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Mexico Hardware & Furniture Co.
Mexico, Mo.

Stock Notes

LOCAL MARKET

Oats 64c, 66c
Wheat \$2.99
New Corn \$1.70

Grain and Live Stock Market

Received Over
J. E. Bennett & Co., Private Wire
Chicago May July
Corn \$1.57 1/2 \$1.56 1/2
Oats 68 1/2 69 1/2
Chicago Close—
Corn 2c lower.
Oats 1 1/2c lower.
Chicago Stock Yards—
Hogs 16,000 25c lower
Top \$20.50
Cattle 4,500 Slow
Sheep 100 Steady

Pleasant Hill Plans Beef Calf Club.
Pleasant Hill is making a start toward making that community one of the leading breeding points for pure beef cattle in Missouri. The co-operation club has prepared for a big 'Boys' and Girls' club which will have not less than 25 pure bred calves of the Hereford and Shorthorn breeds bought co-operatively and paid for by the boys and girls who will secure the money with which to buy them at the bank on easy long time terms.

Frost Friday night killed tomatoes at the home of Pate S. Morris. Mr. Morris covered one row of the tomatoes with tin cans. All of the plants under the tin cans were killed by the frost and none of those under the rolled out boxes were hurt.

Mr. Morris had this same experience last year. Next year he will use pastboard boxes instead of the cans.

SHELBYNA, Mo., April 26.—Farmers' clubs in this county are determined to raise \$1000 with which to pay the portion of the county farm agent's salary, since the County Court has refused to assist in the matter. Farmers from all sections of the county are working on the matter and it is certain they will be successful. C. L. Wood, who was a member of the delegation which called on the County Court to interest them in the matter, pledged the amount on behalf of the farmers of the county when the court turned them down.

JERSEYVILLE, Ill., April 29.—The chinch bug menace in Eastern Jersey County is the worst in the history of this section. The old bugs are issuing from their places of hibernation and going into the wheat fields to deposit their eggs, which will produce the crop of young bugs that emerge from the wheat fields at cutting time and destroy the young corn. Automobiles driven through the infested territory came into Jerseyville Tuesday afternoon with a quarter-inch of bugs over the bottom of the machines.

Mexico Ledger:
We are feeding our young poultry to the crows. Not willingly, but because we can't help ourselves. They made five visits to my poultry yard this morning and but for the motherly instinct of love and protection of the mother hen they would have succeeded in satisfying their crow appetites. Now I want to ask all sportsmen, and every man and boy that carries a gun to declare war on crows and save the young poultry.

When eggs are 38c per dozen and chickens 30c per pound and the expense of raising them, we can't afford to have them fed to crows. So volunteer for the duration of the war, and whenever an opportunity affords bring Mr. Crow down.

MRS. FRANK HARRIS.
B. R. Middleton paid J. T. Beatty \$600 for a good jack recently.

PANA, Ill., April 28.—Gardeners and growers of small fruits in this section of Central Illinois reports that the ruin wrought to small fruits and young gardens by the heavy frosts of the past three nights is beyond estimate. Young grapes were frozen on the vines and are dropping in millions of bunches. Peaches are badly damaged, and perhaps completely ruined, while strawberries will fall 60 per cent of a crop, fruit growers report. Tomatoes, cabbage and growing beans were laid low by the blighting frosts, said to have been the heaviest for late April in 20 years.

The Finest Coffee Monarch Brand at 40 cents a pound at SMITH BROS.

C. R. Gibbs, who has been at Hel Springs, Arkansas, for his health for some time, went to Kansas City yesterday to meet his son, Benfro, who is enroute to Camp Funston from France to be mustered out.

FUNERAL OF MERRITT LLEWELLYN AT 2:30

The funeral of Merritt Llewellyn, who was found dead in bed Monday morning at his home in Mexico was held at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at home of his mother, Mrs. J. F. Llewellyn on North Jefferson Street. The Rev. A. A. Wallace who conducted the services, gave some comforting words to the loved ones left behind. His remarks were beautiful and cheering.

The members of the Mexico Elks Lodge of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body. The floral offerings were many. They told of the love and friendship held for this young man.

The pall bearers were chosen among his best friends. These were: A. O. Adams, M. Keith, Bryan Atchison, Shields Moore, Russell Emmons, and St. Phillips.

The body was laid to rest in the Elmwood Cemetery.
All of the drug stores of Mexico were closed out of respect to the deceased during the funeral hour Tuesday afternoon.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. This medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portion.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine, you will see that you are getting improvement in your general health, and that you are getting rid of the catarrh. Send for a free copy of the "Blood Purifier" by J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, etc.

Invented Corn Picker.
John T. Hughes, a former Richmond man and football star, who now resides on a farm in Carroll county, has invented a corn picker that will successfully gather corn, according to the Northern Democrat. Mr. Hughes states that his invention can be attached to the rear axle of any tractor and will pick the corn and elevate it.

Price of Tea Down.
LONDON, April 24.—With the withdrawal of control of tea, there was an immediate reduction in prices to 48 cents a pound for cheaper grades up to 96 cents for the best.

HISEY DISTRICT BREAKS COUNTY RECORD IN VICTORY LOAN SALES

With the largest Victory Loan quota of any district in the county outside of the towns, the Hisey District went over the top in three hours Friday morning breaking record in the county. The quota for this district was \$6,950 and at the end of three hours Judge S. C. Groves district sales were \$7,850.

Mrs. A. L. Seiler and son of North Carolina, arrived the first of the week and are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wallace.

Manager reported \$7,850 had been subscribed.

YOU DON'T LOOK OLD OVER THOSE GLASSES, DADDY!

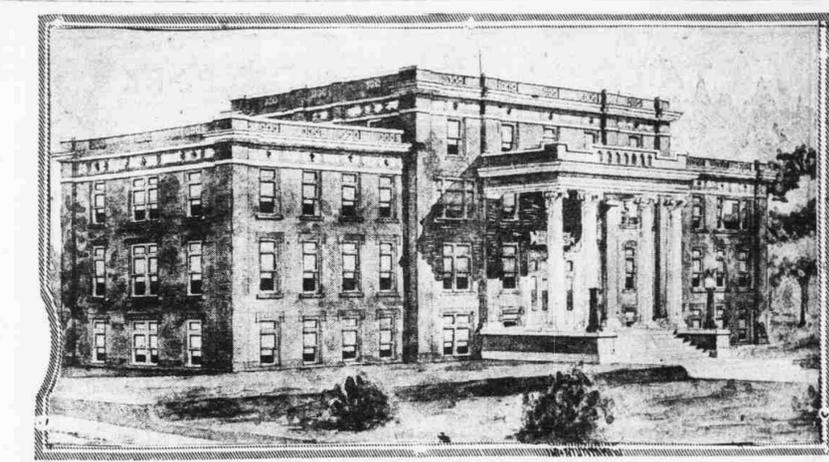
At last Brown has found the perfect glasses for NEAR and FAR vision. No longer is he obliged to peer over his reading glasses or use distant objects. No longer does he fuss with two pairs of glasses. And no longer does he wear the bifocals with the unsightly seam or bump that make him look old and cross.

Brown's eyes are now gaining in looks as well as in usefulness. His eyes are constantly in focus with everything within his range of vision. He can see near and far with the same pair of glasses, and no one but himself knows that they are two-sight glasses, because they are

KRYPTO GLASSES

entirely free from seam or bump—that's why they are universally known as "the invisible bifocals." If you need two-vision glasses, let us tell you more about KRYPTOS.

WOIRRELL Optical Department.



AUDRAIN'S NEW HOSPITAL. The above is a photograph of the New Audrain county hospital as it will look if the additional sum required to complete it is voted at the approaching election. (Ben Elliott, architect.)

THOMAS CARTER JR. KILLED IN AUTO

Thomas W. Carter, Jr., 33 years old, a grain and cotton broker, and a son of Thomas W. Carter of St. Louis, was instantly killed at 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening when his automobile crashed into the rear end of a farmer's automobile truck on the Clayton road, a quarter mile west of North and South road, St. Louis County, when Carter was hurrying home to keep a dinner engagement with his wife. Carter is a nephew of Mrs. Will Carter of this city.

Carter moved to St. Louis in 1891. From Mexico his mother was Mary Louise Lupton before her marriage, a sister of C. R. Lupton, formerly of Mexico.

Carter had been playing golf during the afternoon at the Sunset Hill Country Club. After leaving there he was stopped at 4:45 o'clock at Clayton road and Pennsylvania avenue by Deputy Sheriff Fennell who said he was zig-zagging, and that he forced the deputy's machine off the road. He gave bond before Justice Stecker at Clayton to appear at 10 a. m., Monday.

From the Justice's office he drove to Busch's Grove, less than half a mile west of where the accident occurred, and remained there until he started home about 7:25 o'clock. He remarked as he departed that he must hurry in order to be home in time. Two witnesses whom he passed just before he hit the truck testified at the inquest Saturday night that he was going "between 60 and 70 miles an hour."

Two on Truck Injured

Anthony Waythe, 42 years old, owner and driver of the truck, and his adopted son, Frank Tockstein, 12 who was with him, were severely cut and bruised when the impact turned the truck over into a ditch, catching them under its side. Carter's machine turned over on its side, facing almost the opposite direction from that in which it was going.

Elect Officers of Elmwood Ass'n

At the Annual Meeting of the Elmwood Cemetery Association held April 28th, 1919, the following officers were re-elected.

Dr. J. F. Harrison, President.
Wm. Pollock, Vice-President.
S. D. Stocks, Secretary.
Wallace Feutz, Treasurer.
Willard Potts, Mrs. E. D. Graham, Dr. W. F. Taylor, Judge S. C. Groves, Directors.

It was also decided to try to get every lot owner under the Endowment Fund plan of the Association, and would be assured of the permanent care and upkeep of their lot and Mexico would have a cemetery of which it would be justly proud.

New Suits Filed

The following suits were filed with circuit clerk Elliott for the June term:

William E. Newkirk vs. Charles F. Newkirk, et al, perforce title.
Frank O. Barnes vs. Earl B. Hagar et al, Sunnen Motor Company, garnishment.
Frank O. Barnes vs. Earl B. Hagar, et al Farber Clay Company, garnishment.

Fred McGee Arrives in U. S.

Mrs. Fred McGee received a message from her husband, Fred J. McGee stating that he had landed in New Port News Sunday with the motor transport corps of the 35th Division. Mrs. McGee expects him home within a few days.

W. R. Harrell Hit by Stray Shot

W. R. Harrell of North Jefferson Street, who is a postal clerk on the Chicago & Alton Railroad between Kansas City and Mexico was hit by a stray bullet Sunday morning in Kansas City while he was going to the station. The shot hit him in the right leg below the hip and did not prove serious.

Sugar Maples in Missouri

The 300,000 sugar maple trees in Missouri, which were tapped this spring produced 95,000 pounds of maple sugar and 7,500 gallons of maple syrup. This was not a spring for sugar maple sap, since there was not much weather in February, 1919, when it was freezing at night and thawing in the day time. Not over 90 per cent of the usual production was made this year.

BARGAINS IN EXCHANGE

I have several people from Iowa wanting to buy or exchange their Iowa land for Missouri land so if any one is interested in selling or exchanging their Missouri farm they should make their wants known by letter or telephone to

E. R. TAFT
Mexico, Mo.

D & W if

Marshall Settles \$13,000 Suit

MARSHALL, Mo., April 24.—The suit for \$13,000 against the city for street lighting has been compromised. The new lighting plant, to cost about \$120,000 and to be completed some time this year, will be owned and managed by the city.

J. D. Miller's Birthday

J. D. Miller, custodian of the court house and everything belonging thereto, had a birthday Thursday. He was 71 years old and his wife surprised him at the noon hour with a big dinner. Evidently Mr. Miller had a suspicion regarding the dinner though, judging from the way he was trimming up the trees and working up an appetite Thursday morning. He didn't have anything on the city editor of the Ledger, as it was his birthday too.

Rules For Aviation Insurance

LONDON, April 24.—That aviators should neither drink nor smoke was said in the course of a lecture on "Aviation and Life Insurance" given before the British Institute of Actuaries. The strain on the nervous system of a flyer is such that it tends to excess in the consumption of alcohol and tobacco. A low rate of insurance was recommended for teetotal and non-smoking pilots.

Victory Loan Meeting at Pisgah

Miss Lydia Stalcup took Judge E. A. Shannon and Ray Neighbors to Pisgah in her car Wednesday night where they made speeches in the interest of the Victory Loan. This district has 40 families and only thirty-four persons were present. Their quota was \$3,400 and \$2,500 of this amount was subscribed at this meeting. Those who attended the meeting were very encouraged over the result and felt sure they would raise the remainder of the quota within a short while. Ray Neighbors who spent 14 months service on the Western front told of his experiences.

A Telegram, received Thursday morning, announced the safe arrival of Ralph Griffin at New York City.

Mr. Griffin has been overseas since May 8, 1915, when he landed at Liverpool, later going to France. He belongs to the 137th Infantry. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Griffin, of near Mexico.

Mrs. J. H. Hebel, who has been quite ill, having been recently operated upon, is well on the road to recovery.

This will be good news to her many friends.

To Meet Here

The Twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Missouri Presbyterian will be held in this city in 1920. This decision was reached last week at the meeting in Auxvasse.

PETIT COURT FOR JUNE

The following men have been selected to serve on the petit jury for the June term of court. The selection was made by the county court Tuesday:

Salt River—Watt Nichols, Alex. Carter, J. P. Powell, W. R. Johnson, Ben Haskell, Frank Towles, John Creigh, Gus Steinman, W. D. Lee and C. A. Witherspoon. Wilson—James Chapman and Clarence Berry. Prairie—J. J. Alexander and Morris Eubanks. Cuiry—David Jeffries, George W. Kaylor, W. B. Langford, Sam Carroll and C. W. Tanner, Linn—J. H. Fairchild. Loutre—G. M. Mitchell and Wm. Moser.

Columbia Man Farm Adviser

B. W. Tilman of Columbia, Mo., was appointed Monday to the St. Clair County, Ill., farm adviser by the Executive Committee of the County Farm Bureau. His salary will be \$3,250 the first year, \$3,500 the second and \$3,750 the third under the terms of his three-year contract.

FARMERS EXCHANGE

Ads in this column cost 10c a line each insertion. Six words to the line.

FOR SALE—Medium sized barn, and other outbuildings; in good condition. R. H. BROWN, 1117 S. Jefferson Street. 107-2tw1

LOST—Between Mexico and Centralia, from car, large manila envelope containing papers. Envelope had name J. W. Buffington on it. Return to J. W. Buffington, Mexico, Mo. d&wt

Miss Nattie Debo received a wire Tuesday announcing the safe arrival at Camp Hill, Va., of Jesse Hamilton, who has been overseas with the 35th.

Beautyify your home by planting flowering shrubs, thereby obtaining this finished homelike appearance, these are cheap and permanent—Greenhouse. d-e-o-d 5 wft

Ran Kendall and Mother Returns.
Ran Kendall and mother, Mrs. S. E. Kendall arrived here Sunday after spending the winter in Texas. Mr. Kendall says they are glad to get back to Mexico. The crops in Texas according to him, are looking fine and corn is knee high.

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It is our policy to make our Used Cars the greatest possible value for the money. We do this by giving no inflated value on them when appraised by us; this would cause loss of profit or incorrect price of Used Car at time of its sale—for this reason, we allow only what we know them to be worth.

These values are well worth investigating as they represent to us only the amount of money we allow on the car and for this reason we offer our Used Cars at prices that are right.

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Demonstration will enable you to appreciate these values.

Make	Year	Model	Cyl.	Style	Price
Chandler	1917	17	6	Chummy Rd.	\$1250.00
Dodge	1915	4	4	Roadster	400.00
Ford	1917	4	4	Touring	375.00
Haynes	1917	36	6	Touring	1000.00
Hudson	1916	6-60	6	Touring	850.00
Lexington	1916	60	4	Touring	800.00
Overland	1916	83	4	5 Passenger	600.00
Paige	1918	6-36	6	5 Passenger	1460.00
Reo	1918	6	4	Touring	1100.00
Studebaker	1918	4	2	Passenger	600.00
Velic	1918	6	5	Passenger	1000.00

And an assortment of cars of other makes.

NEWELL MOTOR CAR CO.
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PAIGE and Parsons

CORPORAL PAYS A SPLENDID TRIBUTE TO ROSS JESSE

The following splendid letter regarding Ross Jesse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jesse, who served in France, was written by Jesse's corporal and is a fitting tribute to the young man, a letter that any parents might well be proud of. It follows:
Dear Mr. Jesse:—
A. E. France, Dec. 10, 1918.—Being alongside of your son, Ross, all through the battle of the Argonne against the Prussian guard, I will cry and express in as few words as possible my admiration of him. Albeit but a kid in age, he was a man in action, every where in the fiercest of the battle you would find him in the midst of it, a smile on face and without the least sign of fear or fatigue until the 5th day I saw he was getting weak and begged him for his sake, to go to the rear but he would not hear of it. When a few hours later the Huns attacked we went forward to meet him, Ross was right with me but the gas and the long strain of the battle was too much for him and brave though he was, he fell in his tracks and was carried off the field. You can be proud of such a son, for a braver one never wore a U. S. uniform. He afterwards rejoined his Company, but was taken sick and was sent back to the Hospital and the last I heard of him he was doing fine.
With best wishes I hope to remain a friend.

CORP. FRANK J. ELFRINK, Co. I 138th Infantry, A. E. F. France.

German Egg Prices.

Lieut. Bryan Wilson, writing his father, E. S. Wilson, from Bernkastel, Germany, regarding an item in the Ledger concerning the prices of eggs says: "Eggs are 69 cents a dozen here and then half bad. They are sold storage eggs."

Bryan Kelson Lands.

Mrs. Frank Kelson received a wire Monday announcing the arrival of Bryan Kelson at Newport News from Overseas. He is with the 35th division and will be home soon. His friends will be glad to know he has arrived safely.

LEADER CLASSIFIED ADS PAY.

Cultivators

Almost time to begin thinking about Cultivators. We have the best assortment to show you we have ever displayed.

Anything you want from a wood beam tongueless to the celebrated Deere and International lines. Spring trip and pin break in most every pattern. If you will call and see us we will show you what you need and sell it to you at the right price.

Place your order now for a Deering Binder and not take a chance of not getting one at the busiest time.

New Perfection Stoves

We sold the first New Perfection in Mexico 11 years ago. We have studied all the different makes. We are not sorry we introduced the New Perfection to our people. Always please, always do the work on time and are perfectly safe.

Refrigerators

Solid Oak Herrick Refrigerators have been sold in Mexico 25 years. Nothing on the market as good, price most reasonable. Call and see us for all your spring and summer needs.

Dry & Sappington

Screen Doors, Screen Wire, Garden Plows, Hoes, Rakes, Seeds.

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

More than 150 members and guests of the Mexico I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges attended the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the institution of this order in the United States, at the Old Fellows hall Monday night.

E. F. Elliott was the chairman on this occasion and made an excellent introductory speech, telling of the occasion of the meeting, what it meant, etc.

A treat in the way of a musical entertainment was also enjoyed. Dr. Fred Griffin and Mrs. Thurman Stallings rendered several vocal solos which were enthusiastically received and splendidly rendered. Miss Mary Stallings also entertained the guests with a number of readings which were highly enjoyed.

Miss Otilia Parker, secretary of the Rebekah Lodge of Missouri, gave an interesting address pertaining to the Rebekah lodge and was followed by a talk by W. F. Maring, of Carthage, Mo., past grand master of the I. O. O. F. lodge. His remarks were for the good of the order and dealt with a good deal of history since its first organization.

Following this part of the program the guests enjoyed a banquet which had been specially prepared for the occasion. This closed the meeting and everyone went away feeling well repaid for having attended.

Moved Steam Shovel.

The big steam shovel that has been used at the R. S. Lamar farm, northwest of Fulton, by the A. P. Green Fire Brick Company of Mexico to remove the dirt from the clay deposit, was shipped back to Mexico, Thursday morning. The company has stripped enough ground in the pasture section of the Lamar farm to give them a supply of clay for some time to come. The company desired to strip some in another part of the farm but as this was not agreeable to Mr. Lamar it was decided that the present end of the machine was ended and that it would be taken back to Mexico. The firm continues to haul clay from the Lamar farm and has practically an inexhaustible supply to work on.—Fulton Sun.

New Partner Taken In.

Some of the best attorneys in Butte have been scratching their heads all day trying to decide the legality of entering into a partnership on Sunday and they are a unit in declaring that under ordinary conditions the procedure is entirely without the law; however, Dr. J. S. McKinley contends that the partnership is all right and that the new member of the firm of McKinley-Savage legally can and will hold his place therein. The whole dispute arose over the arrival of a fine nine-pound baby boy at the home of Dr. McKinley on Easter Monday morning, and after all the circumstances had been explained it was decided that the doctor's contentions were right.—Butte, Mont. Miner.

Dr. McKinley is a son of Mrs. J. W. McKinley of this city.

BETA SIGMAS PLEDGE SIX MEXICO GIRLS AT DINNER MONDAY

Monday was the Beta Sigma Omicron pledging day for the senior high school girls of McMillan who will enter Hardin next term. Six Mexico young ladies were pledged at this society at 1 o'clock in the chapter room at the dormitory. From there they were taken to the Hoxsay Hotel for 1 o'clock dinner. Here each new pledge was presented with a corsage bouquet of pink and red roses, the society colors.

The names of those who will become members of this sorority are: Misses Hazel McIntyre, Elizabeth Green, Helen Heizer, Mary Worrell and Anna Lacey Wallace.

K. O. P. MEETING.

The Sixth District Association of the Knights of Pythias Lodge will convene in Centralia on May 5th, 1919, with the other eight towns of the district to confer the Rank of Page upon the applicants elected from all the lodges of the district. Centralia was selected as the meeting place at the annual convention held in Glasgow recently. The slogan adopted by the various lodges is "Every member get a member" and if they only partly carry it out the class should be a very large one. The Sixth District is one of the few in the state that showed an increase in membership last year and it is their wish to exceed their previous good record. The towns in the district are: Centralia, Columbia, Fayette, Glasgow, Higbee, Moberly, Huntsville, Mexico and Wellsville.

Back From Cuba.

J. A. Glandon, who has been in Cuba representing the A. P. Green Fire Brick Co., reports a splendid business there. Mr. Glandon says Cuba is awake and alive to its possibilities. He was in Cuba for several months and is looking splendid.

The Knights of Columbus will give a dance Wednesday evening at the hall in the Post Office building.

Music by the M. M. A. Jazz Band. Starts at ten o'clock. 108-2t

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LADDONIA NEWS.

W. H. Logan attended the commencement exercises of the State University. His daughter, Miss Ruth, was one of the graduates.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bates Nelson.

B. T. Alexander is home from Clemens, Wash., where he attended the funeral of his brother, Alex. Alexander, who was killed by a runaway team.

Mrs. J. W. McCubbin was in St. Louis Thursday.

C. Grainger and wife left for Denver, Colo., to visit with their daughter, Mrs. W. J. Young.

The following from this city had stock on the St. Louis market this week: W. E. Cunningham, 400 sheep; W. U. Coil, 10 carloads of cattle, and Chris Morburg, 98 hogs.

The Eastern Star Chapter initiated eight candidates at its last meeting.

R. E. Shepherd, wife and little son of Houston, Texas, motored to this place to visit with his sister, Mrs. S. P. Beedle. They traveled 1,20