THIS IS YOUR LAST WEEKLY LEDGER UNLESS YOU GET OFF THE DELINQUENT LIST.

The Jefferson street railroad crossing should be paved with brick.

Every alley in the business portion of the city should be paved this spring.

Macon county is arranging to erect a handsome jail building. Audrain county ought to make a move in this direction.

One of the most promising signs of universal peace is that war is getting to be too expensive an amusement for a nation to indulge in.

George Kunkel has been confirmed as postmaster of Mexico. The reappointment of Mr. Kunkel is an honor well deserved.

The newspaper men of Randolph county have organized, and results beneficial to the editors and people of Randolph generally will follow.

The people of Audrain county and Mexico should take an active interest in the annual poultry show, which meets in Mexico next December, the eighth. Audrain county should carry off its share of prizes.

It is reported that the railroads are hoarding coal in prospect of a miners' strike. Yes, there will have to be something started to keep up the price as the hot weather approaches.

Abe Hummel having completed his term in the penitentiary is sailing to Europe for a years' stay. This will at least help the average of American citizenship for twelve months longer.

The great alien exodus continues and is taken as one of the signs of business depression. If the depression extends to Black Hand Anarchy and Mafia circles, the country will try to put up with it for a while longer.

The property owners on the block just southwest of the public square have petitioned for their alley to be paved. Instead of protesting they believe in petitioning, knowing that in this way Mexico will be made a city.

President S. L. Robinson, of the proposed electric road, has made good all of his promises and the grading is progressing rapidly. Arrangements should be completed at once to insure the location of the terminal of this road at Mexico.

Mexico always gets what it goes after. The money for the electric railroad and for the two new kilns at the brick plant has about all been subscribed. These are two very important enterprises and we congratulate our people on the interest taken.

Frank Morris, of the Mexico shoe factory, will in the future manage the Kirksville factory, which belongs to the same company. Will Morris will be in charge of the Mexico plan. The Morris boys are all men of fine executive ability, and know how to make shoes and make them quick and make them right.

The Centralia Courier says: "J. C. Hitt left last of the week for his home in Longmont, Colo., having disposed of all of his property here. Mr. Hitt was one of our very best farmers and excellent citizens and the Courier voices the sentiment of the entire community in expressing regret at his leaving Missouri."

Only a few more hundred dollars is lacking to complete the fund to build the two new kilns for the Mexico brick plant, which will insure the permanency of this institution as an employer of unskilled labor. Work on these kilns should be started by April first.

Under the ruling of the government, those who are on the delinquent list will receive no more weekly Ledgers after this week. All delinquents are discontinued on the first of April. There are still a few who have been taking the Ledger for years, who have not paid up and in advance. They should give this matter their immediate attention.

The Audrain county Democratic Central Committee meets in Mexico at two p. m., Saturday, to arrange for the election of delegates to the State Democratic Convention, which meets in Jefferson City May 29. There should be a full attendance of the committee at this meeting. Ten delegates are to be elected from Audrain county, as follows: Three from Salt River township, two from Cuivre, and one from each of the other townships. These delegates attend the convention at Jefferson City, which elects four delegates at large and two delegates from each congressional district to the Democratic convention, which meets in Denver, July seventh.

The St. Louis Republic last Sunday contained a page article in reference to ex-President Grover Cleveland, who is now seventy-one years old. Norman J. Colman, who was Cleveland's first secretary of agriculture, in the article published on the page referred to says: "I have had the good fortune to be personally acquainted with all the Presidents of the United States since Millard Filmore filled that office. I visited Washington when he was President, and met him on several occasions, as I have met those who have followed him to that high office from that day to this, and, without the slightest disrespect to any of them, it is my candid opinion that not one of them had a higher sense of the great dignity of his office and of the grave duties devolving upon him than Grover Cleveland. He never in public or private indulged in conversation that the most refined could not listen to with pleasure and profit. He seemed to be actuated by higher morals and patriotic motives, not only in the performance of public duty, but in the private walks of life. This dignified attitude did not arise from pride of position, for I never saw a man more averse to posing before the public. Whatever he did in this respect was done under a sense of public duty because the high office demanded it. The seclusion of his private office was far pleasanter to him than the tumultuous applause of the multitude. While he exhibited no ostentation in office, and regretted to see it in others he was a stickler for all the established formalities of official life, and was as conscientious in the performance of his duty in this respect as in all other respects. He was slow in forming friendships, but when once formed no one was more loyal to a friend while he remained worthy of his friendship. It is doubtful if the reputed ties existing between Damon and Pythias were stronger than those existing between Mr. Cleveland and Daniel S. Lamont, his private secretary in his first administration, and Secretary of the Navy in his second. Although totally dissimilar in figure and appearance, no brothers were more devoted to each other. Mr. Cleveland always called Mr. Lamont by the familiar name "Dan," and Mr. Lamont had great influence with Mr. Cleveland. Indeed, it is doubtful if Mr. Cleveland would have consented to make the race for President the second time but for the influence of Mr Lamont. Mr. Cleveland told me personally, not long before the close of his first administration, that he did not want to run for President again: that his administration had been successful and popular and that the measure of his ambition was full. He said if elected again, new issues might arise which might embarrass him and his administration, and that he might not retire with the popularity which his administration then enjoyed. He said he much preferred to retire to private life, and made the impression on my mind that he would not consent to make the race. A couple of weeks after that I met him again, and he said that he had fully made up his mind not to consent to run, but, said he, "Dan and my wife made me consent to make the race." The truth was that Lamont was diplomat enough to know that if he did not have influence enough to get him to run, he must draw upon the still more potent influence of Mr. Cleveland, which he secured. In this second race which he really did not like to make, he was defeated, but he was very eager to make the third race in order to be vindicated, and he was triumphantly elected. He sympathized deeply with the unfortunate. In one instance he wrote to me asking me if I could give a place in the Seed Department to a poor blind girl without detriment to the public service. I ascertained that there was a certain work she could do as rapidly as girls that could see, and I gave her a position. In his domestic relations he was the affectionate and devoted husband. The most tender and harmonious relations always existed between him and his most estimable wife. Some cruel stories were published by partisan papers about domestic conflicts between them, but there was not a single word of truth in them, nor the least foundation for them, as I know by the highest authority."

H. A. Gass, State Superintendent of Public Schools, in writing the Mexico Ledger, says: "I desire to call your attention to Section 9751, which requires that there shall be an eight months term of school in each district, provided a tax of forty cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation, together with the public funds, is sufficient therefor. This means that every school board in the state must made a levy of 40 cents, unless a smaller levy will be sufficient for an eight month term. The annual meeting may increase the levy to sixty-five cents in common school districts or to one dollar in town and village districts as provided in Section 9777. The levy may also be increased at a special meeting as provided in Section 9780."

This week's Ledger is the last copy you will receive if you are on the delinquent list. Under the ruling of the government we will have to cut you off unless you pay in advance. Give this matter your immediate attention. We are glad to be able to say that nearly all of our subscribers have gladly complied with the law, and are now paid in advance, giving the Ledger one of the largest and most representative lists of paid in advance subscribers of any country weekly in the State.

Meyer & Glanton will this week surrender their lease on the Mexico Brick Plant and the Company will take charge. Two new kilns will be erected as soon as possible and the capacity of the plant doubled. This institution promises to be a very large employer of unskilled labor.

James Houchin has a big combination horse sale at Jefferson City, March 28, and there will be some bargains offered. There should be a good attendance at this sale from Audrain county.

The proposed electric R. R. when completed from Columbia to Hannibal by way of Mexico and Perry will be not only a great convenience to the people of this part of Missouri, but will be a splendid investment.

Every property owner around the public square should petition the City Council to pave the alleys. There should be no protests.

The big combination horse sale in Mexico the latter part of next week promises to be a record breaker

Sold Out.

We have sold our mill machinery to be moved by April 15, and have on hand several thousand pounds of flour that must be sold. As long as it lasts we will make these prices: Blue Ribbon $2.50 hundred. Cream of Wheat $2.40 hundred Hummer $2.20 a hundred. We guarantee every sack.

dw1 Mexico Milling Co.

Bryan Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, is very sick with symptoms of pneumonia. Several of the Marshall family have had the measles, but are improving.

The - People's - Popular - Department - Store

Magnificent Shirt - Waist Offerings

Because of the great improvements in their manufacture and the new altogether reliable character of Ready-to-wear Shirt-Waists, less of these garments are being made at home than ever before. The advantage in purchasing a Shirt-Waist already made up and ready for immediate wear, are so numerous that we need not emphasize them here. You will be interested to know that we have just received a large quantity of excellent Shirt-Waists and these we secured by a most fortunate purchase, and in order that you may have an early opportunity to examine them we shall place the entire collection on sale, commencing next Monday Morning, March 30th.

Consider if you will, the pleasing effect of either of the Shirt-Waists shown above at 98 cents. Notice the elaborate plaiting of the one on the right and the handsome panel of Eyelet Embroidery laid on the front. The garment on the left is an English Torchon Lace effect in combination with fine tucks. Imagine making such a garment in your own home, with such elaborate detail, and of furnishing your own materials, all for 98 cents! Here are complete garments for that small sum, and others of varying designs at the same price. Going up in price one finds more beautiful trimmings and finer cloths, varying up to the handsome garment illustrated above at $3.50. At whatever price you wish to pay, we offer a variety of garments all very excellently made and every one a real bargain.

Mexico Variety Store

West Side of the Square

FINE CHICKENS.

It Pays to Grow Poultry When Missouri Birds Sell For $1,500

Kansas City, Mo., March 20.—Five Missouri chickens were shipped abroad from Kansas City Wednesday. These chickens were of the crystal white orpington stock and were raised on the Kellerstrass poultry farm near here. The remarkable feature about the trip of these five Missouri birds abroad is the astounding value placed upon them. They sold for $1,500 each, the purchaser being Madam Paderweska, wife of the pianist, and the man who raised and sold them is Ernest Kellerstrass, the expert poultry fancier, whose fine farm is devoted exclusively to crystal white orpingtons. The birds were sent by Wells Fargo express and were insured for $7,500 by the express company. They go to Switzerland, the mountain summer home of the pianist and his wife. The madam is an expert poultry fancier herself and has followed the Kellerstrass birds from poultry show to poultry show and noted the many blue ribbons they have won. When she visited here in February she went to the farm and tried to buy Peg, the famous $5,000 hen, but could not. She then bought five of her chickens.

The Kellerstrass farm is noted as being the home of Peg, perhaps the finest hen in the world. This hen is a crystal white orpington and was raised by Kellerstrass four years ago. She has won first prizes at London, Hong Kong, Paris, New York, Chicago, Jamestown and elsewhere. The national poultry association scored here 97½ perfect. She has not a broken feather or has she ever lost one, and the objection to her being entirely perfect according to poultry standards is her overweight, weighing 6½ pounds when she should only weigh 6 pounds.

Peg has been three times around the world, it costs $1800 to maintain her every year. She has a private valet, her food is cooked especially and the traveling expenses of this hen are enormous. But she has won honors for her owner, and is worth almost a thousand dollars a pound. Kellerstrass says he would not sell her at any price because she is the mother of his flock of almost five thousand crystal white orpington chickens on his farm, and a model chicken. He expects to raise some day a perfect orpington chicken and to that end is watching carefully the hatchings from every egg laid by Peg. Some day he will find the right one.

Peg is given a bath every day, her beak and comb manicured, her legs scrubbed and she is given exercise in an open lot with clean straw and fresh worms. No other chickens are allowed to associate with her. She is fed toasted bread and the finest of ground meats.

Since 1902 Peg has been going the rounds of the poultry shows and has won almost international fame.

W. R. Draper.

Residence Robbed.

The residence of J. D. Hardin, eight miles southwest of this city, was entered Sunday afternoon, and fifteen dollars in money, a gold watch and a pair of shoes were taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin were away from home Sunday, having spent the day with a neighbor and when they returned home they found that the house had been ransacked by robbers.

Miss Parks, of Carrollton, Ill., a most popular designer, is now with Miss Rosamond, the milliner.

WHITEFACES AT $6.65.

Audrain County Patron Markets Load of Good Steers at top Figures.

Powell, Mundy & Hook, of Audrain county, Mo., were represented on the St. Louis market Monday with a load of Whiteface steers originally out of Texas Panhandle. The consignment embraced 20 head averaging 1366 lbs and sold at $6.65, the top of the market. They were bought last year by Pate Cauthorne, also of Audrain county, who conditioned them for market. Mr. Cauthorne is a recognized authority on cattle feeding in his community and the condition of his steers to-day is sufficient evidence to tear out the statement of his friends "that nobody knows the business better than Pate does."

OLDEST "NEWSBOY" NOW OVER 100

Sells Papers at "Alton" Depot, Joliet.

Oreasmus Page, credited with being the oldest newsboy in the United States, a claim which has never been disputed, celebrated his one hundredth birthday anniversary February 11, 1908. For the past fifteen years he has been engaged in the sale of papers at the Chicago & Alton Passenger Station, Joliet.

Mr. Page was born February 11, 1808. Despite his age and the fact that he has but one leg, he is active and has built up a thriving business. He makes his headquarters at the Alton station and is well known to regular patrons of the road.

Mr. Page comes of a family that is noted for its longevity. One grandfather died at the age of 103; a grandmother at 105.

Marriage license was issued, Tuesday, to Conrad Schutte and Alice Miller, of Audrain.

Scientific Eye Testing

If you have any trouble with your eyes or your glasses, let us demonstrate our ability to remedy it.

We have given optical work much study and with a thoroughly equipped Optical Department, are in a position to give your eyes an expert examination.

There is almost nothing in the way of optical work—from making any kind of repairs to your glasses, to filling the most difficult prescription for special lenses—that we cannot do to your entire satisfaction.

Our prices are most reasonable

Pilcher Jewelry Co. | *East Side of Square Established in 1868*

FOLK'S FIRST SPEECH SOON

Jefferson City, March 21.—Governor Folk in an interview to-day discussed the question of his fight for a seat in the United States Senate. He will make the opening speech of his campaign in a few days

Governor Folk said:

"If the people desire that I continue in official position I shall obey their will; if they release me from further official duties I shall fight on in private life for the principles I have battled for to the best of my ability in public station. The Senatorship offers tremendous opportunities for the accomplishment of public good; yet if a majority of the Democratic party bestows that honor upon another I shall not complain, but will do all I can to have the Democratic members of the general assembly carry out the will of the Democratic voters of the state.

NO COMPROMISE FOR HIM.

"There is one thing certain, if I could get the senatorship by compromising with the lawless elements I have been fighting and without this I could not get it, I would not have it.

"There have been twenty-one United States senators from Missouri, exclusive of those now serving. Of these six served more than one term, while fifteen served only one term or less. So much for custom.

"This is a fight for principle, not for or against any man. I want to win on the strength of my own cause, not on any weakness of my opponent. I want votes that are for me because they believe I am right. I do not care for votes that are merely against some one else for whatever reason. The fight I shall make will be a clean one, and the victory positive, not negative.

"My platform will be announced in my opening address, which will be delivered at some point in the state in the near future. That platform is the record of things done in the state, and the Democratic policies I believe should be carried into the governmental affairs of the nation. I want the people of Missouri to approve or disapprove what has been accomplished for the guidance of those who will follow in official position."

RESPECT FOR HONEST OPPONENTS

"There will, of course, be some good people against us, because for one reason or another they prefer someone else, and for these I have no ill-will. The are merely exercising the freeman's right, the right I have fought to give them. But there is another class with which I have a quarrel, and against whom I shall contend as long as I have life and strength to do it—the lawless element. I believe lawlessness is anarchy whether, at the top of society or the bottom of society, and that contempt for law is no less reprehensible when wantonly flaunted by saloon keepers or gamblers that when plotted over a directors' table or shouted under a red flag at an Anarchist meeting.

"In my official career I have offended grafters and gamblers by enforcing the law against them; I have offended powerful liquor interest because I have insisted that the laws are just as binding on them as on the humblest citizen.

"I have offended great corporate interests because of the laws I have advocated now on the statute books, which I believe to be for the welfare of the people; I have offended many professional politicians because I have looked to the people, not to them for support.

DOES NOT FEAR POWERFUL EXTREMES

"I care not how powerful the elements of opposition may be, if the hearts and consciences of the people be on our side.

"These allied interests demand that I be repudiated by the people. From the way some of them assail me one would think I am a public enemy. Am I a public enemy for enforcing the people's laws against them as I took an oath to do when I became governor of the commonwealth, or are they public enemies for defying the mandates of a sovereign state?"

The Ledger covers the field.

MEXICO GETS MORE LIKE NEW YORK EVERY DAY

Kemp & Pearson Clothing Co. are Making an Interesting Display of New York Spring Fashions in Men's Outer Wear.

New York City is the recognized Fashion Centre of the World for Men's Clothing.

All the authoritative designs can be traced directly to a few of the designers employed by the leading tailoring establishments in New York City.

The Kemp & Pearson Clothing Co., of this city, are in the enviable position of being able to submit to their customers a complete range of Men's Outer Apparel of the unquestioned New York Mode of the day.

This is accounted for by the fact that The Kemp & Pearson Clothing Co., are the exclusive distributors in this city of the products of Alfred Benjamin & Co.

Alfred Benjamin & Co., whose tailor shops are but a block from Broadway, a minutes' walk from Fifth Avenue, have been for a third of a century accepted by Fashionable New Yorkers as the leading manufacturing tailors of the Metropolis.

Their establishments is impressive, not alone for its size, but because of its perfect equipment and splendid organization.

Their designers are creators—not merely adapters of styles—so that whatever garments bears the label of Alfred Benjamin & Co., may be accepted as an original New York Fashion.

Tailors in cities, other than New York, must wait until a style has been created in New York before adopting it in their garments, with the result that their productions are at least six months behind the Fashion and but imitations of the real New York Style.

At the present time The Kemp & Pearson Clothing Co., are displaying the very latest up-to-date men's fashions for Spring and Summer 1908—styles that are identical in every detail with those created and made for their own Fashionable New York customers by Alfred Benjamin & Co.

The Kemp & Pearson Clothing Co. are anxious that every man in the city who desires to acquaint himself with the prevailing New York Style shall visit their store, whether intending to purchase or not.

City Council Notes.

The City Council met in regular session Monday night, March 23, Mayor Graham presiding, and all members present, except Mr. Potts who was ill. After the minutes were read and approved the council proceeded with the business of the city.

The petition to pave the alley in block 7, original Mexico was filed and the city attorney was instructed to draw up resolutions providing for the pavement of this alley. A petition was also presented for the pavement of North Jefferson, which was ordered filed.

The report of the committee on the alley in Sparks Addition was continued. In the matter of extending the alley in Morris addition a committee was appointed to confer with the property owners.

A sidewalk along the property of S. & N. Phillips was ordered; also along the property of Joe Payne.

The city marshall was instructed to notify parties on W. Love, St., who are running private sewers into the street, that they abate the nuisance.

The city cemetery ordinance regarding the raising of burials permits from four to six dollars, was given third reading and on motion was passed.

An ordinance defining grain, provision and stock exchanges and providing a license fee therefore to be paid by the keeper and operator thereof was given the first and second reading.

The contract for a concrete bridge on East Jackson street was let to W. A. Hendrix at $210. There was one other bid for this work by B. A. Powell at $412.50. D. C. Owens was also given the contract to place East Jackson street in a proper condition for travel. Bid $390.

On motion an ordinance was ordered drawn establishing grade on extension of East Jackson and Grand Ave. On motion the street commissioner was instructed to grade Clark Ave to Maple street, and Olive from Maple to Pearson.

It was moved that City Attorney draw an ordinance establishing sprinkling limits and the Mayor appointed a committee to confer with attorney in regard to the same.

W. L. Kent was granted permission to build a four foot walk,

On motion street commissioner was instructed to clean paved street.

The Judges and Clerks for the City Election in April were appointed.

1st. Ward; Judges, J. T. Crews, T. M. Gill, T. J. Gibson and E. B. Norris. Clerks: D. H. Cauthorn and D. C. Owens.

2nd. Ward: Judges, J. W. Atchinson, Bob Jolly, Walter Squires, and R. H. Kerman. Clerks, Wat Nichols and Mac Gamble.

3rd. Ward: Judges A. Calhoun, D. S. Burroughs, W. A. Hendrix and L. J. Farrah. Clerks, J. O. Edmonston and John X. Brown.

4th. Ward: Judges, W. C. Gamble, J. G. Head, D. Petty and J. Offutt. Clerks, Jno Kemp and R. Head.

The following bills were allowed.

Laborers and Teamsters	94.75
W. Dearing	85
Collector	3.15
Pete Campbell	11.50
John Lenton	9.10
County	4.50
E. W. Walker	15.75
W. G. Sims & Son	15.00
John T. Ricketts	2.25
L. L. Winans	12.65

Sale of "Nox All"

For one week only. To introduce this "Popular Make" of men's working clothes and dress shirts, we will give with each purchase of "Nox All" amounting to $1.00 or over—free—one pair good socks or 1 pair good suspenders. See window displays.

Mexico Variety Store.
West Side Square.

Satisfaction.

Do not run a risk by experimenting in implements. Our J. I. Case and Moline Implements are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction. They are the best w1

Ferris & Cauthorn.

Frank Doan, one of Mexico most highly respected and oldest citizens, is very sick at his home on north Clark avenue.

SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

Compromise Ends Breach of Promise Suit.

The breach of promise suit of Miss Sallie Phillips against Lloyd Crawford, has been compromised. Both parties to the suit are residents of Saling township, over in Audrain county.

Miss Phillips got judgement for $5,000 damages against Crawford for an alleged breach of promise to marry her. According to her story Crawford broke his engagement with her. He married Miss Bessie Littrel, daughter of George F. Littrell, a farmer living about three miles north of Sturgeon.

Miss Phillips sued for $10,000 damages, her suit being filed the very day following the day she said had been set for her wedding. She got judgment in the Audrain county circuit court for $5,000.

The recalcitrant lover, now happily wedded to another, flatly refused to pay the judgement, and Miss Phillips brought garnishment proceedings against his wife, and relatives, charging them with sequestering his property, of holding it with the purpose of defrauding her.

One of the garnishment suits was tried at the recent Audrain circuit court, and resulted in a hung jury.

When the jury was discharged, Miss Phillips, through her attorneys, at once filed suit against Bessie Crawford, wife of defendant, and Taylor Crawford and wife, parents of Lloyd, for $2,000 damages. She charged them with conspiring and using undue influence to persuade Lloyd not to marry her.

The compromise affected is this: Defendant pays plaintiff $450 and all witness fees, while plaintiff pays all court costs and the fees of all her witnesses and all pending proceedings are dismissed.—Columbia (Mo.) Tribune.

RANDOLPH CO. EDITORS CONFER

O. D. Gray and "Bob" White are Here to Help Organize a Randolph County Association

As we go to press an important meeting is being held in the Commercial club rooms. Newspaper representatives from all over Randolph county are gathered there to meet Omar D. Gray, of Sturgeon, who is president of the Missouri State Press Association and Bob White, of Mexico, who is secretary of the same.

The object of this meeting is the organization of the Randolph County Press Association, which will be an organization for the benefit and improvement of all concerned. It is a progressive step and when the people of this county take a step forward they always hold their ground, so that whatever is done in this meeting will only be the beginning of many things which will help the press of the county and indirectly every citizen as well.—Moberly Democrat

Green Forage For Hogs.

An especially timely bulletin has just been issued from the Missouri Experiment Station by Dean H. J. Waters giving the results of some experiments to determine the value of different forage crops for hogs

Thirty-six pigs, weighing about 50 lbs. each, were fed in lots on different forage crops in connection with corn until they were ready for market, accurate account being kept of the cost of gains made.

In cheapness of gains the feeds used ranked as follows: Corn and skim milk, cheapest; corn and alfalfa, second; corn and red clover, third; corn and bluegrass, fourth; corn and rape; fifth; corn and ship stuff, sixth.

A saving of about 75c a hundred in the cost of gain was effected by using green clover instead of fresh bluegrass. A saving of $1.00 a hundred was effected by using alfalfa instead of bluegrass.

When it is realized that alfalfa comes up early and when properly clipped stays green all summer and until the very hard freezes of early winter, its importance as a hog pasture is apparent. Clover yields more forage per acre than bluegrass, and as shown by these experiments has a much higher feeding value. It is of the utmost importance, therefore, to provide this sort of pasture for hogs rather than to require them to run on a bluegrass pasture, or even worse than bluegrass, a timothy pasture, or even far worse than this, to confine them in a dry lot in the summer-time.

This bulletin recommends a succession of crops for profitable hog pasture. The bulletin is for free distribution, and may be had by addressing the Experiment Station at Columbia.

Boy's Corn Growing Contest

The Missouri Boys' Corn Growing Contest will be conducted again this year as usual. The Boys' Class consists of those over 10 years, and under 16; the Young Mens' Class, of those over 16 and under 20 years.

Attractive premiums in cash and merchandise will be offered. Young men and boys should get in line for this work. Besides the State Corn Show at Columbia, will be held the State Fair at Sedalia and the National Corn Exposition at Omaha, Nebraska, where inall, thousands of dollars will be wonby somebody. Missouri boys should win a share of all this.

It costs nothing to join the Contest. Simply send your name to S. M. Jordan, Secretary Missouri Corn Growers Association, Columbia, Missouri, and you will be enrolled as a member, and full particulars and instructions will be sent to you.

If you cannot get good seed near home the College of Agriculture is prepared to give small amounts of seed to those who enter the contest, but you are advised to use home-grown seed where at all possible.

Mortgage Filed.

A mortgage was filed with the recorder of Audrain county March 23, by the Mexico-Perry & Santa Fe Traction Co. to the Carnegie Trust Company and Patrick Henry Cullen trustees, to secure the loan of $850,000, as evidenced by 850, 20 years Gold Coupon Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent.

Is Seriously Ill.

The many friends of Mrs. Alfred Larsen will regret to learn that she is seriously ill at her home on North Jefferson street.

Mrs. Larson had an operation performed last week, and though her condition is critical, she is doing as well as could be expected.

Mrs. William Stuart and niece, Mrs. Wood, will leave for Oklahoma City, and after a visit there will be the guest of relatives in Texas.

Your Blood

Needs purifying and your whole system renovating spring, as pimples, boils, eruptions, loss of appetite and tired feeling annually prove.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the most effective medicine devised for the complete purification of the blood and complete renovation of the whole system.

It will make you feel better, look better, eat better and give you the best possible preparation for the days of summer, as over 40,000 people have testified last two years. Today buy and begin to take

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Usual form, liquid, or in tablet form, called Sarsatabs, 100 Doses

KIRKSVILLE DRY

SALOONS TO DOMINATE NO LONGER

John R. Kirk, President State Normal, Writes the Ledger Regarding The "Dry and Dark" Posters.

R. M. White, Exalt. Mexico, Mo.

Kirksville, Mo., March 19, 1908.—Dear Sir:—Your letter of March 17th is received. You mention certain large posters claiming that "Kirksville Went Dark When She Went Dry." The inference is that the saloon advocates have put up these posters. It is just like those people to do such things. They are hard pressed for argument. By insinuations they hope to rally friends in a losing fight. They are in dire distress. They can never face the clear, cold facts. Their methods reveal the extremity to which they are driven. But the whole unhappy combination of breweries and distilleries and saloons and whisky drug stores and dives will ultimately be brought into subjection to the will of the community at large. Then law and order and decency will prevail.

But Kirksville is not yet dry and cannot become dry until almost midsummer. We still have flourishing saloons and the benefit (?) of revenues from the saloons. The partnership between the saloons and the people has not yet expired. The policy and prosperity of Kirksville are still seriously affected by the saloon influence.

Let the facts be told: A little over ten years ago Kirksville had no saloons and no debts. Then the people formed a partnership with the saloons. They were promised prosperity and money for many improvements. Hope and civic pride ran high. The town was to have been a boom. But what really did happen in ten years? Let anybody who passes through Kirksville open his eyes as he wades through our sloppy streets. What have we? The town now has a very unsatisfactory water-works system. It has about the worst streets, crossing and sidewalks to be found in any town of its size north of the Arkansas line. We are approaching the end of ten or twelve years of business manipulation by the saloon advocates. And what have we in compensation for our unsatisfactory public utilities? We have besides our defective water-works system, our unimproved streets, etc., etc., somewhere from $12,000 to $20,000 of debts. I am unable to learn the exact amount of indebtedness. No one seems to know. The saloon advocates did not promise our present condition; but, under their regime, it has come upon us. This fact they can't evade or disguise. Their regime has been tried in the balance and found wanting.

Now about the street light proposition: Long before the expiration of the contract for lights and before the local option campaign was inaugurated, it was well known that the lighting contracts would expire. It was also well known that the city was very badly in debt. If it was intended to hold local option people responsible for shutting off the streets lights then the lights should have been continued until near the time when local option would go into operation. But we have an interim of about six months between shutting off the lights and the disappearance of the saloon with its large revenues which it has been turning into the city treasury. You see the saloon advocates have had their way about things for a long time. They have made a mess of it. They have gotton us into the condition that we are now in. The actual cause for shutting off the lights, as anyone can see, is that the finances of our city under the management of saloon advocates have for years been growing more and more difficult to manage and the debts of the town have been piling up until our city officials know not what to do. Here, as elsewhere, the saloon has been active in politics. The saloon keeper and the bar keeper must inject themselves into public business, into political conventions, into elections, into pretty nearly everything touching public utilities. It is to be hoped that sober minded business men of the city, regardless of past views on local option will soon get themselves into cooperation so that they may rescue the city from those financial straits brought upon it while depending upon the saloon advocates to manipulate its public affairs. We hope soon to begin the improvement of the streets, sidewalks, water-works, lights, and other public utilities. We will probably do these things better without the saloon licenses than with them. For when people cease to rely upon the saloons for revenue and for fair business sense, then they fall back upon their own judgement. They begin to economize and to think about what can be done with a dollar. They begin to look out for leakage and for extravagance.

They try to discover and to show just where the money comes from and where it goes.

Of course the saloon men are right when they hold up Kirksville as a horrible example. But why not tell the whole story? Why not acknowledge their responsibility for the condition? Why not confess that ours is an example of enormous debts accumulated during the time of our partnership with the saloons? That same damaging reports about "Kirksville going dark when she went dry" were circulated during the recent local option campaign in Livingston County. But the saloons were defeated there. The same tactics were tried in Chariton County last week with the same result. A bad cause relies very naturally upon unscrupulous methods of procedure. But there is no doubt that the truth will prevail.

Very truly,
John R. Kirk.

COUNTY SCHOOL FUND

County School Commissioner Davis Interests Pupils of Schools.

Benton City, Mo., March 23, 1908.—Patrons and pupils of the schools I wish to call your attention to the offered by the following high school graduates from the schools of Audrain county. The State Board of Education has accepted them believing that they will stimulate pupils of the county to do their best for the remainder of the school year, helpsome worthy young people to secure a practical education which otherwise not be able to do so.

Prize No. 1. A three year scholarship by Hill's Business College, Sedalia, Mo.

Prize No. 2. A six months scholarship by Beasley's Columbia Business College, Columbia, Mo.

Prize No. 3. A Life Scholarship either the commercial department, telegraphy department, or in the Academic Department in Moore's Chillicothe Normal, Chillicothe, Mo.

All three of the above schools are endorsed by the State Superintendent of Schools; University professors, school men, and the leading educators of the state.

Prize No. 4. Semester scholarship Literary department to student or for a boarder who will take at least one or more subjects beside, by Hardin College, Mexico, Mo.

Prize No. 5 A three year scholarship in Mexico Military Institute, Mexico, Mo.

In addition to the above I am pleased to announce to the graduating the eighth grade work in rural schools; free scholarships following high schools.

Prize No. 6. Mexico High School two scholarships for one boy and one girl.

Prize No. 7. Vandalia High School two scholarships for one boy and one to a girl

Prize No. 8. Laddonia High School will do something, but this is not fully decided.

Prize No. 9 Farber High School offers one scholarship for one boy or girl, living in adjoining districts.

Prize No. 10 Martinsburg High School, one scholarship for one boy or girl living in adjoining districts.

Centralia High School, scholarship for one year, to boy or girl in drain county.

Prize No. 12 Sturgeon High School will announce later.

The above prizes will be given in the following manner.

Examinations will be held in each school district by the teachers, questions to be furnished by the State Superintendent, papers to be graded and sent to the State Board of Education for approval. To make an average grade of 75 and do not fall below 60 in any branch, will receive a Rural School Entrance Certificate which will entitle the holder to enter high school without further examination.

Then a second examination will be short and difficult and held at Mexico to determine the winners of the first four prizes.

To determine the winners of number prizes similar examinations will be held in the respective counties for awarding the prizes.

The dates for holding the examinations will be made later.

The following rules will govern:

1. All contestants must be present at the examination for competition.

2. No contestants under twenty years of age.

Any further information concerning these scholarships will be given.

Yours respectfully,
S. T. [illegible]
County School Commissioner.

SURRENDERS TO SHERIFF

M. M. Sharpless, Convicted, Reaches Jefferson City Monday.

Jefferson City, March 23.—M. M. Sharpless, formerly of Mexico, whose sentence of 10 years in the Penitentiary was affirmed by Division No. 2 of the Supreme Court to-day, arrived here this morning from Illinois and delivered to Sheriff Shal Fink of the Supreme Court.

Sharpless, who was indicted, heard while traveling in Illinois that business that the Missouri Supreme Court was against him, started for Jefferson City, but after wiring the Marshal he accompanied that official to the city early after he had delivered himself and was "dressed in."

Sharpless forged a deed by which he secured possession of acres of land in St. Clair county, his victims lived in Kansas City, he was tried here

Lannie Gamble, after a visit with relatives in Mexico, returned to St. Louis, where he has a good position.

T. A. McIntyre is home from California, where he spent the winter. Mr. McIntire's many friends are glad to know that his health has improved.

Frank Bruce and family of Kansas City, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Powell.

James St. Vrain's many friends are glad to see him out again.