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A SQUARE DEAL IN FIRE INSURANCE SHOULD BE REACHED

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB has asked the City Council to pass an ordinance making the Insurance Companies pay $100 a year license instead of $15. The Commercial Club does not want to drive the Insurance Companies out or charge them an excessive license, but does want them to pay as much in license fee as they charge extra insurance on account of the license fee. The companies only pay $15 a year. They charge 15 cents a hundred extra on account of this license. It is estimated that they at least collect two or three times as much extra insurance as they pay the City, for license.

The Insurance Companies if they wanted to, of course, could show just how much extra they had collected, but for some reason or another they do not do this. It seems queer the Insurance Companies do not cordially co-operate with the public in order to get a square deal. We had some experience in getting a $2 oil can and a $3 waste can in order to get a slight reduction on our insurance rate. We were directed to a house in Chicago to buy the old can. It took three weeks to get it and later we found out one could be bought in Missouri. Do the Missouri companies really want to help to lower the rate?

People are willing to pay a fair rate of insurance and most of them are in favor of a square deal. All the insurance companies should co-operate to make it easy as possible to get results which would be fair to everybody. The Commercial Club should have an Insurance Committee where complaints could be made, as it can be shown that after changes in electric wiring in Mexico had been made as per request of the underwriters some other changes were then required.

Of course it can be made practically impossible to adjust matters to please the company if they have made up their minds to charge a certain rate. If there is no competition and the inclination is to keep the rate as high as possible, those who pay insurance are up against it sure enough. The insurance rate is higher than it was before we had water works and a paid fire company. It is a good deal higher with us than it was before we had central heat in the Ledger office and took out the stoves and made other suggested changes.

With co-operation we ought somehow to get a square deal if that's what the companies and the insured want.

PRESS OF THE U. S. NEARLY ALL ADVOCATE TEMPERANCE

THE ARMSTRONG, MO., Herald, one of Missouri's most substantial papers edited by Col. Walton, who is a member of the Missouri Legislature editorially says:

"Most every mail that comes we receive a circular of some kind sent out from the liquor interest headquarters, either at Cincinnati or Louisville, dealing with the liquor question from their side of the question. The fact of the business is, the liquor interest never cease fighting for their interests, and is continually trying to mould public opinion in its favor, via of the public press, including all the big dailies and most of the weekly papers; but things have changed wonderfully in the past few years. No country weekly of any standing will openly advocate the cause of the liquor interests, and those weeklies left that are favorable to the cause, are shy about expressing themselves. And what is more encouraging to the temperance advocates, is the fact that some of the big daily papers are now coming out openly and above board for the cause of temperance, and are refusing to accept paid advertisements of the liquor dealers. One of the greatest daily papers in the country—the Kansas City Star—will not accept an advertisement from a liquor dealer, and what is more, this paper openly and above board denounces the liquor traffic as inimical to the best interests of the country, both from a financial and social standpoint. As the Herald sees it, it is encouraging and hopeful signs for the time to come when our nation will be rid of the curse of the liquor traffic."

MEXICO COMMERCIAL CLUB AND THE FARMERS

THE COMMERCIAL Club should arrange so that farmers throughout the County could attend their Friday luncheons. A most important proposition for the Commercial Club to take up would be the cultivation of a more friendly feeling between the town and the County. The success of the Mexico Commercial Club is just as important to Audrain County as it is to Mexico. At least it should be. Our interests are identical. Retail merchants and business men generally should stop fighting each other and work together for the interests of themselves and customers in the community in which they do business. Sensible business men do not undermine and knock each other. They work together to improve their own conditions and the condition of the county in which they live. Nothing pleases the mail order houses more than to have local merchants fighting each other and maintaining a disagreeable feeling between the country people and the town people. While business men should compete with each other, it should be in a fair and legitimate way. The cutting of prices and undermining of your competitors does not get you anywhere. A fair price, first class service is what your customers want.

THE SCHOOL-ROOM bunk: "I am so glad to see your bright young faces again. I'm sure we're going to have a pleasant year together.—

CIRCUIT COURT.

The motion to dismiss the case of the City of Mexico vs. Dr. J. W. Wren, was argued before Judge Barnett in the Circuit Court, Friday morning. The motion was overruled. Dr. Wren was represented by Attorneys C. A. Barnes, E. A. Shannon and E. S. Gantt. The City was represented by City Attorney D. H. Robertson and Judge Robert Rodgers.

The following verdicts were returned late Thursday afternoon Lute Diggs vs. the Alton, $80 for plaintiff; W. E. Cornett vs. the Alton, $15 for the plaintiff, and John Brewer vs. the Alton, $5 for the plaintiff.

The suit of Joseph P. Laird vs. Edwin W. Keithley is one trial in the Circuit Court in this city. The suit was brought here on change of venue from Ralls county and both parties live in that county.

The suit grew out of an exchange of farms. Mr. Keithley traded a 525 acre farm in Ralls county to Mr. Laird for a 320 acre farm in Fulton county, Ill. The Keithley farm was put in at $80 per acre and the plaintiff claims it was worth only $40 an acre. He asks $25,000 damages.

The plaintiff is represented by Ernest Gantt and R. D. Rodgers, of Mexico; F. C. Hendrix, New London, Eby and Hulse and Hays, Heather & Henwood, Hannibal. Acting for the defendant are W. W. Botts, Mexico, Ed L. Alford, Perry, J. O. Allison, New London, P. H. Cullen, St. Louis.

Other Circuit Court Notes

Divorces were granted in the cases of Florence Crosswhite vs. William Crosswhite and Daisy Jones vs. Thomas Jones.

Alice Spurs, a negro woman, pleaded guilty to a charge of bootlegging and was fined $300. Ernest Barnett, deputy sheriff, went to Fulton, Monday and arrested her.

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Orlando Worrell and Rodes Jesse have gone to Columbia to attend the University.

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KELLY POOL, of the Centralia Courier believes in doing everything possible with his paper to make a greater city and strikes the proper keynote when he editorally says:

"The Courier has no kick coming. The school board suits us, the city fathers are to our liking, the county ticket is splendid, the state ticket could not be better, Judge Shackleford is one of the best congressmen in the State, Senator Stone is Wilson's right hand man, the state platform is the best in ten years, the Governor and State officers are superb, Congress is at work and the United States is at peace, thanks to President Wilson. We never felt better satisfied with the Democratic party in our life and we have no brickbats to throw at anyone. Our liver is working O. K., we are getting our share of business, we have no enemies that we want to punish, and everything is lovely. If you are looking for mean, nasty flings at man or bird or beast don't take the Courier—we have none of the pole-cat's propensities of making the air obnoxious for decent people. With faith in God and man this old fog horn of freedom is radiating messages of good will and good cheer.

THE BOARD of Equalization at its late meeting did not attempt to raise the assessments to increase the taxes. The idea the Board had in mind was to equalize the assessments as far as possible. Some are raised and some are lowered. The whole question of taxes throughout the County including Mexico should be taken up and equalized. Probably no one is assessed too high but quite a number of people are assessed rediculously low.

LEWIS HUBERT, a prominent German farmer of Audrain County, has our thanks for a copy of the Fatherland, which is devoted to fair play for Germany and Austria during the European war. The publication is very interesting and covers the proposition from the Fatherland's view. The Germans are all loyal to the fatherland, and while a large number of them are opposed to the war, they are enxious for the Emperor to be victorious.

COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

(By County School Superintendent W. Clyde Johnson)

"A neglected school house is a terrible demoralizer. Place a child at a mutiliated desk, put in his hands torn and soiled books and we find an almost irresistable temptation to continue the destruction with knife and pencil. Place the same child in a neat, clean room with suitable and beautiful furniture and we immediately remove the temptation for destruction."

As I visit school after school, the truth of the above, clipped from the Vandalia Mail, is very forcibly brought home to me. One year ago, the Gani district painted their desks, and today there is scarcely a new mark or scratch of any kind on them. This year they have put in a fine new system of heating and ventilating. I am sure that the pupils and teacher, W. L. Ballew, will take good care of the heater.

Monday morning, Miss Edna James began her year's work at Washington. I am sorry to say that I saw nothing that had been done to make the house ready to receive her and the pupils. I do not know why the school home should receive less attention than our hog houses, chicken houses, and the like.

At Beaver Dam, Miss Lillian Woolery is working hard, and will have things in good shape, if she has to do the work single handed. She is getting the pupils deeply interested in their work, and is doing much good.

At Burke last year, Ed C. Offutt succeeded in persuading the board to make a trial investment of $10 in a library. It worked such good results, they are putting in $10 more this year, and also have put in a good book case. I wish that the other 89 districts in the county could see the inside of the Burke school, and see what a wonderful change a few dollars spent for paint can make. The building has been painted inride, the seats have been varnished. It looks clean and presents a very attractive and pleasing appearance to him who enters. I am anxious to know the influence this will have on the pupils and their work.

Mrs. Martin resigned at Pleasant Green and Miss Georgia Miller has taken her place. They have made a good start and it looks like they will do some good work this year. The weeds have been cut, and the buildings have been repaired some. They have no equipment of any kind.

At Payne, Miss Effie Simpson teacher, on Clean-up Day they grubbed up a number of sprouts. Here, also the equipment is a negative quantity.

Highland has an enthusiastic young teacher, Miss Mary Zehr. She has four pupils. It will cost the district $100 or more per pupil to give them about seven months school. Very little has been done to make the house pleasant or fit to receive the pupils.

At Molino, Miss Mabel Cook with the able co-operation of the board, is trying to get her school on the approved list. The weeds have been cut, but a good cleaning up will be required and some equipment.

The Sneed school house is about worn out. They need a new building. The outbuildings are almost new and are good, but are very filthy and need cleaning. They also need equipment. Miss Sarah Culbertson is the teacher.

At Carter, Miss Lucy Lewis, teacher, the house has been painted outside and inside. I like the outside color better than the inside. It is much better than it was, and I am sure that a lighter color would have made the home much more cheerful and pleasant.

Last night I received this much appreciated bouquet:

"My Dear Professor:

"I write this not to encourage you to continue your exceedingly interesting rural school notes which you write for the Audrain papers.

"Of course I take a great interest in everything that happens in my district. I am especially interested in school notes, having begun to teach school before I was fifteen and continuing at intervals until I was passed twenty-six.

"I rejoice that the common schools of Missouri are improving everywhere.

"Your friend,
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Otis Purdy

PERRY RIGGS MARRIED

Perry Riggs, who lives south of Mexico, was married last Tuesday at Bloomington, Ill., to Miss Roena McMillan, of DeWitt county, Ill. They have gone to housekeeping on the bridegroom's farm, south of this city.

Mrs. Riggs is a cousin of Mrs. George Snedeker, of this county, and it was while visiting at the Snedeker home she met Mr. Riggs. She is a highly talented woman. Mr. Riggs is a leading farmer-stockman and has a large number of friends in this community. The Ledger joins in extending best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Riggs.

WILL HOLD DIVISION SALE

Woods and Barnes, two well konwn farmers of this county, will hold a big division sale Tuesday Sept. 22 on the old Preston place near Molino. They have a fine lot of stock offered and every buyer looking for something good should not fail to attend.

J. W. Dry is home from a business trip to Columbia.

ATTENTION POULTRY RAISERS

Now is the time to dispose of your poultry to good advantage. The market is in a healthy condition now. Later on it will be lower and demand slow. It is useless to feed your poultry with high priced feed when you can sell it and get your money. Remember, we are cash buyers and we need your poultry.

Mexico Poultry Co.
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J. W. GALLAHER WATCHES THIEF AS HE WORKS

"Just lay still and when he gets what he wants he'll leave," said J. W. Gallaher at 2 o'clock Friday morning, as he and his wife watched a burglar rob their room. Mr. Gallaher said he wanted the thief to know he was awake and the fact that he was apparently did not hasten the visitor's departure as he took his time.

Mr. and Mrs. Gallaher were aroused by a suspicious noise and while waiting to see if it occurred again, saw a man enter the room. Mr. Gallaher then told his wife to keep still, believing the best thing to do was to offer no resistence. As soon as the thief left the room Mr. Gallaher stepped to the upper hall and turned the light on in the downstairs hall. The man was standing there with his back toward him and when the light flashed on walked into the back yard.

The thief stood fully two minutes on the rear lawn listening to Mr. Gallaher telephone the night police. He then departed. A fine gold watch and chain with a handsome fob were taken as well as about $18 in money. Mr. Gallaher's trousers were found on the lawn of J. W. Million where the thief had left them after taking what he wanted.

Had Mr. Gallaher been armed he could have shot the intruder without the least trouble. He is to be commended on his coolness and presence of mind. The police are working on a clue furnished by Mr. Gallaher.

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Use Mi-o-na Tablets, they are one of the most effective and safe remedies for out-of-order stomachs. Besides quickly stopping the distress Mi-o-na soothes the irritated walls of the stomach, strengthens and builds up the digestive organs. Do not suffer another day, get a 50c box at once.

Otis Purdy

William Cave Johnson has gone to Columbia where he will enter Missouri University.

H. F. Neiderschulte, of Staunton, Ill., formerly of this county, is visiting his children here.

SHERIFF'S SALE IN PARTITION

George Saxe (or Sox) .....Plaintiff
vs.
Jacob Saxe (or Sox), Annie E. Saxe (or Sox), John Saxe (or Sox), Cora Saxe Hall, Ruhemma Saxe Reznor, Emma Hinta, Anna B. Latimer, Eva M. Howley, Laura Caughenor, Ida Saxe (or Sox), Myrtle Saxe (or Sox), Henry Saxe (or Sox), Ensline Saxe (or Sox), Barbara Saxe (or Sox), Madeline Saxe (or Sox) and Edgar J. Saxe (or Sox) ..Defendants

In the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri.

By virtue and authority of a decree and order of sale made by the said Court, in the above entitled cause, and of a certified copy thereof, dated September 8th, 1914, I will on

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1914,

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon, and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the East front door of the Court House, in the City of Mexico, in Audrain County, Missouri, sell at public vendue, to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, viz:

The West half of the Southeast quarter of Section Seventeen (17) and the Northeast fourth of the Southeast quarter of said Section 17, all in Township Fifty-one (51), Range Five (5) West; and the Northwest fourth of the Southeast quarter of Section Twenty-four (24) in Township Fifty-one (51), Range Six (6) West, all in Audrain County, Missouri. Containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less.

Terms of sale as follows, viz:

One-third cash and the remaining two-thirds on or before the first Monday in September, 1915, the deferred payment to bear six per cent interest from the date of the approval of the sale until paid, with the privilege to the purchaser to pay all cash or a larger part of the purchase price that one-third, or any part or all of the deferred payment at any time when said court is in regular session.

J. W. BARNETT,
38-4t Sheriff.

J. J. Wakefield and brother are feeding 31 head of 2-year-old steers and 90 head of hogs. They have been using green corn and say the stock have been thriving on it.

Duncan Wood, of Fulton, was in Mexico Monday.

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Stock Notes

(By L. Haseman)

With the arrival of the recent rains, preparations are being made, in some sections of the State, for wheat sowing and there is the danger that some will sow too early. With the enormous Hessian fly injury still fresh in mind and the great danger that this will be repeated on the next crop of wheat, farmers can well afford to take every possible precaution to prevent it. The following suggestions are offered by the Missouri Agricultural College as a partial solution of the problem.

The majority of the Hessian flies are still in the resting or flax-seed stage in the wheat stubble which has not been destroyed by ploughing under or burning. From this stubble the winged fly will soon come out to deposit eggs on volunteer or early sown wheat. Where the stubble has all been plowed under and the ground thoroughly worked over in an entire comunity, there should be less danger from the fly, but the wheat should be sown late, even where such measures have been taken. Where the stubble has not yet been destroyed it should be plowed under at once and the ground worked. Keep down all wheat plants until it is time for the regular crop to come on. In the northern part of the State wheat sown about the first of October will escape most of the fly injury in the fall and in the southern part wheat sown about the middle of October is usually free from fall injury of fly. In sections where the fly was present this year, farmers will do well to delay the sowing of wheat until late, meanwhile continuing cultivation so as to make the best possible seed bed.

The rapidity with which the live stock shortage of this country piles up is appalling. Up until Wednesday the cattle shortage for the year to date at six principal Corn Belt markets combined (St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, Sioux City and St. Joseph) totaled 77,000 head as compared with 1913, same period. The hog shortage at the same six markets combined, as compared with a year ago, is 1,650,000 head. Sheep show a gain of 200,000 head, but this increase is not a drop in the bucket when the alarming shrinkage in cattle and hogs is considered. Looks like there is no need of breeders and feeders having any fear that they are going to overdo the cattle and hog business for a long time to come. Here is how the carlot movement of all classes of stock shows up at markets named below for the year to date as compared with the same time in 1913:

Carload Receipts of Live Stock
Jan. 1 to Sept. 9

Market	1914 Cars	1913 Cars	Dec. Cars	Dec. per ct.
St. Louis..	47,564	52,334	4,770	9
Chicago ..	155,447	170,816	15,369	9
Kansas City	60,399	81,724	21,325	26
Sioux City	23,791	28,602	4,811	17
St. Joe ...	24,592	31,464	6,872	22

Messrs. W. W. Johnson and Abe Jackson went to Louisiana Thursday to look after a bunch of cattle they are having pastured in the Pike county bottoms.

W. D. LEE will be judge of the saddle horse ring at the big Springfield, Ill., Fair. Mr. Lee is one of the most efficient and popular saddle horse judges in the United States and is in demand where good ones are shown.

In the report of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture, the apple orchards of W. L. Kent and J. D. and Wallace Bassford were omitted from the list of this county. Mr. Kent's orchard is probably the largest in the county, containnig about 100 acres. The trees have been sprayed and the orchard is in excellent shape every way. It is situated south of Mexico.

The orchard on the farm belonging to J. D. and Wallace Bassford, near Thompson is 50 acres in area. There were originally 4,000 trees, but now there are 2,500.

County Judge from the Eastern District, J. W. Beagles, has 50 heads of fine young mules about ready for market.

W. H. Morgan, who lives north of Mexico, brought a stalk of corn to this city Thursday, 14½ feet high, with 3 ears on it. How's that for a dry year?

Missouri's potato crop this year is estimated at 4,402,313¼ bushels. Placed end to end it would take a mosquito with one wing fourteen years, three months, nineteen days, seven hours, fourteen minutes and fifty-three seconds to fly past them. The parings, stretched in one line would reach twice around the sun and eighteen stars, or once around Senor Huerta's grudge against President Wilson. A quick lunch cook will be able to make the entire output indigestible in nine minutes.

It is claimed that corn in the Missouri river bottom land in Boone county will make 75 bushels per acre.

The first load of new corn was sold in Columbia last week for 60c a bushel. It weighed 75 pounds per bushel.

Seed dealers at Columbia have sold a great deal of alfalfa seed recently, many farmers going into the business of raising alfalfa.

Theodore Selb has put in two acres of alfalfa. Mr. Selb has grown alfalfa successfully in this county before. The Paris Appeal has the following to say concerning alfalfa in Monroe county: "J. A. Howell, south of Paris, is devoting 16 additional acres to alfalfa. He tried one acre as an experiment and the results were so good he decided to go into the culture on a larger scale. He sowed eight acres more two weeks ago and bought seed for another plot the same size, making a total of 16 acres. The new fields were innoculated with dirt from the first acre. "Our ground will grow alfalfa to fine advantage, and there's no good reason why everyone of us should not have a few acres of it, especially when it grows four crops a season to the one we get from timothy, is a drouth resister and a land builder," says Mr. Howell."

Judge M. T. Gill, in filling his large concrete silo, attracted considerable attention. The silo is 50 feet high, 16 feet in diameter, 251 ton capacity and constructed of cement and gravel. The silo is estimated to hold 40 acres of green fodder and corn, that will averge 40 bushels to the acre. He will put in between 45 and 50 acres of this year's crop, which is good corn for this year. In order to gain some idea as to the amount of work attached to filling a silo, will give a brief statement of his working force, etc. He had seven wagons hauling in the corn most of the time, four men in the field to assist in loading, a driver with each wagon, three and four men in the silo to tramp and scatter the silage, one feeder of a No. 15 Ohio cutter, one man to keep machine in operation and look after different things and a 20-horse power engine and engineer. The silage will settle over night a foot or two, and in three days, when it was filled to the top, settled about 5 feet. Judge Gill figures that it cost $1 per ton to fill a silo. He figures in every item, and that under favorable weather, plenty of help that he could fill his silo in 2½ days. He has been detained several times by rains.—Perry Enterprise.

Five boys from the rural schools of Audrain county took the examination for the State Fair Boys' School, in this city, Saturday. The boy getting the best grade will have his expenses paid while he is attending the State Fair, at Sedalia this month. County Superintendent, W. Clyde Johnson conducted the examination. At the same time he gave a special teacher's examination to Miss Crete Gus Caldwell, of Vandalia.

The boys who took the examinations are: James Crosswhite, Macedonia school, Miss Margaret Wright, teacher; Frank P. Wilfley, Ringo school; Russell Cook, Sneed school, Miss Sarah Culbertson, teacher; Emmet Jesse, Grant school, W. L. Ballew, teacher; Leo Hutchins, Benton City school, Miss Edna Ernst, teacher.

"The time will soon be here when the farmer owning a quarter or a half section of land will feed silage to his stock through the summer instead of grass," J. H. Starr, of Starr Bros., Centralia, Mo., extensive land owners and feeders, made this statement to the Live Stock Reporter last week. "We are coming to think, and when we find a silo or two on every farm, we will hear less complaint about dry weather and short feed crops. We never had a more favorable prospect for a bumper crop of corn than we did up till about the first or middle of July, when it turned warm and ceased to rain. Now our crop will be cut in two. With plenty of silos, farmers could make this half corn crop go twice as far."

Autumn is the time to prepare for a profitable corn crop the following season. At this time the seed is most abundant and the very best can be obtained before it has been in any way reduced in vitality. Many let the opportunity pass, expecting to purchase their seed corn in the spring, but the Department of Agriculture's specialist in charge of corn investigations advises that the autumn is the best time to select good seed.

The best place for the farmer to obtain seed corn is from fields on his own farm, or in his neighborhood, that were planted with a variety which has generally proved most successful in that locality. Of course, if a community has an experienced and honest corn breeder on whom it may rely, the seed corn may be obtained from him.

The corn breeder who has demonstrated year after year the superiority of his corn will demand a special price for his superior seed. Such corn breeders are improving corn as cattle breeders have improved cattle. He has used special methods that farmers generally have not time to apply. Five dollars a bushel is not too much to pay and will be a profitable bargain for both parties.

What Constitutes Good Seed Corn?

By far too many consider seed good simply because it will grow. To be first class, seed must be:

1. Well adapted to the seasonal and soil conditions where it is to be planted.

2. Grown on productive plants of a productive variety.

3. Well matured, and preserved from ripening time till planting time in a manner that will retain its full vigor.

The importance of the three requirements just enumerated has been demonstrated experimentally by the Department's Office of Corn Investigations. The results given briefly, as enumerated, are as follows:

1. For a series of five years, 12 well-bred varieties were tested in 10 Northern States, equivalent lots of seed being used in each State. Varieties that produced most in some states were among the poorest in others.

2. Seed ears taken from the highest yielding rows of ear-to-row breeding plats have repeatedly produced better than seed ears taken from poorer yielding rows. Seed ears from the best producing stalks found in a general field produced more than seed ears taken without considering the productiveness of the parent stalks.

3. Four bushels of ears were divided into two equal parts, one part being well taken care of and the other placed in a barn as corn is ordinarily cribbed. The well-preserved seed gave a yield on poor soil 12 per cent higher than the poorly preserved and 27 per cent higher on fertile soil, notwithstanding the fact that both lots of seeds germinated equally well.

Fred Roberts, south of this city, is feeding 200 hogs.

Rush Hill farmers are buying fertilizer by the car load.

A WORD FOR THE GROWING GIRL A LINE FOR THE WOMAN GROWN

BY MISS CARRIE SPROUL

The subject of the war is one we seem not to be able to leave alone very long. As women, both young and old, we feel our sympathies go out to the women, young and old, in the warring countries. For the men who are killed, life with its pressing cares and many duties is over, but such is not the case with the helpless ones left widowed and orphaned.

Only imagine the per cent of mourning when sixteen out of nineteen women passing in the streets of a German city at a certain time were in the deepest mourning! All the glory of victory cannot make the pulse of life beat in the loyal hearts lying cold on the battle fields.

It develops on the cultured, sheltered woman as well as on the patient, stolid peasant woman to take up the threads of life, untangle them as best her unfitted mind can do, and begin life over again. And now where is the enthusiasm, that at first made the hardships count but little since the joy of living was shared by brothers, father, sweetheart or husband?

Women have been so unsparingly treated in the Balkans during the campaigns there, that a movement to train them for real battles on the field has met with a ready response. The wives and daughters of a Servian village are protrayed in September "Current Opinion" under training by a lieutenant in the army. And we read dispatches that the Servian women are fighting stubbornly with the men in defense of the city, Belgrade.

Over the Telephone

Mrs. C. M. Dean, Auxvasse: "I certainly believe in equal suffrage. The women are against it and will do their best to prevent what will build up their homes not destroy them."

Mrs. R. K. Dean, Auxvasse: "I believe women should vote. The women are anxious to see the world made better by having good laws and I know the present laws are of benefit to them."

Mrs. George Dean, Auxvasse: "Yes, women wish to vote. They will vote against intoxicating liquors. There are many women who do not want women should vote."

Mrs. E. F. Kunkel: "Women should have the right to vote if they want to. There are many laws that they would like to see made or amended."

Mrs. S. C. Adams: "I think women should have the right to vote. There are many laws that they are particularly anxious to see made or enforced."

Miss Florence Fest: "Women are and just that women should have rights with men. They are as intelligent and conscientious and would be a great power for good given the chance."

Miss Vee Barley: "I am decidedly in favor of equal suffrage. I wish to be represented where I am taxed."

MEXICO HAS TENNIS CRAZE

"Love-thirty."
"Thirty all."
"Thirty-forty."
"Deuce."
"Game."

Such language can be heard in all parts of Mexico these days from early morn, when the sun is just peeping above the Eastern horizon, until it sinks in the West. And it's not the language of lovers, either, merely tennis fiends, a large number of which, Mexico possesses.

If the Mexico "guns" keep up the pace they are going now the World's Championship "Set" will be played in this city, no later than two years hence.

Maurice Phillip heads a large number of tennis "sharks" at the Elks court. In his crew are T. J. Williams, John Barclay, Herbert Plunkett, Dr. H. I. Turley, Tom McKean, Dave Robertson, Gus Graham, and others too numerous to mention. The courts at the high school, Central and South Side schools, Hardin College and Missouri Military Academy are always busy and many of the Boy Scouts go out to the Cabin to play. Paul St. Vrain has a private court and so have the following: Walter Peck, Frank Coatsworth, E. R. Locke, Walter Adams and Reece Holmes, Pritchett Humes, R. D. Worrell.

The new Hardin College gymnasium will have an indoor tennis court and the game will be played throughout the winter months.

H. M. Doust, one of the real tennis experts of the world, writes his old-time friend and college chum, Maurice Phillip, about some fine points of the game. Mr. Phillip has been kind enough to let us use a portion of the letter. It follows:

"Pace always tells in tennis. Pace establishes the overhand service—play from all ranks of players now is without the high overhand service and its attendant lob variations. The game generates to a mere game of cock.

The Net is Vantage.

"In both games (the game of doubles) all players aim at being able to get within a yard of the net as soon as possible after delivering the smashing volley. It is yet so seldom seen at the classical events. The players seek to get comparatively near the net, whether serving or being the server, the object being to volley before the national pull on the ball becomes apparent.

"In all play the player should be to serve and to serve so as to permit of his favorable position within one of the net and to so place as to drive one's adversary to the least favorable one—from the net toward the base line and from that initial advantage a successful player can, other things equal, severely punish his opponent by suddenly reversing the smashing volley which generally wins.

"My concluding advice is, by forcing your adversary to the back of the court, which can be done by a few judicious balls either near the net or service line, and then to return with a smashing volley from a position near the net—or as near as prudence dictates."

WAR

(Prize Winning Definition of War by James Logan in "Life's recent contest.)

I was conceived in passion, hatred, envy and greed in the morning of antiquity, and have a genealogy whose page drips with the red blood of murdered innocence. I spect neither the feebleness of gray hairs, the helplessness of infancy, nor the sacredness of virtue, and walk ruthlessly and impartially over the form of the weakling and form of the giant.

I paint the midnight skies a lurid glow from the burning homes I have ravaged, and I turn peaceful scenes of beauty, where God's own creatures dwell together in amity, into a raging hell. I set neighbor against neighbor to destroy each other, and I incite the brother to slay his brother.

I make puppets of king's, princes of paupers, counselors and courtesans and thieves of respected subjects, and empty them before my breath as does mist before the morning sun.

I make of religion fanaticism; the heathen I make a Christian incarnate; and of all men I make plaything devoid of reason and justice. Through intrigue I make the intelligent powerless, the unscrupulous wax fat on the spoils of blood-won victories, while I feed on the ignorance of others and the less learned suffer for their ignorance.

Famine, want and misery follow in my path; I turn fertile green fields and still the hand of industry. I pillage the earth of its resources, but contribute nothing to the benefit of mankind, leaving pestilence to stalk ghost like in my wake to complete the work of destruction. I lay a heavy tribute on my most loyal subjects for the maintenance of my government; I squander the vitality and lives of those who serve me faithfully, yet return to the world nothing but ruins and wrecks. The baubles of fame I confer on some are the empty rewards of false standards wherein the license to commit murder and rapine is held to be the insigna of glory by a mistaken civilization.

I can offer no excuse for my having come into existence, nor can I give one plausible reason why I should not cease to be, other than that so long as those who wield influence are permitted to gratify their selfish desires and ambitions at the expense of the many who must carry the burdens and endure the sufferings, that long will I continue to exact my toll of misery, devastation and death. For I am pitiless—devoid of all mercy. I fear neither man nor God; I am amenable to no law but in myself the law and the last resort. I AM WAR.

Albert Price, south of this city, bought two horses and a mule at Fulton recently.

M. A. Brown, near Rush Hill, is said to have one of the best improved farms in Audrain County.

Wheeler Gant, of near Vandalia, has a fine bunch of cattle on feed. He is also handling a hundred head of sheep.

E. D. Graham will be on a business trip to the North