All in all the whole student body is the brightest bunch of boys that ever attended the Academy. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered at the Christian church Sunday night by Dean G. D. Edwards of the Bible School, University of Missouri. It was a scholarly address and was listened to by a packed house.

Dr. Alfred F. Smith, St. Paul's M. E. Church, South, St. Louis, Mo., delivered the commencement address at the Methodist church Tuesday night.

The full program of all the exercises was as follows:

At the Christian Church.
 Organ Prelude, Miss Victoria Brooks.
 America, Congregation.
 Prayer, Rev. H. P. Atkins.
 Vocal Trio—"Angels Serenade," "Remember Now Thy Creator, Sudds."
 Mrs. F. N. Henderson, Captain C. C. Covey, Cadet C. Hamilton.
 Offertory, Miss Victoria Brooks.
 Trombone Solo—"Angels Serenade," G. Praga. Cadet C. Hamilton.
 Miss Jane Rodgers, Piano Accompanist.
 Scripture Reading, Dean G. D. Edwards.
 Baccalaureate Sermon, Dean G. D. Edwards.
 "Star Spangled Banner," Congregation.
 Benediction, Dean G. D. Edwards.
 Monday—Competitive Drill, 2:00 p. m., Athletic Field.
 Band Concert, 7:30 p. m., on Campus.
 Tuesday—Battalion Drill and Final parade 4:00 p. m., Athletic Field.
 Commencement Exercises, 8:00 p. m., Methodist Church.
 Overture, Dalby. M. M. A. Band.
 Invocation, Rev. S. W. Hayne.
 Vocal Trio—"Now the Day is Over," Rubenstein. Mrs. F. N. Henderson, Captain C. C. Covey, Cadet C. Hamilton.
 Commencement Address, Dr. Alfred F. Smith, St. Paul's M. E. Church, South, St. Louis, Mo.
 Vocal Quartette—"The Boys of the Old Brigade," W. Stephenson, F. Sanderson, H. Tiffen, C. Hamilton.
 Awarding Medals, Captain D. J. Savage.
 Awarding Diplomas, Col. E. Y. Burton.
 Cornet Solo—"Simple Aveu", Fr. Thome. Cadet Carroll Wax.
 Taps, Bugle Corps.
 "Star Spangled Banner," Audience.
 Reveille, Bugle Corps.

The following cadets received medals:
 Medal for scholarship, open for all cadets who carry not less than four regular studies. Given by C. A. Buckner. William M. Groves, Corder, Mo.
 Medal for most meritorious cadet, determined by Commandant's records. Given by R. D. Worrell. Fred Campbell.
 Medal for best drilled cadet. Given by Messrs. S. and N. Philip. Linguard Werre, Kahoka, Mo.
 Medal for neatest room. Given by Rolla McIntyre, Commandant's records and Col. Penn. Trimble Gregory, Springfield, Mo.
 Medal for best athlete. Given by Louis Barth. Won by Bosy Mayfield, Oklahoma.
 Medal for scholarship in Lower School. Given by F. W. Pilcher. Won by Willard Ashley Cartledge, Topeka, Kansas.
 Medal for highest standing in courtesy, industry and integrity. Given by Academy. Won by Edwin F. Vitt, St. Louis, Mo.
 Medal for best theme of 1,000 words. Given by Major Strook. Won by Walter LesRoy Stephenson, Enid, Oklahoma.
 The graduates were as follows: Fred. E. Browning, Pacific, Mo. Ernest M. Sutphen, Chicago, Ill. Carl M. Bailey, Cleveland, Ohio. John B. Mayfield, Roland, Okla. Clifford A. Anderson, St. Louis, Mo. Lyle C. Wilson, Oklahoma City. Stanley L. Brown, Chicago. Ralph K. Gholson, Broughton, Ill. Earl L. Miller, Springfield, Ill. Walter L. Stephenson, Enid, Okla. Thos. B. Anderson, Kansas City. Edwin M. Huebsch, Chicago. Donald R. Shields, Loveland, Colo. Benj. S. Dawson, Oklahoma City. Louis C. Buschman, St. Louis. Luther W. Terrett, Forsythe, Mont. Hugh L. Van Meter, Van Meter, Ia.

Steve C. Goss, Kansas City, Mo. C. Warren Burden, Hutchison, Kansas. Millington Smith, Jr., Okla. City. Wm. M. Groves, Corder, Mo. Ezekial S. Epstein, Danville, Ill. Herbert F. Tiffen, Chicago. Geo. W. Brickwell, Danville, Ill. Chas. G. Hamilton, Broughton, Ill. J. Ryland Rodes, Mexico, Mo.

The cadets' band serenaded the Hardin College girls Friday night. The band formed on the streets up town and marched to the college just as the lights were turned out. But soon many pleased faces peered from the windows. After a few selections C. A. Buckner took the Band to his home near by for refreshments, prepared by Mrs. Buckner. It was a treat much appreciated. Mr. Buckner has always shown his interest in the cadets and they called him "Our Old Friend Col. Buckner."

Among the visitors from abroad at the closing exercises of the Academy were the following: Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sutphen of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tiffen of Chicago, Mrs. Henry C. Van Meter of Van Meter, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Henderson and two daughters of Joplin, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stephenson and daughter and nephew of Enid, Okla.; Mrs. Charles J. Anderson of St. Louis.

Dr. Smith in his commencement address took for his topic, "The Soul of the Soldier." It was a scholarly and most able talk. The cadets got bits of advice they should never forget. The speaker said you can't capture the man who has the spirit of the true soldier. Upon such a spirit the world must depend for its progress. The true soldier sets himself for warfare. His first essential is obedience. He learns to obey before he can command—learns to order himself—will carry out field orders to the full. This is the glory of our American soldiery.

Col. E. Y. Burton was very proud of all the boys. He expressed himself thus, private and publicly, time and again. Says he has two young sons which he wishes to "grow up and be like the men of this class."

Capt. Savage will not be with the Academy next year. The Academy faculty and the general public will be loth to give him up.

The cadets organized an Alumni Association last week.
 In a competitive drill Cadet Corporal Weire of Tahoka, Mo., was declared to be the best drilled cadet. He is but 16 years old and his stature is but four feet and 8 inches.

The cadets answered reveille on Wednesday morning as usual. After breakfast a time was given for packing and cleaning up the rooms, after which all cadets answered to their names in the last roll of the year.

WERE MARRIED HERE.
 Mr. Thomas Martin and Mrs. Dorothy Nell, both of Hillview, Ill., were united in marriage in this city last Monday, Judge W. W. Botts officiating.

J. Montague Smith

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
 Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of Mrs. Lydia M. Renie, deceased, late of Audrain county, Missouri, have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of said County, bearing date May 3rd, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the time of the publication of this notice they shall be forever barred.

JOHN S. RENIE,
 Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
 Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of John R. Britton, deceased, late of Audrain County, Missouri, have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of said county, bearing date of May 9, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of such letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the time of the publication of this notice they shall be forever barred.

JOHN W. HOWELL,
 Administrator.

WANT ITEMS.
THE HIGHEST BIDDER

The Beal heir's property at Laddonia, Mo., 16 acres in one tract, 22 acres in another and a house and lot in town. Bids considered for all the property or any one piece. Address bids to Farmers' Bank, Laddonia, Mo.; bids to be opened at three p. m., June 1, 1917. The right reserved to reject any and all bids.

JOHN BEAL,
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