

The Weekly Ledger

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Subscribers to the Weekly Ledger should watch the date on the margin of their paper and renew their subscription promptly so that they will not miss a copy of their favorite paper.

NATIONAL GUARD CO. FROM MEXICO.

WHAT'S the matter with Mexico organizing a National Guard and be prepared to do our part if we have to have war with Mexico, or any country? Mexico formerly had a splendid company. It was among the first out in the Spanish war. We believe a fine company of representative young men could be organized in Mexico without any trouble.

"UNCLE JOE" Cannon is spitting around about President Wilson's "wacky wacky wacky" policy with Mexico. Wonder if "Uncle Joe" wants thousands of green National Guard boys sent into Mexico to be slaughtered like children. "Uncle Joe" ought to know that under Republican administrations we had no preparedness and no army to send anywhere. What would "Uncle Joe" do if he were in President Wilson's place? It is easy enough to criticize and find fault, but we don't hear of any constructive policy from any Republicans, some of whom in their attacks on the President seem almost to be traitors to the country.

AUDRAIN SHOULD HAVE A HIGHWAY ENGINEER.

THE Mexico Ledger would like to see the people of Audrain County have a chance to vote on the Highway Engineer's Office again, as we feel confident a very large majority of the citizens of Audrain county are in favor of this office which is one of the most important in the county. Petitions ought to be presented to the County Court at once so that the matter can be voted on at the November election.

As far as the Ledger is concerned, we would not only like to see this office re-established, but we would like to see J. J. Wakefield re-appointed to this place. If we are really in favor of good roads, you know there is no more important position than Highway Engineer, and Wakefield was a fine official.

MISSOURI MILITARY ACADEMY CATALOG

One of the handsomest college catalogs we have ever seen is that issued by the Missouri Military Academy of Mexico this year, and it makes a handsome volume beautifully illustrated. The catalog is complete in every particular and shows that the local military academy ranks with the best in every particular.

One of the most attractive features of this institution is the "Big Brother Plan" which is clearly explained in the catalog, and shows that not only the best of discipline is maintained, but that all the teachers are "big brothers" to the boys and in this way get close to them, not only in their studies, but in their sports; and that while a boy is attending the Military Academy his teacher acts as a "big brother" or even as a parent to the young man while he is away from home influences and needs the right kind of men for chums. The "Big Brother" plan is all right, and will prove a splendid success wherever it is properly undertaken. We want to compliment Colonel Burton and his staff on the successful inauguration of this idea in this school.

The outlook for the Academy next year is better than it ever has been, as the attention of young men generally is being called to schools of this character. The school last year was well attended, and a success in every sense of the word and the outlook for the coming year is even brighter. The Missouri Military Academy is one of the best schools for boys anywhere in this country, and the more you examine into the management the better you will like it.

ATTITUDE OF THE PROGRESSIVES.

"WHILE many of the Progressives are satisfied with Mr. Hughes personally, they claim that the country could hope for nothing in the way of progressive legislation even under such a clean and able man as Mr. Hughes, with the Republican bosses and grafters undisputedly in the saddle and astride the Republican elephant as they are at the present time. They further point out that Taft and Mr. Charles have both been the silent but all powerful financial backers and promoters of the Hughes Anti-convention boom, and the reactionaries which used Taft when he was in the White House, are all tilted to death because they knocked Teddy out of the Republican nomination, and thus revenged Taft's defeat by Teddy in 1912."

FEELING ON THE MEXICAN BORDER VERY STRONG.

MR. BYAN, of the Mexico Poultry Company, has our thanks for late El Paso papers, showing that the feeling along the border is very strong now

EASTERN AUDRAIN AND WESTERN PIKE.

Uncle Geo. Richard is about the same, rational only part of the time. John Springman is one of the nurses. — Bob Dillon and Howard Haight have quit working for Herman Craft, the former to look after a wheat crop in Montgomery county and the latter to care for his sick grandmother, near Ashley, Mo. — Libby Bros. have been hauling corn to Vandalia at 66c per bu. — Road officials of the Eight Mile District have been grading west from the Prairie View Church for a distance of four miles. Mr. Mattison is their engineer. — Warren Maiden left recently for the Kansas harvest and his brother Oliver will harvest in Iowa. — Joe Biggs and William Shaw each have a crop of wheat to cut. — James Myers has ordered a new Admiral Power Hay Press. He expects it to arrive any day. — Richard Ball has been quite poorly lately. "Aunt" Ellen Pritchett spent last week with Mrs. A. L. Shattuck. — Professor Warren Llewellyn and Miss Florie Parker were united in marriage in Bowling Green last Thursday, Judge Thompson officiating. The groom is the oldest son of our farm and stock man, J. D. Llewellyn. The bride is the youngest daughter of Timothy Parker, also a farmer. Both the young people possess gilleg characteristics and we predict a bright future for them on their improved quarter section south of town. May health happiness and prosperity ever attend them. — Jack James and family, of Gazette, visited Henry Springman Sunday. — Wm. Moberly's are expecting relatives from Iowa at any time. A son-in-law expects to drive with his family from Guthrie in a car. — Clarence Todd and wife visited the latter's grandmother Mrs. Kirk, in Curryville, Sunday. — Mrs. F. P. Myers visited in Vandalia last week. — J. R. Maxwell has a mare seriously ill. Mr. Maxwell had Beamer Bros. bale twenty tons of hay for him this week. — John Springman has some meadow rented from Art Richard. — A. Todd, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Hogan, and little granddaughter, Roberta, spent Sun. with Ernest Todd & family. — Pleasant Plains has a base ball team which strives to practice every Sunday afternoon. It's a manly sport, which the boys try to develop. — Mr. Brenneker, Nulton & Sand's auto man, recently sold three cars in one week; two Fords and a Buick. — The marriage of Ralph Head, of "The Palms", as reported two weeks ago, in these items, proved false. We wrote it only as it was reported to us, however, and here is our apologies to all parties concerned.

"Heat Opened Switch." The engine on Wabash passenger train No. 15 was ditched at Benton City, Saturday morning, when the switch was opened, owing to the extreme heat. It is claimed. The engineer alone was the track. The engineer was badly injured, but no one else was hurt. Traffic was delayed for about two hours.

Word comes to this office at press time that the engineer, whose name was not learned, suffered a broken back, and has been taken to the Hospital at Moberly.

Mrs. G. B. McFarlane, of St. Louis, is the guest of Mrs. P. E. Locke.

The Gem Candy Kitchen every day is sending up a big toy balloon. From appearances these balloons go up at least a mile and stay in the air nearly half an hour.

MEXICO LOOKING FOR TROUBLE. It begins to look as if nothing short of a sound thrashing would satisfy Mexico. Uncle Sam is a patient old man and full of benevolence and good will. President McKinley exhausted all of his patience, and nearly all of the patience of the American people before he consented to unseat the American sword against Spain in 1898.

President Wilson has shown equal patience with Mexico, and the hope and endeavor to avoid a conflict between the two nations, but the limit of patience has almost been reached.

However, if a war with Mexico becomes inevitable it will simply be a question of exercise for us. Mexico has no munition factories, nor can she obtain the implements of war from foreign countries, because our navy can effectively blockade her coast, thus preventing her importation of arms.

In our war with Mexico in 1846 our armies defeated Mexico in every battle and they had in every battle an average of four men to our one, and in one of the biggest battles we had 5,000 soldiers and they had 24,000 and yet they were completely routed. The implements for destruction are much greater now than they were then and yet Mexico has made no progress in the science of arms.

JOHN BEAL and wife, of the Message, have gone to Colorado on a visit, as Mr. Beal's health for some time has not been good. In the absence of Mr. Beal, John Thomas has charge of the Message and will look after it all right.

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30 YEARS AGO. Among Martinsburg's merchants and business men were: John W. Douglas & Co., General Merchandise, Henry Overbush, clerk for them. Oscar Krieger, General Store. Jacobi Bros., General Merchandise. Sam Overbush was their clerk. Druggists — C. H. Green and George Romans. Chess Wilburn proprietor of a Livery Barn.

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Some cigarettes hide the taste! FAVORITE A Straight Cut Cigarette — gets all the good out of good tobacco. 10 for 5¢ Also packed 20 for 10¢

PREPAREDNESS ROSTER

Fifty - Four Have Signed for Military Training Here.

We, the undersigned, are favorable toward a preparedness company, for the purpose of securing military training.

It is understood and agreed that we are not to be connected in any way with the State Militia, or the National Army, and are not bound in any way to enlist.

We agree to meet one night each week for the benefit of practice and in order to receive some military information.

J. B. Arvin, J. G. Barnes, J. Berry, F. F. Bridgford, F. E. Brown, C. C. Conley, C. Chapman, M. E. Criswell, H. R. Craddock, E. Cunningham, D. Deering, J. R. Dohy, C. Francey, N. Fry, J. Gibbs, W. A. Greer, J. Gallop, C. H. Guthrie, F. S. Hathaway, S. Hamilton, R. Jones, L. Jesse, H. V. Kunkel, H. Kearins, J. Kearns, E. B. Kelson, J. Kaeserum, J. N. Livingston, D. B. McClure, L. McDonald, D. E. Morrill, — Morris, F. B. Morris, S. Moore, H. G. Owen, G. Powell, M. Peters, O. B. Rutter, M. A. Roberts, T. G. Roberts, J. G. Roberts, E. Robinson, C. A. Robinson, O. Reed, B. Ridge-way, M. T. Sannbeck, P. E. Strain, S. Tomson, H. B. VanNess, E. F. Watson, H. Willard, H. Willis, T. L. Wright, R. O. Worrell.

Sidney Houston, formerly of the Ledger, writes from the camp at Nevada that the troops will likely move to the border Friday. Sidney is with Ambulance Corps No. 1.

Mrs. Blanche Freeze and daughter, of St. Louis, are the guests of Miss Laura Hanly until after the 4th.

Savings & Loan Officers. R. D. Worrell has been re-elected President of the Mexico Savings & Loan Association, with Theo. J. Williams, Vice-Pres., and Nesbit Livingston Secretary. Mr. Llewellyn succeeds L. M. White as Treasurer, who resigned on account of other business matters requiring all his attention. Dr. H. I. Turley was elected a member of the board in place of Mr. White.

SUNDAY'S MOTHER DIES. Mrs. Mary Jane Stowell, mother of Billy Sunday, who closed his revival campaign in Kansas City a week ago, died yesterday morning at the home of her son at Winona Lake, Ind.

Mrs. Stowell was 76 years old and her death was due to heart disease. Her first husband was William Sunday, the father of Billy, who was killed at the front in the Civil war. Her maiden name was Mary Jane Cory and she spent the greater part of her life in Iowa. — Moberly Democrat.

Big Barbecue at Buckner's. Quite a number of Mexico people attended the big barbecue at R. R. Buckner's pasture near Bryan Friday, June 30th. There was some dandy barbecued mutton with trimmings, and all enjoyed a most delightful outing.

Teachers Wanted. Science \$1,200 Chemistry 1,000 Science 1,000 Botany & English 65 Mathematics, Latin 55 Domestic Science 89 Agriculture 100 Superintendents .75-133. Calls for teachers for all subjects. Send for enrollment Blanks. THE MISSOURI TEACHER'S AGENCY. Citizens' National Bank Building. Kirksville, Missouri

ATHLETICS GET TROUNCED

The Mexico Athletics played an exhibition game with Columbia Thursday and made one lone bling from the deliveries of George Taylor, J. O. Roberts getting "it." Mexico had a pick-up-line but Columbia was so anxious for revenge for Sunday's game here the manager used his regular line-up and went to the box himself. The score was 4 to 0. Mexico's line-up was Horace McGee, I. McDonell, C. Willingham; J. O. Roberts; Morrill lb; T. G. Roberts 2b; Heibel 3b; Hulsen and Kimbrough rf; R. Dobyns, p.

Heibel is from Sturgeon and played a good game at third base. Hulsen is from Centralia.

Lieut. Hoge Not a Prisoner. Lieut. B. F. Hoge, of the 10th Cavalry, a relative of Mrs. A. A. Wallace, of Mexico, Mo., was not among the American prisoners in Chihuahau City, according to a telegram received by Col. A. M. Jackson, Superintendent of Western Military Academy, from Carlos Touche, a Western graduate, to whom Col. Jackson wired asking him to render any assistance possible to Hoge.

The telegram stated Hoge is with Pershing's main body. An interesting fact about the sending of the telegram to Chihuahau City is that the reply was received within 24 hours.

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Passenger on R. E. Lee in Greatest Race in History—46 Years Ago.

There are all kinds of men and all kinds of races, from the human race down to the foot race, in the world, and they seem to have a strong affinity for each other; every man likes to get mixed up in some kind of race.

To Elmer Cunningham, who lives east of Mexico, has been accorded the privilege of taking part in what Mark Twain, and some others, have called the greatest race in the world; that famous contest between Robert E. Lee and the Natchez, the two fastest inland water boats in the world at that time.

The Natchez was built in 1860 for the express purpose of beating the Lee, then the fastest boat on inland waters. The race started at five o'clock in the evening June 30, 1870, just forty six years ago, from New Orleans for St. Louis.

At that time Mr. Cunningham was working at Natchez for J. R. Ringo and R. W. Sinclair, both of whom later lived in Mexico, who were operating a big mule barn there. The Lee arrived at Natchez five hours ahead of the city's naves, much to the chagrin of the inhabitants. Mr. Cunningham requested Captain Cannon, of the Lee, to take him to St. Louis, and was informed that the Lee was carrying no passengers that trip. However, Captain Cannon finally agreed to take him as a passenger, providing he go at his own risk, for the winning of this race was too important to the crew and owners of the Lee to be endangered by the necessity of caring for the safety of a passenger.

After the Lee left Cairo for St. Louis, the home stretch of the race, Captain Cannon was compelled to engage a pilot to take them safely into St. Louis. It may seem like a mild one, this adventure of Mr. Cunningham's, but when we realize that the Lee was carrying at all times at least 200 per cent more steam than she was supposed to carry, and that the safety valve had been tied down at the first of the race, we can see that it was not so much fun to be a passenger as it might seem. From 180 to 250 pounds of steam in a 150 pound boiler under one's feet is not the most pleasant thing to take with one on a river trip.

The Lee led the race all the way, making the trip in three days, eighteen hours and twenty minutes.

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WABASH SUMMER FARES. The Wabash is the direct line to Detroit, Buffalo and the East. Low Summer fares in effect. Round Trip \$22.95 to Detroit. \$28.85 to Buffalo & Niagara Falls. \$41.45 to New York. \$43.35 to Boston. Lower fares to California, Oregon and Washington on certain dates. Find out about these and other summer fares. See the undersigned Wabash Agent or write to Earl Lind, Division Passenger Agent, Moberly, Mo. I. M. RICHARDS, Agent, Mexico, Mo.

TELLS OF MORMONISM

Former Mormon Exposes Religion and Tells of Reform.

Mr. Vernon J. Danielson, of Lexington, Mo., gave a very interesting lecture Friday evening at the Methodist Church, exposing Mormonism, and the frauds committed with it. He was formerly a member of the Mormon Church and is perfectly acquainted with the doctrine, having taken the terrible oath given by the church. For three and a half years he was a Mormon Missionary in Europe and it was while there he was awakened to the frauds and blasphemy of the religion.

There were 500 Mormons doing secret work in Europe and he was at the head of them. When his identity was known he was put into prison by the Germans where he was kept for 12 days. He was then placed under heavy guard and sent to England. There he was thrown from the London bridge into the Thames River.

Another circumstance that caused him to turn from the religion was the attempt of the Mormon president to get his father's business valued at \$350,000, for the Mormon church. When Danielson returned from Europe, he found that his father's business had been taken over by the Mormon president for the use of the Mormon church. Suit was immediately instituted and the case is now pending in the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Danielson was graduated from Brigham Young University in 1907 and has taken special law at Chicago University. At present he is practicing law at Lexington, Mo. He is making these lectures under the auspices of the National Reform Bureau.

Little Minnetta Collins, east of Mexico, celebrated her sixth birthday, Wednesday, June 23, by inviting fifteen of her little friends to spend the afternoon. Games were played and light refreshments served.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fry and Mr. and Mrs. Turner Williams returned Friday evening from a motor trip to New London, Louisiana, Troy and other points. The party left here Thursday evening.

Nolan V. Ellis, formerly of Mexico, a lieutenant in the National Guard, is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston.

A fine quality of tile clay has been discovered on W. W. Fry's farm north of Mexico on the electric car line.

SEEDS. SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue and authority of Alas Execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Missouri, returnable at the October Term, 1916, of said Court, and to me directed in favor of Walter C. Barron and against Julius F. Crocker and Hattie B. Crocker, I have levied upon and seized all the right, title, interests and claim of the said Julius F. Crocker and Hattie B. Crocker, in and to the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

South West Quarter (3/4) of the South East Quarter (3/4) of section Twenty-Nine (29), of the North 1/2 of the North East Quarter (1/4) of Section Thirty-Two (32), all in Township Fifty-Two (52), Range Ten (10), All in Audrain County, Missouri.

All lying and being in the said County, and State of Missouri, and I will, on MONDAY THE 17TH DAY OF JULY, A. D. 1916 (it being the (-) day of the Circuit Court of said County), between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the East Court House door, in the City of Mexico, County of Audrain, Missouri, sell the same, or so much thereof as may be required, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand (subject to all prior liens and judgments), to satisfy said Execution and costs.

J. W. BARNETT, Sheriff of Audrain County, Mo.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that letters of testamentary upon the estate of LUCINDA STEFFENS, Deceased of Audrain County, Missouri, have been granted the undersigned, by the Probate Court of said county, bearing date June 28, 1916.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after date of said Letters of testamentary of such estate and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

JOHN W. HOWELL, Executor.

W. W. FRY, F. RY & FRY, LAWYERS. EAST JACKSON ST., Mexico, Mo.

5% MONEY TO LOAN ON RIGHT KIND OF FARM LAND. CLARK & CAUTHORN, Office Over Southern Bank, Mexico, Mo.

MEXICO SAVINGS BANK