SOCIETY

CUPID'S CAPTIVES.

Miss Mary Humphries and Mr. B. F. Harden were married Wednesday by Rev. A. A. Wallace and left for their new home in Poplar Bluff.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of Fulton, have sent out invitations for their daughter, Kathryne's marriage to Mr. F. T. Montgomery, to take place Feb. the 9th at Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore were married this week at Gilliam, Mo., where Mr. Moore and the popular Miss Birdie Daniel will be greatly missed in society. They are at home at the Windsor.

DINNERS.

Mrs. A. W. Fish, of Woodlawn, gave a six o'clock dinner Wednesday. The guests included Mrs. Blanche Walker, of St. Louis, and Miss Helen Cross.

Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lupton gave a very pretty dinner. The guests were Mrs. Sanderson and daughter, of Joplin, and Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, of our city.

Monday Mrs. George Morris gave a pretty dinner. The guests were Mrs. Rufus Hisey, Mrs. C. B. Morris, Mrs. J. C. Wilkins. This was in honor of Mrs. Mary E. Kretschmar, of St. Louis.

Miss Essie Norris entertained friends Thursday evening. Misses Iona and Mary Steele, Mollie Houston; Prof. Harshe and Mr. Elon Dearing were the major part of the guests. Games were enjoyed and a dainty lunch served.

Tuesday evening Prof. and Mrs. Treloar, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Botts, the Mesdames Whitney, Mrs. James Garrett, Jr., Mrs. Charles Buckner and Miss Mildred Whitney made a party who enjoyed Mr. Scheppi's Angelus recital.

Mrs. Dr. Winans entertained at dinner Thursday in honor of Mrs. Blanche Walker, of St. Louis. The guests were Mesdames C. R. Gibbs, Griffee, Van Ness. As it was the twins' third birthday little Miss Emily Gibbs and Pauline Van Vess were also invited.

Saturday evening Mrs. A. M. Patterson gave a lovely dinner. Covers were laid for twelve. The guests were Mrs. W. H. Upham, Mrs. L. N. Forrest, Mrs. J. F. Llewellyn; Misses Anna Wiley, of Hardin; Lockwood, of St. Louis; Linnie Allison, of Hardin; the Rev. Mr. Cocke, Mr. Ed Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Anderson, of M. M. A. It was an eight-course dinner and most beautifully served.

CLUBS.

The Chautauqua will entertain the Shakespeare, the Wednesday and the Twentieth Century Clubs with a Russian tea on Feb. 9, at Mrs. J. G. Lakenan's.

The Twentieth Century Club was charmingly entertained Monday afternoon by Miss Callie Morris. It was a library party. Miss Carrie Baldwin received the prize, a lovely water color. A tempting lunch was enjoyed.

Monday evening the single men of the Pastime Club entertained the club at Louis Moore's. It was, as usual the most delightful meeting of the season. The rewards of merit were given Miss Mary Cunningham and Messrs. Joe Moore, Jr., and R. M. White, the young woman received six exquisite battenburg doilies, the men, several pairs of cuffs each. The two-course lunch was delicious. Mrs. Charlie Morris will be the hostess on Monday, the 9th of February.

Last Saturday night the Shakespeare Club was entertained at Mrs. Fish's, in Woodlawn. After a "feast of reason and a flow of soul" and other good things a bob sled was found that was considered strong enough for this brainy crowd and a ride was enjoyed before they went to their homes. It was decided that this august company should go in a body (with their badges on to distinguish them from common mortals) to see the great play, "Way Down East." With "Much Ado About Nothing" they made their entree. "Romeo and Juliet" with their "Winter's Tale" proved it was not "Love's Labors Lost." These students of the "Bard of Avon" feared not the "Tempest," (brewing) for by the "Twelfth Night" "Measure for Measure" shall be given, but as "All's Well That Ends Well" I hope it was "As You Like it." "What's Done, is Done."

SOCIETY SMALL TALK.

Miss Ruth Lakenan is in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ferris are in St. Louis enjoying Ben Hur.

Sixty of the fair Hardin girls are in St. Louis enjoying Ben Hur.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

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Miss Tinnie Ferris left to-day for Peoria to visit friends.

Mrs. Blanche Walker, of St. Louis, is visiting Miss Rose Porter this week.

Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Will Coons are in St. Louis.

Miss Missie Holliday has returned from a delightful visit in Sioux City, Iowa.

Mrs. Mary E. Kretschmar, of St. Louis, arrived Sunday and is a guest at Lakeview.

Miss Nellie Hill accompanied her father to St. Louis to-day to see Ben Hur to-night.

Misses Jessie Davis and Maree Houston are home from Salisbury, where they had a delightful visit.

Miss Anne Lupton will give a large dance at Miss Duncan's hall next week in honor of Miss Sanderson, of Joplin.

Misses Mamie, Eugenia and Jessie Davis and Jessie Purcell, chaperoned by Mrs. Oscar Martin: are in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harper, of Mooresville, have returned to their home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Baskett several weeks.

Miss Kathryn Marshall, of our city, was given a lovely party Wednesday evening by the Misses McCracken, of Fulton, at their home on Bluff street.

Misses Nell Deeming and Ethel Middleworth, of Shelbyville, Ill., are expected Wednesday to visit Mrs. J. M. Pollard and Mrs. E. S. Cave. They will be here several months.

Mrs. G. B. Null, Mrs. Hutchison and Mrs. Kelly Quisenberry are guests of Mrs. J. B. Quisenberry and Mrs. Curtis Anderson, in St. Louis, where they will take in Ben Hur before they return.

"The Workers" are getting up an entertainment entitled "Bibi—a Comedy of Toys." They will give it soon. As all their entertainments are good, well staged and always worth seeing this will not be an exception. Many of the parts will be taken by children, others by our pretty girls.

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS.

One of the delightfully informal functions of last week was an afternoon at Miss Annie Lupton's, where twenty young women met in honor of Miss Ida Sanderson, of Joplin.

Monday evening Miss Mary Sullinger entertained Misses Tine and Esther Houston, Linnie Allison and Mrs. Mitchell with a ghost party. It was a delightful evening.

Monday from 6 to 8 p. m. Miss Elizabeth McClure, of East Promenade, entertained her friends with a Welsh rarebit party. Other good things were enjoyed, too. It was a lovely party.

Profs. Pace and Fichtel gave a grand party last Friday night. Mrs. L. N. Frost chaperoned the single teachers of Hardin. Games and a sumptuous lunch were the features of the evening.

Mrs. Ned Rodes delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Percy Hord. The guests included the members of the old cooking club. There were about twenty-four women present. A most sumptuous lunch was served.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanford entertained friends in honor of Mrs. Percy Hord. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wilson, Mrs. Walker, of Kentucky; Dr. and Mrs. Ned Rodes; Misses Fannie Potts, Kota Luckie; Dr. Spence and Arthur Crawford were among the guests. Games and a delightful lunch were enjoyed.

Miss Kate Ferris delightfully surprised her sister-in-law, Mrs. Roy Ferris, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Roy was sitting sewing, when in rushed the guests, about twenty, many bringing presents, as it was her birthday. Stock Exchange was played. Mrs. Will Coons received the souvenir, a lovely bread and butter plate.

Miss Greene's home on South Clark avenue was where the Christian Endeavorers of the Christian Church entertained their Hardin College girls Monday afternoon. The contest of "Cats" was enjoyed, a scheme of Mrs. Kokendoffer's, by the way. Misses Rawlings and Pace were each given a dozen carnations. An elegant lunch was then greatly enjoyed.

Monday afternoon the women of St. Paul's church entertained the young women of Hardin College who attend that church. Miss Duncan's hall was used for the party. An Angelus was played most skillfully by Mr. Schweppi, of St. Louis. Then a guessing game was enjoyed. Miss Forrest and Miss Verity were given the roses as the most successful young women. Miss Brown received the blooming plant for being the least successful. A delicious lunch of two courses was much enjoyed.

Monday afternoon Mrs. P. H. Cullen entertained in house of her sister, Miss Ines Coil. There were about twenty guests present. There were three contests. "Nuts to Crack" was won by Miss Ruth Bragg, the prize a lovely silver salad fork. Miss Vera Houghlin succeeded in carrying more peanuts on the back of her hand and was given "three little niggers in a peanut shell." In the Stock Exchange Miss Eliza Gibbs came off victorious and was given a lovely plate. The lunch was elaborate. It was one of the most successful parties of the week.

A PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

The Dayton (Ohio) *Journal* says: Mrs. Edgar Wilcox, nee Rosa Moore, formerly of Mexico, Mo., entertained very charmingly with cards yesterday afternoon in honor of her guests, Mrs. Kirker, of Ripley, O., and Miss Pilcher, of Mexico, Mo. Fifty-five guests were present, including Mrs. P. J. Hedges and Mrs. C. B. Jameson, of Piqua. In the games, the first prize was won by Miss Maud Wilcox; second, Mrs. W. R. Craven, and the lone hand by Mrs. Keith. The house was prettily arranged in pink and white, carnations being used, and a toothsome lunch was served after the games.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Cook at their lovely home in Jefferson City, gave a house party. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Thorne, of Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hord, of Montana; Mr. and Mrs. Sandford and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, of Mexico. Wednesday evening at the Cook home there was a delightful card party. Thursday evening the young men of Jefferson City gave them a dance. Friday evening Mrs. Cook gave a card and dancing party. Saturday evening after their return to Mexico they enjoyed a bob sled ride after which they enjoyed a lunch at Mrs. Lewis Hord's.

WHEN I'M A MAN.

When I grow into a great big man,
And buy what I want to wear,
I'm going to have trousers a mile or two long,
And never will brush my hair.

I'll buy a silk hat with a very tall crown,
And carry a gold-headed cane,
I'll not wear a necktie—it takes so much time
To untie and tie it again.

I'm going to eat candy whenever I please
And play on the street till it's dark,
With peanuts my pockets will always be stuffed.
Oh, say, won't I just have a lark?

I'll hitch on the ice wagons all that I please,
With no one to make me get off,
I won't be polite to a nurse or a girl,
And my hat I never will doff.

And never, oh, never! will I go to bed
Before it's at least half-past eight,
Ah! a jolly good time will I have when a man,
You'll see if you only just wait.

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One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. box 676, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists and Buckner & Pillsbury, Mexico, Mo.

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Mexico, Mo., Sept. 10, 1901.—This is to certify that I have been cured of kidney and bladder trouble by the use of the Texas Wonder, Hall's great discovery. I can cheerfully recommend it to any one suffering from that disease. Yours truly,

U. H. OWINGS.

For Prevention of Tax Dodging.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 26.—The bill introduced by Representative Colden, of Nodaway county, relative to the publication by townships of the personal assessment lists, exclusive of the cities of St. Louis, St. Joseph and Kansas City, and for counties which have less than 100,000 population, which would probably exclude Greene and Jasper counties, is attracting renewed attention. The plan of publishing the lists, taking only persons whose personal property is assessed at a valuation of $50 or more has been in vogue in Jasper county for several years. The county court there of its volition ordered such a publication, at a cost to the county of $300 per annum, and here is the way the list showed up for the years for which such publication was made: In 1900 the personal property returned to the assessor for taxation was $2,367,658. In 1901 it was $2,599,035, and in 1902 it was $2,723,190. The Johnson county man who produced these figures to-day had them fresh from the records, and declares the increase is largely, if not wholly due to the publication of the lists. He declares it has practically made tax-dodging in that county a lost art.

For Sale or Rent.

Farm of 140 acres, 10 miles southwest of Mexico for sale or rent. 80 acres plow land, balance meadow and pasture about equal, two-story house, seven rooms; nice barn 36x40. All in first-class condition. w2t

J. B. BOTKIN.

Father Dillon.

From the Auxvasse Review.

Our esteemed friend, Rev. Father John J. Dillon, of St. Brendan's church, Mexico, has our thanks for subscription money advancing the date on his *Review* to Feb. 21, 1904. We appreciate his kind favor very much, and hope that the *Review* will continue to please and interest him. His complimentary words are also appreciated. He speaks of the *Review* as "an estimable and well gotten up paper" and gives us other words of encouragement for the new year. Thanks, Father Dillon.

D. S. Burroughs, of this county, has three land warrants signed by Andrew Jackson and one by Martin Van Buren. Those signed by Andrew Jackson bear date of 1835.

FREE "DUDS AND GRUB"

Reuben Harlow, the "Sage of Youngs Creek," Writes Anent the Free School Book Proposition.

To the Editor of the Ledger:

YOUNGS CREEK, Jan. 28.—I notice in last week's LEDGER that indications point to legislation for free text books. Resolutions being introduced providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment to the people, which will permit the levying of taxes to pay for the books.

The resolution provides for the amount of tax on the one hundred dollars valuation. The resolution speaks of a surplus, but says nothing of a deficit. Why have a surplus? Why not levy a tax sufficient to furnish the required number of books? It is our opinion that these resolutions were written on both sides of the paper and that they are keeping the "surplus" side turned toward us and the "deficit" side being kept away from us.

We would like to know if the books are to be free, if there is to be a limit to the number of books furnished? Under the present system there are many books carelessly destroyed. We would like to know how it would be if all books were furnished free. Would not the destruction be greater?

Free text books would be right nice for the man with a family to educate, but would it be fair for those whose children are educated and those who have no family to educate? Would it be fair to tax them as long as they live or have any property left to be taxed?

It is our opinion that more children are kept out of school on account of not having clothes than the lack of books, and often they are kept out of school on account of not having lunch to take. Why not, if we have free books, have a free lunch counter in each school house? Therefore, if anything is to be free make it "duds and grub," or better still, each year furnish each child a new suit of clothes, a sack of "High Patent" flour and a 250-pound hog. But what bothers us most is: If someone don't have to pay for these free things?

REUBEN HARLOW.

Important Notice.

If any of the parties named below or their relatives, will call on us, they may find it to their interest to do so.

Edwin Smart.
William D. Rush.
John Kinan.
Squire Pine.
Henry C. Jones.
Chas. L. Stonebarger (deceased.)
James A. Boone.
Samuel B. Williams (deceased.)
William H. Reed.
Samuel L. Ingram.
James Foster.
Thomas M. Hess.
William H. Morgan.
Masky Otte.
David Lawson.
Sylvester Carol.
Levi Greer.
J. Willmer.
James Petit.
E. Birnard.
Frances M. Sheets.
William C. Kilgore.
Weeden Dunbar.
Abraham Walker.
Henry Boehmi.
Wm. M. Johnson.
Wm. Cobbs.
Eli Byer.
Wm. Welch.
Wilmer H. Reed.

GUTHRIE & RICKETTS,
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Booker T. Washington, in the course of his address at Philadelphia, says the *Record* of that city, told the story of one of his race who dreamed that he had died and had gone to hell. "Were there any colored people there?" asked a friend of his. "Yes; lots of them," replied the man who had had the dream. "And were there any white people there?" "Yes; lots of white people, too." "What were the white people doing?" "Well," replied the narrator of the dream, "every white man was holding a colored man between him and the fire."

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The Columbia *Herald* says: "R. B. Middleton, of Mexico, was in Boone county the first of the week buying mules for Messrs. Moore & Davis, of Tennessee. He bought 26 2-year-old mules from I. C. Vivion at fancy prices, 22 3-year-olds from J. H. Glenn at $135 per head and 20 head of 2-year-olds from Wm. Keene at $112.50. Mr. Middleton shipped these mules Tuesday direct to Tennessee. He has filled several big orders for this firm, which speaks well for both Mr. Middleton and the Missouri mule."

J. S. Hendrix was in town from Fulton Thursday.

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By This Mark You Know Them

Published by request.

(JUDGE YE.)

BY MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 14.—In view of the circulation of certain criticisms from the pen of Mark Twain, I submit the following statement:

It is a fact well understood that I begged the students who first gave me the endearing appellative "mother" not to name me this. But without my consent that word spread like wildfire. I still must think the name is not applicable to me; I stand in relation to this country as a Christian discoverer, founder and leader. I regard self-deification as blasphemous; I may be more loved, but I am less lauded, pampered, provided for and cheered than others before me—and wherefore? Because Christian Science is not yet popular, and I refuse adulation.

My first visit to the Mother Church after it was built and dedicated pleased me and the situation was satisfactory. The dear members wanted to greet me with escort and the ringing of bells, but I declined, and went alone in my carriage to the church, entered it, and knelt in thanks upon the steps of its altar. There the fore-splendor of the beginnings of truth fell mysteriously upon my spirit. I believe in one Christ, teach one Christ, know of but one Christ. I believe in but one incarnation, one Mother Mary, and know I am not that one, and never claimed to be. It suffices me to learn the Science of the Scriptures relative to this subject.

Christian Scientists have no quarrel with Protestants, Catholics or any other sect. They need to be understood as following the divine principle—God, love—and not imagined to be unscientific worshipers of a human being.

In the aforesaid article, of which I have seen only extracts, Mark Twain's wit was not wasted in certain directions. Christian Science eschews divine rights in human beings. If the individual governed human consciousness, my statement of Christian Science would be disproved, but to understand the spiritual idea is essential to demonstrate science and its pure monotheism—one God, one Christ, no human propaganda. Jesus taught and proved that what feeds a few feeds all. His life-work subordinated the material to the spiritual, and he left this legacy of truth to mankind. His metaphysics is not the sport of philosophy, religion or science, rather is it the pith and finale of them all.

I have not the inspiration or aspiration to be a first or second Virgin-Mother—her duplicate, antecedent or subsequent. What I am remains to be proved by the good I do. We need much humility, wisdom and love to perform the functions of foreshadowing foretasting heaven within us. This glory is molten in the furnace of affliction.

Tendency of the Times.

The tendency of medical science is toward preventive measures. The best thought of the world is being given to the subject. It is easier and better to prevent than to cure. It has been fully demonstrated that pneumonia, one of the most dangerous diseases that medical men have to contend with, can be prevented by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of influenza (grip), and it has been observed that this remedy counteracts any tendency of these diseases toward pneumonia. This has been fully proven in many thousands of cases in which this remedy has been used during the great prevalence of colds and grip in the recent years, and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. Pneumonia after results from a slight cold when no danger is apprehended until it is suddenly discovered that there is fever and difficulty in breathing and pains in the chest, then it is announced that the patient has pneumonia. Be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the cold is contracted. It always cures. For sale by all druggists.

Monroe Doctrine Was Not Monroe's.

President Monroe was not the author of the Monroe Doctrine. His declaration of this policy, contained in his message to Congress of December 2, 1823, was an endorsement, not an original conception. It was the special American application of "a principle long fundamental in international law," says Professor Edward John Phelps in his *Orations and Essays* (Harper's). Professor Phelps was admittedly one of the greatest international lawyers of his age. The Venezuelan entanglement has brought his admirable volume freshly to the public eye, as it expounds the Monroe Doctrine from an authoritative standpoint. It also aids the reader to an understanding of the policy of President Roosevelt in this complication. Within a few days the New York *Sun* devoted a column review to this book, despite the fact that it was published in 1901.

The Best Prescription For Malaria

Chills and fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. Price 50c.

The Centralia *Courier* says: "Probate Judge Botts of Audrain is a single man. That's the reason when he marries a couple he makes the bride promise to 'love, cherish and sustain' the groom, instead of 'love, cherish and obey.' We see where the Judge is right. 'Sustain' beats 'obey' about ten to one these days when wood is six dollars a cord and everything else pro rata."

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals gives a decision strongly supporting the liberty of the press and setting free an editor who had been fined and sentenced to imprisonment for publishing evidence in a murder trial against the order of the trial Judge.

A Count was fined $1 in New York for spitting on the floor of an elevated car. He did not have the money and was imprisoned till friends came to his rescue.

"BOY EDITOR" AGAIN.

R. B. Murphy, Formerly of Jefferson City, Accused of Passing Worthless Check in New York.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Richard E. Murphy, the youth of 13 years from Missouri, who was arrested last night on a request from New York for passing a worthless check on the Adams dry goods company of that city, upon arrival here, had driven to several of the leading hotels in an endeavor to secure a suite of rooms with a private bath. He was finally accomodated at the Raleigh, and on dismissing the cab gave the driver four times the usual fare. The boy admitted that he had passed a worthless check for $20 on the New York firm.

He admitted he had first made a deposit at the Excelsior Savings Bank of that city and obtained a pass book of the bank in which he had made false entries of deposits of $20 and $40. He then called upon the head of the firm of Adams & Co., whom he had never seen before, and induced that gentleman to certify his check for $20. "He was really the easiest mark I ever saw," said Murphy to the detectives last night. "Upon my soul, a man who has been in business as long as he has and does not know that a savings bank check is worthless ought to be taught a lesson."

Murphy's home is in St. Joseph, Mo., where his father is connected with the Combe printing company. The boy was 13 years old last August, and up to a year ago lived in Jefferson city, where his father was foreman of the *Tribune* printing company. While in Jefferson City the youth edited a weekly paper called the *Spectator*, and it was in the interest of the publication that he first began traveling around the country alone.

The New York authorities have been notified of Murphy's arrest and he was taken to that city to-night.

Circuit Court Notes.

Crockett vs. C. & A. Ry. Co.; defendant files motion for new trial.

First National Bank vs. C. C. Ragsdale; by consent set for trial on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Silas Mitchell vs. C. & A. Ry. Co.; on trial. This is a suit for $2,000 damages.

Harmon vs. Louisiana & Missouri River R. R. Co. and C. & A. Ry. Co.; petition and bond for removal overruled.

Keller vs. K. C. et al. L. R. R. Co. and C. & A. Ry. Co.; same entry.

S. Mitchell vs. C. & A. Ry. Co.; verdict for $615.

M. H. Pasley, by next friend, vs. Inhabitants of Rush Hill, on trial. This is a suit for $3,000 for alleged damages received by falling on a sidewalk.

Mary Beagles vs. James M. Beagles; continued.

Mary E. Rice et al vs. Annie Allison et al; withdrawn by consent. Costs against defendant.

Mrs. M. G. Adams, by guardian, vs. Thos. W. Sneed et al; judgment by default on note for $472.

Mexico Savings Bank vs. Thos. W. Sneed et al; judgment by default on note for $255.

M. H. Pasley vs. Inhabitants of Rush Hill; judgment for $1. This was a suit for $3,000 damages alleged to have been received by falling on a sidewalk.

City of Vandalia vs. Henry Boston; cause dismissed on motion of plaintiff at its cost.

Court adjourned at 10 o'clock Saturday morning until 1 o'clock Monday.

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Via the Wabash on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Home-seekers' tickets will be sold to many states and territories for one fare plus $2; for further information call on nearest ticket agent.

I. M. RICHARDS,
Ticket Agent.

Democrats in the Senate brand as "false," "cowardly" and "infamous" the charge that the minority is attacking the American Army in seeking to expose military outrages in the Philippines.

Beauty Triumphs,

"'Tis a Priceless Treasure.

No woman objects to being beautiful. Beauty is woman's charm, joy, pride and strength. The world has always petted and adored beautiful women. A pretty woman dreads maternity for fear of losing this power and her admirers cover sons. Wrinkles be done to prevent the trace and keep women beautiful? There is a balm universally used by enlisted and married women in the crisis. Mothers will do well to investigate Mother's Friend in order to reassure their wives on the point of now with which childbirth can be born and all beauty of form and figure retained.

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Body of Joseph N. urton Laid at Rest in Van Horne Cemetery.

The funeral of Joseph N. Lurton, of Delhi, took place at Jerseyville at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the home of Mrs. L. C. Lurton. The Reverend Doctor Jay A. Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church, at Jerseyville, was the officiating clergyman. The services were in charge of Jerseyville Lodge, No. 304, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Masonic burial ceremony was said under the direction of Past Master Chas. Miner.

Mr. Lurton was also a member of Belvedere Commandery, No. 2, of Knights Templars, at Alton, and a committee from that commandery, consisting of Eminent Commander Hosea H. Sparks and Sir Knights George W. Cutter, Charles W. Milnor, Chas. Henderson and Joshua Dixon, Mayor of North Alton, came to Jerseyville yesterday and served as an escort of honor to the members of the Jerseyville Lodge, and the funeral party. The burial was in the Van Horn Cemetery, north of Delhi.

Among those at the funeral were Doctor Langdon, of Springfield, Ill., and William Scott, of New York City. Both relatives of the dead man.

The death of Mr. Lurton occured on Saturday from heart trouble. He wass 66 years old, unmarried and leaves a valuable estate.—Jerseyville, Ill., correspondent to St. Louis *Republic*.

Mr. Lurton was a nephew of Judge D. W. Sumner and uncle of Mrs. C. H. Cauthorn.

STOCK AND FARM NOTES.

John Creed is feeding a fine bunch of 73 steers at his place southwest of Mexico.

C. A. Brown recently paid George Leeper, southwest of this city, $60 for a yearling white-face bull.

C. A. McCue shipped a young Berkshire gilt to Mr. Spelman, of Sturgeon, Friday of last week for $35.—*Auxvasse Review.*

From the Centralia Courier.

Starr Bros. will ship about 5,000 Mexican lambs about February 15th to various Missouri feeders.

J. S. Brown bought 4 mules of S. H. McCormick Monday for $520 and an extra good 1,300-lb. 5-year-old mare mule of S. L. Garrard at $165.

John Tincher, of Hatton, recently bought a bunch of thirty stock cattle on the St. Louis market and will feed them first on hay and then finish on corn.

A flock of ten sheep belonging to Wallace Hodges, of Audrain county, and valued at $5 per head, were raided by dogs recently and eight of them killed.

At the administrator's sale of the estate of Irvin M. Calhoun this week cows sold from $30 to $40; 3 and 4-year-old steers at $4.25; 7 brood sows averaged $23 a head; farming implements and hay brought good prices.

B. R. Middleton, of Mexico, bought a pair of big mules Monday from Tilford Murry for $300.—Marion Sparks, representing the J. D. Singleton Horse and Mule Company, of Kansas City, and B. R. Middleton, of Mexico, bought Saturday of Wright Bros., Centralia, 80 head of choice cotton mules at $125 per head.—Columbia *Herald.*

The Ed and John Gamble sale Wednesday was well attended and everything sold at good prices, the sale footing up over $2,000. Sheep went from $3 to $6.40. Sows from $26 to $30. Shoats brought from 8 to 10 cents per pound. Cows sold from $25 to $40. Yearling calves $25. Horses $75 to $101. Mule colts $53. John Gamble will move to Mexico and Ed Gamble don't know where he will locate yet.

Sell Your Scrub Cattle

and keep nothing but the best. The markets demand cattle with frames for carrying the largest per cent. of high priced beef. The feeder demands early maturity. Cattle combining these qualities are the money makers. The coming sale of Short-Horns from the herds of Robertson Bros., of Laddonia, and Branstetter Bros. and W. L. Wright, of Vandalia, Mo., Thursday, February 12, 1903, offers an opportunity. Send for catalogue to

W. L. WRIGHT,
45-4t Vandalia, Mo.

The sideboard presented President Hayes' wife for expelling wine from the White House table was sold at auction the other day for $85, and now adorns a Washington beer garden. John R. McLean offered to buy it for $850.

Fifty Girls Wanted.

We can give employment to 50 girls, as stitchers in our overall factory. Can go to work any day. Good wages and steady work.

SPAR CLO. MFG. CO.,
45-4t Jefferson City, Mo.

At Lee McFadin's sale of real estate Saturday the farm was knocked down at $32 per acre; and his home place at $1,050, both bids being rejected by him. The other two places he refused to put up. This is fine property and should have sold much higher.

A firm at Decatur, Ill., has locked out 500 employes in an endeavor to compel them to form unions. It is said the management is tired of receiving committees and wants it all over with.

The Red Cross Society is in deep trouble, its executive committee claiming that Miss Barton has too much power under arrangements which she brought about by the use of proxies.

Guthrie & Ricketts are presenting calendars to the customers of the Equitable Life Insurance Company. These calendars are the handsomest we have seen.

Charles Smith, a member of the city council at Lawton, Ok., killed himself Thursday in the police court room in the presence of several persons.

25, 20 and 10 Years Ago This Week.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK.

Ed Rines was visiting in New Orleans.

Homer St. John purchased Wm. G. Lee's book and music store.

Tramps attempted to break into the drug store of Scharlach & Hall.

Tom and Jake Cartmell, of Laddonia, returned from California.

J. G. Head, of Louisiana, Mo., was to open an art studio in this city.

Joe Botkin bought W. H. White's interest in the Botkin & White livery stable.

Johnny M. Clark, of the real estate firm of J. B. Clark & Son, was in Chicago consummating a $40,000 land trade.

The Audrain county jail was completed, D. N. Evans was the architect and E. T. Gibbs did the painting, Bob Steele was jailor.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father near Martinsburg, F. W. Cary, of Pennsylvania, to Miss Fannie Martin, by Elder Wigginton.

Tramps broke into Mr. Farrison's confectionery and stole $10, an overcoat and a box of candy. They also made an attempt to rob John J. Steele's residence.

TWENTY YEARS AGO THIS WEEK.

E. D. Graham was in Columbus, Ohio, on business.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rensch, of Rush Hill, a son.

J. Edward Botts purchased W. H. Coons' stock of dry-goods.

Judge James Jackson, of Audrain county, aged 85 years, died.

W. D. Bush and family were to move to Fulton. Mr. Bush was in the dry-goods business at that place.

Wm. Houston went to Brazil, Ind., where he accepted the position as bookkeeper for a large mining company.

TEN YEARS AGO THIS WEEK.

Moberly suffered a $25,000 fire.

S. H. Douglass bought out the hardware firm of Smith & Co.

Miss Kate Cunningham, of Martinsburg, was married to James Murphy.

E. F. Kunkel, of this city, was awarded $17.15 in the Star-Savings guessing scheme.

Mrs. Ed. Chase, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Tomlinson.

The Audrain County S. S. & I. U. met in quarterly session in Mexico, with President G. B. Peck in the chair.

Arthur L. Yarnell and Miss Laura James, of Georgetown, Ky., were married at the home of Joe L. Smith, 10 miles east of Mexico.

James D. Garrard, father of Mrs. G. L. Ferris and Mrs. John Howell, of this city, died at his home near Centralia. He was 70 years old.

The following parties granted marriage license:

T. G. Russell and Miss Alma Toohey both of Audrain county.

H. Hilderbrand and Miss Bettie King, both of Audrain county.

J. W. Webber, of near Laddonia, and Miss Maggie C. Parker, of Vandalia.

J. E. Callahan, of Benton City, and Miss Margaret Caughlin, of Mexico.

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, WASHINGTON, Jan. 24, 1903.—Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Mexico," located in the City of Mexico, in the County of Audrain and State of Missouri, has complied with all the provisions of the "Act of Congress to enable National Banking Associations to extend their corporate existence and for other purposes," approved July 12, 1882.

Now, therefore, I, William B. Ridgely, comptroller of the currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Mexico," located in the City of Mexico, in the County of Audrain and State of Missouri, is authorized to have succession for the period specified in its amended articles of association, namely until close of business on Jan. 25, 1923.

In witness whereof witness my hand and seal of office this twenty-fourth day of January, 1903.

(SEAL.) WILLIAM B. RIDGELY,
Comptroller of the Currency.
d21-46-5t No. 2881

Some Points Worth Knowing.

A small, wide-mouthed jar, such as jelly or jam comes in, should be placed near the sink in the bathroom. Into it can go the odds and ends of soap, and when it is three-fourths full of soap, it can be filled with boiling water. Add a little glycerine and