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THERE will be a big Democratic rally and speaking at Sturgeon on Sunday, October 26th. Among the speakers will be the Hon. Paul...

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MR. WILLIAM A. CLARK, of the Knoxville Normal School, will speak at Skinner, Mo., October 20th, on a...

McPHEETERS' CAR FOUND. Monday morning Chief of Police Wallace received a telegram from Fred...

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NOTED DEMOCRATS TO SPEAK AT TENT MEETING OCT. 26

Senator Reed, Col. F. D. Gardner, Speaker Clark, Gov. E. W. Major to Speak.

TENT WILL ACCOMMODATE 2,500

Nominees for State Officers Will Be in Attendance at Big Meeting to Be Held Here on 26th.

The Audrain County Democratic Committee is planning a big tent meeting to be held here on the 26th of October.

Col. Fred D. Gardner, Democratic nominee for Governor, Governor E. W. Major, Senator James A. Reed, Speaker Champ Clark and other prominent Democrats will speak at this big meeting.

All voters of Mexico and Audrain county and surrounding territory are earnestly requested to attend this great Democratic rally and to hear the Democratic messages from these great party leaders.

Mrs. Judge Crews III. Mrs. Judge John T. Crews, of North Jefferson street, had a slight stroke of paralysis on her right side on Monday, October 16th.

"Pioneer Families of Missouri" Wanted. The Mexico Library wants Bryan & Rose's "Pioneer Families of Missouri."

Sliph to Address Elks. Colin M. Sliph, Postmaster of St. Louis, will make an address before the Elks here at their Memorial services.

JUDGE SUTTON CITES FIGURES ON SAVINGS. Urges Citizens to Vote for Highway Engineer Because He Saves the Taxpayers Much Money.

MEANS BETTER ROADS HERE. Former Member of the Audrain County Court Speaks From His Experience With This Official.

Ex-Judge J. D. Sutton, who was a member of the Audrain County Court when Audrain had a Highway Engineer, urges the voters to support the coming to re-instate this official at the election.

FARBER, Mo., Oct. 15. — R. M. White & Son. Dear Sirs: In reply to your letter will say that I am for the County Highway Engineer.

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LAST OF JOHNSON SHEEP ARRIVE SUNDAY NIGHT

Third and Last Consignment of Big Sheep Purchase Comes to Local Yards Sunday Night.

3,900 SHEEP ARE IN CARS

Total Shipment Consists of 12,000 Sheep, Which Were Shipped Here in Three Consignments.

The third and last consignment of the 12,000 Johnson spring lambs, purchased in Montana recently, by W. W. Johnson, arrived about eight o'clock Sunday night.

The first consignment of 5,100 sheep came in about two weeks ago. The second consignment, about 3,200, followed a week later and Sunday night the third and last consignment came here.

The Johnson brothers have been making these trips and buying large consignments of sheep for Audrain buyers for many years.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION. Annual County Convention to Be Held in Vandalia.

The Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Audrain County will be held in Vandalia Thursday, November the second, in the Christian Church.

The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Osceola Lane, Mexico.

Vice-President, Mrs. Susie Quintance, Laddonia.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lena Shannon, Vandalia.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, Vandalia.

Treasurer, Mrs. Kate Peterson, Mexico.

Program: 9:30 a. m. — Convention called to order by President.

Song, "America."

Devotional Exercises by Mrs. Frank Dye.

Welcome Address, Mrs. Cora Day-Response, Mrs. E. G. Emmons.

Roll Call of Officers, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Clark.

Appointment of Committees by the President.

Report of Local Unions by Local Presidents: Cuivre, Mrs. Whitledge; Farber, Mrs. Amidon; Francis Willard, Mrs. Henderson; Laddonia, Mrs. Quintance; Mexico, Mrs. Lane; Mt. Olivet, Mrs. Eichor; Thompson, Mrs. Morris; Vandalia, Mrs. Saxe.

Report of County President.

Report of County Treasurer.

Noontide Prayer, Mrs. Emmons.

Adjourn for Lunch.

1:30 p. m. — Song, "Work, for the Night is Coming."

Devotional, Mrs. Emma Pitzer, Louisiana; State Recording Secretary of W. C. T. U.

Anti-Narcotic, Mrs. Pearson.

Franchise, Mrs. Millon.

Flower Mission, Mrs. Clark.

These are Stirring Days Among the Petticoats, and With Fall Costumes So Flaring, Women Will Want to See the October Silk "FITRITES"



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Prices \$1.95 to \$5.00

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SANTA FE AND C. B. & Q. PLANS UNDER DISCUSSION

Burlington and Santa Fe Heads Admit Subject Has Been Under Discussion Between Them.

95 MILES OF TRACK. Santa Fe May Join With Burlington in Track From Carrollton to Mexico—95 Miles.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 16. — Plans of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroads to enter St. Louis from the west, tentatively announced recently, may soon reach a definite stage.

Santa Fe officials admit they are anxious to get into St. Louis to compete for the westbound passenger and freight traffic, but it is contended that plans for extending the line into St. Louis as yet are vague and that negotiations looking to the extension up to this time have been conducted informally.

The only plan thus far considered calls for joint action with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. The Burlington has a line from St. Louis west to Mexico, Mo. All its trains are handled from Mexico to Alton cranks south of the Missouri River.

This arrangement is said to be unsatisfactory with the Santa Fe is discussing plans which would call for the construction of a track between Carrollton, Mo., and Mexico, Mo., the new track to be used jointly by the Santa Fe and the Burlington.

All conferences relative to the proposed Santa Fe entry into the St. Louis field have been conducted by two W. D. Storey, Santa Fe vice-president in charge of operation, and H. E. Byram, the operating head of the Burlington. Neither will admit that the discussions have reached a definite stage. Both admit, however, that the subject has been discussed.

The Santa Fe runs northeast from Kansas City to Carrollton and thence direct to Chicago. From Carrollton to Mexico, the western terminus of the Burlington-owned track, is only 95 miles, so that the project does not call for the construction of any great length of track.

Because of its western facilities the Santa Fe would make a formidable competitor in the St. Louis field, where it could offer shippers exceptional facilities in moving shipments west and southwest. As the situation now stands, the Santa Fe accepts

at Kansas City for the west haul a goodly percentage of west-bound freight originating in St. Louis.

Under a decision of the United States Supreme Court any railroad entering St. Louis has the right to use the facilities of the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis, on a rental basis. Therefore it would be unnecessary for the Santa Fe to build a depot or to establish yards in St. Louis.

Glenn Squires, who is attending Westminster College, Fulton, has returned to school, after spending Sunday and Monday at home.

Centermer Kid Gloves. Let us fit you. Ricketts & Emmons Dry Goods Company. d2t w1t

H. W. Hite, of Auxvasse, attended the Fall Festival Friday.

Edward Wade, of Linn Creek, Mo., is visiting relatives in Mexico.

Republican Speakers THURSDAY, October 19 at COURT HOUSE 7:30 p. m. Hon. W. T. Nardin of St. Louis Hon. John Bothwell of Sedalia Will Speak on State and National Issues Everybody Welcome

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FAIR COMMITTEE MAY HAVE SURPLUS FOR NEXT YEAR

Fall Festival Committee Will Have Ample Funds to Pay All Bills and Hope to Have Surplus.

USE SURPLUS FOR NEXT YEAR

Committee's Share of Carnival Receipts Amounted to \$509.90—Final Awards Announced.

The Annual Corn Show and Fall Festivities closed late Saturday night, when the last Carnival Show was given and the last award in the various contests for farm products and school exhibits were made.

The financial committee report that they have enough money to pay all bills incurred by the big fall festival and hope to have a surplus left over.

This surplus will be deposited in the North Missouri Trust Company for whatever kind of fall festival and entertainment may be planned for next fall.

The share of the receipts of the Brundage Carnival Company for the week, which goes to the Fall Festival Committee, amounted to \$509.90, which will be used to defray expenses incurred in promoting and staging the big fall festival.

A list of the farm exhibits and the awards made for the various displays of corn follow:

Best Display of Farm Products. 1st, \$20, Theodore H. Selb, Mexico. 2nd, \$15, Heck Franklin, Mexico. 3rd, \$10, A. C. Boyd, Mexico.

Best Twenty Ears of White Corn. 1st, \$15, Theodore Selb, Mexico. 2nd, \$7.50, Edward Selb, Mexico. 3rd, \$2.50, C. R. Robinson, Mexico.

Best Twenty Ears of Yellow Corn, any Variety. 1st, \$15, B. F. Smoot, Centralia. 2nd, \$15.00, Elliott Cunningham, Mexico. 3rd, \$2.50, Bruce Ridgeway, Mexico.

Best Twenty-Five Ears of Boone County White. 1st, \$5, Heck Franklin, Mexico. 2nd, \$5, Theodore Selb, Mexico. 3rd, \$2.50, B. W. Robinson, Mexico.

Best Fifteen Ears Silver Mine White Corn. 1st, \$5, Theodore Selb, Mexico. 2nd, \$1, Russell Selb, Mexico. 3rd, \$1, G. L. Dean, Mexico.

Best Fifteen Ears St. Charles County White. 1st, \$5, L. J. Jenkins, Thompson. 2nd, \$2.50, Clyde Harrison, Mexico. 3rd, \$1, G. L. Dean, Mexico.

Best Fifteen Ears of Red Corn, or Mixed Colors, and variety. 1st, \$5, C. L. Robinson, Mexico. 2nd, \$2.50, James Beatty, Mexico. 3rd, \$1, S. A. Crum, Mexico.

Best Fifteen Ears Cattle Corn, known as leaning. 1st, \$5, L. J. Jenkins, Thompson. 2nd, \$2.50, Asa Ellington, Mexico. 3rd, \$1, Mrs. Grace Robinson, Mexico.

Best Fifteen Ears Golden Beauty Corn. 1st, \$5, L. J. Jenkins, Thompson. 2nd, Heck Franklin, Mexico. 3rd, \$1, C. H. Dean, Mexico.

Best Fifteen Ears Red's Yellow Dent. 1st, \$7.50, R. N. Cren, McCredie. 2nd, \$2.50, B. M. Yates, McCredie. 3rd, \$1, E. Yates, McCredie.

Best Fifteen Ears Yellow Corn. 1st, \$5, C. W. Pease, Mexico. 2nd, \$2.50, L. J. Jenkins, Thompson. 3rd, \$1, D. W. McKeehan, Thompson.

Best Six Stalks of Corn, Ten or More Ears. 1st, \$5, Wm. Britt, Rush Hill. 2nd, \$2.50, Philip Shire, Mexico. 3rd, \$2.50, Mexico.

Tallets Corn Stalk. 1st, \$2, H. C. Langley, Mexico. 2nd, \$1, Bruce Ridgeway, Mexico. 3rd, \$1, A. F. Plate, Mexico.

Best One Peck of Pop Corn. 1st, \$2.50, A. C. Boyd, Thompson. 2nd, Red Ribbon, C. H. Dean, Mexico. 3rd, White Ribbon, G. H. Freeman, Centralia.

Best Six Stalks of Sorghum Cane. 1st, \$2, Willie Mills, Martinsburg, Mexico. 2nd, Red Ribbon, Mrs. K. B. Wilkerson, Mexico. 3rd, White Ribbon, A. F. Plate, Mexico.

Longest Ear of Corn. 1st, \$1, A. F. Plate, Mexico. 2nd, Red Ribbon, G. L. Dean, Mexico. 3rd, White Ribbon, W. H. Morgan, Mexico.

Best One Peck of White Oats. 1st, \$2, A. H. Anno, Auxvasse. 2nd, \$1, M. A. Brown, Laddonia. 3rd, \$1, Heck Franklin, Mexico.

Best One Peck of Black Oats. 1st, \$2, Heck Franklin, Mexico. 2nd, \$1, P. T. Bruce, Thompson. 3rd, \$1, C. H. Crockett, Mexico.

Best One Peck of Red Oats. 1st, \$2, P. T. Bruce, Thompson. 2nd, \$1, C. H. Crockett, Mexico. 3rd, \$1, D. S. Weaver, Centralia.

Best One Peck of Oats, any variety. 1st, \$2, P. T. Bruce, Thompson. 2nd, \$1, J. R. Dorgan, Benton City. 3rd, \$1, D. S. Weaver, Centralia.

Best Peck of Full Wheat. 1st, \$2, P. T. Bruce, Thompson. 2nd, \$1, O. F. Ellis, Thompson. 3rd, \$1, L. A. Kircher, Rush Hill.

GREAT DEMOCRATIC RALLY UNDER TENT SEATING 2,500 PEOPLE

At MEXICO, MISSOURI Thursday, October 26

Commencing at 1:30 p. m. Night Meeting at 7:30 p. m.

"Wilson and Peace VS. Hughes and Pessimism"

Hear the Democratic Message from the lips of the Great Leaders of the Nation:

Senator James A. Reed Col. Fred D. Gardner Governor. Elliott W. Major Speaker Champ Clark Judge Thomas Anderson and others, Nominees for State offices, will be in attendance.

PATRIOTIC MUSIC BY BANDS

A DAY OF DEVOTION TO FLAG AND COUNTRY No Voter Can Afford to Stay Away

FUNERAL OF MRS. MACFARLANE. Services Held at the Christian Church—Floral Offerings Many.

The funeral of Mrs. Alice O'Rear Macfarlane, who died at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis Tuesday, was held at the Christian Church in this city at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Madison A. Hart, of Columbia, and the Rev. A. A. Wallace, of this city.

Many beautiful floral offerings were sent by the many friends of Mrs. Macfarlane. The Daughters of 1812 of St. Louis, of which Mrs. Macfarlane was a member, were represented and sent a beautiful floral flag. Members of the D. A. R. of Columbia attended the funeral and the Chapter sent many floral offerings.

Mrs. Rouch, of St. Louis, a niece of Mrs. Macfarlane; Mrs. Etes and Mrs. Guitar, of Columbia, nieces of Mrs. Macfarlane, and her brothers-in-law, Dr. W. W. Macfarlane, of St. Louis, came Friday to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Macfarlane's three sons, Locke, of New York; Guy, of St. Louis, and Roy, of San Antonio, were here.

Interment was made in Elmwood Cemetery. Dr. A. A. Wallace conducted a short service at the grave.

The active pall bearers were S. J. Buckner, E. R. Locke, Ross Cauthorn, Frank Bickley, F. A. Morris and Elton Dearing.

The Honorary bearers were A. S. Houston, R. R. Arnold, Sr., W. W. Pollock, J. F. Llewellyn, W. J. Mason, Dr. W. R. Rodes, J. H. Sallee, J. J. Steele, R. Jackson.

Box and Pie Supper. Miss Amelia Knoebel, teacher, requests your presence at a box and pie supper at Molino school house Friday night, Oct. 20. Special car leaves Mexico at 7:15

Billy West brought to this office a freak apple Tuesday, which he had picked in the Mason orchard north of this city. It was one large apple with a small one growing where the stem connection is.

Mrs. Artie Green, of Centralia, visited her aunt, Mrs. Fannie Roberts, south of Mexico, last week.

AMERICAN LADY CORSETS, the Newest Shapes, Ricketts & Emmons Dry Goods Company. d2t w1t

E. B. Greger and wife, of Fulton, attended the Fall Festival Thursday.

That 30c a lb. Coffee of Smith Bros. is surely a winner. d2t w1t

MISS MCDANIEL TO WED. Former Hardin Student to Marry Mr. Albert J. Eldridge at Laddonia.

Albert Lee Eldridge and Miss Eddie Lee McDaniel will be married at Laddonia Wednesday evening by the Rev. P. P. Hummel, of Sedalia. Miss McDaniel is the daughter of Mrs. Effie McDaniel, of Laddonia, and niece of Mrs. R. M. Painter, of this city. She was a student in Hardin College last year. Mr. Eldridge is well known in Laddonia, where he has a position with J. C. Dolaporte. Mrs. R. M. Painter and Miss Clarice Painter left Wednesday afternoon to attend the wedding. The Ledger joins with their many friends in extending best wishes.

MISS MARTHA ELLER DEAD. Miss Martha Eller, aged eighty years, died at her home four miles northeast of Auxvasse, Tuesday morning, after a week's illness.

She is survived by one brother, Mr. John Thomas Eller, with whom she made her home. The funeral will be conducted at 11 o'clock from the home and interment made in the family cemetery there, Thursday. The Ledger joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

MINISTER O'REAR IS HOME. U. S. Minister to Bolivia John Davis O'Rear returned from his post Tuesday night and will remain in this country until after Christmas. He reports a quiet voyage.

Mr. O'Rear says that the war has affected Bolivia but little, and that business is thriving there, especially in the tin and copper trade. He found the East strong for Wilson and says he believes he will be re-elected president by a larger majority than last time. Mrs. O'Rear and baby will return to South America with him about the first of the year.

Uncle of J. J. Crews Dead. John G. Rakekin, of Mokane, Callaway county, who died Monday night at the age of 88 years, was an uncle of John J. Crews, of this city. He was one of the pioneer settlers of the Kingdom and a leading citizen of this section of Missouri. The Ledger joins in extending sympathy