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MOTOR RACE ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY PROMISE WELL

Some of the Drivers Have Arrived and Others are Expected Shortly—Six Entries.

Entries in Automobile Races which takes place at the Fair Grounds Saturday, are coming in fast and according to indications there will be more entries than are allowed to run according to the rules of the American Automobile Association which allows one car to every four hundred feet of track space.

Two more entries were received by the manager this morning which brings the number of entries up to six and many more to hear from. Those that have already entered are as follows:—A Sunbeam racing car piloted by Didier Penaut, the noted French driver. Wilcox Grayfox, piloted by Joe Walter of Davenport, Iowa, who won the fifty mile race last Sunday at Quincy, Speedy Herman, who pilots the Marquette Buick, Kink Kelley, who entered Mercedes racer, W. W. Brown, who entered Pope Hartford, John Owendick in a Renault racer. All these noted drivers have entered in a twenty mile race which is the feature of the meet also in several of the shorter events.

The race meet will be inaugurated with a series of time trials which will bring together at least of the most famous speed demons of America. In addition to the speed trials there will be free for all events which are expected to produce the keenest competition of the meet, some of the drivers and their mounts will arrive in Mexico by tomorrow as several of them have already shipped their machines yesterday from Quincy and St. Louis. Commencing Thursday morning and until the day of the race the drivers will be out, practically early in the morning to familiarize themselves with the course, one hour being allowed to each driver for trial practice. The management also announces that inner and outer fences will be removed from the turns of the race course to minimize the risk of the drivers in case one of them should happen to go through the fence coming out of the turn. The management is also arranging for the erection of an emergency hospital in the infield of the race track so in case of any serious accident to the racing drivers there will be immediate medical assistance.

Bear Creek Baptist Association. The Bear Creek Baptist Association met with Hopewell Church near Wellsville on the 10th and 11th of August. The Rev. C. A. Mitchell, of this city, delivered the annual sermon and it was a fine one, as all were delighted to hear him. The Rev. J. D. Watson delivered the doctrinal sermon to the delight and spiritual uplift of all present. The denominational interests were well represented by Dr. H. E. Truax of St. Louis, representing Home and Foreign Missions. Dr. T. L. West, of Carrollton, Mo., represented State Missions. Dr. F. M. Shouah represented the Baptist Aid Society. T. L. Boyer, of St. Louis represented the Home for Old and Dependent Baptists and Joe P. Jacobs represented Our Chapel Car Work. All enjoyed the feast of good things both spiritual and temporal.

CLIOBURST AT CLINTON, IA. Clinton, Ia., Aug. 18.—A cloudburst struck this city late Wednesday. A district ten blocks square, including the business section, are under four feet of water. Street car service has been suspended. The property loss entailed by the flood will be heavy. Bridges and culverts were washed away by the onrush of waters. Streets became rivers and hundreds were imprisoned on upper floors of houses and buildings. Eight thousand spectators escaped from the wreckage of a huge circus tent by descending shoes and stockings and wading in water above their knees. Men carried women and children to safety. The tents were swept away.

Real Estate Transfers. Sarah E. Little to William Brenton, Considered, \$280 Lot 46, Grand View Add. to Mexico. Lucy D. Kidwell to Ellis Renfro, Considered, \$1000 SW SW of 34-5-1. Moses C. Callaway to Walker Burns, Considered, \$1.00 and other E 1/2 of NW & W 1/2 of SW NE & SE of 7 N. 1/2 of NE pt 18-52-9. Hugh Brown to Ed and Maggie R. Kurz, Considered, \$450 1/2 int. in Lots 2 & 3, Block 37, Original Vandalla. L. B. Towner to Herbert B. Towner, Considered, \$1.00 and other Lot 24, Block 6, Fairview Place, Mexico.

Grain, Grain, Grain. All who have Oats Wheat or Hay they will hold for better prices should call and let me insure same against FIRE and LIGHTNING on most favorable terms, for 30, 60, 90 days, or longer. John W. Howell, French Building, Mexico, Mo.

There will be an ice cream and watermelon supper in the basement of the Community church at Rush Hill, Saturday night. Everyone is invited. Fred Hunter of Audrain County, will be released from the penitentiary on August 24. He got thirty days off his sentence for work on the public roads during Good Roads Day.

FIVE DAYS PROGRAM WILL BE SHOWN IN THREE DAYS

Tuesday and Wednesday's Show Rings, Races and Big Free Features Thurs. and Fri.

Aeroplane and Motorcycle Races With Circus Acts and Big Rings Mark Fair.

Because of the rain, Tuesday and Wednesday the Mexico Fair Thursday, Friday and Saturday, will have more features and show rings than any State Fair in the Country. The two days lost will be doubled into Thursday and Friday with Saturday devoted to the automobile races. There will be all of the big show rings in these two days. The Aeroplane flights and motorcycle races, three each day, the running races and the county plug races. Everything will be given that time allows. It will be the biggest three days of Fair ever witnessed in the state.

Pendhain, the aviator, arrived Wednesday morning with his monster biplane. The machine is being assembled and will be ready for flight Thursday morning. His flying is said to be sensational in every way. The motorcycle races have four professionals entered and it is quite likely some of the local amateurs will contest also.

The \$500 saddle stake, the \$300 stake, the \$200 harness stake and the two divisions of the Missouri Saddle Horse Futurity as well as the many other big rings will make the program interesting.

John Woods, of Paris, who has been successful this season has a good string at the Fair. His mare Cigarette has been a winner this year. At the Knox City fair she won the \$1200 stake and got the red ribbon at Moberly the first of August.

John Hook and Lonnie Hayden brought Miss Loula Long's string. Amongst them were: Maurine Fisher, Martha LaMar and Imperious.

Show Ring Results

MULES CLASSIFIED			
	1st	2nd	3rd
No. 1 Best horse mule any age	\$10.00	\$5.00	
1st and 2nd, Buckner Bros., Mexico.			
No. 2 Best pair mules, 3 years old and over, owned in Audrain and adjoining Co.'s 30 days prior to show.	12.50	7.50	5.00
1st, Dye and Crow, Paris; 2nd, and 3rd, Buckner Bros., Mexico.			
No. 3 Best mule colt, either sex, under 1 year old.	12.50	7.50	5.00
1st, Lewis and Ford, Mexico; 2nd, Lackland Bros.; 3rd, M. L. Paige, Mexico.			
CATTLE CLASSIFIED			
Pure Bred Short-horns			
No. 4 Best Short-horn bull, 2 years old and over	12.50	7.50	5.00
No entry.			
No. 5 Best Short-horn bull, 1 year old and under 2	12.50	7.50	5.00
1st, S. P. Emmons and Son, Mexico.			
No. 6 Best Short-horn bull, under 1 year old.	12.50	7.50	5.00
1st, D. C. Owens.			
No. 7 Best Short-horn cow, 2 years old and over	12.50	7.50	5.00
1st, S. P. Emmons and Son, Mexico; 2nd, D. C. Owens; 3rd, S. P. Emmons and Sons.			
No. 8 Best Short-horn cow, 1 year old and under 2	12.50	7.50	5.00
1st, D. C. Owens, Mexico.			
No. 9 Best Short-horn cow, under 1 year old	12.50	7.50	5.00
1st, S. P. Emmons, Mexico; 2nd, Earl Carter, Mexico.			
No. 10 Best Short-horn cow, with calf by her side	12.50	7.50	5.00
1st, D. C. Owens, Mexico; 2nd, S. P. Emmons and Son, Mexico; 3rd, Earl Carter, Mexico.			

RAIN MOVES HOUSES.

Seventy Buildings Flooded by Water. Which Runs Three Feet Deep.

Louisiana, Mo., Aug. 18.—A terrific rainstorm swept Louisiana Tuesday afternoon. The rain fell in torrents for an hour, and the gutters were unable to carry the water. The creek coming out of Bone Hollow overflowed and Fifth avenue became a big part of the channel, the water flooding 20 business houses and running down the streets three feet deep. Houses Moved Off Foundations. North and west of the Fifth avenue bridge it flooded 50 houses, some of which were moved from their foundations, and others were damaged.

The boiler-room of the Eagle Club House was caved in and the water ran through the lower floor over two feet deep. Crops Hurt by Wind at Auxvasse. Auxvasse, Mo., Aug. 18.—The heaviest rain of the season fell here Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by a heavy wind, which did some damage to corn and other growing crops. Centrales Streets Flooded. Centrales, Mo., Aug. 18.—Five inches of rain fell here Tuesday afternoon in one hour, flooding the streets. The rain was worth many thousands of dollars to the farmers, whose corn was suffering for rain, and it is predicted there will be one of the biggest corn crops in this section than for a number of years.

High winds accompanied the rain, which blew some of the corn down, but there was not very great damage. The oat crop was damaged to a large extent. The Dog Tax Collected. In answer to inquiries regarding how much dog tax collected in Mexico, would say the report of the city hall shows the following collections for 1912, 1913, 1914, up to this date of 1915: 1912, \$252; 1913, \$220; 1914, \$177; and 1915, \$96.

A new and nice line of Middy blouses just arrived. The Enterprise Store, d2w1t.

New Suits Filed. O. J. Berry vs. A. Pulin, et al on note. The Merchants National Bank, of Topeka, Kansas, vs. Mrs. Teresa Mansteker to attach farm. The plaintiff wants to collect \$4,815.59 note held by them against defendant.

SATURDAY WILL BE AUTO DAY AT THE MEXICO FAIR

Racing Events by Professional drivers in Racing Cars Will Mark the Program.

The Mexico Fair has been extended another day Saturday. This will be Automobile day and will be marked by some of the greatest gasoline speed events ever witnessed in this section of Missouri. Drivers of National fame who we are assured have participated recently in the Chicago 500 mile Derby and the Indianapolis speedway are to participate in the races here for the large prizes offered by the management in the various events. The meet is to be conducted under the rules of the American Automobile Association and are open for competition for all professional drivers with racing cars with piston displacement of 200 cubic inches or under. It is quite likely there will be some local entries.

Several of the speed kings who took part in the 50 mile race at Quincy Sunday have already entered in some of the events on the local track Saturday. Those who have already entered are: Wilcox's Grey-Fox, the car which finished third at Indianapolis last season. Didier Penaut, the French driver will pilot a Sunbeam racer, the same car which finished second in the Chicago Auto Derby. King Kelley has entered a Mercedes racer. Joe Herman, who three weeks ago won the 100 mile race at Jayneville, Wis., has entered a Marquet Buick. A complete list of entries will be announced from day to day as they come in.

A 20 mile race, forty times around the local track, is one of the features of the races here. Pitts will be erected in front of the grandstand and the track placed in splendid shape at once. This is the first fair of its size in the West to show events of this kind. Some of the entries will be here in a few days and will start practice on the track. The events promise to be some of the fastest speed contests ever witnessed in this section. Leon Friedman, representing the Western Automobile Racing Association, has charge of the entries for the Fair Association, and is managing the events which promise to draw big crowds.

Rattlesnake Bites Woman. Jefferson City, Mo., August 12.—A rattlesnake, one of the largest ever seen in Cole County, bit Mrs. Maggie Loesch, who resides eight miles south of Jefferson City, in the hand Thursday, in the garden of "the Loesch home. She is in a critical condition. Mrs. Loesch stopped to pull up a vine. The rattler sounded his warning, but before she could get out of reach the reptile coiled and struck her on the hand. Colling again, the snake was preparing to strike a second time, when she jumped out of reach. The snake was killed. It measured over 5 feet in length.

CARL BROWN BARITONE. Carl H. Brown, a nephew of C. R. Brown, of near Mexico, has captured a number of laurels as a baritone soloist this year with the Chicago Chorus that won the \$10,000 prize at the San Francisco Exposition. Besides aiding the choir to win the prize, Mr. Brown won the \$100 prize for the best baritone solo and was a member of the double quartette that won first money.

Carl is the son of J. T. Brown, of Hamlet, Indiana, who about twelve years ago resided near Mexico. Will Speak Here. Prof. W. J. Bray, of the Kirksville Normal, will give an illustrated lecture free at the McMillan High school at 8:00 p. m., Thursday, August 19, subject "The Teachers' Place in the Public Health Campaign." All are welcome.

The Audrain Teachers Meeting begins Thursday, August 19, at 9:00 a. m., at the McMillan High school. Miss Root, Girls Club organizer for the State Agricultural Extension Work of Columbia, and also Professor Bray will talk in the afternoon at 3:00.

12 SETS TWINS IN COMMUNITY. Montgomery City, Mo., Aug. 14.—Speaker Champ Clark has been officially informed that there is a community called High Point in Montgomery County, which is entitled to distinction because of the number of twins born there. Twelve sets have been born within a radius of about two and a one-half miles.

The Speaker says he wants former President Roosevelt to visit the community and bestow proper recognition upon it. One of the eleven families has two sets of twins.

HOG CHOLERA IN MARION. Hannibal, Mo., Aug. 14.—The hog cholera is spreading in Marion County, according to a bulletin issued Friday by J. P. Gilmer, farm adviser in Marion County. "The situation is critical," he said. "Although there is no widespread epidemic, there are infected spots in several communities which, coupled with the fact that thrashing is now on with the necessary exchange of work between neighbors, make the situation one of the great concern."

Miss Irene Campbell and Miss Esther Rodhouse returned home, Saturday, from Fulton where they have been attending a house party.

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State Highway Commissioner Asks Co-operation of People in Inspection of Road.

ROAD IS WITHOUT ONE HILL

The Road Will Become State's Most Popular Highway if Properly Kept by the Public.

Cross State Highway. To Whom It May Concern: Jefferson City, Aug. 17, 1915.—The writer as State Highway Commissioner desires to call the attention of people who live on what is known as the "Blue Book Route" passing through the cities and towns of Louisiana, Bowling Green, Curryville, just north of Farber, Laddonia, Mexico, Thompson, Centria, Sturgeon, Clark (with loop to Moberly), Higbee, Yates, Armstrong, Glasgow, Gilliam, Slater, Marshall, Shackelford, Mt. Leonard, Blackburn, Alma, Corder, Higginsville, Mayview, Odessa, Bates City, Grain Valley, Oak Grove, Blue Springs and Independence, said cities and towns being located on said highway, that there should be some permanent organization established AT ONCE for the purpose of getting this Cross State Highway continuously good and immediately.

This highway is kept in good condition in some sections, and then in other portions, it is only in fair condition; and from some places we have a very large amount of complaint, and the writer believes that a meeting should be called, and an organization perfected, and plans adopted looking to bringing the same up to a high standard, and make it uniformly as good as any other Cross State Highway.

This highway in question is one which passes possibly as many, or more good farms than any highway that crosses the State of Missouri. The contour of the road from Louisiana to Kansas, there is practically not a hill on the same. The cities and towns located there are enterprising in most other respects, but our Department is not at all satisfied with the conditions that exist on this highway, and with that state of affairs existing, this Department hereby calls a meeting to be held at the Court House at Mexico, Missouri, on Tuesday, August 24th, at nine o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of arranging plans for carrying to immediate completion this highway and bringing it up to this high standard. In the meantime, we desire the parties who live in the different counties and localities, and to whom this letter is addressed, to go over the route in their county slowly and carefully, and make a complete report, writing it up as they inspect the same.

First: As to the number of culverts and bridges that are missing and needed, and stating location, and when they will actually be built.

Second: The number of wood culverts that are on the highway in their county, stating number in bad condition, and where located.

Third: The places where the roads are not 40 feet wide and the names of the parties whose property adjoins these narrow strips of road, and to bring if possible, with them, an agreement from all the people on the said Highway in the section they inspect, that these parties will, inside of 30

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10-inch decorated vegetable bowl; 19c value. All this week, 10c

27x54-inch velvet rugs; assorted patterns, worth \$1.25. All this week, 99c

14-qt. double coated gray enameled preserve kettles; worth 50c. For this week, 25c

Extra heavy men's grey mixed Sox, 10c value. All this week, pair 5c

18x36 Crex grass rugs, 40c values. All this week, 25c

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wet to work on the farm, to attend to their business in the different cities and towns, for now they may have often to remain at home, when if roads were good they could come to town—and not be forced to come to town on days when their time is needed badly on the farm.

Yours truly,
Frank W. Buffum,
State Highway Commissioner.

NOTE:—Each town or city to have this inspection uniform should check half way to next town or city on each side to a point agreed upon with said town or city adjoining, and then put together these joint inspections in shape of typewritten report of their own county.

Mrs. W. W. Johnson Shocked. Mrs. W. W. Johnson, of North Jefferson St., was shocked by lightning during the electrical storm Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Johnson was in her kitchen and had a knife in her hand when the lightning struck near her home. The knife was a conductor and she was badly shocked but no serious effect is expected.

Mrs. V. Tratt, of Shipman, Ill., and John H. Tratt, of Alton, were called to Mexico to the bedside of Frank Tratt, who is seriously ill.

LONG BRANCH. The meeting at Long Branch will be continued over Sunday. The Rev. Arvin is preaching fine sermons. Come out and hear him.—Clyde and Ophelia Watson are visiting at Hallsville and attended the Fair at Columbia.—Clyde Ellis and wife, and Johnnie Ellis motored to the Columbia Fair last week.—Forest Berry and family attended the ice cream supper at Skinner last Saturday in their new auto.—The thresher is heard in this neighborhood from early morning till late at night.—Charlie Clark and wife, and Mrs. John Clark of Benton City, came up in the car last Friday and visited at H. C. Berry's and had a family reunion and fish fry.—Thod Boulware is expecting his brother-in-law, John Maddox and family, in from Kentucky on a visit next Thursday.—Monroe Gorrell and little son, Lester, was the guest of G. T. Schiefer and family last Sunday.—Get the Chattanooga ever. It is good for you. Wish everybody could go. It would be a fine summer vacation for you. It will begin next Sunday. Try and go every day.—Mrs. Alice Ashby and little daughter visited John Ashby at Martinsburg from Saturday until Monday.

Joe Hall is back on a visit.

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