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...HALL, Mo., is going after Carnegie for $25,000 for a public library. The city will provide $3,000 annually for its support. Mexico can secure a library along this line.

...coon county (Mo.) the candidates are booming. There are eleven for sheriff, nine for treasurer, ... for assessor, a half-dozen for prosecuting attorney and the same number for surveyor.

Fulton *Sun* has increased the price of subscription from $1 to $1.50 to subscribers who do not pay in advance. It is impossible to publish at the time a country newspaper profitably for $1 per year and the price of raw material is still advancing.

THE LEDGER is of the opinion that Audrain county farmers can make more money out of sheep. Edward Rose has just shipped in about 1,500 from Texas. The Lawder boys always make good money on the sheep they feed.

The Christian church of Mexico is in the most prosperous condition in the sense of the word, as will be seen from a column article published elsewhere in this paper. Doctor Faulkner, the pastor, is an active, energetic worker and very popular with his congregation.

THE Mexico LEDGER is a newspaper that believes in freedom of speech and its columns are open to the discussion of all public questions by representatives of all parties. The LEDGER publishes a great many communications which the management does not endorse. A great many opinions are expressed by correspondents that are directly in opposition to those held by the editor of this paper.

The twenty-first annual report of the Bureau of labor statistics, compiled and published by State Labor Commissioner Thomas P. Rixey, is at hand from the press and the LEDGER acknowledges with thanks receipt of a copy of the same. It is one of the most complete, interesting and valuable reports issued by the bureau, to the interests of citizens of our great state. Theories and opinions for which many similar works are chiefly remarkable are almost entirely eliminated by Commissioner Rixey and plain, unvarnished facts as revealed by patient investigation are given.

Since the reform of the calendar by Pope Gregory XIII, in 1582, no century can begin with a Wednesday, a Friday or a Sunday. The same calendar can be used every twenty years. January and October of the same year always begin with the same day. So do April and July, September and December, February, March and November. Each day of the week has served as a day of rest somewhere: Friday among Christians, Monday with the Greeks. Tuesday with the Persians, Wednesday with the Assyrians, Thursday with the Egyptians, Friday with the Turks, and Saturday with the Jews.

To the daily and weekly LEDGER is found a supplement edition containing Hon. Champ Clark's address on the "Financial Bill." The speech was delivered on Saturday, January 6, 1899, and is a very exhaustive address, worthy of close reading. The house was in committee of the whole and the subject under discussion was: "Shall to define and fix the standard of value, to maintain the parity of the issue of money issued or coined by the United States and for other purposes."

The Republican party is attempting to steal Democratic principles. It begins to look now as though the Republicans will soon be in favor of tariff for revenue only, if not for absolute free trade. Along this line the *Democrat* says: In the White House library one day this week was created an incident that prompted a smile on the President's face. Robert P. Porter, the tariff expert, has just returned from a mission to Europe. He is full of the importance of reciprocity treaties, and waxes enthusiastic when trade expansion in foreign markets is suggested. The President was lending a willing ear to the story of the impressions Mr. Porter had received in his months of investigation on the continent. It was in the midst of this conversation that Mr. Porter recalled an incident of just ten years ago. At that time Mr. McKinley was busy in the framing of the protective tariff which bore his name. Mr. Porter was engaged in gathering the facts and figures to show what certain lines of protection would do in stimulating the industries. One day, when the discussion had taken a scope beyond immediate results and contemplated the possibilities of world trade when the industries of the United States should be fully established and developed, Porter said to the chairman of the ways and means committee: "Mr. McKinley, I predict that in ten years from now you will be President of this country and I shall bring to you a free trade measure and urge its adoption." Perhaps the first part of the prediction did not seem so wild in Hobson's eyes as the latter. But Mr. McKinley and Mr. Porter had a quiet laugh over the words ten years ago, when they were uttered. They smiled again this week with recollection in evidence of literal fulfillment.

THE YEARLY SOCIAL.

THE MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONVENE IN ANNUAL MASS MEETING.

A PLEASANT EVENING ENJOYED.

Organized in Mexico in 1836 the Church Has Steadily Advanced Until There Are Now 670 Resident Members Enrolled.

The members of the Christian church met in regular yearly mass meeting at the church Wednesday night. There were about 500 of the 670 resident members present and the meeting is said to have been the best and more largely attended than any previous in the history of the church.

The Christian church in Mexico was organized in the court house in 1836 and "Father" Jacob Coons was the first pastor. For a number of years and until 1853-54 the services were conducted in the court house. At the latter date a frame church building was erected at the corner of Liberty street and Clark avenue (then Water street), where the residence of Wm. Perawski now stands. In 1871 the present home of the church, at Promenade street and Clark avenue was built.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S MEETING.

The meeting was opened with song and prayer service, conducted by Rev. S. D. Dutcher. The business ...was followed. A summary of the reports is:

TREASURER'S REPORT BY A. S. HOUSTON.

Total receipts, $2,296.09.
Total disbursements, $2,292 66.
Balance on hand, $5 43.

REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOL BY P. W. HARDING.

This report showed 34 officers and teachers acting at the close of the year—an increase of two over the year previous.

Number of pupils enrolled at the end of the year, 351—an increase of 36.

Average attendance of officers and teachers, 24 6-13; pupils, 177½.

The year was begun with an indebtedness of $50.31, of which but $8.19 now remains.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR REPORT BY MISS HOUSTON.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1899, $6.37.
Collected from dues, socials, etc., during the year, $61.34; total, $67.71.
Expenditures, $35 25.
Balance on hand, $2 46.

Y. P. S. C. E. BY MISS FRITTS.

The society has 36 active and three associate members.
Money on hand Jan. 1, 1899, $8 75.
Receipts during the year, $19.70; total, $28.45.
Disbursements for church extension, $10.
Home Missions, $2.50.
Sundry expenses, $11.10; total, $23 60.
On hand Jan. 1, 1900, $4 85.

The object of this society is "to promote an earnest Christian life among the members; to increase their acquaintance and to make them more useful in the service of God."

AUXILIARY C. W. B. M. BY MRS RINGO.

Number of members, 44.
Offering for general fund, $58 50.
Special offering, A. A. B. chair, $5.
Endowment fund A. A. B. chair, $25.
Special fund for State work, $30.35.
Missionary tidings, $6; supplies, 35c.; total, $125.20.

WORKERS' REPORT BY MISS CAUTHORN.

Number of members, 63.
Amount collected during the year, including amount on hand January 1, 1900, $519.29.
Paid parsonage committee, $300.
Paid Christian Orphan Home, $25.
Sundry expenses, $47.20.
On hand Jan. 1, 1900, $146 29.

DEACON'S REPORT BY A. J. WINSCOTT.

Meetings during 1899, 15.
Total attendance, 107.
Average attendance, 8 11-12.

ELDERS' REPORT.

Members, Jan. 1, 1900, 615.
Additions—Confession and baptism, 40; by letter and statement, 40.
Total, 697.
Losses by letters granted, 21; by death, 6.
Total loss, 27.
Net membership, 670.
This is exclusive of the list of absent members.
Financial summary amount collected and disbursed as reported by the Treasurer, $2,296.09.
Amount of charity collections, $24.35.
Amount collected by the Workers, $519.29.
Amount collected by C. W. B. M., $125.
Amount collected by Y. P. S. C. E., $28.45.
Amount collected by Junior Endeavor, $31.35.
Amount Sunday School, $242.71.
Special collection for Garrison, $25.
Total, $3,294.22.

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Inflammatory Rheumatism.—"Two attacks of the grip left me with inflammatory rheumatism. Am 89 years old, but Hood's Sarsaparilla cured me and I can climb stairs and walk anywhere." J. Loveland, 378 Fargo Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

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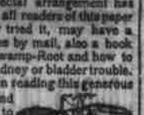
It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, urio acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work, in private practice, among the helpless but poor to purchase relief and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty cent and dollar sizes are sold by all good druggists.



Home of Swamp-Root.

Indebtedness on notes and interest, $109.

TOASTED OLD AND YOUNG.

After the reports the old and young members were neatly toasted by J. A. Headington and W. H. Hock, respectively.

"Our Dead" was the subject of a feeling tribute by Rev. S. D. Dutcher.

The meeting closed after tea, coffee and sandwiches had been served to the members.

THOSE WHO CONDUCT THE CHURCH.

Pastor, Rev. S. D. Dutcher.
Board of Elders—P. W. Harding, T. J. Kelso, H. C. Phillips.
Deacons—E. G. Smith, W. J. Mason, A. J. Winscott, C. W. Hape, R. B. Cauthorn, W. W. Settle, L. R. Ferris, H. L. Bickley, R. E. French, J. C. Mundy, Dr. Backman, James Wilkins.
Treasurer, J. C. Mundy.
Secretary, A. J. Winscott.
Musical Director, W. W. Settle.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Superintendent, James Wilkins.
Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. S. E. Miller.
Secretary, Robert Threlkeld.
Treasurer, E. G. Smith.

At the meeting Wednesday night those present who were members of the church forty years ago were asked to stand. The following did so:

Mrs. J. P. Clark.
Mrs. Belle Sparks.
M. Y. Duncan.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Luckie.
Mrs. P. P. Nicholas.
Mrs. Dan Woodward.
Miss Sarah Baskett.
Mrs. Nancy Willingham.
Mrs. Caleb Guthrie.
Mrs. Lou Shootman.
Mrs. Garrett.

AUDRAIN COUNTY.

List of the Surplus Products Shipped During 1898.

The following from the Labor Commissioner's report shows the surplus products shipped from the county during 1898:

Cattle, head, 12,355.
Hogs, head, 66,845.
Sheep, head, 12,529.
Horses and mules, head, 3,207.
Wheat, bushels, 633.
Oats, bushels, 18,764.
Corn, bushels, 2,768.
Flax seed, bushels, 2,132.
Hay, pounds, 205,600.
Flour, pounds, 3,963,530.
Corn meal, pounds, 785.
Ship stuff, pounds, 36,675.
Clover seed, pounds, 48,745.
Timothy seed, pounds, 588,080.
Logs, feet, 12,000.
Walnut logs, feet, 6,000.
Cooperage, cars, 1.
Coal, tons, 5,704.
Brick, 1,371,300.
Clay, cars, 2.
Ice, cars, 63.
Wool, pounds, 111,710.
Potatoes, bushels, 3,136.
Melons, 618.
Poultry, pounds, 958,082.
Eggs, dozen, 540,290.
Butter, pounds, 41,634.
Game and fish, pounds, 5,157.
Lard, pounds, 520.
Tallow, pounds, 32,435.
Hides and pelts, pounds, 116,950.
Apples, barrels, 1,009.
Fresh fruit, pounds, 21,180.
Honey, pounds, 6,141.
Cider, gallons, 500.
Vinegar, gallons, 300.
Nursery stock, pounds, 31,280.
Furs, pounds, 4,062.
Feathers, pounds, 27,789.

Golden Wedding Celebrated.

On Jan. 1, 1900, Squire and Mrs. George Henry Randall celebrated their golden wedding at their home, near Worcester. Mr. Randall was born in Todd county, Ky., Oct. 21, 1822, and Mrs. Randall, who was Rachael Maria Davis, was born in Ross county, O. Both have been members of the Methodist church since early youth and are now members of the Littleby church. They have three children living: A. S. Randall, New York, on police force; Maria Louise Skinner, of Worcester, N. Y., and G. H. Randall, of Audrain county.

Mrs. Randall's parents, Isaac Davis and wife, lived to celebrate their golden wedding, as did her grandparents.

Joe McIntyre a Candidate.

From the Vandalia Mail and Express.

Joe McIntyre, of Mexico, was in town last week and called to see us. He will be a candidate for prosecuting attorney. He is well qualified for this responsible office, having spent much of his money and time in a laudable effort to obtain an education. He has a host of friends and will be in the race from start to finish.

Actress Julia Morrison was acquitted on the charge of murdering Frank Leiden. She thanked the judge and the jury in a speech. She will lecture for awhile and then return to the stage.

GAVE ALL HIS INCOME

ANDREW CARNEGIE DISTRIBUTED $5,000,000 DURING THE YEAR 1899.

BESIDES HE HAS RAISED WAGE.

Beneficiaries Are Libraries, Educational and Charitable Institutions in All Parts of the United States.

PITTSBURG, PA., Jan. 6.—Andrew Carnegie during the year 1899 gave $5,000,000 to libraries, educational and charitable institutions. The list here printed foots up $3,887,752.

Mr. Carnegie has also increased the wages of his men twice, making an aggregate of $2,000,000 more, but this is a matter of business which he keeps entirely separate from his private accounts.

It will be remembered that the *Post-Dispatch* printed sometime ago Mr. Carnegie's sentiment that to die rich is to die disgraced. His estimated entire income for the year has been given away. The beneficiaries are as follows:

Carnegie Institute, Pittsburg	$1,750,000
Public Library, Washington	350,000
Birmingham University, Eng.	150,000
Polytechnic Library, Louisville	125,000
Public Library, Atlanta	125,000
State College, Bellefonte, Pa.	100,000
Dunfermline, Scotland	100,000
Library, Lincoln, Neb.	75,000
Library, Fort Worth, Texas	50,000
Library, Oakland, Cal.	50,000
Stephens Institute, Hoboken	50,000
Connellsville, Pa.	50,000
McKeesport, Pa.	50,000
Houston, Texas	50,000
Sedalia, Mo.	50,000
Uniontown, Pa.	50,000
Davenport, Iowa	50,000
Sandusky, O.	50,000
Tyrou, Pa.	50,000
Duluth, Minn.	50,000
Dallas, Tex.	50,000
East Liverpool, O.	50,000
Steubenville, O.	50,000
San Diego, Cal.	50,000
Allegheny, Pa.	50,000
Oakmont, Pa.	25,000
Oklahoma City	25,000
Tucson, Ariz.	35,000
Newport, Ky.	20,000
X. X. I. W. Club, Denison, Tex	17,000
Blairsville, Pa.	15,000
Alameda, Cal.	10,000
Zoological Gardens, N. Y.	5,000
Hazelwood, Pa.	4,000
Caledonia Club, N. Y. City	2,752
Dallas, Texas	3,750
Seaboard Air line	1,000
Eastport, Me.	500
Oil City, Pa.	500
Blue Rapids, Kan.	500
Total	$3,887,752

There are many more smaller benefactions, and these, with others not yet ready for publication, will bring the total up to $5,000,000.

WHAT DO THE CHILDREN DRINK?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more GRAIN-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. GRAIN-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee, but costs about ¼ as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

CARNEGIE'S CHILLICOTHE GIFT.

A $25,000 Library for the Missouri Town Under Easy Terms.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Jan. 10.—Andrew Carnegie has agreed to give Chillicoth $25,000 for the building of a public library. A short time ago W. D. Leeper wrote a letter to Mr. Carnegie asking for a gift for this purpose. In his reply Mr. Carnegie agrees to give the $25,000 if the city will provide the site and $3,000 annual revenue. A special election will be called at once to provide for the raising of such a fund.

Mexico can secure a library on the same terms.

The Jefferson City *Tribune* says: Judge J. E. Ross, who died Friday in Mexico, had been a resident of that city over 40 years. He was president of the Savings bank and was greatly esteemed for his high character.

Mrs. Samuel Northern and Miss Nellie Coons are home from Marshall, where they visited Mrs. Northern's daughter, Mrs. Rainey.

Upon Every Bottle

and wrapper of the genuine Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is printed the above design. It is both trade-mark and guarantee—a warrant that the medicine contained in the bottle will cure coughs, colds and all lung, throat and chest troubles more quickly and effectually than any other remedy.

DR. BELL'S Pine-Tar-Honey

is sold by all druggists or sent upon receipt of price—25c., 50c. and $1 per bottle by The E. L. Sutherland Medicine Co., Paducah, Ky.

For sale by Buckner & Whitney and French & Garrett, Mexico, Mo.

No Kicking From Mexico.

From the Fulton Sun.

The Springfield *Republican* charges Governor Stephens with having "influenced the Board in the selection of Marshall for the feeble minded colony, simply because Hon. E. T. Orear, one of his appointees, went before the Board in behalf of Marshall."

It is true Mr. Orear is an appointee of Governor Stephens, but being a citizen of Marshall, none should deny him the right to do all he could at all times for his home and people.

The daily newspapers chronicle the fact that Hon. R. M. White, of Mexico, was also present, strongly urging the selection of Mexico by the Board. We are advised that Col. John A. Knott, at the head of a large delegation, was also present, strongly pushing the the claims of Hannibal. We find that Mr. Jerome S. Bearman, of Springfield, was on hand and was active in behalf of that place.

These three gentlemen, like Mr. Orear, are appointees of the Governor and are his personal friends. It was the duty and the pleasant privilege of all of them to attend the meeting of the Board, and to look after the interests of their respective localities. The Governor was not so narrow as to find fault with them for so doing. In the face of these facts the charge made by the Springfield *Republican* that the Governor influenced the Board to select Marshall, because Mr. Orear, an appointee, was present, is puerile and ridiculous. The *Republican* is barking up the wrong tree.

Eldon & St. Louis Railway.

From the Paris Appeal.

There has been so much talk of building the Eldon and so many delays in making a start that our faith in that road has been greatly shaken, but every time we give it up, an item bobs up in some newspaper just enough to keep our little spark of faith in the road from dying entirely out. We had almost given up when we found the following item in the Macon *Republican* of last week, and republish it for what it is worth. The *Republican* says:

"The railroad known popularly as the St. Louis & Eldon, but known officially as the St. Louis, Iowa and Northern, is an assured fact and within the next 60 days construction will begin. It passes through Memphis, Edina, Shelbyville, Shelbina, Paris, Mexico and crosses the river at Gasconade, forming a junction with the line running to Union. Some of the leading capitalists of Missouri are directors. John Overall, a former Macon lawyer, now a prominent member of the St. Louis bar, is general attorney for the road."

O. K. Brown, of Mexico Poultry Co., has been in Callaway county looking after his branch houses. Mr. Brown did a large business with the Callaway county people last year. Brown brings a great deal of money into this part of Missouri and we are glad to know that he is prospering.

Ed. Lawder, the hustling young stockman of this city, has returned from a sheep-buying trip to San Angelo, Texas, where he bought and shipped to Mexico 1,350 sheep, which he will feed until spring.

RHEUMATISM

Is capricious in its methods of attack—some people drifting into the clutches of the relentless demon almost unconsciously, while others are stricken at once with all the severity the disease is capable of inflicting, making the robust man of to-day the cripple of to-morrow. While the greater per cent. of sufferers from Rheumatism are people well advanced in years, yet the alarming increase of the disease among persons in the prime of life calls for the most active efforts on our part to make known the positive curative properties of S. S. S. (Swift's Specific). Medical authorities agree that Rheumatism is due to an acid poison, therefore the only way to cure the disease should be to thoroughly eradicate this peculiar poison from the blood; but the system of a person afflicted with Rheumatism is so badly deranged that it can not recuperate under the noxious treatment of physician's potash and mineral mixtures. Their method of endeavoring to effect a cure by substituting one poison for another creates a complication of new disorders that reduce the patient to a state of complete collapse. S. S. S. by its great solvent properties neutralizes this poison and eliminates it through the channels nature has provided for the exit of refuse matter, and being purely vegetable, stimulates and strengthens the stomach and general digestion.

"For years I suffered with Sciatic Rheumatism, which the best physicians were unable to relieve," writes Mr. Asa Smith, of Greensteele, Ind. "I took many patent medicines that did not reach my trouble, and I gradually grew worse until I was in such a helpless condition that I could not feed myself nor handle my hands in any way; I was absolutely helpless. A few bottles of S. S. S. relieved me to such an extent that I was soon able to move my right arm, and before long I could walk across the room, and continuing the treatment I was completely cured and am as well as ever."

S. S. S. CURES RHEUMATISM.

Mr. J. B. Manson, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., writes: "Several years ago I was afflicted with what the doctors called Sciatic Rheumatism or Lumbago, suffering the most intense agony at times, and being confined to my bed for about a year, although four of the best physicians (one of them my father) attended me during my illness. They could give me only temporary relief, and I think they tried about all the remedies known to medical science, dosing me with strong medicines until my stomach got into such a condition that I could digest nothing and neither myself nor my friends had any hope of my recovery. I was persuaded to try S. S. S., and before finishing the first bottle I found I had the right remedy, I continued to take it until it cured me perfectly. This was about nine years ago and I have been in splendid health ever since."

We have just issued a new and valuable book on Rheumatism a copy of which we will be pleased to send to all afflicted with this disease. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

JACKSON AT NEW ORLEANS.

Comparison of the Campaign Under "Old Hickory" With the British War in Africa.

Eighty years ago Jan. 8th the British army suffered a disaster to which nothing it has undergone in South Africa as yet bears any comparison.

In November, 1814, twenty thousand veterans of Wellington and Nelson were gathered on fifty war ships and transports in Negril Bay, Jamaica. On December 10 they reached Chandeleur Island, at the entrance to Lake Borgne. New Orleans was almost undefended, but while the British were working their way through the swamps between their landing place on the Mississippi, the terrific energy of Andrew Jackson gathered together a nondescript collection of fighters and obstructed the approach to the city with intrenchments.

On January 8, 1815, twelve thousand British regulars, under the command of Sir Edward Pakenham, the brother-in-law and ablest subordinate of Wellington, advanced to the assault of Jackson's lines, defended by a motley assortment of six thousand men—Tennessee and Kentucky backwoodsmen, Louisiana Creoles, regulars, sailors from gun boats put out of action, free negroes, Santo Domingans, old French soldiers and Baratarian pirates.

In half an hour the battle was over. General Pakenham was dead, and 2,600 of the British army were killed and wounded. Among the dead were three generals, seven colonels and seventy-five other officers. The Americans lost eight killed and thirteen wounded. "Never, perhaps, in the history of the world," says John Fiske, "has a battle been fought between civilized men with so great a disparity of loss. It was also the most complete and overwhelming defeat that any English army has ever experienced."

Muller, Methuen and Gatacre may congratulate themselves that in their "bloodiest battles of the century" they have no such tales to report as Pakenham would have had to report at New Orleans if he had been so fortunate as to survive.

"Peace hath her victories, no less renowned than war." It was so in this case, for Jackson won his battle two weeks after peace had been concluded at Ghent. Never did a country profit more by the lack of a cable than ours on that occasion. We needed a victory there and then, peace or no peach, and Jackson's exploit helped to maintain our national self respect until Chapultdpec and Gettysburg closed the mouths of detractors forever.

New Orleans proved, as Bunker Hill had proved before it, that even without modern magazine rifles irregular troops behind intrenchments were a match for regulars if they were individually brave. If the British commanders of the present year had given a little study to those earlier episodes in the history of their army, they might have avoided some of their recent disasters.

STOCK NOTES.

From the Paris Appeal.

A. Luttrell, near Tulip, sold 18 yearling heifers to J. H. Starr at $4.50.

Wm. Smiley, of South Fork, sold a load of cattle to go by Feb. 1, at $5.25.

Bob Smiley, of South Fork, shipped 56 head of fancy cattle to Chicago Wednesday.

A. C. Davis, of Madison, sold 65 hogs to Baker & Deaver to go Monday at $4.25.

Clarence Curtright paid $120 for a 5 year old Robert Rysdyk mare in Boone county last week. She is a beauty.

Capt. H. H. Fields paid 32½c per bushel for a car load of Nebraska corn delivered at Goss.

J. F. and W. T. Hoffman, 9 miles south of Paris, have 112 fat sheep and 74 hogs ready for a buyer; also 72 native cattle that will be put on feed next month unless sold.

E. B. Atterbury, of Woodlawn, sold 10 2 year old mules to Woodson & Curtis at $70 per head for 9 and $49 for one.

Travis Hayden sold 4 mules to Bird Bros. at $90 per head.

From the Perry *Enterprise* we learn that B. F. Vaughn bought 19 yearling steers from Al Henderson & Son at $31 per head; also 2 mule colts and 2 3 year old mules from Grey Vaughn.

J. R. Smiley, near Santa Fe, sold 150 head of 235-lb hogs to Wm. Mundy at 4c. The same party bought bunches from John Trimble, Wm. Bishop and C. C. Lucas at same price.

THE forthcoming annual report of the Superintendent of Public Schools will show:

Total enumeration of school children for last year was 981,722.

The total enrollment of all public schools, 668,018.

Average salary of teachers, $45.

Total amount of expenditures, $7,048,826.

Estimated value of school property, $17,000,000.

For the past ten years there has been an increase of more than a million dollars in the total annual expenditures, and an increase of 124,000 in the school enumeration and of 90,000 in the number of children attending the schools.

Business Men Organize.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 10.—Ninety Columbia business men to-night organized the Columbia Improvement Club. Walter Williams was chosen president, and this board of directors was elected; D. B. Ely, W. W. Garth, C. B. Rollins, W. B. Nowell, F. W. Niedermeyer, N. D. Robnett, F. W. Poor, G. W. Burroughs, J. C. Jones.

Died During His Wife's Funeral.

AUXVASSE, Mo., Jan. 11.—Richard Clements, a pioneer of Callaway county, died at his home, fifteen miles northeast of Auxvasse, this morning. His aged wife died Tuesday, and while her funeral was being preached at the family residence Mr. Clements died.

The Wonderful Century.

In his great book on the century now ending Alfred Russel Wallace holds that "to get any adequate comparison with the nineteenth century we must take, not any preceding century or group of centuries, but rather the whole preceding epoch of human history." This he does in the following comparative list of the great inventions and discoveries of the two eras:

OF THE 19TH CENTURY.

1. Railways.
2. Steamships.
3. Electric telegraphs.
4. The telephone.
5. Lucifer matches.
6. Gas illumination.
7. Electric lighting.
8. Photography.
9. The phonograph.
10. Roentgen rays.
11. Spectrum analysis.
12. Anæsthetics.
13. Antiseptic surgery.
14. Conservation of energy.
15. Molecular theory of gases.
16. Velocity of light directly measured and earth's rotation experimentally shown.
17. The uses of dust.
18. Chemistry, definite proportions.
19. Meteors and the meteorii theory.
20. The glacial epoch.
21. The antiquity of man.
22. Organic evolution established.
23. Cell theory and embryology.
24. Germ theory of disease and the function of the leucocytes.

OF ALL PRECEDING AGES.

1. The mariner's compass.
2. The steam engine.
3. The telescope.
4. The barometer and thermometer.
5. Printing.
6. Arabic numerals.
7. Alphabetical writing.
8. Modern chemistry founded.
9. Electric science founded.
10. Gravitation established.
11. Kepler's laws.
12. The differential calculus.
13. The circulation of the body.
14. Light proved to have finite velocity.
15. The development of geometry.

Middleton Buying Horses.

From the Centralia Courier.

Ben R. Middleton bought horses at Hallsville and Centralia Friday and Saturday. At the former place he got two of Dysart Brown, one harness horse of Ed. Daugherty for $85, one brown golding of Allen O'Hear and 3 horses and 8 mules of Henry Brown. At Centralia he got a gray golding of R. L. Wilmot for $30, G. L. Fairbairn, bay golding, $42.50; Grant Spurling, sorrel golding, $62 50; J. D. Johnson, bay harness horse, $75; C. M. Pape, bay mare, $15; M. McGraw, horse, $40; Joe Riggs, black horse and gray mare, $60; T. E. Gorman, bay golding, $50; W. B. Wisdom, mule, $62 50; W. L. Green, team of goldings, $100; 8 mules from Sam Brown. Mr. Middleton is a liberal buyer and a splendid judge of horseflesh. He is one of the best patrons of Centralia horse and mule men that comes to this place.

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Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for indigestion or biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of appendicitis, nervous prostration or heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there's nothing serious the matter with you. Sample bottles at J. F. Llewellyn's drug store.

Met Mexico Friends at Marshall.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

MARSHALL, Mo., Jan. 11.—I will write the LEDGER just a line about three very amiable Mexico ladies whom it was my pleasure to meet while here—Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Houx, the former of the well known shoe firm of Houx Bros., one of the best in one of the best towns in Missouri. Mrs. S. D. Houx will be remembered by everybody in Mexico as Miss Birdie Roseberry, who is quite popular in Marshall. The charming feature of this happy home is a very bright and beautiful boy. We all remember Miss Mary Northern, who has a pleasant position with the Striker Dry Goods Co., and her sister, Verdie, now Mrs. T. M. Rainey, whose husband is connected with one of the leading banks in Marshall. WM. P. BRADLEY.

Wanted—Reliable agents in every town or county to handle the best and latest improved Gasoline Gas Lamps on the market; perfectly safe and guaranteed; no smoke; no odor; approved by insurance companies; give from 100 to 500 candle power with 90 per cent less heat and 80 per cent less cost than coal oil; plain and ornamental fixtures; Mantles, Chimneys, Gas Burners, Shades, etc.; send for catalogue; mention this paper.
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Hoods pills are gentle, yet always effective.

Dr. Daniel, a prominent physician of Clarence, Mo., is in Mexico the guest of Mr. Crow, of the firm of Houston & Crow. Dr. Daniel is thinking of locating in Mexico, and is very much pleased with our little city and we hope he will conclude to make this his permanent home.

Edgar Stuart, one of Audrain county's most reliable and industrious young men, has accepted a position in the Insane Asylum at Fulton.

Robert Kerr, living north of Mexico, brought a large screech owl to town and disposed of it to Sam Morris. The bird measures 4 feet 10 inches from tip to tip and Mr. Kerr avers that it is 100 years old.

"I Would Not Have Catarrh for a Million Dollars," Says Mrs. Carter—Pe-ru-na her Safeguard.

MRS. LESLIE CARTER, THE GREAT ACTRESS, OF NEW YORK CITY.

Mrs. Leslie Carter, probably the most prominent actress in America, says the following of Pe-ru-na:

"Pe-ru-na is sure to prevent a cold. It will stop a cough before it becomes settled. It cures all catarrhal affections like magic. No money could tempt me to be without this remedy for even a day. It is just the remedy that all women need, especially such women that are exposed to the vicissitudes of climate, as I am.

"I never neglect an opportunity to recommend this remedy to my friends. It is America's greatest remedy for America's greatest enemy, catarrh and catarrhal affections. I would not have catarrh for a million dollars, and as long as I have Pe-ru-na at hand to promptly check the slightest symptoms of its approach, I feel perfectly safe from this disease." N. Leslie Carter.

Mrs. M. Dooley, Mount Airy, Habersham county, Ga., in a recent letter says: "I suffered five years more or less with catarrh of the stomach and pelvic organs. I tried a good many remedies of my own, and bought medicine from a doctor that was highly recommended, although the medicine did me no good whatever. Finally, I concluded to submit my case to Dr. Hartman. I wrote him, and he readily advised me. I bought some Pe-ru-na, and a few days after was taken with la grippe. I took Pe-ru-na and Man-a-lin and I can say without a doubt that it has entirely relieved me of all my ailments. I feel better and stronger than I have in many years. My appetite is all right, I have no symptoms of my former troubles remaining. I am able to do my usual work without fatigue, and have every reason to believe that my health is the direct result of the use of Pe-ru-na and Man-a-lin, without which I should have been dead by this time. There is no medicine that can equal Pe-ru-na and Man-a-lin. I find it a sure cure for all catarrhal affections; as for la grippe there is no other remedy that can compare with it. I can scarcely find words to express my gratitude for Dr. Hartman's good advice and kindness to me.

The peculiar ills to which women are subject are often very dangerous. It frequently happens that the victim lives far from competent medical assistance. What shall she do? She is not wealthy enough to go to some distant city for treatment, and cannot procure skillful assistance at home. This is what she should do: Write Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O., tell him the whole story, and he will do the rest. Mrs. Margaretta Fietz, Wilcox, O. T., writes: "I extend my sincere thanks for the good advice you have given me. I do not believe I would be living now if it were not for you. I had suffered with hemorrhage for four months and the doctors could help me but little. They operated on me three times. It was very painful, and I only obtained a little relief. As long as they worked at me, the hemorrhage stopped; but just as soon as they closed the door it would commence to flow again. I was so weak I could not turn in bed. At last my neighbors began to speak of patent medicines. Then I applied to Dr. Hartman. I did not know whether he could help me or not; but I followed his advice and only used three bottles of Pe-ru-na. Now I am well and as strong as I ever was."

Every woman should have Dr. Hartman's free book to women. Address Dr.