Audrain County Has One of the Best Infirmaries in the State

Audrain County is one of the counties of the state that has come to the front in the care of their poor and indigent. The infirmary of this county is one of the best in the state and William T. Cross, a former Mexico boy who is now secretary of the State Board of Charities and Corrections has expressed himself as being very much pleased with the new building.

This building was constructed at a cost of about $11,000 and was designed especially for the purpose it serves. Over thirty persons, poor, indigent and aged, now claim the Infirmary for their home, and a mighty good home it is.

Scott Hamilton, who is superintendent of the infirmary, with his wife, takes personal care of the inmates and see that they have everything possible for their comfort. Those who are able work in the fields and feed the stock. The men who are unable to do heavy work help about the barn and the building and with the women aid Mrs. Hamilton in keeping the building in first-class condition.

The infirmary is built in an L shape with the women's ward at one end of the second floor and the men's ward at the other. Between the two wards is a long well-lighted hall where the invalids can sit during the day. On the first floor is the dining room, kitchen, store room, laundry and oil for any one who has to be kept by force. The building is heated by furnace and lighted with electricity furnished from a storage battery plant.

The Audrain County Infirmary is typical of the present age. These day the spirit is coming over the people all over the world that unfortunate persons should be carefully looked after and given every opportunity. Not many years ago, in some parts of this state, the poor were thrust in prison and houses and feeble-minded were tied to trees by day and placed in filthy cells by night. This view has died out almost entirely now, however, and especial care and treatment is given the unfortunate persons.

Audrain county is being complimented for her splendid infirmary and deserves to be.

TWO-CENT RATE ON EFFECT JULY 1.

The railroads have decided without waiting for the mandate of the supreme court to put new rates in force at the earliest practical date, and they have notified the chairman of the state utilities commission of their desire to meet the commission as soon as possible for the purpose of determining such rates and formulating the method and time when they shall be put in.—A resolution adopted by representatives of eighteen Missouri railroads at a meeting in Kansas City Tuesday.

Officials and attorneys representing the railroads in Missouri gave up the contest Tuesday against the maximum freight rate and the 2-cent passenger rate laws. They surrendered to the state public utilities commission and advised John M. Atkinson, chairman, that the railroads desired to put into effect new rates to be established by the commission as soon as it could be done.

The attorneys said this morning it probably would be July 1 before the new rates could be put in. That much time would be required in performing the physical requirements.

MAIL CARRIERS IN MEXICO COVER 60 MILES EVERY DAY.

The six mail-carriers in Mexico cover 60 miles in their daily journey delivering the mail to the citizens of this city. All but one of these carrier walks his share of the distance.

The four carriers who deliver the majority of the mail mail matter in the town walk on an average of 11 miles per day, each. These men make two combined business and residence trips daily, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. One man, who "makes" the houses on the edge of town, has a wagon and completely circles the town. He covers fifteen miles daily. The business district carrier walks only about three-fourths of a mile every day, but he carries a large amount of mail, especially since the parcel post went into effect.

The mail carrier comes across many funny happenings on his rounds each day, where he comes in contact with the same people so often. One woman wants him to take a note to her friend on down the street, which he is not allowed to do. Another one abuses him for not bringing her the letter she wanted; some sweetheart is weeping because she hasn't heard from HIM; this person may have gotten and news, and so it goes. The mail-man meets with this each day.

Clarence Hopkins, until recently, has a walking route in the southeast part of town, but he has traded and now has the mounted route. J. J. Haverman has his old route. Edgar Clark carries in the northeast part of town, James O'Brien in northwest, and W. L. Bryarly, the southwest. E. D Shay covers the business district.

MOTORCYCLIST KNOCKED IN THE HEAD.

Very often a motorcyclist is more of a nuisance than a dozen motorcars, especially when he tries to be. The following from the Fulton Sun shows what kind of treatment this class of people get when they act in an unreasonable way in Callaway.

Out toward Earl Friday two of the citizens who had been working grading the road, were working back toward the home for dinner, when a motorcyclist from St. Louis came touring down the road. As one of the mules hitched to the grader was very much afraid of motorcycles, the driver asked the other man with him to stop the machine some before he got to him. They waved and signalled for him to stop, but he kept coming without a halt. Finally one of the men jumped off the machine with a grub hoe in one hand and an axe in the other and stood in the road and waved to him to stop, but he ran right up to him and would have passed without slacking speed if the grub hoe had not come in contact with his head. That stopped him and he was given some advice about stopping when the signal was given while he was riding through the country. The next time a man as big as Sid Lloyd steps out into the road with a grub hoe in his hand and says stop, the emergency break will go on for this rider.

Don't allow stock to suffer. Buckner has a guaranteed cure.

VIRGINIA RODGERS BETTER.

Little Miss Virginia Rodgers, who was poisoned at the home of her cousins in Montgomery City Friday night, is a great deal better and came home with her mother, to-day. Others who were poisoned at the same time with Virginia are the family of Prosecuting Attorney Black, the children of the late W. L. Gupton and Miss Bessie Farmer. All are recovering, however, but are still very weak.

Try Buckner's Guaranteed Fly Knocker.

QUESTION OF ELECTRIC RATES TO PUBLIC UTILITY COM.

At the regular meeting of the City Council, Monday evening, Dr. Clarence Rothwell's resolution to petition the Public Utility Commission to establish reasonable rates for light furnished by the Mexico Power Co. under their franchise, was adopted. E. E. Locke, manager of the Mexico Power Co., appeared before the Council and said he would be very glad to have the Council take this matter to the Utility Commission. He said he thought the company had a right to charge a minimum rate of $1.00 for electric lights and that it was necessary in many circumstances.

City Attorney Robertson, in his written opinion of the question, said that under the franchise, it seems the company has a right to charge the dollar minimum rate. He suggested that the matter be taken before the Public Utility Commission, as this body has **power to change rates.**

Leo Hunley, of the Water and Light Committee reported the committee had called on the Mexico Power Co. as requested by the Council at the last meeting. He said Mr Locke informed the members that pipe had been ordered for the extension of the water-main on N. Clark avenue. Mr. Locke also told the committee, he thought his company could charge a minimum electric light rate of $1.

C. F. Clark asked permission of the Council to build a coal shed on his lot at the corner of East Monroe and Calhoun streets. He said R. C. Carter wanted to open a coal office there. The matter was referred to the building committee, who will go over the proposition with Mr. Clark. It is a probable a fireproof building will be erected on this lot, which is now occupied by the Old Baptist Church.

The ordinance providing for the general tax levy was given a first and second reading. The levy as provided for is as follows: general fund, 35 cents on the $100 valuation; library, 10 cents; sewer, 5 cents.

A committee composed of Hanley, Bullew and Johnson was appointed to confer with property owners along North Olive in regard to opening this street.

J. A. Lewis, chairman of the claims committee, reported bills to the amount of $366.48, which were allowed.

A resolution passed to amend the records to show that the Mayor's vote on the ordinance accepting the plat of Boulevard Plate was in writing.

All members were present and Mayor Potts presiding.

GENERAL DELIVERY OF GRO-CERIES STARTS MONDAY.

The general delivery of groceries and meats in Mexico will start next Monday morning, according to M. A. Cary, who is manager of the Mexico branch of the Merchants' Delivery Co. Mr. Cary says all arrangements for the installation of the system have been made and the service from the start will be first class.

The town will be divided into six sections with a wagon for each division. The same wagon will run the same section from day to day, thereby familiarizing the patrons with the deliveryman.

There will be four deliveries every day except Sunday, with an extra one on Saturday. At present, the time for the regular deliveries are: 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. and 2:30 and 4:30 p. m. The extra trip on Saturday will be later. When the house wives learn these hours, they will know just when to expect their groceries like they do the mail now.

Unless some change is made, the districts will be as follows: 1, west of Clark street and north of the railroad; 2, Clark, Washington and Jefferson streets north of railroad and all cross streets; 3, east of Jefferson and north of Promenade; 4, south of Promenade, east of Jefferson; 5, Jefferson, Washington and Clark streets south of the railroads and all cross streets; 6, west of Clark and south of the railroads.

Eleven groceries and meat market will use the general delivery system, which will prove great economy to them and not cheapen the quality of the service. The Merchants' Delivery Co. has systems working very successfully in Independence and Columbia. This will make their third town. The stores in Mexico that will use the system are: W. J. Sannebeck & Co.; J E Sterner, J C King, Fred A. Morris, Moore & Field, R. C. Paul & Sons; Dawson & Co., F. A. Sannebeck, Smith Bros and Jenkins Meat Market.

THE United States Senate has reported an amendment in favor of equal suffrage as the Ledger predicted during the meeting of the Missouri Legislature. Equal Suffrage is coming and is coming soon and is coming to stay and everybody should be glad of it.

LEDGER ADVERTISEMENTS PAY.

YOUNGS CREEK.

We had a refreshing shower yesterday.

Mrs. Cyrenia Hill of near Thompson, visited at Will Asbury's last week. She went to her sister's, Mrs. Lou Blume, Saturday. Sunday they were to celebrate Mrs. Blume's birthday or have a reunion.

The following farmers sold stock to W W Mentz last week: Jas. W. Stowe, 2 wagon loads of hogs, for which he received $8.20; Otto Carpenter, 2 wagon load of hogs at $8.25; G. T. Schneider, 12 head of sheep, 75 lbs. lamb; 3 1-2c; old sheep 3c; 1 cow 4c per lb.; 1 yearling steer 3 1-2c; Otto Carpenter 21 head of lambs, 9 head of them weighed 85 lbs. at 4c, 2 of them weighed 52 lbs. at 3 1-2c per lb; George Sipes, 9 head of lambs, 6 1-4c per lb.

Mrs. Wade Wood who has been visiting her father, Dr. Duncan, and family, returned home first of week. Her mother still remains poorly.

Mrs. Annie Walton of Ft. Worth, Tex., is visiting her brother, Grant Hershent and other relatives in Missouri, and will visit G. T. Schneider and wife this week.

BENTON CITY.

Mrs. Collins of Mexico visited relatives here last week.

Oscar Broadfoot and family of Bloomington, Ill., are visiting relatives here.

John Baker got in a load of heifers Tuesday from Kansas City.

Tom Burns shipped out a load of cattle to St. Louis Sunday night.

Chris Hirsman shipped out a load of cattle Monday night.

French Douglass lost a good horse Saturday.

There are a number of cases of mumps around here.

FARM LOANS

We are prepared to make any size farm loans at low rate of interest.

North Missouri Trust Co.

Court House News

A verdict allowing the plaintiff $625 for loss of cattle killed by a train, was brought in by the jury in the case of David M. Jeffries vs. the Chicago & Alton R. R. Co. on Tuesday afternoon.

The cases of S. M. Locke vs Bernard Hellmann et al and Fred Llewellyn, jr., vs. Wallace Dearing, City Clerk, have been set for July 2.

Judge Burnett said, on Wednesday morning, he thought a decision in the electric railroad case would be reached by Monday, but probably not before.

Regular 35c can of Asparagus for 20c. Large can No. 2 1-2. Try it

Smith Bros.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Martha T. Denham to John W. Beagles, 3 acres in NW 1-4 SE 1-4 of Sec. 11-52-8. $720.

Millie McFaddin to Frances E Denton, 41 acres in SE 1-4 of Sec 4-52-8. $2,750.

Josie F. Dyer to Martha T. Denham, 5 acres in NW 1-4 SE 1-4 of Sec 11-52-8. $75.

Gazena G. Wilkins et al to Virginia Davis, part of lot 15, City Survey No. 48, Mexico, $1,100.

William R. Smith to Carrie Smith, 20 acres in S 1-2 NE 1-4 Sec 22-51-9. $1,600.

William Gregg to C. W. Criswell, Und 1-2 int in lots 9 and 10, blk 6, L & D College Addition, Mexico. $500.

J. F. Llewellyn to Directors of Free Public Library, Mexico. S 1-2 lots 5 and 6, blk. 22 Orig. Mexico. Gift.

John H. Lane to William W. Babcock, part of lot 5, City Survey No. 44, Mexico, $2,000.

E. G Smith to Mrs Ella Haycraft 55 feet fronting W Monroe St. Mexico, pt. of SE. 1-4 N W 1-4 26-51-9. $3,700.

Margaret Potts McPheeters to J T Fields and J. E. Pratt. Parts lots 6 and 7, blk 17, Orig. Mexico. $1,250.

John Brown to Willard Potts lot 4, blk 20, Ladd's Add. Mexico. $700.

E S Gantt to Benj. F. Steele. S. 1-2 lots 1 and 2, blk 22, Ladd's Ext. Add Mexico, $1.

Ben Steele to E. S. Gantt, S. 1-2 lots 1 and 2, blk 22, Ladd's Ext. Mexico. $1.

E. E. Buckner to John T. Wayne, 32.60 acres in Sec. 26 and 27-53-9. $1 and other.

Harrison M. Kern to Nathaniel F. Moore, Und. 1-2 int. in about 156 acres in Sec. 7-50-9. $300.

I. F. Hendrix to Frank Blank 150 acres in Sec 35-51-10. $9000.

Back to the Home!

By M. T. Cooke.

O you girls and women in factories and shops, in offices and schools, you eight millions of self-supporting women in this big country of ours, back to the home. Back to the only homes you know; keep your aged father's nose to the grindstone to give you food and board and clothes; back to sponge upon the married brother who is already hard pressed to feed and clothe the little ones dependent upon him, back to the consumptive husband, who will have to return to the killing work in the factory to keep you in the home; back, every one of you.

Back to the home, Jane Addams and Julia Lathrop. Back to your useless embroidery, your tatting and your darning. Back, Maude Nathan and Florence Kelley. Back to your bridge, and your parties, and your clothes; make yourselves attractive to men,—that is the only duty of women; forget the troubles and sorrows of your working sisters; back to the home.

Back, you older women, whose sons have flown the nest, whose daughters have found nests of their own; remain in the home where there are no longer any few duties to fill up your time; back to your gossip with the neighbors, your talk of aches and pains and servants; back to the home.

Remember that cajolery is better than straightforwardness; sweetness is better than usefulness; influence is better than power; it is better to be pretty than to be wise. Never forget to trade on your sex, dear woman; back to the home.—New York Sun.

MARTINSBURG.

Miss Christina Bartels has returned home from St. Louis.

Miss Blanche Brooks attended the Teachers' Institute at Bowling Green last week.

The Rev. J. L. Rose is spending the week in St. Louis attending the spiritual retreat at Kenrick Seminary for the clergy of the diocese.

Mr. Saltzer of St. Louis is a guest at the Peaching home this week.

Miss Marguerite Turnyson attended the Methodist Convention at New Florence the latter part of the week.

Jos. Kleinsorge and Martin Keesling will spend the summer in Kansas.

A bed of fine fire clay of the blue flint variety has been found at a depth of 195 ft at the west mine. A layer of white clay, two feet thick, lies just above the fire clay; above the white clay is a 3-foot vein of a very superior coal. The miners are very enthusiastic about it.

The Misses Heyner and Jacobi are home from St. Louis where they have attended school at St. Elizabeth for the past winter.

Miss Hazel Hildebrand and Mrs. Dan Hildebrand were shopping in the Burg Tuesday.

Mrs. Malinda Hall is visiting her friends at Rush Hill.

Will Jacobi returned from St. Louis Sunday where he has been attending college.

The Martinsburg Giants defeated Farber Sunday in a game featured by hard hitting. The locals were credited with seven stolen bases while Farber failed to get one.

Martinsburg will play Vandalia on June 29th and Montgomery City on July 4th at 1:30 p. m.

Ilc and Ilc Tissue Ginghams at 12c a yard as long as they last.

Ricketts & Emmons D G Co.

MOLINO.

Light shower Sunday morning and afternoon. A good rain is needed badly.

Mrs. E. L. Tainter and daughters, Mrs Harry Day of Skinner and Mrs. Jim Parks of Tulsa, Okla., were the guests of H. L. Weaver's from Tuesday till Thursday of last week.

Miss Orealman Greene of Boone county after a week's visit with her cousins, the Misses Flynt, returned home Wednesday accompanied by Miss Pauline Flynt.

John Heiner and wife of Santa Fe were guests of R. L. Heiner Tuesday of last week.

Misses Barnett of Mexico were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Will Heiner, last Tuesday night and attended the ice cream supper at Molino.

Miss Amy Cowherd of Mexico is the guest of Porter Cauthorn's.

Mrs. L. A. Mundy of Mexico is the guest of Mrs Forest Weaver this week.

Mrs. Will Heiner is suffering from neuralgia in her face and head.

During the electrical storm Sunday afternoon both motors burned out of the car when it was near Molino. Several on the car were taken back in rigs. Some few got tired waiting for the car and walked in.

Fred Brand and family of Mexico were guests of Dode Barnes and family Sunday.

Ed. Crawford and family were guests of Andrew Cauthorn and wife Sunday.

Miss Maurine Hendrix is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Cy Barnes near Centralia.

Miss Mary Willey of near Skinner is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Richard Baker.

Mrs. Nannie Bledsoe of Mexico was the guest of Pate Elliott's from Thursday till Tuesday.

Claude Bybee and little son are home from a several days' visit with his brother, Shelt Bybee of Garnett, Kan.

H. L. Weaver visited D S Weaver and family near Santa Fe Friday.

Edgar Berry and wife, Miss Wilda Berry and brother, Warren, of near Gant, attended the ice cream supper at Molino and were guests of R. L. Heiser's family Tuesday night.

Mrs John Trimble of Montgomery is the guest of Harry Heiser's.

Ed. Robinson and parents were the guests of Harvey Robinson's near Duly Sunday.

Andrew Cauthorn delivered 8 hogs to Powell & Mundy at Mexico Monday at $9.25 per hundred.

We can save you money on that Suit for yourself or boy—get our prices.

Ricketts & Emmons D G Co.

NORTHEAST BENTON.

Mrs. Julia Yost of Mexico has been visiting at her parents, Mr and Mrs. Henry Webber.

Mrs. Newberry and Mrs Marshall Newbury went to Fulton Saturday to see their son and husband, Marshall Newbury. Marshall has been taking treatment down there but is not improving and seems to be getting worse right along.

Taylor Mullins, who is staying at Chas. Hildebrand's this summer was thrown from a horse Sunday evening and badly shaken up.

Mrs. Lester Stiverson and children of Monticello, Ill., came Tuesday to visit relatives.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church will hold a bakery and cooked food sale in Benton City Saturday. Ice cream and angel food will be served.

The country south and east of here have been receiving a number of heavy showers of rain the past few days but we have got very little rain around here. We appreciate the few showers and cooler weather, however.

"FOR TRADE"

20 Acre farm, nice improvements. Price $2,000.00. Encumbrance $800.00. Want Vacant Lots or Residence worth $1200.00 for equity.

d2w1 North Missouri Trust Co.

W. C. SMITH ELECTED SECRETARY.

W. C. Smith, of the Lyric Theater in Mexico, has been elected Secretary of the annual convention of Branch No. 9, of the Motion Picture League of America, which met in Moberly this week. The next place of meeting will be at Jefferson City.

HARNESS FROM RAGSDALE.

The harness for the Merchants' Delivery Co. horses was made by William Ragsdale, the old reliable, and is fine in every particular.

NEW HOPE.

W. T. Clark and wife were guests of Charley Cassell and wife this week.

Miss Effie Clark was the guest of Mrs. Nora Clark Saturday.

R. F. Shock is very ill at his home.

L. M Hesleip sold two hogs to Gant & Son for 8c, each weighing 255 lbs.

Artha Johnson sold to Gant & Son 8 hogs, weighing about 192 lbs., for $8.40 and also one at $7.75, weighing 410.

Mrs. Mattie Brassfeld of Mexico spent a few days with her mother the past week.

"BUY THIS HOME"

Nearly new four room cottage, two porches, closets, and attic, good cistern, outbuilding, one lot. $1,000.00. Terms, cash $500.00, balance long time. This property is worth much more money.

d1w1 North Missouri Trust Co.

Col. J. G. Ford was severely injured, Monday, when a "packer" on the timber he was working with penetrated his right hand. Col. Ford was holding to the bundle that was being manipulated by the packer when the accident occurred.

Tissue Ginghams, 12c per yard.

Ricketts & Emmons D G Co.

NEW LAWS IN EFFECT NOW.

Law regulating corporations.
Blue sky law.
Anti-free lunch law.
Amendment to nine-hour law for women.
Two highway laws.
Ore insurance law.
Several important school measures.
Important railroad laws.
Eight-hour law in glass and silica factories.
Convict contract labor law.
Blanket ballot law.
Bulk sales law.
Commission government law.
Statute increasing jurors' pay.

Laws Held Up By Referendum.
County unit local option law.
Full crew law.
St. Louis home rule law.

Only last a short time, Tissue Ginghams at 12c.

Ricketts & Emmons D G Co.

PROPOSED CARNIVAL FOR FOURTH OF JULY.

The Mexico Eagles are talking of having a carnival for the week of July 4 on the lot north of the Hussey Hotel. A first-class, clean carnival without any graft or nasty shows would not be objectionable but no rotten grafting proposition like some that fly through Missouri need ever light in Mexico. The proper officers here don't propose to have country people invited to town to be disgusted and skinned.

Over 100 merchants have signed the petition asking the Council for permission for this attraction.

INSURANCE.

We are prepared to write Farm and City Property Insurance at reasonable rates and in reliable companies.

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North Missouri Trust Co.

MEXICO GETS .28 OF AN INCH OF RAIN.

Mexico got .28 of an inch of rain, slightly over a quarter of an inch, Saturday. East of town in the county and almost all the way to St. Louis, there were good rains and crops will be benefited a great deal. North of town the farmers report very little rain, but still are mighty joyous over that. South, there was practically no rain at all except in spots.

WUNDER HOSE for Ladies, Misses, Boys and Children, 4 pair for $1. Warranted to wear 4 months at Poisson's Dry Goods Store. d2w1

W. E. NEWKIRK BEST GUESSER

W. E. Newkirk guessed the exact weight 1192 pounds—of the large sack of Zephyr Flour, which was on display in the window of Dawson's grocery store. The guessing contest closed Saturday evening and over 500 persons had "taken a shot" at the weight. Roy Barkley was second in the finish. His guess was 192 lbs. and 4 ounces. Mr. Newkirk was given the large sack of flour for his ability.

Buy your Paints and Oil of Buckner and save money. w1

STOLE CHICKENS TO GAMBLE.

Macon, Mo., June 24.

Chief of Police Witt has ordered all the slot machines in town put out of commission. This order followed his discovery that several small white boys had been raiding hen roosts to get the money to play the slot machines. Chickens are salable everywhere and the youths found them a good source of income. Shadowing the boys one night the marshal found them trying their luck with the machines. One young fellow spent $8 in one night.

Buckner sells a guaranteed Fly-Knocker.

MANY FROM MEXICO GO TO ST. LOUIS.

Among those from Mexico, who went to St. Louis Saturday and Sunday are: Misses Mabel Grafford, Bessie Tucker, Nannie Quisenberry, Pearl Tucker and Lotta Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. C C Fowler, Mr and Mrs Lloyd and family, Robert Hook, Glendy Morris, Thurman Stallings, Merritt Roberts, Garrett Barnes, Joe Williams, Harry Lane, Estes Criswell, Jack Strieff, C. A. Buckner, E L Johnson and Chas Fittner.

Over two hundred persons were present at the annual picnic of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church, given on the Hardin College campus Tuesday evening. A delicious supper was spread on the lawn and was enjoyed by all.

The picnic was given by the women of the Sunday School to the men as a result of the men winning the contest for new members, recently held. The Baptist church has a splendid Sunday School, which is fast growing. Guy C. Motley is superintendent and is working hard to improve his school both in numbers and efficiency. The women are to be congratulated on the splendid success of the picnic.

Snaps For Quick Buyers

Ragsdale's Cash Store

Axminster Rug Snap 9x12 Superior Axminster Rug, worth to-day $22.50. Our snap price $17.49

Mayflower Brussels Rug snap, 9x12 size. This is an imported rug, made only in Oriental design, full seamless and worth $12.50, snap price $9.50

Linoleum snap, two good patterns in two yard wide linoleums, worth 50c sq. yd. Snap price 39c

Brussels Rug snap, full room-size seamless, Oriental pattern worth $15.00, snap price $10.00

Brussels Rug snap 9x12 size, with seams, worth $10.00, snap price $7.50

Small Rug Special, 27x54 velvet Rugs, new patterns, bound at ends, worth $1.50, snap price 59c

Axminster Rug snap 9x12 Saxony Rug, tan and blue, Oriental design, worth $18.00, snap price $14.95

Stock and Farm News

LOCAL MARKET.

Wheat—$.95.
Corn—60 and 62c.
Oats—31 and 35c.
Straw—$5.00 a ton.
Good Timothy and Straw Hay—$11.

St. Louis Cash—
No 2 red 98 a 100
No 3 red 90 a 92
No 2 hard 89 a 94
No 2 corn 59 1-2
No 3 corn 58 1-2
No 2 yellow 60
No 3 59
No 2 white 60 3-4 a 61
No 3 white 60 1-4
No 2 oats 38 a 1-2
No 3 white 40

Chicago Close—
Wheat July 90 3-4 Sept 91 Dec 93 5-8 a 3-4
Corn July 60 1-8 B Sept 61 1-4 a 3-8 A Dec 58 1-4 A
Oats July 40 7-8 Sept 41 3-4 Dec 42 7-8
Pork July 20.80 A Sept 20.60

St. Louis Close—
Cattle 3500, including 700 Southerns.
Hogs 8,500. 5c higher.
Mixed 8.70 a 8.85
Good 8.70 a 8.85
Rough 8.25 a 8.50
Light 8.70 a 8.85
Pigs 7.25 a 8.50
Bulk 8.70 a 8.85
Sheep 7,000. Steady.

"I dislike to complain, but it's a fact that there's bound to be some heavy financial losses because of this drouth. There can't help but be because the farmers and cattle feeders were absolutely unprepared for it. Everything was looking so promising in Audrain county, up to the first of April, that we thought we were going to have one of the most bountiful crops in our history and we would have, to, had April lived up to its showery reputation. There is some grass left on my farm, where I did not graze any cattle, but even this is short We're cleaning out our stock—it's a case of necessity."—National Live Stock Reporter.

A good barn, belonging to Ed. Crooks, just north of Rush Hill, with all its contents, was destroyed by lightning Monday night. It was only partially insured.

Two and one-half inches of rain fell at Louisiana, Mo., Sunday.

J. T. Johnson has sold a thoroughbred Shorthorn bull to David May, of Marygues, Porto Rico. The calf brought $75. Mr Johnson will ship him to-night.

Wood Muir, of Callaway county, Mo., was among the shippers who were on the market Tuesday with good stock. His consignment consisted of 56 stags that weighed 1110 lbs. and sold for $7.60 per cwt.

These stags were fed since the early part of February on a ration of corn and cottonseed cake and their gain was extra good considering the length of time they were fed.—St. Louis Live Stock Reporter.

W. W. Mundy, of this county, marketed 94 lambs that averaged 65 lbs., and sold for $8.00, the top of the market at St. Louis Tuesday.

Jefferson City, Mo., June 25.

By direction of Gov. Major the State boards of agriculture and horticulture are gathering products of Missouri for exhibit at the exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

Two thousand bundles of wheat in the stalk have been obtained in Boone County, cured and laid away. They were taken from a section famous for its fine quality of grain. Specimens of oats and rye also have been stored for the the same purpose.

The five commissioners who will have charge of the Missouri exhibit will be appointed in the latter part of July.

C. W. Erisman of Audrain county, a regular shipper to the National Stock Yards and an extensive feeder, marketed a consignment of good beeves for Tuesday's trade that brought him $8.25 per cwt. The consignment aggregated 18 head averaging 1234 lbs. which sold for $8.25 per cwt.—St. Louis Live Stock Reporter.

John Brewer, Tuesday, sold a good show mare to Bruce Robinson, of Washington, Iowa, for $500. This is a splendid animal and is worth the money. Mr. Robinson is an extensive buyer of good horses and knows where to get the best.

Harvey Brown, of south of Thompson, sold 18 head of 1296 lbs. steers on the St. Louis market, Tuesday, for $8.20 per cwt.

John M. Pollard, wife and daughter of Kansas City, are the guests of Mrs. Margaret Cave. John is much pleased with the growth and prosperity of Mexico.

M. V. Cobell, of Audrain county, Mo., consigned a load of choice steer for Tuesday's market that brought him a very satisfactory price. The contribution included 40 head averaging 1361 lbs. which went to the killers for $8.55 per cwt. He is a regular shipper to this market and was well pleased with his sale. — St. Louis Live Stock Reporter.

Paris, Mo., June 25.

A two-inch rain fell here yesterday and relieved the drouth in this section of Monroe County. The rain was accompanied by a heavy wind and much damage was done to shade trees. A shower fell here Saturday afternoon and another Sunday. The corn prospects were never better.

Sixteen cows, diseased with tuberculosis, belonging to I. T. Van Note, were appraised Monday afternoon and were shipped to St. Louis, Wednesday afternoon. These cows were examined by Dr. Sheldon, State veterinarian, several weeks ago. They will be killed at St. Louis under inspection. Mr. Van Note was allowed $25 each for these cows, by the State. They were appraised by C. F. Clark, C W Lewis and R R Buckner, the commission appointed by the County Court to do this work.

They appraised three diseased cows belonging to Fry and Black and one belonging to W. E. Sharp Wednesday afternoon. What these men were allowed by the commission has not been learned. The amount appropriated by the State is not to exceed $25 per head. Dr. Ward, deputy state veterinarian, examined these cows.

MEXICO LEDGER BABY SHOW AT THE BIG FAIR. Special premium by R. M. White & Son, Editors Mexico Ledger. For prettiest baby in Audrain county, 1 year old and under: First, silver cup; second, handsome bouquet. To be shown at 1 o'clock Thursday, at Judges' Stand. dwtf

Mrs W V Trevett, formerly Miss Minnie Simons, of this city, is here visiting friends and relatives for a few days on her way home from St. Louis. Her little daughter, Helen, is with her.

MRS. JOHN JEFFRIES DIES THURSDAY.

Mrs. John Jeffries, 30 years of age, died at her home near Bachelor, Callaway county, Thursday, June 19th, of anaemic poisoning.

The funeral was held at Augusta church, Friday afternoon and the body was buried in the Augusta cemetery, three miles east of Bachelor. The Rev. W. T Dameron officiated. Mrs. Jeffries, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens Broke of near Shamrock, is survived by her parents, a husband, a week-old baby boy and a number of brothers and sisters. She was a grand Christian woman and leaves many friends who mourn her loss. The Ledger joins friends in extending sympathy.

MOONLIGHT SPOONERS FINED.

Kansas City, Mo., June 23

Demonstrative affection in Kansas City, Kan., must be kept within doors. Judge Brady in the City Court today fined a couple who were found "spooning" in Pownee Park last night $5 each.

A watchman and a detective, witnesses in court, said they saw the pair embrace, regardless of the unclouded moon light and all oblivions of an excited crowd of spectators.

GIVES UP A CASTLE TO GO TO MISSOURI U.

Columbia, Mo., June 24.

The joys of living in an Irish castle are not alluring enough to make Miss Lotie Blake of Salisbury, Mo., stop her school work at the University of Missouri.

With a 1,200 acre estate awaiting her in Ireland, she prefers to attend summer school in Columbia.

The castle and estate belong to Miss Blake's father, J. D. Blake, who inherited them last November from Nicholas Blake, an Irish nobleman.

A title of nobility goes with the estate. Mr. Blake, however, probably will not go to Ireland to claim the title. Instead, he plans to dispose of all the property except the castle as soon as the leases of the tenants expire.

The castle itself, with its grounds, probably will descend to David Blake, a brother of Miss Blake, who has gone to Ireland to spend the summer. He has declared that he intends to claim the title of nobility if he inherits the castle.

David Blake is expected to return to America in September. He will enter the University of Missouri.

The Vermont Castle, as it is called, is about 120 miles from Dublin. The castle grounds themselves include ten acres. There is also a hunting ground. There are seventy-two tenants on the estate proper.

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DRY FARMING IDEAS (By Farmer Rusk)

For several weeks dry farming has been the profitable system over the entire country. This will probably continue to be the best system to follow throughout the season unless we have a very heavy rainfall soon.

A good rain now would pack the surface soil so that the soil capillaries would soon form and the moisture added to the soil by the rain, together with some of that now in the subsoil, would rapidly rise to the surface and evaporate. This simply means that the surface soil should be stirred as soon as possible after a rain. This breaks the capillary connection and makes the dust mulch which acts as a lid over our reservoir of soil moisture.

Deep plowing makes a good reservoir for soil water. Subsoiling also helps in this way. Soils rich in organic matter will hold more moisture than soils lacking it. The poor soils run together and hold the water out.

If the soil has been plowed deep and is loose or cloddy, the subsurface packer or corrugated roller is a good tool to pack the subsurface and leave the surface loose at the same time. The smooth roller is also good in dry weather, but the ground should be dragged or harrowed afterward to loosen the top. We should not forget that the dust mulch is the lid over our reservoir.

Capillary attraction will bring moisture to the plant roots from quite a depth and if we have the lid on the top this will not escape by evaporation, but will be utilized by the plant.

During dry weather the roller, harrow, small shovel cultivator, and mower-wheel drags are mighty good tools to keep in use. One farmer near Centralia has been doing excellent work recently using a six-shovel cultivator with binder truck wheels wired on behind as drags.

To grow a crop of corn requires large quantity of water. About [illegible] hundred pounds of water are required for every pound of dry matter in corn, about four hundred pounds water for every pound of dry matter in wheat, and about five hundred pounds for every pound of dry matter in oats. It is extremely difficult to raise a good crop of oats in a dry season. Corn is a good dry weather plant in comparison.

If it does not rain keep stirring the top soil about once a week. If it does rain, stir the top soil as soon as it will work well and conserve any moisture which may be added by the rain. When the weeds get too big to cultivate with a cultivator tools, keep stirring the soil by dragging a [illegible] or some other such device between the rows. This practice should be followed until the crop is ready for pending somewhat upon the season.

Late Forage and Hay Crops.

With a rain soon there will be opportunity to plant the late crops to cowpeas, cane, kaffir corn, [illegible] millet. Cowpeas should be drilled in with a grain drill at the rate of from one bushel to a bushel and a peck, or drilled with a corn planter at the rate of about two pounds. Cane, kaffir corn, or millet may be drilled in with a grain drill at the rate of three pecks to one bushel, or with a corn planter at the rate of about [illegible] pounds. Millet may be sowed broadcast and harrowed in at the rate of three pecks per acre. A mixture of cowpeas with cane or millet is better than either cane or millet alone for the sake of the soil as well as for the quality of forage.

Rape may also be utilized as a forage crop sowed either in the corn or by itself. This should be sowed at the rate of four or five pounds per acre.

FARMERS EXCHANGE

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WANTED—Lady Agents, in all or spare time, to sell guaranteed silk Hosiery, write for particulars. T. C. Whitaker Co, 3 W Ohio St., Chicago, Ill. 17-4t

JUNIOR LINOTYPE OPERATOR WANTED—A hand compositor at once to learn Junior Linotype Operation. Prefer someone who lives in Mexico. R. M. White & Son dwtf

SURPISE PARTY ON 35TH ANNIVERSARY.

About sixty-five friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. F. J Harris dropped in unexpectedly upon them Saturday, bringing baskets well filled with good things to eat. The occasion was Mr. and Mrs. Harris' thirty-sixth wedding anniversary. At noon, a delicious dinner was served, and everyone present enjoyed it greatly.

After dinner the Rev. W. C. Rice presented the host and hostess with a handsome chair which was the gift of those present. When Mr and Mrs. Harris were married the bride's gown cost 25 cents per yard and was made by her mother and herself. The groom's coat and vest were dyed by his mother; he bought the trousers for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris now have a beautiful home, just north of town, on the electric line. They have the best wishes of all who know them for many more anniversaries.

Those present at the surprise party are:

Reverend and Mrs. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Householder, Mrs Stewart, Mrs. Plate and daughter, Mr. and Mrs C. A Hopkins and family, Mrs M G Graham, John Quinlan and family, Mrs. Holtcamp and family, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. McHugh and children, Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, Mr and Mrs Clifton Harris, Mr. and Mrs Eugene Dyson and niece, Miss Ruth Selby, Mrs Gus Dillard and son, Miss Frances Wakefield, R. W. Powell and family, Ed Selb, Mr and Mrs Hughes and grandson, Mrs. Sue Dyson, Master Herbert Strain, Tate Selb and family.

A Guest.

Fire in the Owl Lodge room at Fulton, Mo., Sunday destroyed about $5,000 worth of property, consisting of the fixtures and paraphernalia of the lodge room.

MRS. FRANCES COOK-CLAY NOW IN VENICE.

A most interesting letter has been received from Mrs. Frances Cook-Clay. It was written on board the steamship "Ivernia." She expresses herself as well pleased with the other young women from different states who will compose the class under the famous artist Wm. Chase. They have landed and will be in Venice for a number of weeks. She enjoyed the voyage immensely and suffered no symptom of "mal de mere."—Jefferson City Democrat-Tribune.

THERE are two sound reasons why there won't be war between the United States and Japan. First, one country doesn't want to fight; second, neither does the other.

MR. TAFT raps primaries," a headline says, which is a reminder that turn about is fair play. A year ago the primaries were busily engaged in rapping Mr. Taft.

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