



BEE ON TIME.

The man who missed the steamer which went down with all hands contended that it was a good thing to be always on time, but his case was the exception which proves the rule.

WORRELL, THE JEWELER.

James Dowell is very sick. Mexico needs paved streets. Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rutter, of this county, a son.

On August 23rd Mr. J. Mapes and Miss Eliza were married. Only 20,000 people paid to see the World's Fair last Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Armstrong is attending the Baptist Association at Auxvasse. W. W. Harper's new house in South Mexico is one of the best in the city.

Ex-Congressman John E. Hutton and W. H. French are at Harris Springs.

Chas. Vasher, formerly of Mexico, now of St. Louis, is visiting his friends here. Capt. Matheson is home from a pleasant visit to Niagara on the Lake Ontario.

Miss Kate Pollard, of Shelbyville, Ill., is the guest of her brother, John M. Pollard.

The party who lost a young bird dog has the same by calling at the LEDGER office.

A marriage license has been granted to Rev. S. R. Reno and Miss M. R. Jamison, of Vandalia.

Born, Aug. 26, at Springfield, Mo., to Bert White and wife, Nettie Hardin, a daughter.

Hon. A. B. Medley's son is erecting for D. M. Roberts, south of town, quite a handsome residence.

There will probably be a couple of weddings in Mexico, if not more after the next term of Circuit Court.

Commodore Winn says he has found a spring on his farm which flows four gallons of water to the minute.

J. D. Orear, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of Audrain county, won three cases in the Justice Court this week.

W. Hampton Rothwell returned to Pike Stone, Minn., Sunday night after a visit to his cousin, James Armstrong.

Miss Sophia Schaefer left today for Galveston, Tex., to visit her sister, Mrs. O. A. Walker, and other relatives.

A. W. Cook, of Monroe county, was in Mexico to-day en route to Princeton, N. J., to attend the Theological School.

When in Laddonia go and see Miss Ida Spencer's new millinery. All the latest style and very pretty kid gloves especially.

Robert McDonough, who had the contract for building a new residence for Mr. E. D. Graham, has about completed one of the best jobs done in Mexico.

Dr. Hawkins, of Ralls county, has moved to Mexico to educate his children. His home is on East Promenade street. Mexico is glad to have such citizens within her borders.

C. R. Webster, of Laddonia, has sold his 2 year old pacer to Messrs. Patton & Leonard, of Wellsville. The colt is quite speedy now without any work and it is believed he will make a pacer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller, of Gant, have issued cards for the wedding of their daughter, Addie M., and Dr. J. E. Wallace. The affair takes place Wednesday evening, Sept. 6, at 6:30.

Harry S. Jacks, son of John W. Jacks, editor of the Montgomery City Standard, has been appointed to a cadetship in the Missouri State University by Senator Weeks.

Loans

On farms in Audrain County we make a specialty of negotiating. We make as low rates as can be made. We also make loans of Building and Loan funds on City property to the extent of one-half the value. These loans are made for a definite number of months. Come and see us.

Yours Truly, GUTHRIE & GENTRY, MEXICO, MISSOURI.

IT TOOK LIFE TO BUILD IT.

A Synopsis of a Sermon Preached in This City Sunday Night.

An interesting preacher said in an interesting sermon in Mexico Sunday night that a young lady on being examined for a certificate found among other questions in history, this one: "Where is the most wonderful bridge in the world?"

The lady thought of all the wonderful bridges in the Old World, then of all the great structures in the New World and finally decided the Brooklyn suspension bridge to be the most wonderful. She was surprised to find she was mistaken. That the most wonderful bridge in the world is that which spans the Mississippi River at St. Louis, one half of which rests on the boundary of her native state.

We all look for something wonderful abroad and do not think of the wonders we have at home. Not only have we the most wonderful bridge, but the most wonderful water fall, the most wonderful chain of inland lakes and Uncle Sam is the most wonderful man and the Goddess of Liberty the most wonderful woman in the whole world.

Speaking of that bridge in St. Louis—the securing of the piers for the foundation cost life and money. "I do not know," said the speaker, "the number of lives that were lost in getting the piers to stand. I could not ascertain how much was paid to each man for work while securing the foundation—probably \$12 per hour.

The black or white dampt got hold of them and many lost their lives while others came away wrecked in health for life. Getting the foundation cost money and life. Getting the foundation, or making it possible to lay the foundation of Christian character, cost the richest jewel in Heaven's crown.

Neither Gabriel nor Michael could have laid that and Christ said I will take upon myself man's flesh and form and in his humiliation and my divinity I will lay the foundation upon which religious character can be constructed and with humanity he laid the foundation on earth and with his divinity the foundation in Heaven and thus stretched from earth to Heaven the great suspension bridge whereby the sons of men might find place in Heaven and only those who have humanity and divinity ever cross the bridge that spans that mighty chasm between earth and Heaven."

THE BIG SHOW OF THE WORLD

Twenty-Second Annual Tour of Sells Brothers' Enormous United Shows.

On Wednesday, September 20th, the famous Sells Brothers will visit Mexico with their entire colossal unit of Circuses, Menagerie, Moorish Caravan and Spectacular Pilgrimage to Mecca, Regal Roman Hippodrome, Olympian Elevated Stages, Tropical Aquarium, Aviary, Royal Japanese Troupe, Arabian Nights Entertainments and splendid Free Street Parade.

Had not Adam Forepaugh made his final exit from mortality's great arena, presumably to manage "a galaxy of stars" elsewhere, he would be forced to concede that Sells Brothers now have essentially the Greatest Show on Earth, and the only legitimate one of its kind left. A menagerie which includes among many rare wild beasts the only pair of full grown giant Hippopotami, worth \$100,000, is something to boast of.

Other notable exclusive features are a most singular Hairless Horse, a whole flock of stately Ostriches, and the tiniest pair of cattle ever known—veritable mites of olddom. The programme of Hippodrome races is upon a true imperial scale, and introduces the greatest drivers, riders and athletes of both sexes, including an astonishing troupe of Berber and Bedouin gymnasts. The newly-devised spectacle of the Pilgrimage to Mecca will introduce many rich, striking and romantic novelties. Excursion rates on all roads.

Welcome to Mexico. A large number of people are moving to Mexico to secure our school advantages. Among those lately moved here are J. B. Hawkins and family.

In referring to them, the Center, Ralls County, Courier says: Dr. J. B. Hawkins and family (with the exception of Miss Ursie, who will visit relatives at New London and Frankford) left for Mexico Tuesday morning where they will take up their permanent residence. Dr. Hawkins is a fine physician, an energetic and progressive business man, and he and his family leave many friends here, among whom they have lived for many years, who were sorry to see them go.

Mattie Vickers in the "Circus Queen." Those who wish to spend a couple of hours in real enjoyment can be amply satisfied at the Grand Opera House September 1, when Miss Mattie Vickers, the favorite sobrette, will give performance of "The Circus Queen." It is a very pretty comedy drama, in which songs and dances are introduced in just the right places and are given in artistic style. The songs are taking, the dancing is graceful and the fun is honest and clean.

Miss Vickers never appeared to better advantage and her versatility and charming ingenuousness are given wide scope. W. H. Lawler is home from Sturgeon.

\$850.00 WILL BUY A NICE HOUSE AND TWO ELEGANT LOTS

in a good part of town. House is new; four rooms and a hall. The lots alone are worth the money. Will be sold on easy terms. This property is a big bargain. Call on CLUSTER & WARDEN, Office South of the Court House.

Hicks for September.

Cooler weather about the 3rd; storms on the 6th; new moon on the 10th with electrical crisis; disturbance about the 11th or 15th. Earthquakes and cyclonic storms are probable. A thousand to one earthquakes prove harmless, so will cyclones and human life, when all prepare and watch for them. The 17th and 18th are minor storm periods aggravated by earth's equinox and moon's first quarter. Keep open eyes! The same causes with Vulcan and Mercury added, will conspire for the fray about 12th to 25th. Cool nights and frost north will follow. About 29th and 30th warmer and stormy.

"The Daisy"

Is the only Corn Harvester in the market provided with levers for quick adjustment of the knives. You can draw in the knives to pass a stump or gullows hill.

Combination Horse Sale.

At Centralia on September 5, 6 and 7, Messrs. Jacobs and Potts, the well-known horse men, will have their first annual sale of fancy saddlers, single drivers, coach and carriage teams. The sale will be one of the largest ever held in this part of the state, as there are over one hundred head of horses, all good ones, catalogued. The sale will be held in the city park. Send for 50 page catalogue to Jacobs & Potts, Centralia, Mo. See advertisement in the LEDGER.

Church Wedding.

Miss Maggie McIntyre, daughter of Wm. McIntyre, who lives a few miles south of Mexico, and Mr. Robert Throckmorton, one of Audrain's most successful farmers, were married last Sunday night by Rev. Mr. Gibbs at Union Chapel. The bride is one of Audrain's most popular young ladies and the groom a sturdy, industrious and successful young man. The LEDGER joins a host of friends in extending the warmest congratulations.

We pay good prices for all old school books in use in Audrain Co. E. H. CARTER & CO.

A New Firm.

Rozier Hall has resigned his position with the Famous and purchased a half interest in the millinery store of Miss Ida Rosamond. The firm will carry a full line of notions and a complete stock of ladies' furnishing goods. Miss Rosamond and Mr. Hall will leave in a few days for Chicago and the East, where they will purchase one of the largest stocks of goods ever brought to Mexico.

School books sold reasonable at E. H. CARTER & CO. The Washington District Sunday School will have its annual picnic on Friday, September 1st, in B. F. James' pasture, about two miles south of Mexico. The speakers on this occasion will be Revs. A. E. Rogers, J. H. Jackson and Mr. J. V. Williams. Speaking will begin at 10 a. m. The public is cordially invited.

The Daisy Corn Harvester Seems to be attracting no small amount of attention. We see crowds of farmers in front of Ferris' examining the merits of the Daisy. The Daisy saves a farmer \$10 to \$15 per day. Two men will cut and shock 200 to 300 shocks of corn per day.

Mrs. Dr. J. W. Jesse and daughter, of Santa Rosa, Cal., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jesse of this city. Dr. Jesse will arrive in a few days and take his family to the World's Fair at Chicago and will also visit New York. Dr. Jesse formerly lived in this county and is now one of California's most prominent physicians.

E. H. Carter & Co. wish to notify the people that their line of school books and school supplies is complete and prices as low as can be had anywhere.

Rev. Peyton Stephens and wife, of Columbia, were in Mexico Monday while on their way to Auxvasse to attend the Baptist Association meeting there this week. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have been elected to go to China as missionaries and will depart for that far off country next month. They are a newly married couple.

Save money and take your old school books to E. H. Carter & Co., for exchange.

One bay mule, 15 hands and 3 inches high, 11 years old, bluish on one fore foot, shod in front. This animal strayed from my residence, six miles north of Mexico, August 19th. Will pay a liberal reward for the return of the same. J. H. DILLARD.

Dr. W. A. Rothwell, of Moberly, had two ribs broken and was injured internally by being thrown from a buggy this week.

Cheaper Light.

THE INSURANCE LICENSE DISCUSSED, BUT NO ACTION TAKEN.

The Electric Light Matter to be Submitted to The People—Other Business Transacted.

There were no members absent at the meeting of Mexico's municipal body Monday evening.

Heretofore Mexico has been paying \$1,500 per annum for her electric lights, eleven in number. The company now proposes to furnish twenty are lights for \$1,080 per annum, the lights in public places to burn all night, others till 12 o'clock—moonlight schedule. A five-year contract is asked for and the company agrees to give the city advantage of any invention that might occur during the five years by which electric light can be produced cheaper than at present. The matter will be submitted to a vote of the people on Saturday, Sept. 30.

The contract reads that the city may have more than twenty lights if it desires at the \$1,080 rate—\$7 per month apiece. The lights are to be placed according to the Council and its electric light committee's suggestions.

The body argued the insurance license matter, but did nothing with it. Recently the insurance companies' license was raised in this city from \$10 apiece per annum to \$15. To meet this increase, which amounts to about \$200 per year, the companies threaten to raise the rates in this city to such a figure that they will realize \$2,000 more per annum in future here in Mexico than they did before the license was raised \$200. Mayor Lupton said Mr. Fetter, the representative of the insurance men, offers to reduce the rate from the proposed increased figure provided the Council would lower the license and keep two men at the fire engine room. The Mayor was in favor of lowering the license if the companies would decrease the insurance rates. He said that our business men and others had to carry insurance and he thought if our people's pocket books were benefited it ought to be done. Ben C. Johnson and J. M. Davis opposed a reduction in the license. Mr. Johnson thought it was "backing down" to the insurance companies and he was bitterly opposed to it. J. M. Davis said if necessary he thought we could insure in non-board companies and withdraw from the underwriters. He said Mexico now paid as high a rate as Salisbury and they had no water works there. Mr. Sannebeck thinks the companies are trying to "run a game of bluff" and that they tried it in Sedalia and it failed.

OTHER BUSINESS.

G. D. Ferris was ordered to stop up stairway leading into basement in rear of his building occupied by the Boston Shoe Store.

Councilman Armstrong reported that Mr. Bradley had repaired the hedge fence this side of the cemetery, which was injured by trimming. W. W. Fry, in behalf of Mrs. John P. Clark, presented a bill claiming \$300 damage from the city, for the way the hedge was injured. The bill was "laid on the table."

Councilman Ben Johnson said he had examined the grade profiles, and found them all right except the grade by Mr. Joe Boyd's property needed lowering about one foot, and Water street, back of J. F. Llewellyn's property needed raising somewhat from Armstrong & Baskin's building down to the corner north. Mr. Johnson said the city had a number of streets to grade.

On motion of W. O. Johnson, it was ordered that a bridge be built across the branch, on North Washington street, provided the city was deeded the streets and alleys in what is known as Coons' Grove. Ben Johnson and Andy Harrison voted against this motion.

S. M. Gilbert, the Episcopal Church, J. J. Gail, J. W. Ritener, County Jail and J. R. Baker were notified to repair their respective sidewalks.

Street Commissioner Biggers will grade on Breckenridge street, in College addition, preparatory to putting down sidewalk ordered in front of Mrs. Kelson's property at a recent meeting.

The bill presented several weeks since by the Mexico Machine and Music Company was not allowed. Neither was that of Mrs. Mary Clark. Both bills asked damages of the city which the Council considered unjust.

The committee appointed to examine into the proposed extension of the sewer outlet in east Mexico recommended that 800 feet of pipe be bought and secure right of way from Mr. Garrett and purchase of Mr. Hitt necessary land. It was ordered.

The Street Commissioner was ordered to purchase rock for the macadamizing of North Jefferson street and not to pay over 70 cents per yard for same.

For Sale—Molasses barrels at R. C. Paul's. 41w

X. P. Willey, who has been visiting his brother, E. S. P. Willey, Santa Fe, was in Mexico to-day. He left for Fayette this afternoon and will attend Central College again this year.

A PEN PICTURE.

An Exact Description of a Typical Case of Chronic Malaria.

A yellow skin, a shallow complexion, dark circles about the eyes, a furred tongue with bad breath, a bitter taste and bad digestion, are sure signs of malaria. Not exactly sick, but wretched; not quite delirious, but got the blues "badly"; not confined to the bed, but not fit for business; losing flesh, losing blood, losing all interest in everything; dizzy after stopping, short of breath on slight exertion, weak and nervous, easily fatigued, restless, tremulous, sleepless. Nothing but malaria can so completely undo a person without putting him to bed, nothing can so irresistibly demoralize mind and body.

There is only one cure. Everybody who has had experience with malaria know what the cure is. Pe-ru-na exactly hits the case. It not only cleanses the blood of all malarial poison, but it promptly mitigates the bad symptoms and leaves the brain clear and nerves steady. It cures without delay, without exceptions and without any ill effect whatever.

A complete treatise on malaria and other summer diseases, entitled, "Aurora," sent free to any address by The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

An Unnatural Lynx.

In C. G. Baker's court at Worcester Tuesday Cinch McDonald and Staunton Bell were tried for disturbing the peace. They are both colored. McDonald got in a fight with Bell at the Mt. Zion colored church Sunday and shot at Bell. John Oread acted as prosecuting attorney and Pat Cullen represented the defense. Bell was convicted of disturbing the peace and fined \$5 and costs and McDonald was fined \$50 for carrying a pistol and \$5 and costs for fighting. They had no money and went to jail. There was an amusing feature of the trial. The defense tried to prove that McDonald had been carrying the weapon to kill a lynx which had imperiled the community. The negroes described the animal as having long fossils on its ears and very green eyes and was about the size of a big calf.

Sheriff See came up from Montgomery county to-day and is evidently on a warm trail. He would make a good United States Detective. Mr. See took the negro Cole, charged with attempted rape, to Montgomery this afternoon and he will have his preliminary hearing to-morrow.

Don't buy a blood purifier because it is "cheap." The best—the superior medicine—Ayer's Sarsaparilla, is, in the end, the cheapest blood purifier in the market. The ingredients of which it is composed are the most expensive and medicinally efficacious that can be obtained.

Don't forget the public sale of the Lanius property on Thursday, August 31st. The advertisement of this property is found in this issue of the LEDGER. You are liable to miss a bargain if you don't attend this sale.

"Annianis", the colored boy who had numerous fits on the streets of Mexico, is dead. He died at his home just south of West Liberty street, in the vicinity of Mike Jordan's residence.

Elder Benson, of North Salem, Ind., will preach at the Monroe street Baptist church at 3 o'clock p. m., Thursday, August 31st.

Mrs. W. H. French, Mrs. C. A. Grassell, Miss Talbot and Mrs. H. T. Brooks left for the World's Fair at Chicago last night.

Mattie Vickers in "The Circus Queen" at the Grand Friday night. Seats now on sale at J. M. Pollard's.

Misses Lulu McBee and Nettie Givens returned to-day from Chicago, where they took in the World's Fair.

Everyone knows Mattie Vickers to be one of America's best actresses in her line. Why should the Grand not be filled Friday night.

Worcester, Mo., Aug. 30.—Miss Minnie Berry, who has been sick with malarial fever, is improving. Mr. Albert Scherer and sister, Clara, returned home Friday from Callaway county where they have been visiting the past week.

Mr. Dee Guy and family of Callaway, are visiting at Mr. J. M. Azdell's.

Miss Allie Farrar and Mr. Sam Burns, of Mexico, spent Sunday at Mr. J. R. Hodges'.

Miss Polly LaForce is visiting friends and relatives in Martinsburg.

Mrs. W. H. Wright, of Mexico, is visiting friends here.

Mr. H. Marthland, who has been visiting in Marion county and Shelbyville, returned home Monday. He reports corn in that locality much better than around here.

Mr. G. W. Simons, who has been visiting relatives and friends at Pendleton, has come back here on a visit.

C. F. Yergler is a lucky fisherman. Mr. Yergler went fishing Monday afternoon and caught several fine bass and cat. He left his hooks set over night and on returning to the creek next morning found on one hook a 21 inch channel cat and on the other a 23 inch cat fish of the same species. Both fish weighed seven pounds.

Howard Bickley is arranging to attend Law School at the State University this year and will take a thorough course. Howard is a young man of good education, fine habits and very ambitious and we feel sure he will succeed in his chosen profession.

The St. Louis Republic says: Mr. Brand is reported as being "still a Democrat." Why not? A man need not cease to be a Democrat because he is courageous and a consistent advocate of free silver coinage.



A Fortunate Find

Is a delightful discovery. Most discoverers are travelers, and travelers need good foot-wear. The finest discoverers in footwear now-a-days are made at Griffie & Martin's Shoe Store. Those visiting the store make a handsome discovery and a saving of money at the same time. Every purchaser obtains footwear that couldn't be better at prices that couldn't be lower. This is a double economy in quality and price. Our shoes are just the fit for the foot and the pocket-book; you'll fit both to a T by a purchase on our stock. This week we're selling \$6.00 Cordovan Bitchers for \$5.00.

GRIFFIE & MARTIN'S

Shoe House, North Side Public Square.

LIBERTY ITEMS.

Correspondence of the Ledger. LIBERTY DISTRICT, August 30.—Bro. Ready preached his farewell sermon at Pleasant Grove Sunday.

Mr. W. Harding will move to Mexico this week. Miss Dora will attend Hardin College.

There will be a colt show at the Woodland Stock Farm, one mile west of Hatton, Sept. 9th. All that are interested in fine horses will find it to their advantage to attend.

Sterling Carter, one of Audrain's most prosperous farmers and leading stock men, visited Callaway friends last week. He was accompanied by his wife and two daughters, Lena and Helen.

Misses Maud, Susie and Katie Henderson have returned to their home in Fulton after a three weeks visit to relatives and friends in the neighborhood.

J. W. Pollard and sister, Miss Bertha, spent a few days with their sister, Mrs. S. K. Black.

Jas. Pledge has returned from a weeks visit in Louisiana. Miss Annie Leeper began an eight months school in Audrain County Monday.

Miss Hattie Henderson will begin a six months school at Concord on Sept. 4.

Wm. Fry and J. W. Bailey are at the World's Fair.

Mrs. Emmons, of Audrain county, is spending the week with her son, Chas. Emmons.

RUSH HILL ITEMS.

Correspondence of the Ledger. RUSH HILL, Mo., Aug. 30.—Rush Hill is sure a noted place for picnics. Two in one week and both were a success. Many good speakers were present.

Judge S. E. Kendall shipped a car load of choice cattle Sunday to Chicago.

Mr. Wm. Feutz and wife returned Monday to St. Louis from a week's visit to relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. A. Betts is visiting relatives at Armstrong this week.

What looked more natural than to see the Kemp brothers at a dance in Rush Hill?

Miss Nettie Ridgeway attended a picnic at Middletown Saturday and reports a pleasant time, but hated to say good-by, Bob.

Rush Hill is about to drown in the dust. Richard Bick and Wilford Yates, both of Monroe City, are the guests of John Bick, of Rush Hill.

The Maxwell brothers made their stay short at the strip. They got no land, but got sick of their trip before they reached "home, sweet home."

YOUNGS CREEK ITEMS.

Correspondence of the Ledger. YOUNGS CREEK, Mo., Aug. 28.—The corn crop is materially damaged by the drought.

The wheat crop yielded about 3 1/2 bushels per acre; oats crop 15 to 20 bushels per acre. Stock is dry enough to burn. Grass hogs 5 cents per pound. There are few calf buyers. They are going from \$10 to \$12.50 for the best.

Mule colts are entirely neglected. There is less trade in the country than there has been for many years. Every one is crying hard times. Money is scarcer than for many years.

Miss Edith Hollinshead next week will return to Pittsburg, Kas., to teach school, this making her year.

There is a protracted meeting at Olivet. A successful singing school has just closed at Midway Church conducted by Mr. Simpson.

School commenced at Bryan today. Miss Leeper is the teacher. Joe Berry is still on the sick list. The general health of the community is fair.

Col. Price is putting our roads in fine order. Shamback & Shepherd are running their saw mill day and night. J. S. Snidow will teach at Central. J. W. Yeager has erected a pair of scales at his place.

Dr. Richardson has located at Petersburg. Mr. B. F. Dowell, who was bitten on the hand nine weeks ago by a jack, is still in a bad condition.

Moonlight parties are the order of the night. Tom Berry is buying calves. We are paying for calves from 10 to 12 1/2 dollars per head; fat cows from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per hundred.

Most of the farmers think new corn will sell from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per barrel. Mr. S. S. Callaway's family, who have been dangerously ill of whooping cough and flux, are much better.

W. J. Berry has moved to his new house built by Bryerly & Gilbert. It is a dandy. The blacksmith shop near Bryan has been torn away.

O. N. Powers is repairing his house. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Told, a daughter.

Mr. Mike Peck is building a neat cottage and Madam Rumor says Mike is going to take unto himself a ribe.

SKINNER ITEMS.

Correspondence of the Ledger. SKINNER, Mo., August 29.—Corn is suffering for rain. Pastures are dry enough to burn.

J. A. Lewis bought a nice bunch of stock hogs from A. Meyer for 5 cents. Mr. Lewis has sixty head now that he says he wants 7 cents for next spring.

John Dahlem sold nineteen shoats to Jim Barnes for \$5.40. They will average 80 pounds. Mr. Dahlem gets the top prices for what he has to sell.

James Gilpin and family will attend the wedding this week of Mr. Rodhouse and Miss Addie Griffin, of Thompson.

Prof. Frank Bruce will instruct the pupils of Fox district this fall and winter.

Only one man in Skinner has a bicycle and he is too fat to ride it. John Gowen is Skinner's champion watermelon eater.

J. A. Lewis, C. L. Bruce and others were with the Mexico boys on a fishing expedition last Friday. Mr. Lewis says they caught plenty to eat.

George Meyer, who has been confined to his bed for two months with a broken limb, is able to walk a few steps with the aid of crutches.

Indications are favorable for weddings this fall. Bad times and bad crops don't keep a fellow from marrying, does it, J. D.?

Mr. John Dahlem has just completed his cellar at his new home. Mr. Dahlem believes in doing things well. His cellar is 10x32 with a 13 inch brick wall and cemented. He has a plan of his new house, which will be built right soon. The house will be one and one half stories high with an arch porch fronting the farm. Mr. Dahlem will make his farm one of the finest fruit farms in the county.

LADDONIA ITEMS.

Correspondence of the Ledger. LADDONIA, Mo., Aug. 29.—Mrs. J. O. Basket, of Montgomery City, formerly of Laddonia, is here visiting her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilder are spending this week in Chicago. Mrs. Adam Rice and Mrs. E. A. Green are visiting relatives in Kentucky.

Mrs. Jay Coatsworth is visiting at E. A. Coatsworth's. Mrs. Angie Hodges, of Michigan, after spending several weeks here visiting relatives, returned to her home last Saturday, by way of Chicago, where she will stop over to see the World's