

Hon. W. O. L. Jewers, editor of the Shelburne Democrat, one of Missouri's most reliable and substantial newspapers, in writing to the editor of the Ledger in reference to local option under date of December 9, 1907 says:

"In reply to your two questions of the 6th will say, how the people like local option, is indicated by their votes. In the fall of 1887 local option was adopted in this county, after a hard fight, by a majority of 200 more or less. This continued until 1901, when some opposed secured a new vote; this time the majority was about four times as great as the first time." "And, we get enough revenue from the regular taxes. We have very little criminal costs. We are there. We have scarcely any crime. You know how that helps." "Of course the law is violated more or less. So are all laws; but this, of course, more than others. But it is not violated as much as in former years. The lid is on pretty close." "People have liquor shipped in. I think I should not deprive people of this right if I could. My observation, however, is that there is far less used here than when we had saloons. The young men are not as generally addicted to the drink habit where liquor is obtained or the saloon is in the open saloon. For these reasons I think local option a decided benefit."

The best advertising is in a local paper well displayed. If our merchants will drop down to the hitching rack and see the farmers sweep the cheap hand bills out of their wagons they will come to the conclusion immediately that this money is worse than wasted. A certain amount of money can be judiciously expended in the way of attractive posters, but to depend upon this line of advertising for permanent results has proven long since a waste of money.

The citizens of Mexico's board has in mind that we are going to elect four commissioners in the spring. Make your arrangements to see that your nominees are not in favor of lowering the saloon license. Some of those who are now advocating high license as against local option are really in favor of having the license as low as possible.

Hon. JAMES TAPLEY, a leading attorney of Bowling Green, Mo., is going to be a candidate for the State Senate from this district. Mr. Tapley has warm friends throughout the district, who are very enthusiastic in their support of his candidacy.

The entertainment at Hardin College Tuesday night, December 10, was a most delightful affair, and an appreciative audience was highly pleased with the rendering of a most excellent programme. The entertainments at Hardin College are always up-to-date.

The Retail Merchants Association of Mexico is starting another crusade against the professional deadbeat. That association keeps a book containing the names of those who try to live without work.

Col. Geo. W. HAIN, the noted orator will deliver an address in favor of local option at the Opera House Sunday afternoon, December 14, at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to hear this distinguished speaker.

During the month of December the Ledger is devoting considerable space to advertising, but every line is worth reading.

Mrs. Cornett Dead. Mrs. Cornett, wife of T. J. Cornett, died at her home, East Promenade street, Wednesday morning, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Cornett had been ill for several months, and for the last few weeks her condition had been critical. She died with a complication of disease.

Deceased was born in 1855, near Martinsburg, and grew to womanhood in that locality. Her maiden name was Texas Crane, and she was married to T. J. Cornett in 1883. To this union one child, Miss Lottie, was born, who with her father survives the deceased.

Mrs. Cornett was a consistent member of the Baptist church. The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home on East Promenade, conducted by Rev. Truesdell, after which the remains will be interred in the city cemetery. The pall-bearers are J. E. Jones, S. D. Stocks, J. A. Guerin, C. D. Gandy, Wm. West and Dr. Coll.

The Ledger joins other friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Advertisement listing names and addresses of people in the community.

Advertisement regarding a man named "Sim" who was arrested for the charge of theft.

The Talk of the Entire Community

People coming 50 miles to take advantage of this tremendous money-saving event.



Clothes and Shoes of Quality, Mexico, Mo.

Big Discount Sale will continue over the holidays

The remarkable values we have been offering, has stampeded our competitors and we have them guessing; but we always have a reserve force of energy and no firm in this part of the country can outbid us for business.

Our Big Discount of 20% Offered On Suits and Overcoats will be extended to every article in the house, beginning, Saturday, Dec. 14th.

We don't have to raise any money, our bills are all paid and the fact that we are Cash Buyers means a saving of 10 per cent to begin with. Our additional discount of 20 per cent means an actual saving to the consumer of 30 per cent.

Remember, our stock is more extensive to select from, our merchandise is all new and you are assured a square deal and the best treatment possible.

WE ALWAYS DO A LITTLE MORE.

Suits, O'Coats, Shoes, Shirts, Overalls, Duck Coats, all Holiday Neckwear; Mufflers, Hosiery, Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes; in fact, everything in the house at 20 per cent discount. The biggest bona-fide sale of the year.

So far our Big Sale has drawn trade from Fulton, Perry, Louisiana, Centralia, Moberly, Paris, Sturgeon and Montgomery City.

County News.

THOMPSON.
Mrs. Arthur Cannell, of Hatton, was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Elliott, last week.
Miss Hattie Brown was here from Mexico Monday.
R. L. Davis is improving after several weeks sickness.
Dr. Allen was down from Moberly looking for a location, Monday.
Lucas Robinson shipped over the Wash, Monday night, one car load of sheep.
Miss Myrtle Hayes is making an extended visit to her sister, in Bowling Green.
Mrs. O. Barnes and children were in Centralia the first of the week this week.

guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morris.
Wm. Zoet and wife have been entertaining, Mesdames Austin and Blain, of Chenab, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, of St. Edward, Neb.
R. P. Tinsley has been suffering for several weeks with a sore hand.
H. E. Holmes was here Thursday. He sold his farm, at \$66 per acre.

MARTINSBURG ITEMS.
Bob Bruton was called to Truxton, Mo., to see his father who is ill.
Stock shipments this week are Dilard Bros., 1 car of cattle. Scott and Wilburn 2 car load hogs.
Miss Mae Farnsworth is spending a few days in Mexico.
Rev. Green was up from Montgomery Thursday.
Mrs. Lincoln, of Kansas is visiting Mrs. Burchard.
Victor Rodgers is visiting his aunt, Miss Amelia Rodgers.
Geo. Myerper was in St. Louis, Wednesday.

Chas. Stewart, police sergeant, returned to his home in St. Louis, after a visit with his brothers, Wheeler and Brown Stewart.
Gervis Hehl is in Illinois visiting his sister, Mrs. Henry Holterman. Born, to Frank Moser and wife, Dec. 9, a boy.
The meetings at the Baptist church are going on in interest. The evangelist is greeted with good audiences.
A. F. Woodruff and family have moved from the farm during the winter's onths. They are occupying Mrs. Torreyson's property.
Dr. Maers is visiting his parents at Glenwood.
Mrs. Potter has returned; to her home in Illinois after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Woodruff.
C. C. Sondergeld and wife, of Ohio, are visiting the latter parents, Nelson Henry and wife.
Genie Moser met with a very painful accident Sunday having his thumb cut off while playing with an ax.

POLICE "SKIDOO" BAGS STATE BOARD
EDITOR "BOB" WHITE, JUDGE MURRAY AND OTHERS GO TO POLICE STATION.
CHAUFFEUR IS ARRESTED
Callaway County Members of Axium Board Thought Pace Was Slow.

St. Louis Globe Democrat.
Up at McCredie in Callaway County, Mo., there is a lid on nearly everything except speed. McCredie has been accustomed to unrestricted locomotion, either on foot, horseback or by vehicle. To this fact was due the eticize yesterday of T. P. Murry of McCredie, vice chairman of the Board of Managers of the State hospital for insane at Fulton; Editor "Bob" White of Mexico, Mo. Ledger, chairman; Dr. C. W. Lewis, assistant superintendent; and John F. Bell, treasurer of the asylum, on a charge of exceeding the speed limit in an automobile.

ICE PLANT.
Cassius M. Clay Pays \$60,000 and Takes Possession at Once.
Cassius M. Clay has purchased the Mexico Ice Plant for \$60,000. This is one of the best ice plants in the State and has a fine business throughout this part of Missouri. Mr. Clay will take possession at once and will extend the business as rapidly as possible. Cassius is an active young business man, who will give his entire attention to this proposition, and we predict will meet with fine success.

SAY THEY'LL BE GOOD
Lamar Druggists Will Comply With the Law.
Lamar, Dec. 7.—All of the druggists of Lamar have signed the following notice and agreement:
"Inasmuch as it is currently stated that in event local option should be in force, the druggists of the city would sell liquor in violation of Missouri option law, we, the undersigned druggists of the city of Lamar, do hereby pledge ourselves that we will comply with the law faithfully and honestly in spirit and in fact."
Cold Feet.
These indicate a poor circulation. The very best thing to do is to wear them by exercise, if that be practicable; if not, by dipping them in hot cold water, alternately, two or three times, and then using vigorous friction. If that does not warm them and keep them warm, heat them before the fire, drying them thoroughly and then correct your habits or improve your health, for be sure that or the other is wrong, perhaps both.

"TRADE AT MEXICO."

The House of Fashions

Is furnishing its quota of Bargains

For

THE WEEK OF SPECIAL SALES

Saturday, Dec. 7th to 14th, inclusive.

HERE THEY ARE

- A Boy's \$1.00 Watch Free With each Boy's Knee Suit at \$3.50 and over.
- 100 Men's Suits at \$9. Former retail price from \$10 to \$15.
- 100 Men's Suits at \$12. Former retail price from \$15 to \$22.50.
- OTHERS AT \$15 UP \$30.

Men and boys are better clothed who buy their clothes at

The Store That Gives Quality.

KEMP & PEARSON CLOTHING CO.

PRICE CUNNINGHAM starts for Colorado, with a party of horsemen next Tuesday, December 17.

RUSH HILL.
Eighteen thousand bushels of corn was shipped from here last week. Fent & Barney, four loads; H. Doolin, four loads; Maxwell Bros., four loads, averaging 1,000 bushel per load.

ST. CHARLES.
H. Doolin and G. B. McCall are furnishing coal at 12 cents per bushel to the people of Rush Hill.

J. B. Ryland and wife of Hillsdale, Ind., are visiting J. W. Jackson and family, of Rush Hill. Mr. Ryland is an expert in working in fire clay and he says Missouri fire clay took the premium at the World's Fair at St. Louis and he came over to see some of the works.

N. T. Hall, a brother of Mrs. J. L. Carnes, died in Springfield, Ill., Monday the 9th of this month. Mr. Hall was a prominent Mason, also a member of the Odd Fellow fraternity. He was sixty-eight years old and unmarried.

BENTON CITY.
Miss Lela Deppen returned home last Friday from Mexico where she has been visiting.

Rev. Hunt, the Evangelist, who is holding a meeting at Martinsburg, preached here at the Baptist church Saturday evening at 2 o'clock p. m.

Miss Fressie Biederbrand is visiting in St. Charles.

Grandma Powell returned home last Friday from New Florence where she has been visiting for some time.

Miss Cordie Franklin who is working in Mexico spent Sunday in Benton City.

The pastime club was royally entertained Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Polson. Mrs. Polson is one of Mexico's most popular belles.

FUNERAL OF CALEB GUTHRIE.
The funeral services over the remains of Caleb Guthrie who died Sunday morning was held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the home on S. Clark ave., conducted by Rev. A. W. Koken-doffer, after which the remains were interred in the city cemetery. The following were the pallbearers: W. W. Harper, A. H. Luckie, Tom Roden, Sam Locke, Thos. McCune and T. J. Hoxey.

J. M. Pollard, of this city, is with the Mermod-Jaccard Jewelry Co., of St. Louis, during the month of December, where he would be pleased to see his friends and give them his personal attention in a selection from the finest stock in America of watches, diamonds and jewelry. d1w1

Any one desiring washing done at their home, apply to the Associated Carities.

CHRISTMAS APPLES.
We have a carload of Eastern Apples due to arrive this week. The apples will be put up in bushel baskets for family use and will be sold for \$1.00 to \$1.50 per basket, and in barrels at \$4.00 to \$4.50 per barrel, according to quality.

The Hathaway Seed and Produce Co., 1064-4th St., Mexico, Mo.
The Ledger covers the field.

Watches for Christmas

From the boy's \$1 watch to the handsome gold case, with its diamond and ruby jeweled movement costing \$100 at

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY.

Our watch bargains are yours in this great Christmas Watch Sale.

Art and business - that just about tells the story of our watches. The cases are art and the works are business.

We are showing twenty styles of gold filled cases, fitted with genuine Elgin or Waltham jeweled movements. Your choice for \$10.00. Cases guaranteed 20 years; movements guaranteed satisfactory. Engraving Free of Charge.

STEP IN AND LOOK AROUND.

WORRELL THE JEWELER

THREE STORES ON THE CORNER