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COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION MARCH 2

Splendid Program Has Been Arranged By County Superintendent of Schools W. Clyde Johnson.

HELD IN THE COURT HOUSE

Every Phase of the County School Work Will be Touched on by Competent Speakers.

The annual Audrain County School Board Convention will be held in this city March second. The sessions will be held in the County Court Room. Every phase of the school work will be covered by competent men and the attendance should be large.

The program as arranged by County Superintendent of Schools, W. Clyde Johnson, is as follows:

Teachers—Qualifications, Terms of Service, Wages—Robert Offutt.

Relation of teacher to community. Relation of community to teacher—J. E. Stratton.

School Officers—Directors, District Clerk, Duties of Value of monthly meetings—S. P. Emmons.

Buildings—The schoolhouse. Plans for the construction of. Location and grounds. Heating, Furnace, Stoves. Position of stove. Jacketed and un-jacketed—B. F. James.

Sanitation—The best desks. How arrange. Ventilation. Provisions for General up-keep. Doorsteps and walks—W. C. Sharp.

Outbuildings—Toilet rooms. Construction. Location. Care. Fuel house. Sise. Divisions—J. C. Flynn.

Water supply—Source of fountains. Buckets. Drinking Cups—S. C. Groves.

Grounds—Playground. Provisions for play for all. Playground equipment. Plans for beautifying grounds. General care of—G. L. Williams.

Free Text Books—E. W. Lierheimer.

School Libraries—The Library law. What books to select. Care of books. Record of books. Use of by pupils and patrons—Miss Elsie Hanger.

Records, Reports and Notices—What records should be kept. Minutes of all meetings. Warrants issued. Reports received and made. Purchases for the schools—T. J. Arnold.

Report by District Clerk—Estimates. Enumeration list. To county clerk. State aid. Non-attendance—J. J. Johnson.

Report to District Clerk—By county treasurer. Teachers' monthly and term—B. L. Priebe.

Notices—Annual meetings. To parents and guardians. Delinquents in attendance—C. F. Barney.

Community Organizations—Social center work. Parent-Teacher meetings. Boys' and Girls' clubs. Moonlight Schools—J. W. Dowell.

Clean-Up Day—Scrubbing. Oiling the floor. No-dust preparations. Fumigation of building—W. C. Offutt.

The Grounds—Beautifying. Out-houses. Walks—A. L. Lipp.

Republican Convention.

To the Republicans of Audrain County Pursuant to the action of the Republican Central Committee of Audrain County, Mo., a mass convention of the Republicans of Audrain County is hereby called to meet at Mexico, Mo., in the Circuit Court Room, Saturday February 26th, 1916, at 2:30 p. m., to select six delegates and six alternates to the Republican State Republican Congressional Conventions of the Ninth District of Missouri, and to make such declaration of party principals and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

Ralph E. Head, Chairman.
Garrett Barnes, Sec'y.
Rep. Cen Comm. of Audrain Co.
wt d-Fri

NEGRO MURDERER ARRESTED AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS

"SONNY BOY" MITCHELL, WHO KILLED "BUSTER" HAYES HERE OCTOBER SEVENTEEN, 1903, CAPTURED.

WOUNDED 3 OTHERS

ADMITTED HIS IDENTITY TO OFFICERS AT BLOOMINGTON, ILL., WHEN PLACED UNDER ARREST.

HAD SHOT HIS SISTER

A REWARD OF \$500 HAD BEEN OFFERED FOR HIS APPREHENSION AT THE TIME OF THE CRIME.

Augustus Mitchell, better known as "Sonny Boy," a local negro hully who shot and killed "Buster" Hayes and wounded three others, one his sister, in this city the night of October seventeenth, 1903, was placed under arrest by the officers in Bloomington, Ill., Saturday after thirteen years liberty. He admitted his identity and consented to return to Mexico without extradition proceedings. "Sonny Boy" left this city after the shooting and though repeatedly reported captured succeeded in evading arrest all these years. At the time of the shooting there was a reward of \$500 for his capture but it is understood this has since been withdrawn.

Mitchell has been living in Bloomington for the past seven years under the name of Smith and working as a chef, his occupation while a resident here. Sheriff Barnett went to Bloomington Saturday night and brought Mitchell here Sunday.

Sheriff Barnett would not state who had turned in Mitchell's whereabouts to the officer though it is thought it was a relative of Hayes. Mr. Barnett says Mitchell had been known to be in Bloomington for a number of years though no effort had been made to comprehend him. The reward for his capture expired about ten years ago though it was renewed twice.

Waves Preliminary Hearing.

"Sonny Boy" when he was arraigned before Squire Wayne Monday morning waived the preliminary hearing. His case will be set for the March term of the Circuit Court. Until that time he will be held at the county jail. Prosecuting Attorney Whitson read the charge of murder on which "Sonny Boy" is held. Mitchell spoke up without hesitation and said that he killed Hayes in self-defense after being knocked down the old "runway" at the Fox building three times.

He left here on the night of the killing via a Wabash freight train to St. Louis. From there he went to New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla., where he stayed for three months. Not wanting to stay at one place too long so soon after the shooting he left there for Texas where he lived for sometime. But "Sonny Boy" just had to come back to some of his old haunts. He said he had lived in Bloomington for nine years and had a good home at the time of his arrest.

For months the "cops" in his district in Bloomington ate their mid-night lunch in the restaurant in which Mitchell worked. He knew them well and when they asked him his former home it was the last of his thoughts that they wanted him for the killing of Hayes which long ago had ceased to worry him.

At the time of the shooting he was only seventeen years old and now looks about 25 although he is thirty. He was well dressed and his general appearance indicates that he has been prospering.

Story of Crime.

The following story of the crime with which Mitchell is charged is taken from the Mexico Ledger under date of Thursday Oct. 22, 1903:

Armed and looking for trouble, Augustus Mitchell, a local negro character commonly known as "Sonny Boy" visited a negro dance hall, at the corner of Jefferson and Liberty streets, Saturday night, the seventeenth, on being refused admission a quarrel ensued between himself and the dance hall door-keepers, Jim Hayes, well known as "Buster" and Ben Phillips. Mitchell resorted to his pistol, firing point blank at his victims. Hayes was shot in the right breast dying twenty minutes later. Phillips received a bullet which entered just in front of the right temple and came out the right corner of his right eye, a glancing shot. Mitchell was shooting through the door or entrance to the crowded dance room and among the dancers that came in range of his bullets was Rees Mitchell, a sister of the murderer and George Gardner, of Moberly. The Mitchell woman was shot in the right side the bullet ranging around the fifth rib and coming out at the left side. A bullet entered Gardner's right arm penetrating the muscle.

The dance was held in the second floor of the building formerly occupied by Haskell & Son carriage shops and had been conducted each night during carnival week by Hayes, Phillips, Babe Wright and Jim Rodgers. Naturally some trouble had occurred during the week and Mitchell had

BENTON CITY WANTS A CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT

Live Audrain Community Experts to Vote on Question Shortly—Matters is Being Agitated.

MEETINGS HELD LAST WEEK

Eolia, Pike County, Has Met With Splendid Success in Their Consolidated High School.

Mr. Clayton, of Jefferson City, upon invitation, was in Benton City last Friday and Saturday and discussed the consolidated High School question. Benton City expects to vote on this matter shortly. Friday evening he spoke to the Literary Society on the evening and Saturday afternoon addressed a meeting of citizens. A consolidated high school would be a splendid improvement for Benton City.

This School Satisfies.

Eolia, a little town in the southern part of Pike county, Missouri, with a population of 342, decided in the fall of 1912 to give the children of that place the advantage of some high school training. One room was built on to the regular school building and the first year of high school work was offered, no students being ready for the second year's work. From that time on, each year they have added one more year of high school work to their curriculum and now the children of Eolia are enjoying the advantage of a first class high school.

The rapid growth of this school in such a small town is due to the remarkable school spirit of all the leading business men and patrons who have been at all times ready to act as a good suggestion and to make sacrifices to boost the school; to the untiring efforts, the discreet judgment and the remarkable ability of their leader, Prof. Sterling Thompson of La Belle, Missouri, who has been with them from the beginning. It was through his efforts chiefly that the extraordinary advances were attempted and accomplished. And last, the growth is due to the advantages of a superior school. The assessed valuation is large enough so that with a small increase in taxes the amount is sufficient to do this.

Objections Disappeared.

A few of the farmers at first objected because they were afraid of high taxes. But in spite of their fears most of them lined up right at the polls and when they voted on the proposition in the spring of 1914 it carried 147 to 23. Since they have seen the advantages of the superior school facilities and know how little extra it cost them in the way of taxes the opposition has died out entirely with the exception of two large tax-payers without children who are opposed to any system of free public schools just as strenuously as they are to this school.

The taxes required are 75 cents on the hundred dollars, an increase of 10 cents on the hundred to most of the tax-payers. This supports the full four year high school, the eight grade teachers, and the rural schools in addition. The high school is practically self-sustaining. That is, the tuition of the non-resident pupils (about \$5.50 per pupil) plus the \$800 special state aid pays the entire expense of the high school so the high school advantages for their children are costing them nothing.

The rural schools are kept running just as they were before, leaving a school close for the little ones and after they have completed the eighth grades they come to the central high school free of tuition.

The central building is a modern structure of nine rooms besides the library, laboratories and cloak rooms. It is heated by steam, has all modern conveniences, five acres of play ground including three basket ball courts, three tennis courts and a base ball diamond. On the ground is a stable for the accommodation of the country children who ride or drive in; over 20 horses are kept in this barn.

One of the arguments used against this school was that it was a scheme of the town people to work the farmers for a new school building. A glance at the present enrollment will discredit this. Over half the pupils enrolled are from the country and the per cent of country children entering high school is continually increasing. Of the 23 pupils in the freshman class this year, 18 are from the country. The country boys and girls of this community have been given opportunities equal to those of the boys and girls living in our larger towns.

As for the ability of country boys and girls as compared with those living in the larger towns we need only to look up their record. First, these Eolia High School students have succeeded in keeping their school improving each year, moving up one class each year and now standing as a first-class high school approved by the State Department of Education. In the three debates which they have had with the adjoining first-class high schools located in towns from 2,000 to 5,000 inhabitants, they have won two of them and lost one.

The Eolia people are all of one voice when it comes to proclaiming their central high school as the real solution of the country problem. It has been given a fair trial and proven a success in every way.

THOS. M. HARPER,
Special Field Representative of the Journal of Agriculture.

See Purdy's Liquid Smoke and butchering set display.

ELKS BANQUET AND BOND DRAWING A SUCCESS

Eight Candidates Ride the Antlered-Goat Into the Mysterious Inner Circle of R. F. O. E.

DELICIOUS MENU WAS SERVED

J. W. Buffington and Others Talk at the Banquet—Four More Bonds Were Drawn.

The Elks annual roll call and banquet was held Tuesday evening in the home when fully 150 members of the order met to see the antlered William entertain eight candidates and enjoy a splendid feast which was closed with the drawing of four bonds. Those whose bonds were retired are Ross Cauthorn, Sam Morris C. C. Bledsoe, and C. W. Lewis. The candidates initiated were Harry Householder Jr., Bush Atchison, J. E. Sanderson, Turner Lewis, Ross Wagner, Thurman Stallings, A. L. Ford and Dr. R. B. Vaughn.

The initiatory work began at 4 o'clock and continued until the banquet was served at 7. After enjoying the delicious menu Exalted Ruler W. W. Fry, acting as toastmaster, made a few short remarks and introduced C. M. Clay who read a humorous resolution. He was followed by J. W. Buffington who offered a resume of the growth of Mexico R. F. O. E. No. 219 since its organization in 1904.

Mr. Buffington made a splendid address and paid Mr. Fry and his associate officers a high tribute for the fine record of the year. This has been one of the most successful years in the history of the lodge. During that time eleven bonds have been retired, the entertainments have been more than usually delightful, the charity has covered a wider field and all in all it has been a red-letter year.

Others who made short talks were: R. D. Rogers, E. B. Keath, H. P. Warden, F. W. Picher Mitchell White, Robert White, of Kentucky and F. A. Morris who conducted the bond drawing.

Those present were: L. B. Hawthorne, J. W. Gallaher, C. S. Harrison, J. E. Streif, Thurman Stallings, E. W. Keat, A. L. Ford, M. T. Vandegrift, J. W. Squires, S. W. Sanford, A. B. Clutter, C. P. Arnold, R. W. White, No. 545, Hopkinton, Ky, T. J. Hossey, E. B. Keath, J. E. Sanderson, Cy Phillip, Maurice Phillip, Ross R. Wagner, Rufus Jackson, Jack Gelhaus, J. M. Haskell H. I. Turley, Geo. W. Nash, L. McF. Gamble, R. B. Vaughn, C. W. Dismann, Walker Y. Burns, Ralph Buckner, Nate Phillip, F. B. Kent, P. L. Lackland, A. O. Adams, Roy Mitchell, Matt Wymore, E. C. Kennen, Laddison, Mo., S. D. Byrnes, F. A. Morris, W. W. Fry Jr., R. D. Rodgers, N. R. Rodes, J. W. Woodruff, F. R. Sanford, Elton Dearing, W. A. Goss, W. E. Sims, J. J. Crews, C. A. Rothwell, C. W. Criswell, E. P. Cunningham, T. R. Bruce, W. W. Johnson, C. L. Banks, S. M. Sharp, W. B. Sappington, J. H. Whitmore, J. C. Stoy, W. E. Mould, J. C. Strock, D. D. Dudley, J. E. Denser, Theo. J. Williams, C. T. Poyton, D. T. Moore, H. D. Shront, V. F. Ryan, Theo. Rainey, H. A. Hall, 805 Newark, Ohio, G. W. Peck, G. L. Lackland, Geo. L. Kemp, J. A. Price, J. C. Diggs, W. B. Graves, H. P. Warden, H. Q. Stocks, Earl L. Bledsoe, P. P. Kelso, Hy. Kunkel, M. T. Myers, L. E. Simmons, C. D. Sharen, F. G. Stolls, J. C. Davis, John T. Ricketts, L. Y. Moore, H. E. C. Tucker, J. F. Buckner, H. M. Lackland, S. P. Harrison, Ben Kendall, C. M. Clay, P. P. Van Ness, I. T. McCue, S. D. Stocks, J. B. Evans, E. R. Locke, G. N. Melson, Earl D. Carter, J. T. Johnson, Leopold Barth, C. B. Jackson, Turner Lewis, Joe T. Buckner, Harry Householder, J. Rieck Fountain, F. A. Cauthorn, Robt W. Berry, Fred W. Picher, Mack Picher, J. B. Wesley, C. W. Lewis, J. A. Lewis, J. B. Jesse, H. E. Van Ness, R. A. Pearl, W. W. Pollock, A. D. Jackson, W. D. Mason, Turner Williams, J. Night Livingston, H. B. Plunkett, O. Polson, O. L. Martin and R. B. Atchison.

Quite a little of the food for the banquet was left over and this was turned over to the committee distributing charity for the city to be given to the poor. There was sufficient to care for six families.

BRAKEMAN CRUSHED.

Chicago & Alton brakeman, P. J. Dupont, 26 years old, single, of Slater, was crushed between the engine and a car on freight 127 at 2:50 Tuesday morning while switching at Curryville, and badly hurt. He was rushed to the hospital in this city immediately.

His condition is seriously though not necessarily fatal and it is hoped he will recover.

AGENTS ORGANIZE HERE.

The real estate agents of Mexico, for the matter of self protection, have banded together and issued a list of house renters who do not pay. In the future when the renters who have vacated a house without settling tries to rent another residence he will find it cannot be done.

The practice of renting houses and then moving from them owing for several months has become, in many instances, a habit. The agents are to be congratulated upon this plan of co-operation. It might be followed with advantage by those who do a credit retail business in the city.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pitts, a lovely little daughter.

See Purdy's smoke window.

SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND PICTURE SHOWS CLOSED

In Order to Prevent Scarlet Fever Epidemic City Board of Health Takes Action Wednesday.

ONLY TWELVE CASES IN CITY

Disease is Here in Light Form But Precautions Thought Best to Keep it in Check.

The public schools, churches and moving picture theatres were ordered closed by the Board of Health Wednesday morning in order to prevent any further spread of the scarlet fever in this city. There have been only twelve cases here since it started several weeks ago but the board felt it best to take this action in view of the feeling expressed by parents as well as to prevent an epidemic. These restrictions will be lifted March seventh. What little scarlet fever there is here has been placed promptly under quarantine. The disease is in its lightest form and practically all of those suffering with it are high school students. According to physicians children are the ones among whom it is most prevalent. It is seldom an adult ever contracts scarlet fever.

The following homes are quarantined: J. W. Millon, John Marshall, F. A. Sannebeck, the Rev. A. B. Culbertson, Alex. Chapman, John Dorgan, the Rev. E. S. Gibbs, the Rev. J. D. Watson, A. S. Houston, Dr. T. H. Wians and Mr. Cooper.

The Board of Health is composed of the following members: City Physician Dr. J. F. Harrison, Councilman J. A. Lewis, J. H. Ballew, E. L. Johnson, and J. H. Pratt. Mayor Dry is out of the city at present.

Clover Seed.

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Has Stag Party.

Fred Llewellyn gave a large stag party at his home in Woodlawn Monday night. Thirty-two stags were present and enjoyed a "600" party.

Mrs. Purdy Johnson, who has been ill with pneumonia at the hospital, is convalescing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Fry Jr., in Waddingham place.

W. W. Fry Jr., Postmaster Jackson, F. A. Morris and L. M. White go to St. Louis tomorrow to attend the meeting of the Democratic Press Association of Missouri.

Let Purdy tell you how to get a complete butchering set for less than cost of manufacturing.

DOWNTOWN STREET LIGHTS INSTALLED IMMEDIATELY

City Light Committee and Power Company Hold Joint Meeting and Agree to Follow Ordinance.

NINE LIGHTS DOWN TOWN

Each Light Will Be Placed in the Middle of Intersecting Streets and Be 600 Candle Power.

The light committee of the city council, composed of E. L. Johnson, chairman, and F. M. Ragdale, met with E. R. Locke, of the Mexico Power Co., Wednesday morning, and decided to follow the lighting plan for the business section as outlined in the ordinance passed following the recent light election. The council had considered another plan to substitute.

The plan is to erect nine light standards, each in the center of intersecting streets. Each standard will carry a 600 candle power lamp. They will not only light the streets but aid materially in regulating traffic.

Mr. Locke stated that the material has been ordered and work preparatory to the installation will start at once. This will make the downtown section of the city most attractive and improve conditions in the business section by eliminating poles as all of the wiring will be underground.

HOLLENSVILLE.

Last week was a splendid winter week. Old Sol was at his best every day. He sure made the snow and ice go some. The blue birds are here, and we hope that means that spring will soon be here. — E. E. Pierce entertained at dinner Sunday the F. L. McGee's and Milt Householders. — Henry Lowery on the old Gilbert place will have a public sale March first. Ladies of Midway Church will serve dinner. — J. E. Campbell will soon move to the Nupten place. — J. E. Albright has bought the James Sneed farm, and will move there soon. — The wheat in this vicinity is sure looking brown. — Mrs. Dava Roberts is entertaining her brother of Iowa. — Miss Sallie Robinson, of Mexico, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Peck.

SAME DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED.

At the annual election of the board of directors of the Southern Bank Tuesday the same board was retained. The members of the re-elected board are: J. A. Guthrie, C. F. Clark, J. T. Johnson, W. W. Harper, and C. W. Lewis. The election of other officers will come later in the year.

J. M. Dye, of Vandalia, was elected treasurer of the state Retail Clothing Dealers Association in St. Louis this week.

W. H. FRANCIS, DISTINGUISHED DEMOCRAT.

The thousands of friends of David W. Francis, throughout Missouri and the rest of the country, are glad to know that President Wilson has recognized the distinguished ability by offering him the post as ambassador to Russia, which is one of the most important appointments the administration controls.

Ex-Governor Francis has always been the people in an unselfish, high class, satisfactory way in whatever capacity he has represented his country.

In fact, Governor Francis has always shown conspicuous ability, in both public and private life, and we sincerely in hopes that he will be his way clear to accept this most important position. When the war comes, he can render this country unusual service.

NO SUFFERING IN MEXICO.

ICO THIS WINTER.

The Mexico Ledger wants to compliment those who worked so intelligently in the management of the Ledger's Good Fellow Fund for the relief of the poor of Mexico during the winter. The various committees were prompt and worked in an unselfish way, and City Clerk Wallace Dearing should have special thanks for the untiring work he did in investigating and seeing that none were allowed to suffer. The people of Mexico, with very few exceptions now favor organized charity, and we do not believe that next year there will be any attempt to discredit or undermine this movement.

The contributions made to this fund were handled without a dollar's expense and there was not a single case of suffering in Mexico that was not promptly investigated and relieved.

TO PREVENT AN EPIDEMIC.

The Board of Health has temporarily closed the schools, the churches, and the picture shows till March 7th, to prevent an epidemic of scarlet fever in Mexico. There is more or less scarlet fever throughout the entire country, and while the disease is not at all malignant this year, and there have been only a few cases here, the Board of Health thinks best to "nip it in the bud," at once. The cases are carefully quarantined, and if the parents will now see that their children are kept at home and off the streets, there is no danger of the disease spreading. Every precaution should be used by parents to keep the children at home.

We understand that there is no dan-

ger among adults, so there need be no uneasiness in business circles. It is not expected that the schools will be closed for more than a couple of weeks anyway.

CLYDE ELLIS, of Molino, in renewing his weekly Ledger this week, said that he "learned his A. B. C.'s out of the Mexico Weekly Ledger, and has been a reader of this paper regularly ever since." That is the kind of patronage a newspaper appreciates.

MRS. J. J. WAKEFIELD, who died at her residence in this city Monday, was one of Mexico's most patient, faithful, loving Christian women. During an extended illness which she knew was fatal, she never complained, but with splendid Christian faith placed implicit confidence in the One who rules all things.

THE Considine and Bonsall twelfth annual sale at Thompson was a splendid success and largely attended by stock men from all parts of the state. The Considine and Bonsall sales are always well attended and good prices are paid for good stock.

THE death of John Thomas Watts, who lived south of Mexico, takes from this community one of our sturdy old time citizens, who helped develop Audrain County and make it what it is today. Peace to his ashes.

IN the proper column of the daily and weekly Ledger will be found the announcement of G. W. Peck as candidate for Sheriff, subject to the Democratic primary, August 1st.

LA FOLLETTE'S "HAT IS IN."

Madison, Wis., Feb. 23.—Before a conference of Progressive Republicans gathered in a conference from all sections of the state, Senator Robert M. La Follette last night announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for President.

Will Open Soon.

James Sullivan, of this city, will open a motor tire vulcanizing shop in the room in the Lawler building recently vacated by Walter S. Fritz. Mr. Sullivan expects to be ready for business about March first.

Timothy Seed.

We have saved the choicest seed and re-cleaned and fanned it so that it is pure. Get our prices.

dwl Wm. Pollock Mill & Elev Co.

Walter Harrison, of Aunvase, was in this city Wednesday on his way home from a business trip to St. Louis.

PLAN CHILD WELFARE WEEK.

The Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs will hold its regular monthly meeting at the library on Monday afternoon at three o'clock. The board will meet at two-thirty, and the members are urged to be present promptly on time.

In the future the Federation will hold monthly meetings, instead of bi-monthly ones, on the regular Federated day, the third Monday of each month, and it is hoped that the third Monday of each month will be set aside by every club woman in Mexico for the exclusive use of the Federation.

Child Welfare Week, March 4 to 11, will be observed by the Federation and an extensive program is being planned, with features which are both interesting and instructive in nature.

On Saturday, March fourth, the Boy Scouts will place flags on the doors of homes.

On Sunday, March fifth, babies are to be enrolled in Sunday School and Christened at the Church services. The ministers of the towns will preach on the theme, "Life, the Unasked-for Gift, is Precious."

On Monday, there will be motion pictures at the picture-show houses, which will be of an educational value to children.

On successive days will be programs furnished by the Mothers and Others Clubs and the social service committee, with talks on topics of interest and value to mothers on child welfare and community reform, by speakers from out of town, probably Dr. Pyle and Miss Stanley of Missouri University and a deaconess from Kingdom House, St. Louis.

One day will be devoted to domestic children and there will be prizes for children in contests such as bread making, garment making, crocheting, and other things children can do.

Complete details for the week have not as yet been arranged, but it is quite certain that topics of great value to mothers and children and the community generally will be presented.

It is to be distinctly understood that these programs are to be given for the benefit of all the women and children of the town, not merely for the club-women. They are taking charge of the arrangements, but every woman in Mexico is urged to co-operate with them in charge, and it is hoped every woman and child in town will participate in some way in the meetings.

MACK-BUTLER WEDDING.

James Mack, of Slater, and Miss Edith Butler, of this city, were married by the Rev. S. W. Hayes at 8 o'clock Saturday night. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Butler and one of Mexico's most charming young women.

Mr. Mack is a hustling young railroad man connected with the Chicago & Alton with headquarters at Slater. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Chicago where they will spend their honeymoon.

The Ledger extends congratulations to the young couple.

HENRY HOWELL MARRIED.

Henry W. Howell, of Powell, Wyo., son of John Howell of this city and a former Mexico boy, was married Tuesday to Miss Addie Matthews, whose father owns a large ranch in the Big Horn country.

Mr. Howell is a prominent young banker and a young man who has met with splendid success since going to the West. His bride is a charming young woman. The Ledger joins in extending best wishes and congratulations.

Lawn Grass Special.

We have especially mixed lawn grass seed for twenty-five cents per pound. All mixed and ready to sow. Ask your grocer or call us direct.

dwl Wm. Pollock M. & E. Co.

J. C. DeLaporte, of Laddison, was a business visitor here Friday.

YOU should buy shoes with the same care that you would use in buying a pair of glasses. They have just about as much to do with your daily comfort.

That's the way you can buy shoes here. Your individual needs are given the best of attention by expert fitters who understand how to provide comfort and ease for every kind of feet—no matter how difficult to fit.

Our stock, rapidly being augmented with the newest things in footwear, is sure to have in it just what you desire.

Come in and let us help you choose the shoe you want and ought to wear.

Davis-Mitchell Shoe Co.
Griffie & Martin's Old Stand

Announcement

I wish to announce to the people of Mexico and Audrain County that I have bought of Mr. O. Polsson his entire mammoth stock of merchandise, amounting to \$25,000 to \$30,000, and consisting of Dry Goods, Notions, Furnishing Goods, Hosiery, Rugs, Carpets, Mattings, Etc., located in the double store rooms on the north side of the square.

This store, as many know, is noted for excellent goods and up to date goods. A very large part of this spring's goods are now in the stock, and more arriving daily.

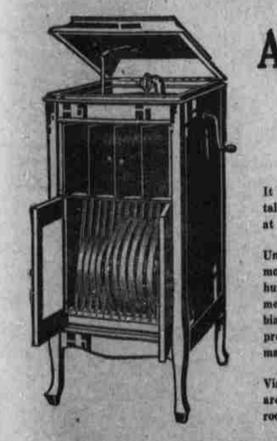
This entire stock, including all new spring goods, will be thrown open to the public at a price that will no doubt astonish everybody, as soon as it is possible to complete the inventory and re-mark the entire stock.

I am a thorough advocate of quick sales and small profits. Watch for the announcement of the date of opening of the biggest money saving event in the history of Mexico.

Yours truly,
L. C. GOVE

20 Extra Salespeople Wanted 20
Apply by Letter Only

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It is with pleasure we announce that we have opened a talking machine department, where you will be welcome at all times to hear the latest and best in music.

Unless you have heard—within a period of only a few months—the flawless recording and reproduction of the human voice, and the faultless rendition of all instrumental music, attained by the present models of Columbia Gramophones, you cannot have anything like a full appreciation of the revolutionary advance that has been made in the art of sound reproduction.

Visitors are assured of prompt, courteous attention and are invited to consider our show rooms their own music rooms, without any obligation to buy.

W. H. UPHAM
Manager

Mexico Music Co.

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