

You can't keep a good town down. Two arc lights are being placed in the Gill building.

Mexico can be made a city in spite of the old fogies.

Now if the Board of Trade will come into line Mexico will be flying.

Tax the saloons all they can stand, then stop or they will turn into gallon houses.

Give the Mining Company a lease on your land. They can't bore if you don't.

The committee to investigate the report of the grand jury is to meet Friday week.

There will be, at least, 400 horses sold at the Combination Horse Sale in Mexico March 8th.

The houses are to be numbered in a neat and tasty manner at a minimum cost to property owners.

At last Mr. Cleveland has written "I forbid" on a big pension steal. Good for Mr. Cleveland.

DAN MANSING, Secretary of the Treasury, has resigned. Fairchild is urged as his successor.

After we get through boozing Mexico there are a few minor matters we will dispose of in short order.

The Council has decided to sell the old engine and buy more horse and a horse hose reel. A good idea.

There is no doubt but that some journalists in the county have missed their calling. They should be writing law books.

Mexico can secure the hay rake factory. We have heard several gentlemen say they were ready to take stock in it.

The organization of the B. & L. is superb. Each man is peculiarly suited to the position he holds and prosperity is assured.

We are glad to know the move to build a new chapel for Hardin College has not been abandoned. This matter should be pushed.

It looks to us as though every owner of real estate who has the interest of Mexico at heart would grant the Mining Company leases.

The Centralia Guard is twenty years old and one of the best papers that comes to our table. Centralia should patronize her paper liberally.

Andraun county is fast becoming the best stock raising county in the State. We have some of the best bred horses and best bred cattle in the West.

All who have warrants at County Clerk's office should call and get them. There are warrants there two years old. That don't look like hard times.

The City of Mexico is financially now in good fix. See statement in this issue. The present Council is very frugal and has done a great deal of good work.

THE LEDGER is the only paper in Mexico to publish the resolutions in regard to B. L. Locke and A. J. Douglas. THE LEDGER publishes the news without prejudice, fear or favor.

THE LEDGER is in favor of high license. We favor fixing saloons all they can stand. From what we can learn, at least one-half the saloons of Mexico will either have to close up or the reduction in license must be granted.

LADONIA is in debt and has no money to move hand or foot. As much liquor is sold there as in any town of its size in the State. At the same time the Council will not grant a saloon license, which would pay the debts and not increase the sale of liquor.

Boys, you should secure your company for Tallmage's lecture. If you are going to take a girl, secure her company now, so the young ladies may know whether they are going to have company or not. If not they desire to buy seats on the opening day of sale.

It is true the old Council left the present one a debt, but the old Council found a debt when it went in. The old Council also bought shoes and a reel, put in tiling and macadamized, paid for new city and finished paying for the new City Hall. We think the old Council would have good work to show for the money spent. Because a Council leaves a debt is no reason any one claims a bad administration. We had no idea of leaving any such an impression in our reference to the matter.

String of Runners. From the St. Louis Republican.

W. Corrigan West has the following 2-year-olds at Mexico, Mo.: Chie or Oratorio by Mendelsohn—Sallie Mac by Tipperary; ch f by Imp. Speculator—Cousin Etta by Uncle Vic; ch f by Gov. Bowie—Duplicate by Tom Bowling, and ch f by Gov. Bowie—Lady Longstreet by Gen. Longstreet.

First-Class Newspaper Man. From the Carleton Democrat.

Bob White, of the Mexico Ledger, besides being a first-class newspaper man, it seems, is a champion euchre player.

Edgar Bennett, deputy sheriff of Callaway county, was in Mexico today en route to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, with a patient. Edgar is a "hot" deputy and never allows a man to get away from him.

A neighbor sent us in some young pig and we found some bread tickets on the street. We are in clover, sure.

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He Buys and Sells for Cash!

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NAKED FACTS.

THE LAW WHICH PRECLUDED GEO. ROBERTSON FROM ACTING FOR THE STATE.

Prosecuting Attorney Robertson Could Have Acted in No Other Way Than He Did.

Absolutely Nothing at All in the Matter—All Mere Newspaper Talk.

To the Editor of The Ledger: MEXICO, Mo., Feb. 14.—DEAR SIR: In last Wednesday's issue of the Ledger, the editor says that during the time Mr. Robertson was prosecuting Attorney the case of the State vs. Wm. Bedell was pending in the Circuit Court, and Mr. Robertson "represented both the state and the defendant." In answer to this Mr. Robertson published a card of no uncertain sound in the Ledger of Friday, in defence of the position previously taken by him, the editor of the Ledger publishes in Saturday's paper, copies of the Circuit Court records in the Bedell case. He first copies the indictment, next the record of the trial and conviction, and lastly, the motion for new trial filed by Mr. Robertson on the 11th day of Feb., 1886, four days before he was appointed Prosecuting Attorney. The records, copies of which are inserted in the editorial of Saturday, were all made prior to Mr. Robertson becoming attorney for the state, and there appears not a single line to show that after that date he represented either side of the case. These same records, in connection with the provisions of the statute enacted to reach just such cases, and in view of the well recognized principles of right, are a complete refutation of Mr. Cook's editorial of Wednesday.

Section 518, of the Revised Statutes of 1879, of the State of Missouri, is as follows: "If the Prosecuting Attorney, or assistant Prosecuting Attorney, be interested, or shall have been employed as counsel in any case in which it shall be his duty to prosecute or defend, the court having criminal jurisdiction, may appoint some other person to prosecute or defend the case."

Under this statute Mr. Robertson was barred from taking any part whatever in the prosecution of Bedell's case. He could not assume any relation to that case other than that he would have been in if he had never become Prosecuting Attorney. It was his duty as well as his privilege to continue to act as attorney for Bedell, and he was under no obligation to assist the state in securing the conviction of the defendant—in fact, he was precluded from having any part whatever in the prosecution.

This statute is merely the voicing of the well established principle that no one, after having occupied the confidential relation of attorney and confidant to one party, should assume that same relation to the other party to the controversy.

The records show that motion for new trial was filed before Mr. Robertson became Prosecuting Attorney, and the fact, not shown by the record, is that motion was argued before the court by Mr. Buckner. Mr. Robertson's predecessor in office. The main point insisted upon in that motion was whether the prosecution by the state was not barred by reason of a former conviction for the same offense. Previously to the finding of the indictment by the Grand Jury, Bedell had been arrested, tried and convicted in the city court and punished for the identical offense charged in the indictment. This former conviction was urged as a bar to the prosecution by the state, under the well established doctrine that no man shall be punished more than once for the same offense. The question whether a prosecution in a city court is a criminal action of such a nature as to bar a subsequent prosecution in a court of criminal jurisdiction, or is a civil action and hence no bar, has been, and is, one of great uncertainty. The decisions of the courts of last resort of some states hold it is a bar, and others that it is not. The decisions are very conflicting, and it is with difficulty that any court can arrive at a decision. After having heard the argument of the attorneys,

on account of the uncertainty of the law and the difficulty experienced in arriving at a satisfactory opinion, the court took the matter under advisement to be passed on at some future term of the court. This left nothing for any attorney to do until such time as this motion should have been passed upon. It would, therefore, have been useless for Mr. Robertson to have asked the court to appoint some one to represent the state, as there was nothing for him to do. Had the court overruled the motion, there would have been no need for an attorney for the state; had the motion been sustained, the court would then have appointed some attorney to try the case. It would certainly have been in bad taste for Mr. Robertson to have suggested the appointment of any particular attorney, and I suspect if Mr. Cook were a party to a suit he would not go to the attorney of the other party to get suggestions as to the lawyer he should employ.

The editorial in Saturday's Ledger, goes on further to state that Mr. Mosby says he wrote Judge Robinson, requesting him to pass on the motion for new trial, and that Judge Robinson answered that he would. Had Mr. Mosby known that this statement would be used as an argument, proving positively that Mr. Robertson had corruptly contrived while Prosecuting Attorney to defeat the administration of justice, he would certainly have informed Mr. Cook that that was not then in session, and that no order in, or disposition of any case can be made in vacation of the court without the consent of the attorneys for both sides.

The humblest citizen in the state is privileged to have the questions effecting his liberty passed upon by the highest court in the state. Had Judge Robinson overruled the motion for new trial at the time Mr. Mosby asked him to pass upon it, Bedell would have been denied his right of appeal to the Supreme Court, since all papers for the perfection of appeals—affidavits, bonds and bills of exceptions—must be filed in term time, unless permission be previously obtained in term time and entered of record that they may be filed in vacation. Had Mr. Robertson consented to the decision being made on that motion when requested by Mr. Mosby, he would have been recreant to the confidence reposed in him by his client. Had he consented he would have placed his client in the position of running a risk of being deprived of one of the dearest rights of an American citizen, that of having the highest court in the State pass upon the question of his liberty.

The records copied by Mr. Cook utterly fail to show any corrupt or improper conduct on the part of Mr. Robertson, and the facts above stated, I think conclusively demonstrate that the charges made against him by Mr. Cook are wholly without foundation.

As Mr. Cook seems to have abandoned his charges of corruption against Judge Robinson, I shall attempt no explanation of why he did not pass upon the motion for new trial in the Bedell case further than suggested heretofore, but shall leave it to be brought out at the proper time before the committee of investigation.

At the request of the gentleman accused of corruption in office, the Court has appointed a committee to thoroughly investigate their official actions. The fact that every one interested will be given an opportunity to appear before that committee to tell what he knows in the matter, and the character of the men composing it, preclude the idea that it will be a mere "whitewashing" investigation.

My only apology for writing this article in advance of the report of this committee is the desire to prevent, as far as is in my power, the usually fair minds of the people of this county from becoming prejudiced by the partial statement of facts and the constant retteration of unfounded charges. J. G. TRIMBLE.

Notice of Removal. I have purchased the old City Hall, on North Jefferson street, in the rear of Harper & Turner's, where I have moved my business. I would be pleased to see all my friends at my new stand. Butter and eggs a specialty, for which I pay cash. w-45-2t. THOS. GIBSON.

Farm for Rent. Having purchased of Jasper Bass his 80-acre farm, 7 miles north of town, we wish to rent it on liberal terms. O. D. FARRIS & SON. 1612 1/2 & w-3-3t.

See the Paris and London White shirts. The best on earth. Reinforced back and front, for sale at the Famous, Mexico, Mo. Feb. 7th. d & w. 3m.

W. J. Black, of Andraun county, purchased Jas. Thornton's farm last week for \$1,550. Mr. Thornton will have a sale soon and will probably move to Washington territory in the spring.

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Sore Eyes

The eyes are always in sympathy with the body, and afford an excellent index of its condition. When the eyes become weak, and the lids inflamed and sore, it is an evidence that the system has become disordered by Scrophula, for which Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best known remedy.

Scrophula, which produced a painful inflammation in my eyes, caused me much suffering for a number of years. By the advice of a physician I commenced taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. After using this medicine a short time I was completely cured.

My eyes are now in a splendid condition, and I am as well and strong as ever.—Mrs. William Gage, Concord, N. H.

For a number of years I was troubled with humor in my eyes, and was unable to obtain any relief until I commenced using Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This medicine has effected a complete cure, and I believe it to be the best of blood purifiers.—C. E. Gibson, St. Louis, Mo.

From childhood, and until within a few months, I have been afflicted with Weak and Sore Eyes. I have used various complaints, with beneficial results, Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and consider it a great blood purifier.—Mrs. C. Phillips, Glover, Vt.

I suffered for a year with inflammation in my left eye. Three ulcers formed on the ball, depriving me of sight, and causing great pain. After trying many other remedies, to no purpose, I commenced taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and, by taking three bottles of this medicine, have been entirely cured. My sight has been restored, and there is no sign of inflammation, sore, or ulcer in my eye.—Kendall T. Bowen, Sugar Tree Ridge, N. Y.

My daughter, ten years old, was afflicted with Scrophulous Sore Eyes. During the last two years she was almost blind of any kind. Physicians of the highest standing exerted their skill, but with no permanent success. The reason was, that a friend I purchased a bottle of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which my daughter commenced taking. Before she had used the third bottle her sight was restored, and she can now see as well as I. Her cure is complete.—W. E. Sutherland, Evansville, Shelby county, Ky.

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2 yards Red Table Damask..... 1.00
5 yards Table Linen for..... 1.00

50 doz. very large extra heavy Towels for \$1.20 per doz.

10 doz. Men's all-wool Scarlet Shirts and Drawers at 50c. each, worth 55c.

10 doz. Ladies Merino Vests at 30c each, worth 50c.
10 doz. Ladies Fine Woolen Hose, 25c. per pair, worth 40c.
10 doz. Ladies Cashmere Wool Hose, 40c. per pair, worth 65c.
25 doz. Children's Wool Hose, 15c. per pair, worth 25c.

10 Cases Men's Fine Kip Boots for \$2.35 per pair that would be cheap at \$3.00.

5 Cases Best Custom made Kip Boots (every pair warranted) at \$2.75 per pair, would be considered a bargain at \$3.50.

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