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While Gid Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Powell of Mexico didn't have the satisfaction of administering his share of punishment to the Dirty Hun on the battle field, he had enough experience crowded into two years service in the U. S. Navy to last him the rest of his life. Besides being an eye witness to the sinking of the Tuscania, the only Allied Transport carrying American soldiers to France to be sunk during the war, he had the distinguished honor of assisting in entertaining a couple of real Spanish Princesses while stationed in Scotland. Gid enlisted in the Navy in July 1917. For a while he was stationed in New Port News in guard service at the Boston Commonwealth Pier. In January 1918, he was assigned to the U. S. Kanawa and sailed for Halifax. He waited here a week waiting for a

## ASSESSMENT INCREASE OF CO. \$2,347,476

As a result of the order made by the State Board of Equalization for the several counties of the state, the total assessed valuation of Audrain County has been increased from \$11,879,215 to \$14,226,691 or an increase of \$2,347,476.

Official notification of this order was received by Ross, Cashland, county clerk, late Friday evening, nearly three months after the usual time.

Lands and town lots have increased 20 per cent in value, horses 33 1/2 per cent; mules 33 1/2 per cent; asses and jennets, 50 per cent; cattle, 33 1/2; hogs 25 per cent.

The returns of Assessor S. T. Torreyson and what the increase in valuation will mean are shown below:

Lands, No. acres on books, 431,326 valuation \$6,915,440 after increase, \$7,218,528; town lots, 5,880, valuation, \$2,043,320, after increase, \$2,432,384. Total real estate after 20 per cent increase, \$9,671,112.

Horses, number, 9817, valuation, \$368,500, after increase \$491,333, mules, 4733, valuation \$230,370, after increase, \$307,160; asses and jennets, 180, valuation 7,485, after increase, \$11,227; cattle, 21,965, valuation \$774,740, after increase, \$823,986; hogs, 23,212, valuation \$173,005, after increase, 27,000; sheep, 19432, valuation, \$45,460, after increase, \$119,325.

The total personal property has not been changed. It is \$936,180. Money notes and bonds, valuation \$1,159,795, after increase \$1,391,754; corporation and bank stock, valuation \$173,820, after increase, \$448,608.

convey when he sailed for Europe. Two transports, the Baltic and Tuscania carrying American soldiers and a number of freighters were conveyed by seven destroyers and one cruiser.

A successful trip was made to St. George's channel off the coast of Ireland when they encountered the submarine that sank the Tuscania. The Sub must have followed the convoy for a mile or two, according to Powell and when she fired the torpedo, was evidently inside the circle of convoys and the other ships of the torpedo would have struck some of them instead of the transport. The submarine had submerged before the convoy got a good shot at it and was not sunk. It was also too dark to see it.

About 200 soldiers lost their lives in this affair. The ship was afloat about two hours.

Powell landed in Lam Lash, Scotland, and from there was sent to Adrossion, assigned to Mine Base 18 at Inverness. He served here a while and from there went with a detachment to Ft. Williams up the Caledonian Canal. The scenery up the canal was the most beautiful Powell witnessed during the entire time he was in the service. Quiet, beautiful castles dotted the hill side on either side and the surrounding country added a touch of beauty to it all. The weather was delightful and many tourists from other countries were there, in spite of the war.

The headquarters while at Ft. Williams was in a magnificent summer home of a certain noted Lady of Scotland, which she turned over to the American boys. While here Powell became seriously ill with pneumonia. It was while he was convalescing that he met the Spanish Princesses.

They owned one of these many summer homes and were spending a few weeks there. Ensign Patton who was in charge of the Americans at this station and the head physician, a Dr. Blake, were introduced to the Spanish ladies and in turn, introduced them to the sailors.

A dance and reception was given at this American headquarters in honor of the distinguished visitors and every job had a dance with a Princess, except fellows like Gid who was just recovering from a severe sick spell. However Gid did have the pleasure of meeting and talking to them. He informed the Ledger representative that they were both excellent types of Spanish women, and very beautiful.

Her husband, Rube Spottswood is a widely known and highly respected citizen of this place, to whom friends and acquaintances extend sincere sympathy.

The funeral was held at the home 1114 North Olive Street at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Hughes. Burial was in the Elmwood cemetery.

Charles Henry Cox, died Saturday at his home six and a half miles southeast of Benton City. Mr. Cox had been ill with a complication of diseases for the last fourteen months. He was born at Troy, Mo., June 24, 1857 and was married to Miss Nancy E. Barnes March 22, 1888. Beside his wife, the deceased leaves two sons and one daughter as follows: Allen Cox of Wellville, Mo.; Andrew Cox and Miss Cora Cox who resides at the home place. One child died in infancy. Mrs. Charles Dennis a sister, David and Allen Cox, brothers all of Illinois also survive.

He had spent most of his life near Benton City and was a well known, highly respected and useful citizen.

The funeral was held at the cemetery in Benton City Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock. The Rev. A. A. Williams, pastor of the Christian church, officiating. The pall bearers were: Ab Harrison,

John Schroeder was appointed administrator of the estate of the late Dina Voss. He was required to give bond of \$700.

J. Walter Holliday was appointed guardian of Willard Cash, vice J. W. Holliday upon application of Willard Cash who had obtained the age of 14 years. Holliday was required to furnish \$1,600 bond.

**YOUTHFUL ROBBERS ARE GIVEN SENTENCE OF FIVE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY**

Judge Gantt Monday morning sentenced A. L. Egan and W. H. Goblen to five years in the Missouri Penitentiary for burglarizing the George Lee home a week ago Sunday. Both of these men pleaded guilty to the charge last week.

Goben's father a physician of Ketchum, Okla., and Sheriff Shivers of that county, were present when the sentence was pronounced.

Goben gave his age as 19 years and Egan as 17. Both boys are young looking. An effort will be made to get a parole for them.

Dr. J. F. Jolley has purchased the J. W. Allen property on West Monroe street.

**HEDGEDEALE ITEMS.**

Louis Kircher and Raymond Snook helped Clayton Snook move, Monday. — Charles Maxwell delivered twenty head of hogs at Rush Hill this week. — Merwyn Fisher is shocking wheat for the Miller Bros. — Mrs. W. Barkley, of Mexico, spent several days with her son, Roy Barkley, and family, recently. — The Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. L. Kircher next Thursday, July 3rd. — Quite a few of our young people in the neighborhood attended the children's exercises at the Littlefield Baptist church Sunday night. — Carrie McGee and family spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Snook of Mexico. — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Erdel spent Sunday with Ira Mayes and family, of Molino. — Fred Norris bought a new binder of Pete Erdel recently.

**Farmers' Elevator Election.**  
**LADDONIA, Mo., June 24.**—The Farmers' Elevator Company elected its Board of Directors as follows: J. F. Parker, F. A. Lewton, Geo. Williams, W. H. Bailey and E. J. Shobe.

## ENLARGED WEEKLY LEDGER

Within the next three weeks the Weekly Ledger will appear in a new form.

A new, larger and faster press is to be installed which makes it possible to issue an eight page seven column paper, the largest weekly paper, published in Audrain county.

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Watch for the new edition, you'll like the size and find it quite a little larger than any other paper in this section.

## DEATHS

**ALBERT J. PERRY**  
 42 YEARS OLD DIED IN AMANDA HOSPITAL.

Albert J. Perry, 42 years old, of Wellville, Mo., died at the Amanda Hospital, east of Centralia, about 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

He had recently undergone an operation. No particulars regarding his family have been learned. The body was taken to the M. S. Eash Undertaking Company and was sent to Wellville at noon Wednesday.

**MOTHER OF MRS. M. F. HARRISON DIED AT LATTER'S HOME FRIDAY EVENING**

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Blades, 83 years old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. F. Harrison near Mexico at 7 o'clock Friday evening. The deceased had been in ill health for the last four months as a result of pneumonia.

Mrs. Blades had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison for the last 18 months, coming here from Mineola, Mo. She was born in Fulton, Mo., September 19, 1836. She was a member of the Christian church, having joined when seventeen years old.

Mrs. Blades' husband preceded her to the grave several years ago. Besides Mrs. Harrison, she leaves two other daughters, Mrs. Kate Monroe of Bowling Green and Mrs. Martha Allen of Williamsburg and two sons, Joe H. of Montgomery City and Ben Blade of Mineola, representative of Montgomery county.

The funeral services will be held at the Christian Church in Montgomery City at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Burial will be in the Montgomery City Cemetery.

**MRS. SUSAN SPOTTSWOOD DIED AT HER HOME IN MEXICO SUNDAY**

Mrs. Susan Ellen (Creed) Spottswood was born November 1, 1857 and died suddenly at 4 o'clock the morning of June 22, 1919 of heart disease.

At an early age she was united in marriage to Tom Davis. To this union three children were born, Charles, Ernest and Fredie, two of whom have preceded her to the grave.

She was married the second time to Rube Spottswood, March 31, 1904. Mrs. Spottswood spent her entire life in Mexico and surrounding country. She was a constant and conscientious member of the Baptist church for many years. As a neighbor and friend, was highly respected and loved by all who knew her.

She leaves besides her husband two brothers, James and Jim Creed of Molino, two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Robinson, of Molino, Mrs. Mattie Duty of Mexico, one son, Ernest Davis of St. Louis; one daughter-in-law and two grand-children, Mrs. Charles Davis and children of St. Louis.

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## MISS ROBERTSON'S ENGAGEMENT

Miss Ruth Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Robertson, of this city, is telling her friends of her engagement to Mr. Dean Johnson of St. Louis. Mr. Johnson has just returned from France, where he served as a first lieutenant in the Twentieth Engineers.

Mr. Johnson comes of a prominent St. Louis family and is quite wealthy. Miss Robertson, who is one of Mexico's most charming and accomplished young women, has departed for a visit in New York with her sister, Mrs. Fred Bronaugh, and before returning home will visit Mr. Johnson's parents, in their Eastern summer home.

No date has been announced for the wedding. The Ledger joins friends in offering congratulations and best wishes in advance.

**SOUTH BENTON ITEMS.**

The farmers are quite busy in the wheat harvest, but are making slow progress on account of the heat. Several horses being overheated and some dropping in the fields. The early starts will be ready for harvest by the time the wheat is in the shock. — Corn in this section is being pretty well cleaned and is looking good. — Ab Harrison motored to St. Louis last week returning home Saturday night. His brothers, Crockett and Jim Harrison, motored through in their car and accompanied him home. — Tom Barre shipped a car load of hogs to St. Louis Sunday night. He had two auto trucks from Benton City, taking them in five loads. — Chas. Cox of this neighborhood died Saturday night and was buried at Benton City Monday morning. Mr. Cox had been quite ill for almost a year and death was not unexpected. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family. — Mrs. Alex Lams of Mexico visited Mrs. Walter Dunn and John Lams last week. — Glen Williams is home from school at Fulton and expects to leave Sunday for Kansas to work in the wheat harvest. — Clark Pledge sold a load of hogs to J. F. Johnson Monday. — Marv Barker lost a fine horse last week. — Ross Hankins is visiting his brother, Bob Hankins, at East of Benton. — Miss Maude Hais will leave this week for Michigan where she will spend the summer with her aunt. — William Campbell's new house will soon be completed. — Miss Elizabeth Cronly has the 3rd grade school for the coming term. — George Horton is quite ill at this writing. — During the large acreage of wheat and it being so ripe Elmer Johnson and son's harvested wheat all day Sunday. — Miss Ida Lawler returned to Wichita, Kansas last week, where she is at work with the Western Union Telephone Co. Miss Lawler was called here at the death of her aunt, Mrs. Belle Clark, and spent her vacation here. — Mrs. John Reed of Benton City is with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Cox this week.

**SANTA FE ITEMS.**

Dr. H. Gullett, Frank Snyder, Carl Hughes, Homer Bozarth and Arch Holman motored to Florida Tuesday and spent the day fishing. They brought home a nice lot of fish. — Dr. H. Gullett departed on Wednesday for a few days visit with relatives in Garner's Mills, Ill. — Leon Bybee and family were in Perry shopping Thursday. — Mrs. T. E. Hendricks and daughter, Mrs. Irene. — Mrs. G. M. Shearman and daughter, Miss Mattie Bess, and Miss Mary Wilson motored to Perry Thursday morning. — Misses Nola and Alice Hanna were Paris visitors Friday. — Mrs. J. E. Kerr was the guest of Mrs. J. S. Drake and daughter, Miss Effie Thursday. — Mrs. C. E. Smith is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Hubbard of Perry. — Mr. and Mrs. Gilstrays of Mansfield, Texas, are guests of Carl Hughes and family. — Leander Heckart, wife and mother, were Perry visitors Friday. — C. M. Paris and wife, Misses Cordie Snyder and Effie raked motored to Perry Friday afternoon. — The members of the degree staff of the Paris I. O. O. F. lodge were here Friday night and conferred for the Santa Fe lodge the first degree upon nine candidates. The candidates were: Lloyd Howard, Dick Bishop, Cleve Wilson, Joe Weaver, Armand Hoar, Arton Poage, Legene Thompson's Gene Williams and Sidney Beam. — Mrs. L. N. Bailey and family of Mexico visited her parents, Geo. McGee and wife the latter part of the week. — Misses Gladys and Crystal Williams of Molino spent the week-end with their brother, Eugene and family. — Rev. P. K. Holland filled his appointment at the Methodist church, Sunday morning and evening. — The ice cream supper Saturday night was well attended. The proceeds were \$120.65. — Anna Belle, the one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Barnes died at the home of parents at Mallin, Mo., and was brought here for burial on Sunday. Short funeral services were conducted by the Reverend Snyder, pastor of the Christian church, after which the body was laid to rest in the Santa Fe cemetery. Anna Belle was the grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Young south of town. — Misses Mabel Painter visited Miss Sylvia Bridgford from Saturday till Monday. — Mrs. Mary Eta Wilson, who was born near Frankford, Mo., Dec. 14, 1840, died at her home one and one half miles west of Santa Fe at 10:50 Saturday night from paralysis. In 1858 she was married to W. W. Wil-

## WHEAT HARVEST ON IN THIS COUNTY

The Audrain County wheat harvest is in full swing this week. Many farmers began cutting last week and the last of this week will see the crop practically all shocked if weather permits.

The crop will be a record-breaker for the county because of the increased acreage this year. The crop for the entire county will amount to about 500,000 bushels, from which the farmers will realize more than a million dollars, it is said. The wheat did not fill out as expected which cut the yield.

The yield for Audrain County generally runs about sixteen bushels to the acre, but the wet weather cut this year's estimated average down to about fifteen bushels. In some places the rains did much damage while in others the crop will thresh twenty bushels to the acre.

The government price allows \$2.17 to \$2.21 for wheat delivered in St. Louis.

There are about ten threshing machines in the county, which may be able to care for the crop. Farmers are, however, having difficulty in securing enough labor to care for their crops. Some are paying as high as \$5 a day for men.

son who died in 1889. To this union nine children were born. Six children, fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren survive her. The children are John, Susan and Isabel who lived with their mother; Joe, of near town; Wm. of Molino and Mrs. Annie Sims of Wyatt, Mo. In early life she united with the Methodist church whose services she faithfully attended as long as health would permit. She had been sick for some time. Having suffered three strokes of paralysis before the death stroke. But in all her suffering she was patient and forbearing. The funeral services were conducted from the Christian church Sunday afternoon at five o'clock by the Reverends Snyder and Holland. Burial was in the Santa Fe cemetery. We extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved. — Mrs. E. McD. Bridgford departed Monday morning for several days visit with relatives in Macon, Mo. — Rev. Snyder filled his appointment at the Christian church Sunday morning. Union services were held at the Methodist church in the evening. — Robt. Getty was a Paris visitor Monday. — Miss Jessie McGill and Earl Brown were Mexico visitors Monday.

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J. L. Berghind, of Gilett, Ark., was registered at the Hotel Hoxsey Wednesday of this week.

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The family of J. A. McFarland has arrived and are domiciled in the Sam Morris property on West Monroe street.

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