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C. A. BARNES GUEST OF HIS FRIENDS

Mexico Attorney Who Leaves to Accept Commission in Court of Appeals Given Dinner

A farewell dinner was tendered Clarence A. Barnes at the Hotel Hoxsey Friday evening at 7 o'clock by the Audrain County Bar Association and the Mexico Chamber of Commerce.

Judge E. A. Shannon was toastmaster and presided gracefully over a short but appropriate and delightful program. His remarks were highly complimentary to Mr. Barnes in expressing regret over his departure and introducing R. R. Wagner who gave Mr. Barnes a large lead pencil with which to attack briefs effectively.

A. C. Whitson was then introduced and made an especially good address. He stated the esteem in which Mr. Barnes was held by his fellow lawyers as well as the other members of the community.

The evening ended with a reply from Mr. Barnes who expressed his appreciation for the gathering of his friends to bid him Goodspeed, for having lived in a city so good and so progressive as Mexico and that he hoped to some day again make Mexico his home though he was going to St. Louis to resume his practice there when he retires from the bench.

He complimented the Audrain county bar on the high quality of its membership and their efficiency in their profession. He urged that the Chamber of Commerce be given the fullest support in their work which was for the betterment of Mexico and Audrain county and whose membership should come from every section of the county.

The following delicious menu was served:

- Michigan Celery
Spanish Queen Olives
Roast Young Hen, sage dressing
Cherry Ice
Snowflake Potatoes
Creamed Asparagus
Fruit Salad
Hot Biscuits
Fresh Peach Sundae
Angel Food Cake
Coffee
After Dinner Mints
Cigars

Among those present were: R. D. Rodgers, L. M. White, E. Y. Burton, Garrett Barnes, Joe C. Davis, T. J. Hoxsey, Ross R. Wagner, E. S. Wilson, Gale Johnston, F. W. Pilcher, Dan A. Cauthorn, C. F. Clark, Milt Householder, E. R. Taft, George Kelleher, George Will Robertson, Ben Hill, Louis Barth, F. J. Wilkins, J. W. Plunkett, W. R. Jackson, B. T. Williams, A. C. Barnes, W. W. Pollock, A. D. Jackson, Chas. F. Clark, E. F. Hellingsworth, W. H. Logan, W. W. Fry, Jr., J. W. Buffington, A. C. Whitson, W. W. Potts, S. D. Stocks, E. A. Shannon, L. A. Beech, C. P. Malone, Chas. C. Bledsoe, Joe Considine, V. F. Ryan, B. H. Haskell, J. C. King, J. W. Millon, Chas. Householder, Harry Householder, Sam Morris, C. P. Arnold, W. F. Shephard, R. R. Arnold, J. M. Buckner, Chas. Claybrook, F. L. Crosby, J. G. Hawthorne, Frank Kelson, J. G. Lakenan, E. R. Locke, N. R. Rodes, A. C. White, T. J. Williams, L. A. Pryor, G. R. Snook, W. G. Wilkins, E. M. Lawder, M. T. Vandogrift, T. L. Marshall, Nate Phillip, J. C. Pasqueth, Chas. G. Head, Kenneth G. Kennen, J. H. Whitmore, J. C. Strook, F. N. Henderson, Rolla McIntire.

A beautiful bouquet was sent to Mrs. Barnes by the guests. This gathering was one of the most representative of Mexico and Audrain county that has been together for many months and their interest in Mr. Barnes success and enthusiasm over the many good things said by the speakers evidenced the depth and heartiness of their friendship for him.

SENATOR WILFLEY WILL SPEAK HERE OCT. 5

Will Speak at the Christian Church Sunday School in This City Under Bible Class Auspices

Former United States Senator Xenophon P. Wilfley of St. Louis, will deliver an address at the Christian church in this city, Sunday morning, October 5th at ten o'clock. This announcement has been made by Judge Alex Carter, president of the Mexico Men's Bible Class, under the auspices of which the arrangements for Senator Wilfley's address have been made.

The subject of the address will be "The Commonwealth of Israel vs. Jesus of Nazareth" or "The Trial of Christ from a Lawyer's Point of View." Senator Wilfley purposes to treat the subject with absolute reverence, but will discuss the trial with reference to the institutions and customs of the time as a lawyer would discuss any other great event of history. Senator Wilfley is not only one of the leading lawyers in America but he is a learned Bible student as well. His discussion of this great subject will prove interesting and instructive.

Judge Carter states that the officers of the Bible Class not only expect every member of the class to be present but that a general invitation is extended to all who desire to hear Senator Wilfley's address. The meeting will be held in the main auditorium of the Christian church that ample accommodations may be provided for all who desire to attend.

SENATOR WILFLEY MAY SUCCEED JUDGE BOND

Governor is Expected to Offer Supreme Bench Appointment to Ex-Senator, Former Mexico Boy

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., September 30.—There is much speculation going on here as to who Gov. Gardner will appoint to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench as the result of the sudden death of Chief Justice Henry W. Bond of St. Louis.

Not a few lawyers are of the opinion that the successor to Judge Bond will be selected from the St. Louis bar and that the appointment is likely to be offered to former United States Senator X. P. Wilfley. Whoever the Governor appoints will hold office only until after the next general election, or until 1st of January, 1921. Senator Wilfley is a former Mexico boy. Judge Bond's term would have expired January 1, 1923.

For Senate or Governor. WELLSVILLE, Mo., September 30.—It is stated on unquestioned authority that Champ Clark, minority leader in Congress, will announce in a short time for either the United States Senate or for governor.

The authority says that he will announce for the Senate to succeed Senator Spencer. There are a number in the Ninth District that are not averse to succeeding Clark in the House.

TEN SUITS FILED.

Indications are That November Term of Court Will be Busy One.

Ten suits have been filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk since the court adjourned. From these indications it would seem that the November term of the court will be a busy one if suits continue to be filed as they have been the past few days.

Those filed to date are: Fannie Jackson versus Jesse Jackson for divorce. John T. Watts versus V. DeArmond Bomer for partition. John T. Watts versus V. DeArmond Bomer for partition. E. A. Laurence versus John T. Veach et al on attachment. William W. Johnson versus Wabash railroad for damages. Emma Finks versus Frank Finks for divorce. R. K. Price versus Riney et al to perfect title. John Moore versus Cleve Smith et al for damages. J. T. Watts et al versus May Hudson et al for partition. J. B. Botkin et al versus Ed Roberts et al for partition. James Giles, of Vandalia, was in this city on business Monday morning.

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKER FOR AUDRAIN COUNTY

It is Learned That Miss Corinne Markley Will be Sent Here by the Red Cross

Audrain County will have a Public Health Worker who will be brought to this county through the efforts of the Audrain County Red Cross Chapter. It was learned Tuesday that Miss Corinne Markley, former Social Service Nurse here, who has been overseas with the Red Cross nurses, will be this worker.

Miss Markley is at present taking a four months course to fit her for this special work. She expects to complete it in February and come here immediately. Miss Markley has a host of friends here where she made a most efficient public nurse. Her work in the county will be well worthwhile and Audrain is most fortunate in securing her services.

The Audrain County Chapter of the Red Cross is one of the liveliest and most progressive in the state and their action in securing a Public Health worker is most commendable. It will mean much to the citizenship of the county. We are glad Miss Markley is again going to make her home in Audrain.

Lost Child at Birth.

A baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Carter Norris of Fulton, Friday evening at four o'clock was buried in the new cemetery, in Fulton, Saturday. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends in this city. Mrs. Norris was Miss Lelia Winans, of Mexico.

SMALL BOY HURT.

Son of Sister of Mrs. A. C. White of This City Injured.

Robert Nofsinger, the 14 year old, son of Mrs. Nofsinger, of Billings, Mont., was injured several days ago when an automobile struck the bicycle on which he and another boy was riding. Mrs. Nofsinger, who was Miss Neva Baker, is a sister of Mrs. A. C. White of this city and is well known here.

The two boys had been attending a fair and were returning to their homes when they were struck from behind by a rapidly moving automobile. The boy who was with young Nofsinger was injured very badly and died the following morning. Nofsinger was expected to die for a time but finally pulled through and it is now hoped he will recover although his injuries are still serious.

The motorist did not stop after hitting the boys but continued speeding. Whether he has been apprehended as yet is not known.

WILL GO TO TEXAS.

Charles Pigg Will Aid in Installing Mammoth Organ.

Charles Pigg, of this city, will go to Palestine, Texas, within a few weeks to aid in the installation of a mammoth pipe organ similar to the one in the Orpheum in this city. He will also teach the organist how to operate it.

Mr. Pigg is one of the few in this state or the middle west who knows how to install and operate an organ of this kind and his services were necessary for the installation of the one in Texas. The organ there is to be placed in a motion picture theatre and is a most excellent instrument. These organs are very complicated and require an expert organist to operate them.

Miss Sanford Home.

Miss Elizabeth Sanford returned to this city Monday after representing the state of Missouri in the Quadriennial Convention of the Maccabees order. The convention was held at Port Huron, Wis., and was one of the most successful ever held. Fifty five states were represented from this country and Canada. Over five thousand delegates were there. On the opening day a big page celebration was held and a parade formed that was several miles long. After the convention Miss Sanford visited for a week in Canada and northern United States.

Wallace Fry and wife are in Kansas City attending the Bar Association meeting.

C. F. Bass, left Wednesday on business for St. Louis. He will be back within a few days.

AUDRAIN BAPTISTS GATHERED IN LADDONIA

President J. W. Millon, of Hardin College, Was Chosen Moderator of The Meeting

The annual Audrain Baptist Association was held commencing Tuesday morning at the Baptist church in Laddonia and the two days session was most successful. There was a large delegation present from Mexico and vicinity and Dr. John W. Millon, president of Hardin College, was elected to the office of Moderator. Judge E. A. Shannon was clerk of the largely attended Association meeting. Rev. J. H. Hughes of the Baptist church of Mexico preached the opening morning sermon in which he emphasized the power of prayer. Mr. L. E. Worner of Mexico Baptist church will likely be sent as a delegate to the State Association meeting to be held in St. Louis the third week in this month. Others present from Mexico were: C. F. Clark, Judge J. A. Guthrie, Mrs. W. W. Pollock and Mrs. Van Ness.

Judge Guthrie as Treasurer of the Association, who is one of the best known Baptists in this State, made a short talk which was much appreciated. During this address he said: "I urge upon you all greater liberality in your giving and contributions to the Baptist institutions, and work generally throughout the State. This is a good time for a man to give liberally because farm values and general prosperity in this section were never greater. Get into this Christian work, all of you. I've been at it now for 40 years and I intend to stay with it until the close of my days." Hardin College and its drive was most enthusiastically received.

AGED WOMEN STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE TUES.

Resident of Old Ladies Home When Crossing Boulevard Becomes Confused and it Hit

Mrs. R. Royston, 72 years old, a resident at the Old Ladies Home was struck and painfully injured late Tuesday afternoon when hit by an Oakland car driven by Tyler Offutt, the 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Offutt. She suffered concussion of the brain and several severe cuts and bruises. According to Dr. P. E. Coil who is attending her she will recover unless infection sets in from the oiled dirt which she was covered with when thrown to the street.

According to witnesses who saw the accident, Mrs. Royston became confused and ran in front of the car, which was traveling at a moderate speed. She and another woman were crossing the road when they saw the car coming. Her companion stopped but she continued walking and then became confused and started back when the left fender of the car struck her below the hip and threw her to the oiled road. The force of the blow seemed to lift her off the ground and hurl her into the air. Her head and shoulders struck the ground first with considerable force. One of her eye lids was torn away and a bone broken in her wrist as well as having concussion of the brain. The eye however is still intact and will be all right according to the doctor.

MRS. P. E. COIL IS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE

Is Head of Missouri Health Educational Committee of Daughters of Revolution.

Mrs. P. E. Coil recently received an appointment as chairman of the Missouri state committee on health education, of the Daughters of the Revolution. This appointment is one of the most important in the state and the selection of Mrs. Coil to receive it is a tribute to her ability. Only a short time ago she was appointed as state chairman of the Conservation committee and later a member of the National Committee on Conservation. These appointments were from Mrs. George T. Guernsey, the President General of the organization.

A meeting of the D. A. R.'s will be held in St. Louis the latter part of this week starting Friday. Mrs. Coil will leave at that time to attend.

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Rev. C. A. Mitchell, of Fulton, was in Mexico enroute to New Hartford, Mo., where he will begin a protracted meeting.

Mark Pilcher was operated on at the Amanda Hospital Wednesday. His condition is now promising.

MISS MARY MARSHALL WAS BURIED TUESDAY

Old Resident of This City Died at Birthplace of Mother Monday Morning.

Miss Mary E. Marshall, 80 years old, was buried at the Elmwood cemetery Tuesday afternoon. The funeral was preached at the Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. W. C. Cowart, pastor of that church.

A large number of friends of the deceased were present at the final ceremonies. Reverend Cowart preached a touching funeral sermon on the life beyond and the life of Miss Marshall on this earth. Special music was rendered by ladies of the Methodist church during the service.

Immediately after the services at the church the body was taken to the cemetery where it was buried.

Miss Marshall was a member of the Methodist church of this city most of her life having joined soon after coming to this city in 1865. She was a most splendid type of woman and worthy of emulation. Her death was not entirely unexpected and will leave a place to be filled that can not be easily forgotten.

She died at the birthplace of her parents where she was visiting at the time of her death near Marthasville, Mo. For some time she had been in that county visiting relatives. Bronchitis is said to have caused the death.

The pall bearers at the funeral were: J. W. Howell, Dr. W. L. Reed, D. R. Adams, W. W. Harper, J. G. Lakenan and S. P. Emmons.

ART EXHIBIT AT HARDIN.

Public Will be Allowed to Inspect Work of Missouri Painters.

The Art Exhibit which is being sent to this city for the District convention of the Federated Women's Club's will be open to the public next week. This exhibit is sent to Mexico by the Art Club of St. Louis and is one of the best collections in the state.

The Convention will visit Hardin one day and inspect the work of the painters of this state. After that it is thought the people of Mexico will be allowed to visit the exhibit to see how our state ranks in excellent artists. The paintings are really excellent pieces of work and no better will be found done by modern day painters.

A catalogue for the benefit of the visitors has been published that tells the history and interpretation of each piece and short biography of the various artists whose work is on exhibition. This opportunity to view this excellent collection of paintings is an unusual one for the Mexico people and is one that is seldom offered to a small town as the set is not taken from St. Louis except at rare intervals.

WILL BE MISSIONARY.

Miss Anna Green of Near Mexico Goes to Kansas City to Study.

Miss Anna Green of this county has gone to Kansas City, Mo., where she will take a course in Missionary work. She will later be sent to some point by the Baptist Mission Board.

Miss Green is well known in Mexico and in the county. During her visits in this city she has made many friends who will learn with regret that she has left the community. She has always been prominent in Sunday school and church work in the county and will leave a place in the Baptist association of Audrain that will be hard to fill.

At present she is attending a missionary school in Kansas City where she will equip herself to go further into the world in her chosen vocation.

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GOLD SWORD FOR GEN. PERSHING NOW

Ledger Will Accept Subscriptions for Fund Being Raised by the Kansas City Post for This Purpose

Congress having failed in its original motion to award a sword of solid gold to General John J. Pershing, commander of the A. E. F. in France, a movement has been inaugurated in Kansas City whereby the people of Missouri are to do the job that the representatives at Washington left undone. The Kansas City Post has launched the campaign for a popular fund with a subscription of \$500 and people throughout the state are now being asked to help swell the total that a fund of sufficient size can be raised to purchase the sword of gold and present it to Pershing as a token of the affection in which he is held by the people of his own state.

General Pershing is a native of Missouri and The Post plan is that only Missourians, either by birth or adoption, shall be permitted to contribute to the fund in honor of the noted commander. It also is the aim to make the fund as representative as possible and accordingly subscriptions will be sought in every county in the state.

William T. Kemper of the National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City; John I. Williamson, a Kansas City attorney, prominently mentioned in connection with the prospective appointment to the supreme court bench, and the Rev. Donald Duncan Munro, a widely known Kansas City minister, have been named as trustees of the fund, with R. F. Brewster of the National Bank of Commerce as treasurer. Subscriptions for the Pershing Sword Fund in Audrain county should be forwarded to the Mexico Ledger which has been asked to receive and record all subscriptions made in this section.

MISS MARY E. MARSHALL DIES MONDAY MORN

Eighty Year Old Resident of This City Dies at Birthplace of Her Mother in Warren County

Miss Mary E. Marshall, 80 years old, of this city, died at the Wyant home near Marthasville, Mo., Monday morning from bronchitis. She was visiting at the home where her mother was born. Miss Marshall leaves only a brother, as her nearest relative, T. H. Marshall, of this city.

Miss Marshall, who was a devout member of the M. E. church south, was born in Warren county and came to Mexico in 1865 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Marshall. She was one of that splendid type of pioneer women who have contributed so much to the religious and social life of this community in the years it grew from a village to a small city.

Since coming to Mexico Miss Marshall has spent the greater part of her life in this city where those who knew her held her in the highest esteem and greatest love. Her death will sadden a wide circle of friends. The Ledger joins in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 from the Methodist church by the Rev. Mr. Cowart. The pall bearers were: J. W. Howell, Dr. W. L. Reed, C. R. Adams, W. W. Harper, J. G. Lakenan and S. P. Emmons.

POPULAR COUPLE MARRIED.

Rev. A. A. Wallace Performed Ceremony at Home.

Wallace Shaw and Miss Ruey Middleton, both of Vandalia, were married at the home of Rev. A. A. Wallace in this city Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Wallace officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw both have lived in Vandalia for a number of years and have many friends there. They have been in Mexico a large number of times and are also well known here.

Mr. Shaw is a prominent young man of that city and is of pronounced integrity and business ability. Mrs. Shaw is very attractive and pretty and one of Vandalia's most popular young ladies.

The Ledger joins their many friends in extending congratulations and wishing them much happiness.

O. A. Laninder, of Benton City, was in Mexico Monday for a short time.

HEAVIEST RAIN IN YEARS FELL SUNDAY

Many Bridges Washed Out in Eight-Mile District—Creeks all Out of Banks

One of the heaviest rains that has fallen in this county fell Sunday morning and afternoon, 4.95 inches of rain fell between the hours of 8:00 a. m., and 9:00 p. m. Bridges in various parts of the county were swept away by the water and damages done to roads and crops.

Up till six o'clock Sunday evening no rain had fallen in Fulton and the sun had been shining there all day according to a long distance communication. A decided change in the temperature was noticed however. At McCredie only a very little water fell. In Columbia, no rain had fallen up till Sunday noon. It is reported that the rain extended eastward beyond the Mississippi river.

In the eight-mile district there were ten bridges washed out according to residents. Near Molino two were swept away so that traffic was delayed. In portions of the county where the road ran along the creek bank, the water got up and washed out the bed causing a good deal of damage.

Near Molino crops were destroyed to some extent. Corn and cane suffered pretty badly in that district as well as in other places. Portions of some farms in the county were under water for a time Sunday.

Traffic on south Jefferson street was held up for a short time Sunday afternoon on account of the stopping of the sewer on that street. Water gathered at the lowest part of the street and formed a pool about three feet deep. Four feet of water got into the cellar of Jack Gehaus's home and approximately as much at A. B. Clusters'. Other cellars in different parts of the town were flooded.

At Benton City several bridges were out Monday morning and the rest badly washed. The Roy Fields farm near Benton City suffered some from the wind. Two chicken houses were overturned there. The house belonging to Carl Lieberher, of Benton City, was struck by lightning and damaged some but no fire resulted. A horse belonging to C. Gauthorn at Molino was struck by lightning and killed.

A large amount of water fell at the clay pit of the A. P. Green Fire Brick Company and was retarded somewhat. However, no levees broke and the streams were controlled. A pump was at work Monday getting the water out so that work could be carried on again at its regular rate.

At the Greenhouse owned by C. C. Wonneman on North Jefferson street three of the flower houses were immersed under water and a great deal of damage done to the plants and flowers. Just how much was destroyed is not definitely known but it is thought to have been worth several hundred dollars. The driveway was washed away also by the water.

The bridge over Fish Branch creek is reported washed out and from every section where the rain fell in torrents comes the news that the water is the highest it has ever been.

Wilfley Johnson lost quite a number of sheep when the creek near him left its banks and washed them away.

COURT RULES FOR FARMERS

Temporary Injunction Granted Against Missouri Mutual.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 27.—Judge William O. Thomas of the assignment division of the circuit court, late Friday, granted a temporary injunction preventing the Missouri Farmers' Mutual Crop Insurance Company, a mutual insurance company, 701 Republic Building, from disposing of any of its property or paying out any of its funds until further order of the court. The injunction order was granted upon a suit brought several days ago by Robert Brower, J. L. Mason and E. L. Whitehead, a committee representing 110 farmers of Montgomery County, who hold insurance policies in the company. The petition asked that a receiver be appointed and that an accounting be had against the company.

In granting the injunction, Judge Thomas gave the plaintiffs until next Tuesday to file bond for \$5,000. The application for a receiver was continued for hearing until October 6, in order that both sides may have time to file affidavits.

J. R. Woodson, of Auxvasse, was a visitor here Monday morning.