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THERE is no better place in the State for a German Church than Mexico, Mo.

NEW YORK has a law against betting. Therefore, half a million bets were made last fall.

GUESSES for the LEDGER prize, to be awarded on the fourth of April, are coming in right rapidly.

THERE may come a time when millionaires for the Senate will be out of fashion. Only billionaires will be Senators.

THE fire at Rush Hill is greatly to be regretted and we are surprised that there is no insurance on the property destroyed.

IN digging among the ruins of Pompeii they have found a piece of brass made to fit over the human cheek. The modern cheek needs none.

MR. HARRISON says that it is essential that the colored man should vote. His reticence as to the colored man holding office is, however, still noticeable.

"TEN years hence," said a member of the New York Assembly, "the fact of an adult sending a valentine will be taken as evidence that he is not a proper person to act as a guardian or trustee."

AT a young ladies' cooking school in Providence a man suddenly entered and asked if they were using baking powder or rough on rats and all the cooks fainted away. Not one of them could tell what the powder was and they feared the worst.

A PHILADELPHIA patrolman resigned his place because he was kept on a beat which had only twenty-nine saloons on it. He didn't want the earth, but he thought there ought to be at least thirty-five places where he could get a free glass.

NEAR Meriden, Conn., the remains of a fossil tree of a genus said by Herodotus to have become extinct several hundred years before the Christian era have been found. And yet our scientists set out every little while to make excavations at Babylon or Timbuctoo or some other remote spot. A little digging here at home might win a rich reward.

MEXICO is gaining a reputation throughout the country as a horse center. The annual combination sale of Clark & Potts has more than anything else served to bring this about, while the character of our horsemen and of the stock produced in this section is having the same effect. Next year will witness the coming of buyers from every State within a thousand miles and the offerings will be from all of the States of the Mississippi and Ohio valleys.

THE Seventh district was well represented at the State Democratic meeting in St. Louis on Friday and took an active part in the work accomplished. Richard Dalton, of Ralls, the State Committeeman from this district, is an active worker and a thorough organizer, who is doing all he can to make this district the banner Democratic district in the State. Audrain county was represented as follows: The county committee, F. H. Mitchell; the city committee, J. G. Trimble; the Benton City Cleveland and Thurman Club by O. P. Jones and the Mexico Cleveland and Francis Club by R. M. White. J. G. Trimble was elected committeeman from this district on "ways and means of a thorough organization of the State by school districts." We trust the meeting will result in much good and that the members of the Democratic party of Missouri will stop fighting among themselves, and in a solid phalanx march on the common enemy; and in this way, and in this way only, will our old time majorities be restored The organization of the State should be thorough and complete, so that a poll of every county in the State could be secured in 24 hours' notice. The Republicans of Missouri are well organized and the inroads they have made on the Democratic majorities are all due to this fact. Democrats should organize at once. Begin now, keep it up; find out how your neighbor is going to vote; get him to find out how his neighbor is going to vote; form clubs in every school district and attend them regularly and at the next election Missouri will surely have her old time 50,000 majority.

FACTS ABOUT SMALL-POX.

Not as Contagious as Other Diseases, Nor as Dangerous.

In conversation with a reporter the other day, a well known physician took occasion to remark on small-pox. "In the open air," he said, "there is very little danger of catching the disease if you are separated from the patient by ten feet of the light of heaven.

"In such diseases as scarlet fever and measles," continued the doctor, "there is a dissolution of the harder outer part of the cuticle, which, in the form of fine dust, permeates the atmosphere, carrying the contagion. This is not the case in small-pox, and small pox is not as contagious as scarlet fever or measles. Not only is scarlet fever contracted more easily than small-pox, but the scarlet fever germ is a much longer lived poison than that of the small-pox germ, and it can be carried in the clothing, I would say, a thousand times as long. The small-pox germ is very short-lived on exposure to the open air, and can not be carried in the clothes to the extent that most people suppose. "This is shown in the virus that is used for vaccination. The vaccine points are packed in cotton and gold beetle skin in a way that makes them perfectly air tight, and yet they lose their power in a few days. So great is the necessity of having the vaccine points fresh that they should never be more than a day old when disposed of for use.

"Small-pox is a disease much more feared than scarlet fever, and yet it is not as fatal. The death rate in small-pox cases is not over 3 or 4 per cent. It is larger in scarlet fever and scarlet fever is the more prevalent of the two diseases."

A Dying State.

From the Chicago Herald.

There is no hope for Nevada, and its population must dwindle away until but office-holders are left. So long as the San Francisco millionaires last and are willing to pay the expenses the State may continue, but when they give out, as they must in time, and no people are left to be taxed, what will the office-holders do? They, too, will have to decamp, and the State will die of inanition. But the constitutional problem will remain. There still will be 110 000 square miles of rocks and desert over which the United States Government has no more authority than over the State of Illinois. Under the Constitution Congress cannot divide a State nor add to it without the consent of the people of that State. But if the people have fled, what is to be done about it? It looks as if at no distant day Nevada would be in truth and fact a "No Man's Land."

Luke Emmerson's Case.

BOWLING GREEN, Mo., Feb. 22—A cablegram was received today by Capt. John W. Hendricks, of this city, from the attorneys of Luke Emmerson, in London, England, asking that certificates from the law officers of this place, Kansas City and St. Louis as to Emmerson's character for peace, etc., be sent to London at once. The attorneys say that Mr. Emmerson was slugged and robbed, and was defending himself when the fatal shot was fired. They think if Mr. Emmerson can show a good character—which he can—as a peaceable, quiet citizen, nothing will come of it. Robinson and Terrell have been retained in the case, and Judge Robinson is in St. Louis to-day looking up testimony for Mr. Emmerson's defense. As to his being drunk when the shooting was done, no one here believes it. While it is true that Emmerson would take a drink occasionally, no one here ever saw him drunk.

Clay on Compulsory Education.

The following interview with Senator Clay, on the compulsory education question, appears in the St. Louis *Chronicle*:

Senator Clay thinks we are drifting in that direction; the time is coming and is close at hand, when the range of legislation will be greatly extended and will no doubt include compulsory education, determine in a measure what we shall not drink and what we shall not eat. Said he: "There is, I understand, a bill pending in the house making it a misdemeanor for an individual to give a minor a chew of tobacco. I do not think compulsory education will obtain in this State for a while, but it is coming."

The Bloody Seventh.

From the Jefferson City Tribune.

The newspapers of the Seventh Congressional district have already commenced the campaign for 1890. There is more politics to the square inch in this district than in any other part of the State. Among the ablest and most eligible men named are to be found Hon. Champ Clark, of Pike, Senator Green Clay, of Audrain, and Hon. J. P. Wood, of Ralls.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barth, a daughter.

Miss Blanche Fielding, of St. Charles, is the guest of Miss Bessie Lackland.

The new firm of Sallee & Craddock is a strong one and will do a large business.

J. F. Sallee and wife, of McCredie, are visiting Mrs. Sallee's parents in this city.

Miss Senora Griggs, of this city, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hugh Tincher, at Hatton.

A marriage license has been granted A. F. Laws and Miss Mary H. Whaley, both of Callaway county.

Wood Maddox returned from St. Louis Friday where he disposed of a bunch of mules at a good profit.

Tom Yates has rented the Wells farm near Farber. It is one of the largest and best farms in Audrain county.

J. W Wright, formerly an editor on the Vandalia *Leader*, died at Jefferson City Thursday, of pneumonia, aged 24

About thirty invited young persons were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Cauthorn, northwest of Mexico, Friday night.

Joe J. Weimer, District Deputy Grand Chancellor, K of P, went to Vandalia Thursday to arrange for the organization of a new lodge at that place.

W. B. Edwards has again rented the John Bruce farm of 440 acres and pays $1,040 rent. Mr. Edwards is a fine farmer and has one of the best farms in the county.

Married, at the parsonage of the Liberty Street M. E. Church, on the 10th, J. E. Collins and Miss Tressa Pierce, both of near Rush Hill.

The Windsor Hotel is to be lighted by gas. The electric lights will be retained in the dining room and office. The hotel will be heated by steam next winter.

The small-pox scare at Shamrock has about died out and no new cases are reported. No deaths resulted and the three who were confined with the disease are about well.

A. S. Bowne and S. W. Downing, two leading citizens of the West End, were in town this week and paid the LEDGER a pleasant call. They attended the combination sale.

Dr. G. H. Nichols went to Kirksville Friday afternoon to attend the open session of the Philomathian society of the State Normal School. Dr. Nichols was formerly a member of the school.

Mrs. Isaac Frank, of Little Rock, Arkansas, formerly of Mexico, is in the city, visiting her many friends. Mrs. Frank's sons, Aaron and Simon, are engaged in the laundry business at Little Rock with much success.

Mr. Sim Brenton, north of town, has presented to S. P. Emmons a copy of the Paris, Ky., *Western Citizen*, of date Nov. 24, 1827. The paper is a typographical curiosity and can be seen at Ricketts & Emmons' store.

Mr. A. R. Bowne, of Centralia, sold to A. K. Menefee, of Perry, the fine young stallion, LeGrande, for a good round price. This horse was sired by Croswhite's famous stallion and is a promising trotter. LeGrande was sold at private sale.

Attention is called to the advertisement in this issue of Messrs. Reynerson & Simpson, who will, about April 1st, locate in this city for the purpose of training horses. These gentlemen know their business and can furnish first-class references. They propose to break, train and gait horses, and also to develop speed for the track. Read advertisement.

Deputy Grand Chancellor Joseph J. Weimer organized a lodge of Knights of Pythias at Vandalia Thursday with the following officers: P. C., Joe Blackburn; C. C., Cash Blackburn; V. C., George Fox; M. of E., Coons; M. of F., Fred Read; K. of R. & S., Williams; M. of A., G. Price. The new lodge is named Artisan and will be instituted Wednesday evening, March 6.

W. L. Craddock has purchased a half interest in the book and stationery business of J. H. Sallee. They will continue business at the old stand under the firm name of Sallee & Craddock. They have increased their capital stock to meet the demand of their growing business. Beside their book and stationery trade, they will pay especial attention to their large wall paper, room moulding and curtain business. Watch for their advertisement in the LEDGER.

At a meeting of the congregation of the Christian Church the 20th Chairman Locke continued the following committee on raising a fund and selecting a site for a parsonage: R. R. Arnold, J. M Coons, J. A. Potts, W. W. Settle and A. S. Houston. Each member of the church who contributed a dollar toward the enterprise will be entitled to a vote on the selection of a committee to take in charge the matter of looking up a site and making a purchase of the land.

THE ELEMENTS OPPOSING

Blizzardy Weather Hurts The Horse Sale.

The Auctioneers at Work in Doors With a Small Crowd—The Sales.

The third day of the combination sale opened with a clear sky and rising mercury. Overcoats were discarded and buyers and spectators crowded the ropes all day. It was not necessary to leave every few moments to keep from freezing, and as a consequence bidding was more spirited and sales were made more rapidly than on the preceding days. Many cheap animals were offered at this day's sale, but a nice grade of good ones was also put up.

Duluth Chieftan, owned by Wilson Bros., Cave City, Ky., sold to R T Freeman, 725.

Belle Highlander, bay 8 year old mare by Bales Highlander, owned by Adams, sold to Wm Miller, McCredie, 195.

Morgan Belle, sorrel 7 year old mare by Idaho, owned by Adams, sold to John Sims, 152

Kit, gray 9 year old mare by son of Guy Miller, owned by Adams, sold to John H. Hardesty, 75.

Cleveland, Jr., bay 3-year-old stallion by Imported Duke of Hayton 151, owned by Harris and sold to T. J. Phelps, Salisbuy, Mo., 400.

Tube Rose, mahogany stallion 3-year-old by Montrose, owned by J Y Sheley, New Bloomfield, Mo., sold to W Miller, of Callaway, 220.

Sister, bay 9 year old mare by a son of Ethan Allen, owned by Adams, sold to S. E. Kendall, 110.

Nonie, bay 4 year old mare owned by W. L. Fletcher, sold to C. H. Culbertson, 40.

Kit, 9 year old brown mare owned by L F. Addis, Salisbury, Mo., sold to Irvin Brown, 63.

Contest 3044 (English Stud book, Vol. 5) iron gray stallion by E Hineman, Wellington, Sussex Co., England, owned by F C Harris, Sturgeon, Mo., and sold to Wm Richards for 1,150.

Duluth, Jr., brown horse by old Duluth, best son of famous Cabell's Lexington, owned by John M Davis, Mexico, sold to F. E. Ragsdale, Monroe county, Mo., 900.

Amelrie Rives (standard producer), sorrel filley by Allaire 4312, owned by B. L. & T. M. Wilson, Cave City, Kentucky; sold to Jake Maddox, $105.

Squirrel, iron gray 2 year old by Gray Squirrel, owned by Lee & Mitchell; sold to Joseph Culwell, $61.

Sir George, bright bay gelding of Hambletonian stock, owned by Lee & Mitchell; bought by F. H Mitchell, $110.

Billy, 6 year old bay gelding, owned by Lee & Mitchell; sold to George R. Johnson, $85.

Chief, black 5 year old gelding by Mambrino Chief, owned by Lee & Mitchell; sold to F. H. Mitchell, 97.

Jake, gray gelding 5 years old, owned by W. F. Reed; sold to Joseph Botkin, 79.

Willie R., black 2 year old mare by Black Squirrel, owned by W. F. Reed; sold to Bob Potts, 100.

Katie S., sorrel 3 year old mare by Black Squirrel, owned by W. F. Reed; sold to H. W. Shoup, 111.

Jubilee, bay stallion colt 2 years old by Rysdyk Chief, owned by J. T. Donovan, St. Louis, sold to George C. Gray, St. Louis, 100.

Mark Twain, roan 3 year old stallion by Alex Gilbirds, owned by Donovan; sold to Edward Casey, 125.

Prince, dark brown stallion 5 years old by imported Black Prince, owned by Lee & Mitchell; sold to Jas Spangler, St. Louis, 150.

Lilly Stout, (standard producer), dark bay mare foaled in 1885 and sired by Woodford Pilot 1640, first dam by Ford's Almont, owned by Wilson Brothers, Cave City, Kentucky; sold to Fields Brothers, Cedar Falls, Iowa, $310.

Mary V, (standard) bay filly foaled in 1886, by Grimalkin 2482, dam by Williams' Ned Forrist, owned by the Wilsons; sold to Edward Casey, Montgomery, $235.

Leo, (No. 12, A. S. B. B. H.) draft stallion, bay, 6 years old, 16 1-2 hands, 1800 pounds, imported, owned by John M. Davis, Mexico, sold to Charles Heizer, Audrain county, $1250.

Bonnie Lad, bay stallion by Montrose, four years old, owned by L. G. Richards, Tulip, Mo.; sold to Lee Brothers, Mexico; $190.

Miss Aurelia, bay filley foaled in 1886, sired by Vendetta, first dam by Boyd's Winchester, owned by the Wilsons; sold to George Adams, Jr., 215.

Fletcher, brown gelding, owned by Shelby Day; sold to T. J. Sanford, 61.

Horace, bay gelding, owned by Richard Crook, Centralia, Mo.; sold to Silas Barnes, 105.

Blyth X. L. 4261, E. S. S. B. (No. 5, A. S. H. S. B.) bay 16 hands, 3 inches, weight, 1800, foaled in 1884 and bred by Jenkin Fleetwood, Lancashire, England; sired by Monster, dam by Bold Lincoln; owned by F. C. Harris, Sturgeon, Mo.; sold to Field Brothers, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 1850.

Ella and Liz, sorrels, 6 and 7 years old, by Denmark, owned by Lee & Mitchell, sold to R. J. Moore, $213.

Allaire 4312, brown stallion by Indianapolis, owned by the Wilsons; sold to Wm. Weaver, Molino, Mo., $300.

Maud, bay 3 year old mare by Duster, owned by Taylor Brett, Auxvasse, Mo.; sold to A. F. Reller, St. Louis, $99.

Alcum, dapple gray 5 year old imported Percheron by Cheri, by Romulus, first dam by Coco; owned by I. P. Adams, Jefferson City, Mo., sold to John Beagles, Audrain county, $825.

Bismarck, bay stallion, owned by Ed. W. Clark; sold to L. M Hendrix, Progress, Mo, 133.

Gray Ross, iron gray 3 year old stallion by Old Montrose, owned by P. T. Sappington, Sturgeon, Mo.; sold to A. J. Wren, 122 50

Leonard, brown jack, owned by John P. Arnold, William-burg, Mo; sold to W T Turner, 700

STOCK NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Dr. Tom Turner took more interest in the sale than anybody.

Ever State within a thousand miles will be represented at next year's sale.

Wilson Brothers, of Kentucky, are delighted with Missouri, her horsemen and Mexico's combination sale.

Many ladies attended the sale in the afternoon, occupying windows in the City Hall and other buildings near at hand.

At private sale Thursday W. D Lee sold his handsome sorrel gelding by Billy Botkin to W. M Crouch, of St. Louis, for $250.

True to the prediction made by the LEDGER'S black flag, the temperature dropped to the neighborhood of zero at an early hour Friday morning. The sudden fall in the temperature came in the form of a blizzard and as the frost-laden wind swept along the bald face of Promenade street, the few horsemen who had gathered there before ten o'clock drew themselves up in a knot and tried to keep warm. The conclusion was soon arrived at that it would be impossible to continue the sale out of doors and the broad passages of Morris' stables were filled with buyers and horses. The sale began at ten, but owing to the limited space afforded for an exhibition of the horses, bidding was slow and not a great deal of interest was manifested. The sales were as follows:

Winter Flower, bay stallion colt by Tenstone, owned by J. P. Brumfield, Sturgeon, Mo; sold to Fred C. Harris, Sturgeon, Mo., $160.

Star, Jr., bay yearling stallion by Star, owned by W. J. Fredde; sold to Lee Mundy, $70.

LeGrand, 3 year old stallion by Mambrino LeGrand, Jr., first dam Dolly Varden, owned by P. R. Smith, Jacksonville, Mo.; sold to J. R. Campbell, Columbia, $70.

Ross, Jr., bay 2 year old stallion by Charlie Ross, owned by C. H. Bruce, Thompson, Mo; sold to R. W. Edmonston, $160.

Bay Alfred, 4 year old stallion by Moss Rose, owned by Roy Phillips; sold to W. L. Green, Centralia, $500.

Royal Ned, dark bay 6 year old stallion by Old Ned Forrist, owned by F. N. Furnish, Granville, Mo., sold to C. Guthrie, $390.

Minnie Parrish, black jennet by Warrior jack, owned by the Wilsons, Kentucky; sold to Jas. Surber, $76.

Sue Allie, black jennet by Thompson jack, owned by the Wilsons; sold to R. R. Buckner, $75.

Belle, black 4 year old jennet by Marengs Mammoth, owned by the Wilsons; sold to Jas. Surber, $58.

Dora Dirktum, black jennet, owned by Hiram McKinney, Cairo, Mo.; sold to Earl Cunningham, $91.

Queen, black jennet by Old Bob, owned by McKinney; sold to W. O. Johnson, $116.

Daisey, black jennet owned by McKinney; sold to J. W. Harris, $56.

Blue Bell, mouse colored jennet owned by McKinney; sold to R. R. Buckner, $68.

Black Susan, black jennet owned by C. L. Boyd, Concord, Mo.; sold to Henry Spurling, $60.

Black Susan, black jennet by imported Mammoth, owned by J. W. Rodgers, Mexico, Mo.; sold to R. T. Freeman, $136.

Jack and Jim, 7 year old mules owned by T. W. Stewart; sold to Frank Carter, $251.

Bill and Billy, mules owned by Clark & Surber, sold to W. E. Sims, $155.

Robbin, blood bay stallion 2 years old by Cleveland Bay, first dam, a Morgan mare, owned by C. H Bruce, Thompson, Mo., sold to Wilson Brothers, Cave City, Kentucky, $205.

The sale closed at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The auctioneers, Johnson and Atchison, have made a splendid record.

Though the weather for the most part was unfavorable, the daily attendance was good.

The sale next year will consume a week and the offerings will be the finest ever made in the West. The day is approaching when the Mexico, Missouri, Combination sales will vie with those of Lexington, Kentucky.

Among the buyers here from a distance was Mr. C. J. Field, junior member of the firm of Field & Brother, proprietor of the celebrated Cedar Falls Stock Farm, Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Messrs. Field are importers of Shire and Cleveland Bay horses, a great many of which pass through their hands annually. Their firm is one of the best known in the country and the largest in the West. Mr. Field made a number of good purchases here. He was accompanied by his wife. They left for their home last night.

THE SALE IS OVER.

Most Successful Offering of Stock Ever Made in the West.

The great combination sale closed Friday afternoon. The aggregated sales will reach $50,000. About two hundred horses were sold in the four days of the sale. Next year the number of entries will be double this.

The success of Clark & Potts' combination sale this year strikingly illustrates the result always attendant upon a spirit of indomitable pluck and energy, such as these two gentlemen possess. The combination sale just closed was instrumental in bringing to Mexico hundreds of dollars which would otherwise have never found lodgment here. But small is the amount of actual money paid to the merchants, restaurant keepers and hotel keepers in comparison with the advertising this city and county have been given by the sale. Every one of the great newspapers of Kansas City and St. Louis sent out to its thousands of readers each morning during the progress of the sale a complete account of the transactions of the day before. Men of wealth and standing have been with us from many States, and upon their return home they can but sound the praise of the live, energetic people they found in Mexico and Audrain county, Missouri.

If all of the valuable enterprises suggested each year were taken in hand by level-headed enthusiasts, our calendar would soon be running over with events of importance. Clark & Potts have set a fitting example; and we trust those of our citizens of good intentions but with the lack of energy and faith to carry into effect their ideas, will take heart and abide by the lesson so plainly set before them.

A Golden Wedding.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

MEXICO, Mo., Feb. 22.—Yesterday, at their home north of Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Williams celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

On February 21st, 1839, Mr. G P. Williams was married to Miss Elizabeth Goatly, both living in county at the time. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. C. Mansfield, who is still living. Mr. Williams, known as "Uncle Gid" and Mrs. Williams, as "Aunt Betsy," for 50 years have lived within two miles of where they were married. Uncle Gid was one of the first settlers of the county and entered the land he is now living on from the Government.

In thinking of the past, Mr Williams said he voted against Harrison in 1840, to see him elected, and again against Harrison in 1888 to see his vote defeated. During these fifty years, Uncle Gid has not missed an election, nor voted anything but a straight Democratic ticket. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have watched the coming and going and sometimes death, of their old neighbors until now, no one is left except Mrs. Jas. Sims, who helped them eat their wedding dinner of '39.

At the golden wedding dinner, which was elegant in every particular, were present about forty guests, five children, twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Many beautiful presents were presented to Uncle Gid and Aunt Betsy by their numerous friends as a token of the high esteem in which the old couple are held by their neighbors. It was truly a happy occasion and the guests dispersed thankful for the good life and example of Mr. and Mrs. Williams and praying God to spare them yet many years. J. O'R.

A Card.

To the Editor of the Ledger.

RUSH HILL, Mo., Feb. 22.—I desire to return thanks through the LEDGER to every one who assisted in the work of fighting the fire Wednesday night. I especially wish to return thanks to the ladies who saved many valuables from my office. J. B. CLARK, SR.

COMBINATIONS AND TRUSTS.

Senator Clay Jumps the Combine With Both Feet—His Bill at Length.

Senator Clay, of Audrain county, has introduced a bill in the Senate at Jefferson City "to prevent the formation of trusts or combinations to control the production or regulate the price of articles of general use and consumption." The full text of the bill is as follows:

BILL introduced by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

SEC. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any firm or incorporated company, or any number of firms or incorporated companies, or any unincorporated company or association of persons or stockholders, to form or organize any trust, (for the purpose of controlling the production or manufacture, or of regulating or fixing the price, of any article or product of the soil, farm or factory which enters into general use and consumption by the people,) or to enter into any combination, or to delegate to any one or more board or boards of trustees or directors the power to conduct and direct the business of the whole number, of firms, corporations, companies or associations which may have or which may propose to form a trust, combination or association inconsistent with the provisions of this section and contrary to public policy.

SEC. 2. No certificate of stock or other evidence of interest in any trust, combination or association, as named in section one (1) of this act, shall have legal recognition in any court in this State and any deed to real estate given by any person or firm or incorporation for the purpose of becoming interested in such trust, combination or association, or any mortgage given by the latter to the seller, as well as all certificates growing growing out of such transactions, shall be void.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the secretary of State, after the passage of this act, to address to the president, secretary or treasurer of each incorporated compay doing business in this State, a letter of inquiry as to whether the said corporation has merged all or any part of its business or interest in or with any trust, combination or association of persons or stockholders, as named in section one (1) of this act, or is in any respect under such control, and to require an answer, under oath, of the president, secretary or treasurer, or any director of said company. A form of affidavit prescribed by the Secretary of State shall be enclosed in said letter of inquiry, and on refusal to make oath in answer to said inquiry, the Secretary of State shall immediately revoke the charter of said company, and make publication of such revocation in four newspapers of general circulation in the four largest cities of the State.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, upon satisfactory evidence that any company or association of persons duly incorporated and operating under the laws of this State have entered into any trust or combination or association, as provided in section one (1) of this act, to give notice to such corporation that unless they withdraw from and sever all business connection with said trust, combination or association, their charter will be revoked at the expiration of ninety days from the date of such notice.

SEC. 5. Any incorporated company now operating under the laws of this State, and which, at the date of this act going into effect, may be interested in any trust, combination or association named in section one (1) of this act, or any firm, incorborated or unincorporated company or association of persons or stockholders who shall enter into or become interested in such trust, combination or association after this act shall take effect, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be subject to a fine not less than ten nor more than ten thousand dollars: Provided, that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to deprive any incorporated company of the time provided for in section four (4) of this act in which to effect severance and settlement

In the Fourth District.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., February 20.—Complete returns from the Fourth District confirm the election of R P. C. Wilson, Democrat, of Platte County, as member of the Forty-first Congress by 655 plurality over Frank M. Posegate, Republican, of Buchanan County. Posegate carried St. Joseph by the largest majority ever given, and Buchanan county, also every county in the district except Platte, which gave Wilson sufficient majority to elect Chas. F. Booher, of Andrew County, for the unexpired term in the Fiftieth Congress, was elected over Posegate by a still larger vote, no fight being made in the latter race.

A Pleasant Affair.

Correspondence of the Ledger

SALT RIVER, Feb. 20.—We had the pleasure of being at a grand reception given to Mr. John Beatty and wife by the groom's father at the residence of Mr. Ed. Beatty, on the 7th. There were about ninety persons present. Everybody had a good time, wishing the happy bride and groom a long and happy life. Y. Z.

Mrs. Rebecca Cary, the venerable mother of Gen. Sam'l F. Cary, who lectured here recently, died last Tuesday night at the residence of the General, in Hamilton county, Ohio, at the advanced age of 98 years. She died on the 75th birthday of her noted son. The family is an illustrious one, descended from the early colonial governors of Connecticut.

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GONE UP IN SMOKE.

Rush Hill Again Sacrifices to the Flames—The Losses Very Heavy.

The explosion of a coal oil lamp in the kitchen of J. B. Clark, Jr., at Rush Hill the 20th at 6 o'clock started a fire that at one time threatened to destroy the entire town. As it is, the entire business portion of the place is gone and the loss will be severely felt. The fire originated in the large frame building occupied as a residence and hardware store by J. B. Clark, Jr., and in a moment the entire end of the house was a mass of flames. The citizens were powerless, owing to the limited supply of water and entire absence of fire-fighting apparatus and the flames had their own way. The entire block in front of the depot was soon enveloped and in an hour the row was a mass of smoking embers. The lumber yard owned by J. B. Clark, Sr., caught afire from the flying coals and in a few moments was entirely destroyed.

VERY LITTLE INSURANCE.

The Clarks were not insured at all and their combined losses will reach $5,000.

There was only $100 insurance on all of the burned buildings and it is impossible to state how it is divided. A. Pike is reported to have insurance on his household goods, which were partially destroyed.

Special Dispatch to the Ledger.

RUSH HILL, Mo., Feb. 21.—The loss on the building of the Peery estate is almost $1000, insured for $500. J. Pike, who occupied a part of the Clark building, saved all of his effects. The household effects of nearly all of those affected by the fire were saved. Mrs. J. B. Clark had one of her hands badly burned while fighting the fire at its beginning and J. B. Clark, Jr., was badly burned about the face.

A SMALL-POX SCARE.

An Old Frenchman Who Created a Panic in a Grocery Store.

A dozen men were standing near the radiator in Paul's grocery store on the West Side this morning, discussing the Shamrock small-pox scare, when a little old man, with the face of a foreigner, opened the door and came in. He was bundled up to the ears in mufflers as though he was very cold, and as he walked up to the heater he observed in a loud voice:

"Meester Paul, I have ze small pox—"

Then there was a general scamper, and strong men climbed over each other in their endeavors to get away from the little man. The proprietor got on top of the counter and the clerks sought the cellar.

"For heaven's sake, what—" cried a man who had gotten into a corner and whose only means of egress was to pass the muffled up stranger.

The little foreigner stood bewildered for five minutes, then turning around, he started out, murmuring:

"I was going to say zat I had ze small pox of butter zat I promeesed to pring ven I come in again; but if you don't vant him—vy, all right."

The clerks came up out of the cellar, the customers reappeared and then one man remarked:

"That same thing happened to me ten years ago, when a man who couldn't talk good English came into my store with the remark that he had 'the small pox of eggs he had bromised to pring.'" And then every man in the store remembered having heard of the story and each one of them kicked himself until he was tired.

Judge J. D. Barnett, of Montgomery City, went to Jefferson City Monday and appeared before the Supreme Court and asked that a writ of habeas corpus be granted for the release of Dick Dusenberry on bail. The writ was granted and the motion will be argued the 4th of March, at which time the highest tribunal will decide whether Dusenberry can be bailed.