Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga., tells how she was permanently cured of inflammation of the ovaries, and escaped the surgeon's knife, by the use of

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The universal indications of the approach of woman's great enemy, inflammation and disease of the ovaries, are a dull throbbing pain, accompanied by a sense of tenderness and heat low down in the side, with occasional shooting pains. On examination it may be found that the region of pain will show some swelling. This is the first stage of inflammation of the ovaries.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I wish to express my gratitude for the restored health and happiness Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought into my life.

"I had suffered for three years with terrible pains at the time of menstruation, and did not know what the trouble was until the doctor pronounced it inflammation of the ovaries, and proposed an operation.

"I felt so weak and sick that I felt sure that I could not survive the ordeal, and so I told him that I would not undergo it. The following week I read an advertisement in the paper of your Vegetable Compound in such an emergency, and so I decided to try it. Great was my joy to find that I actually improved after taking two bottles, so I kept taking it for ten weeks, and at the end of that time I was cured. I had gained eighteen pounds and was in excellent health, and am now.

"You surely deserve great success, and you have my very best wishes."—MISS ALICE BAILEY, 50 North Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga.

Another woman saved from a surgical operation by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Read what she says:—

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I cannot thank you enough for what your Vegetable Compound has done for me. If it had not been for your medicine, I think I would have died.

"I will tell you how I suffered. I could hardly walk, was unable to sleep or eat. Menstruation was irregular. At last I had to stay in my bed, and flowed so badly that they sent for a doctor, who said I had inflammation of the ovaries, and must go through an operation, as no medicine could help me, but I could not do that.

"I received a little book of yours, and after reading it, I concluded to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am now a well woman. I shall praise your medicine as long as I live, and also recommend the same to anyone suffering as I was."—MRS. MINNIE ORTOSON, Otho, Iowa.

All sick women would be wise if they would take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and be well.

AUTOMOBILE PULLS A FLOW.

Work in Ohio Field Done More Easily Than With Horses.

SPRINGFIELD, O., May 13.—An automobile was used yesterday at East Ashtabula instead of a team of horses as the motive power to plow a field. The experiment was watched with much interest by many persons who passed on the road.

The automobile is owned by H. T. Raser of Erie, Pa. A plow was hitched to the rear of the heavy machine. The plowing was done more easily than with horses. The automobile is a powerful one, weighing 1,000 pounds, and is operated with a gasoline engine. This is probably the first time an automobile was ever used for plowing.

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.

No Race Suicide in This Paris.

From Columbia Herald.

Whatever may be true of Paris, France, there is no race suicide in Paris, Mo. There are more babies to the block than in the average town. W. D. Christian, who was superintendent of the Paris public schools from time immemorial, has a large and growing constituency in the schools over which he so successfully presided. There are babies, babies everywhere.

Ben F. Blanton, the head and front of the Paris *Appeal*, has set a glowing example in this regard. His fine family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, and numerous grand-children, is but a goodly sample of the Paris answer to the race suicide suggestion.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

Mrs. Spalding and family, of Troy, Mo., have moved to Mexico and are the guests of Mrs. Spalding's brother, Dr. Kelly R. Bragg. Dr. Bragg and Mrs. Spalding will each erect nice homes in south Mexico shortly.

When you want a pleasant physic try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by all druggists.

The Missouri Encampment, G.A.R., convened yesterday in Boonville. Frank M. Sterrett of St. Louis was elected commander. The Sons of Veterans and the ladies' auxiliary organizations were also in session.

FLOOD DAMAGE IN KANSAS.

The Solomon River is Still Rising—Missouri Lands Overflowed.

MINNEAPOLIS, KAS., May 14.—The Solomon river is on a rampage. It is higher than at any time since 1878 and is still rising. The river is out of its banks both north and south of this city and spreading over the country, doing great damage to all kinds of growing crops. The electric plant at this place is under water and the city is in darkness.

JUNCTION CITY, KAS., May 14.—The Republican river flood reached its highest point here this morning and toward evening began to fall slowly. The river overflowed its banks in many places in this county this morning some of the tracks on the Union Pacific branch near Milford was washed out. The river was above the high water mark of the big flood of last summer. Some fields were overflowed, but little damage will result.

NEVADA, MO., May 14.—The Marmaton and Osage rivers are higher now than for over ten years, and still rising. Thousands of acres of crop in the low lands are under water.

Business Announcement.

W. S. Hathaway has purchased the interest of W. T. Keath in the Hathaway-Keath Seed and Produce Co. The business will be conducted as heretofore without change of name or place of business. It has become necessary to close up all accounts made prior to May 1. We hope all our customers will comply with the request promptly. HATHAWAY-KEATH S. & P. CO.,
9-3t-d-1t Mexico, Mo.

LATE MISSOURI DEATHS.

At Kansas City—Dr. A. L. Chapman, a pioneer of Kansas City.

At St. Charles—Rev. Conrad Damm, aged 65 years.

At Eolia—Mrs. Bell Williams.

At Jefferson City—John W. Link, of Camden county, aged 64 years.

If you are in the market to buy a city or country home, you will save money by inspecting what I have for sale. You are in Missouri; let me show you. CHAS. H. DRAKE.

Edgar Threlkeld and wife are on their way home from California to reside permanently. They find no place they like as well as Audrain county. "They all come back."

George Morris, Jr., is home from St. Louis and will be connected with the ice plant during the summer.

Macon, Mo., is arranging to have a big street carnival.

Delicate Children—

Whose development is retarded or who are growing too rapidly need

ANHEUSER-BUSCH'S

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TRADE MARK.

A predigested food with unequaled strengthening properties. Not an intoxicant but a real malt extract. For weakness, weariness and overwork. Best for digestion.

All druggists sell it. Prepared by the

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SOCIETY

DINNERS.

Miss Edna Duncan and Master James Bledsoe were the guests of Miss Frances and Master Joe Glandon Friday evening for dinner.

Thursday was Mrs. Lucy Debyns' birthday. She was 85 years old. The family very thoughtfully prepared an elegant dinner and came in and surprised her. It was a happy reunion of the family and a most delightful occasion. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bickley, Mrs. Alice Bickley, Mrs. E. D. Cook and Mr. Jos Debyns and family.

RECEPTIONS.

Mrs. Robert Worrell was the charming hostess to the Thimble Club last Thursday evening. This was a delightful departure from the regular meetings. Mrs. Worrell included the gentlemen in her invitation and despite the credited reputation they have for not enjoying evening functions (I mean the married men) they certainly did cast aside all such fanciful notions under the tactful management of their hostess. Dr. Frank Spence won the gentlemen's prize for saying "I" or "Me" the least number of times. Mrs. Emmet Cunningham the lady's. The prizes were a silver pencil and thimble respectively. Mrs. Kokendoffer was consoled with a "darn needle" and Mr. Ross Cauthorn with a brass button. Mrs. Worrell was ably assisted in entertaining by Mr. Worrel, Mr. Hitt and Mrs. Thomas, of Kansas City. Lovely refreshments were served.

WEDDING.

Miss Meekee Gum, of Alton, Mo., is to be married in June to Mr. Harry Ponder, of Arkansas. Miss Gum is a former student of Hardin College, having attended there several years, and made many friends among the town people. Mr. Ponder is a prominent young lawyer of Arkansas. We extend congratulations and best wishes.

Great, indeed, was the surprise of the Mexico people to learn of the wedding of Mr. James Lacey Orear, formerly of this city, now of Boston, Mass. He was married last Saturday to Miss Winifred Thayer, of Cambridge, Mass., and was a very quiet affair, owing to the serious illness of the bride's mother. The groom is a bright young man, with a splendid future. He has many friends who wish him and his bride all happiness.

Cards announcing the wedding of Miss Mabelle Lang Hathaway and Prof. Geo. Albert Ross are out. The wedding will take place Wednesday, May 27, at 11:30 a. m. at the Presbyterian Church. Rev. A. A. Wallace will officiate, Rev. Truex will assist. There will be four ushers, Dr. J. C. Pasqueth, Prof. Frederic Fitchel, Prof. R. R. Pace and Fred Hathaway. Prof. A. E. Guerne will preside at the organ. The wedding will be a beautiful one in its simplicity. Prof. Ross and his bride will leave on the 12:02 Wabash for Stanbury, Mo., and St. Joe to visit his parents and brothers. They will then go east to Washington, D. C., New York and Boston before returning home. Both parties are quite well known, and words of the writer would only be the echo of the general respect and esteem in which they are regarded. Miss Hathaway is one of the best educated young women in our town. She has been connected with Hardin faculty for two years, and has proven herself a most efficient teacher. She is an active and conscientious worker of the Presbyterian Church. In fact, in every way, she is most highly fitted to become the wife of the vice-president of Hardin College. Prof. Ross has now become a thorough Mexicoan, having been vice-president of Hardin College for several years. His intelligence and genial manners have won many friends for him. His excellent business qualities, combined with tact and affability, give him a popularity among the people and students which only genuine persons deserve and enjoy. To these two, so congenially united, the LEDGER wishes the greatest success and happiness.

CLUBS.

A new Club has been added to Mexico's list of Clubs, a Dramatic Club. This is rather a new departure, but there is enough talent here to justify something of the sort. Mrs. A. W. Fish is the general supervisor. I understand they will rent a hall and expect to give exhibitions of their studies once a month. At present the membership is as follows: Misses Helen and Mary Cross, Anna Lewis, Wm. Cross, Percy Treloar, Mr. and Mrs. Lute Saunders. Mrs. Fish will entertain the Club next Tuesday evening.

The Shakespeare Club accepted Miss Rose White's cordial invitation to be her guests Monday afternoon and evening at home in Montgomery City. A crowd of twenty-one went down on the three o'clock train and returned on the 10:45, which was an hour late, but the Club didn't mind that, as it gave them one more hour with "Rosy." They were, indeed, a merry party. Miss White met the Club at the station, and gave them a genuine hearty welcome. There was no special entertainment provided for the guests, Miss White knew the many recourses of this versatile crowd for always being able to entertain themselves. Perhaps the valuable kodak will substantiate the many exclamations of the good times. "Eat, drink and be merry." Oh! what tempting viands were spread before us. Punch, which was fit for the gods, and other things in proportion. The table itself was a thing of beauty, and its memory will be a joy forever. The immense square festal board seated the entire party of twenty-four. In the center was a handsome jardeniere with a large bunch of purple flags. There were many pleasantries and witty sallies exchanged, a number of bright impromtu toasts responded to; of the course the first one was to "Sweet Rosy O'Grady." The Club can truly say, "They made record for themselves." They sang their "Dutch Song," and gave the Club yell in Dr. Pasqueth's phonograph and had the experience of hearing themselves as others hear them. This will be another occasion of the Club to never be forgotten. Miss White's hospitality in her home is charming in its simplicity. The Club enjoyed meeting with Mrs. White, her mother, also her sisters, Mrs. Gupton, of Montgomery, and Mrs. Theo. Dresser, of New York, also Miss Grace Gupton, who so ably assisted in entertaining. Those who went were: Misses Houston, Shea, Mason, Gill, Hinde, Norris, Long, Cross, Wallace and Ellis, of Jefferson City; Drs. Frank Spence and Carl Pasqueth, Col. C. F. Stough, Majors, Harlan and McIntire, Messrs. Will Morris, Sam Locke, F. P. Kelso, Clarence Barnes, Bob Rogers and Geo. Pearson.

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS.

Miss Alberta Kennan delightfully entertained her music pupils and a few friends Thursday afternoon. An interesting contest in reading enigmatic musical terms was very much enjoyed. Miss Una Melson received the prize—a piece of music. Misses Madge Kent and Lucie Clark gave pleasing readings. Lovely refreshments were served.

Mr. C. A. Buckner and A. H. Whitney treated the Art Class of Hardin with a fishing excursion. At least they intended to last Monday afternoon, but the elements combined against them, and so far as fishing was concerned, that is only a dream. The jolly crowd started on hay wagons about 2 o'clock for Powell's Ford, but alas, they only reached the edge of town when the very heavens began weeping so copiously, that they were forced to return. And while the rain was falling so unmercifully upon them, their love of fun would not be dampened and they sang "Ain't it a Shame, Oh, Ain't it a Shame, to Leave Your Baby Out in the Rain." Their disappointment of the fishing was substituted with a most pleasant afternoon at Miss Duncan's Class Rooms where the most bountiful picnic lunch was enjoyed to the utmost. Some of the girls said, they didn't care if it did rain, they just had lots of fun anyway. Mrs. Dea Carr Smith, the art teacher, Madames. A. H. Whitney, Tony Buckner, and C. A. Buckner, chaperoned the crowd.

Last Saturday night Gamma Society, of Hardin, gave a hay ride and porch party to the Beta girls and the Faculty. There were two large hay wagons. The merry party had a gala time riding from eight to ten. They sang songs, gave their yells, nearly drove each other wild with their horns, and literally had a "howling" good time. When returning from the jolly ride, they were served an elegrant five-couse luncheon on the wide veranda. Black and gold bunting was used effectively for draping the banisters. Small tables were well arranged, seating four at each one. A beautiful center piece of embroidry with vase of cut flowers adorned them. The place cards were very pretty favors indeed; a single red carnation with card, bearing the name, attached. A very pretty cosy corner heaped with a quanity of tempting sofa pillows was at one end of the porch. The same old Luna who has smiled so benignly on many and various scenes, was serenely beautiful, as she shed her mellow radiance in smiling approval on these bright and happy merry-makers. It was one of the most delightful successes of the year among the College entertainmets.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Botkin have returned from Boonville where the former attended the G. A. R. reunion.

A Wife Says:

"We have four children. With the first three I suffered almost unbearable pains from 12 to 14 hours, and had to be placed under the influence of chloroform. I used three bottles of *Mother's Friend* before our last child came, which is a strong, fat and healthy boy, doing my housework up to within two hours of birth, and suffered but a few hard pains. This liniment is the grandest remedy ever made."

Mother's Friend

will do for every woman what it did for the Minnesota mother who writes the above letter. Not to use it during pregnancy is a mistake to be paid for in pain and suffering. *Mother's Friend* equips the patient with a strong body and clear intellect, which in turn are imparted to the child. It relaxes the muscles and allows them to expand. It relieves morning sickness and nervousness. It puts all the organs concerned in perfect condition for the final hour, so that the actual labor is short and practically painless. Danger of rising or hard breasts is altogether avoided, and recovery is merely a matter of a few days.

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E. C. SIMMONS ON HIS SUCCESS.

The Great Hardware Merchant of St. Louis Tells How to Succeed in a Commercial Career.

From the Post-Dispatch.

The life of Edward C. Simmons, of St. Louis, is inspiration to the young men of to-day.

Mr. Simmons was born in 1839, in Fredericksburg, Md. His father was of New England ancestry, and his mother came of German antecedents. He came to St. Louis in 1846, and was then 7 years old. He completed his education in the St. Louis High School and when 16 years old secured employment as office boy with Childs, Pratt & Co., hardware merchants.

After serving three years with this firm he entered the employ of Wilson, Levering and Waters, hardware dealers, serving four years, when he was made a member of the new firm of Levering, Waters & Co.

Mr. Simmons was then only 23 years old, and his rise in the business world was little short of remarkable. Two years later the firm name was changed to Simmons & Waters, and in 1872, when Mr. Waters retired, the firm was incorporated under the name of the Simmons Hardware Co. This was the first incorporation of the kind in the United States.

The business of the firm gradually expanded from year to year. Additional traveling salesmen were employed, additional store room was secured, and to-day the institution does a volume of business greater than any similar establishment in the United States; over 500 persons are employed by the firm.

In 1880-1881 Mr. Simmons was a member of the board of police commissioners of St. Louis, and during his administration the public gambling houses in St. Louis were closed in a single night.

One of the principal gambling promoters was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary. He was pardoned by Gov. Crittenden on the day of his arrival at the State prison, and Mr. Simmons promptly resigned as a member of the St. Louis board.

Two years ago Mr. Simmons retired from active control of the Simmons Hardware Co. and the presidency is now held by his eldest son.

The family lives in an elegant home in Westmoreland place.

The *Post-Dispatch* and New York *World* asked Mr. Simmons to write an article on his secret of success, to be used in a series of similar articles gathered for these papers by the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis. Mr. Simmons writes as follows:

You ask me to give you a statement as to what, in my opinion, are the virtues that make success in commercial life and the faults and vices leading to life failures.

To the first I would reply:

Honesty and truth in the most minute matters are the first, absolute and essential groundwork of every successful career.

To these must be added many others that are in a sense embraced in these two and yet so separate that many think them entirely different. Young men starting out in commercial life should know at the outset of their career that it is utterly impossible to successfully establish and conduct any large business unless founded on the strictest construction of rigid honesty and absolute truthfulness.

I think the "old saw" in our copy books which reads "honesty is the best policy" is a very injurious one, and should never have been written. It has done much harm. Children should be taught early to be honest because it is right, to be truthful because it is wrong to be untruthful.

Surround a boy with an atmosphere of honesty and truth, where nothing less than that is ever thought of, much less uttered, and he is a stranger to anything dishonest or untruthful.

NEATNESS, KINDNESS, POLITENESS.

Other qualities necessary to succeed are neatness, promptness, gentleness, kindness, being quick to perceive and prompt to act.

Personal apearance, so far as neatness is concerned, has much to do with commercial success and especially in getting a start. I have often told boys or young men who impressed me favorably when applying for a position to come back again, because I wanted to see how they appeared on their second visit, and then again put them off to a third call for the same purpose. On their first appearance they are almost invariably neat and tidy, on their second generally not quite so neat, and on the third frequently very untidy, clearly showing that they are naturally not neat. This always ended the matter as far as I was concerned.

Hence, I say, young men, be neat and clean, and if you cannot keep cleap, keep as clean as you can. It is often an important factor in your lives. The lack of neatness and cleanliness has often prevented a young man from obtaining the position he so anxiously sought.

I regard promptness as absolutely essential to commercial success—promptness in every obligation of life. This is largely, if not wholly, a matter of habit, and the lack of promptness I regard as a very bad habit and one that often contributes much to failure. I have often noticed in church that those who are prompt in their pews this Sunday will be there promptly next Sunday, and so on through the year, and those who were tardy last Sunday are again late this Sunday. It is all habit. I therefore say emphatically to men, be prompt in all you do if you would be successful in business life. Prompt to arise, prompt to your meals, prompt to your place of business, prompt to reply to questions and prompt to do your duty in that state of life to which it has pleased God to call you.

CULTIVATE GENTLENESS.

Next, I say, be gentle. Cultivate it; try to become so. You can do it if you try faithfully and steadfastly. Almost every American boy of right ideas wants to be considered a gentleman, and always resents if he is told he is not a gentleman; but many, yes, alas! too many, forget that to be a gentleman one must be gentle; that it is impossible to be a gentleman unless one is gentle.

I was impressed with the ignorance of boys on this subject by a little circumstance that happened not long since in my store. A boy of about 17 years of age was answering the telephone in a most unpleasant "sing-through-the-nose" sort of way, making it disagreeable to all who heard him.

When he had finished I called him to me, and in the gentlest tones that I could command I said: "Willie, do you know what a gentleman is?"

"Oh, yes, sir, of course I do," he replied.

"Well, what is it?"

"A gentleman is a man who wears good clothes."

Being a little surprised, I called another boy near by and said: "Joe, do you know what constitutes a gentleman?"

"Yes, sir; it's a fellow who's got lots of money."

Quite interested in these responses, I called a third boy, and this reply was as confident as the others that he knew. He said: "A gentleman is a man who can go anywhere."

Not willing to give up, I called a fourth boy, who quickly assured me that he knew for sure what a gentleman was: He said: "A gentleman is a rich man's son."

I still persevered and called a fifth boy, whose answer was that "a gentleman is a man that knows a lot." Not one of these boys associated the idea of a gentleman with a man who is gentle. I could not help moralizing as to their training and family influences. In the list of virtues requisite to succeed I would attach more importance to kindness, and by that I mean to try earnestly and honestly to follow the golden rule.

IMPORTANCE OF POLITENESS.

Last and not least, I would mention the exceeding great importance of politeness. If you are polite to everybody, everybody will be polite to you. The best people in this world are polite people, and I am sure you want to know the best people. Be polite at home to your father and your mother, to your sister and to your brother. Tell them good morning when you come down and good night when you retire, and do it in a pleasant, cheerful tone of voice.

When you get to your place of business say good morning to your associates and especially to those under you, or occupying positions inferior to yours. When you speak do it politely and gently. Try to make the world a more pleasant one because you have lived in it. Help to make others happy and it will help to make you happy, and also contribute much to your success in commercial life.

Perhaps it may be asked here how is a young man to accomplish all these things.

Possibly he may not know that his face is long, and his looks sober; that although there is sunshine in his heart, his face does not reflect it; that he means well, but does not do well.

I answer by a systematic daily reflection on those subjects. Let him make out a list of the virtues he wishes to acquire, and read them over every night, spending at least five minutes before retiring in self-examination. Let him do this regularly, systematically, never omitting it, and I am sure he will soon feel an improvement, and before long obtain the desired end.

One of the best things I know of for a young man to do is to repeat to himself aloud in the privacy of his room, at least once a week, the Ten Commandments, and examine himself by the light of each one as he utters the words, to see if he has observed all of these laws. Every American boy should try to be an improvement on his father—a better man, if possible, by reason of higher educational advantages and the rapid progress made by every generation in civilization.

VICES THAT MEAN FAILURE.

As to vices leading to life's failures—they are many, but the chief ones are few in number. Gambling in any form is one of the worst of these. Any young man who gambles, be it ever so little, is in danger. No good merchant will employ or retain in his employ a young man who gambles.

The use of intoxicants is the most certain of all the vices to bring downfall to a young man in commercial life. With all the emphasis I possess I would say to all young men seeking their fortunes in commercial life, avoid intoxicants of all kinds. Never begin the use of them, and you will have but little temptation in after life. The use of rum and other intoxicants is the greatest of all causes of commercial failures among young men just embarking in business.

As to the faults, I would say, they are just the the reverse of the virtues I have named, for without neatness, kindness, good nature and politeness, your chances of success in commercial life are very slender.

There is one more fault, or, rather, bad habit, that I would refer to in closing, and that is the use of tobacco. If I were again a young man, just starting out in commercial life, I would not use tobacco. It is injurious to young persons. It is a filthy habit and an expensive one. If you chew tobacco you will expectorate, and that personally is a filthy habit, so that instead of making yourself agreeable to those with whom you come in contact you are a nuisance, which should be abated or removed. If you smoke in business hours it will interfere with your business. No man can work as well or accomplish as much when smoking as without.

I have in my employ perhaps 1,000 people, mostly young men, and I would much prefer that none of them used tobacco. Leave that to older people, who need the solace of the weed.

Save your money, you will need it some day.

A man who uses tobacco always wastes his money. No man while he is smoking or using tobacco at the time he applied to me for a situation was ever employed by me.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK.

Wool was selling at 23 and 30 cents in this city.

Oscar Dyer bought of Alex Carter, Jr., ten Cotswold ewes at $9 each.

The Mexico Driving Club elected the following officers: L. Hord, President; J. Gordon, Secretray; Bob Arnold, Treasurer; Capt. Curry, Superintendent.

Two freight trains collided near the bridge spanning Salt River, one mile east of this city. Thirteen cars and two engines were demolished. Three men were badly injured.

A barn containing several horses belonging to S. C. Hale, of Audrain county, was burned. John B. Duke, a young man aged about 25 years, was arrested on suspicion of committing the deed.

An association was formed to test the merits of Colman's improved self-oiling car axle box. The officers were: J. M. Marmaduke, President; Ed Rines, Vice-President; P. Locke, Secretary; J. McWilliams, General Superintendent.

TWENTY YEARS AGO THIS WEEK.

John F. Fish and Miss Hattie A. Cox were married at Martinsburg.

A. B. Faut, of Fulton, and father of Mrs. Lewis Hord, of Mexico, diad.

Hiram Greer, of Mexico, and Miss Florence Reid, of Boone county, were wed.

Frank Brown, of Jefferson City, and Miss Bettie French, of Mexico, were married.

Sam S. Edwards, of this city, was night clerk at the St. James Hotel in St. Louis.

The store of Chas Gray, at Benton City, was broken into and robbed of $20 worth of goods.

Oscar Strother, son of Prof. Strother, of Monroe County, and Miss Ella Enline, were married in this city.

John W. Hill and bride, of Queen City, were the guests of Mr. Hill's father, D. M. Hill, near this city.

Wm. Williams, a farmer who lived near Thompson, was found dead on the railroad track near that place.

TEN YEARS AGO THIS WEEK.

Mrs. Walter Lofton died suddenly at Laddonia.

Mrs. Mike Judd died in this city of consumption.

Jacob Quick bought 80 acres of land from John Bick, of Rush Hill, for $30 and acre.

Benj. Haskell, of this city, was married to Miss Beckie Johnson, of Kansas City.

Miss Susie Stevenson, of Mexico, was employed to teach the fall and winter school at Union.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith, of Laddonia, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Joe Crews, son of Eliza Crews, of Rush Hill, was seriously injured while handling a pistol.

A marriage license was granted to Thos. E. Davenport and Miss Daisy Wilson, of near Thompson.

Earl Atkins, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Atkins, southwest of Mexico, was very ill.

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When Apples Were Ten Cents Each.

From the Columbia Herald.

J. C. Yantis, now a wealthy miller of Fulton, made the first of his fortune selling apples. It was in the days of the early mining excitement of Colorado. Apples were selling at ten cents a bushel in Missouri, when they sold at all, which was not often. Mr. Yantis conceived the idea of selling to the Colorado miners. He bought six wagon loads of apples, the finest he could purchase, packed them carefully and went across the plains. At the mines he retailed the Missouri apples at ten cents each and found ready sale therefor. He repeated the transaction several times and made considerable money. A big red apple from home appealed to the miner and he was willing to invest.

Which story suggested to David A. Robnett, who told it, an incident of a certain Columbia citizen. It was when the beautiful peaches of the Robnett orchard were on the market. "I have just fifty cents, all the money I have in the world," said this Columbia citizen, "but I guess I might as well spend that for peaches as anything else. Take a peck down to my wife."

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Reflection on Editor's Handwriting.

The following from Hon. Walter Williams, foreign press commissioner to the World's Fair, explains itself; and is a reflection on the editor's handwriting which will not be forgotten:

To Hon. R. M. White, Mexico, Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, May 13.—I have your letter of the 11th of May with an enclosure for translation. I will translate it for you and forward it to you in a day or two. I am sorry that there are no linguists in Mexico. I should think that the printer who sets up your manuscripts would have do difficulty in reading French, Persian, Scandinavian or Hottentot.

Very truly yours,

WALTER WILLIAMS.

Hon. C. F. Clark, of Mexico, and E. M. Pilcher, of Vandalia, are members of the Federal Grand Jury in St. Louis.

COUNTY NEWS.

FROM AUXVASSE.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

AUXVASSE, MO., May 14.—Auxvasse was visited by a small water-spout Monday afternoon. No damage done.

I. M. Greer is in St. Louis on business.

Mrs. Slavens is convalescing.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Berry is quite sick.

The mite social at Wm. Fry's Friday night, May 8, was well attended, and a nice sum was made.

Let everyone come out to the festival Friday night and help the band boys.

Miss Lou Nunnelly, who has been teaching in Oklahoma during the past winter, is spending her vacation with her parents near here.

Prof. Stubblefield, who was elected principal of the Auxvasse school, has resigned.

Died, at her home, five miles southeast of Auxvasse Saturday morning, May 9, 1903, Mrs. J. L. Morrison, of paralysis, aged about 35 years. She leaves a husband, four small children, a father and several brothers and sisters to mourn her loss. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Dr. F. M. Shoush, Mexico Osteopath, office at residence, corner of Love and Washington streets, one block north of square. Office hours, 8 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 9 p. m. d2t-wtf

A girl at Warton, N. J., had two of her admirers fight a duel for her with clubs. When they were both rendered unconscious she went away with a third and was married to him.

Mrs. Fivecoats sets the pace for the fashionables of Clearmont. Wonder if any of them are seal.

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