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CITY'S POPULATION INCREASES ONLY 74 FROM 1910 TO 1920

Special to the Ledger: WASHINGTON, D. C.—Census statistics announced today include Mexico, Mo., 6,913, increase of 74 or 1.2 per cent.

This small increase came as a shock and a disappointment to many of the citizens who were hoping for at least three or four hundred more in 1920 than in 1910. In 1890 Mexico had a population of 4,789; in 1900 she had 5,099, an increase of 310. In 1910 the population was 5,939, an increase of 840. It is seen, then, that this city fell off more in increase of population this year than any census year since 1890.

When the matter was discussed at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Thursday noon several of the prominent members stated their belief that no mistake had been made in taking the census and that Mexico's population has really not increased in the ten years since 1910 any more than the Census Bureau announces. The town has grown; that is, there are more houses and perhaps more families; but the families are small and in a majority of the dwellings only two or three persons are living in it was said. Another explanation of the small increase was given as the fact that many so-called residents of Mexico are not in the corporate limits of the city and were therefore not included in the count by the enumerators. There were others, however, at the meeting who said that they felt a mistake had been made either in the figures for 1910 or for this year. They give as their reasons the increased number of people employed by the brick plant and by the shoe factory; and the large number of houses which have been built in the city and all of which are full.

The population of Vandalia, recently announced as 2,158, showed an increase of 583, or 35.3 per cent. This is the first and only other Audrain County town whose population for 1920 has been announced.

Columbia's population showed a gain of 10.5 per cent, being reported as 10,681; Moberly was reported as having 12,789, which was an increase of 17.1 per cent. Kirksville showed an increase of 13.6 per cent, having 7,213 as the 1920 population. Hannibal showed a gain of 3.32 per cent, with a population of 18,950; and Brookfield gained 8.8 per cent, with a population of 6,304.

DIES AT AMANDA

Mrs. Nancy D. Irvine, 77 years old, a resident of Pike County, died about 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night in the Amanda Hospital here. She has been a patient there for six weeks having been brought from her home in Bowling Green with a broken thigh. She had about recovered from her injury and was able to be up and walk around some, when she was taken suddenly ill Tuesday evening and died within an hour's time, from what was supposed to be acute indigestion.

Mrs. Irvine is survived by two daughters and a son. Mrs. Glenn Cash, one of the daughters, and the son live in Bowling Green, and the other daughter, Mrs. Joe Biggs, lives in Vandalia. The body of Mrs. Irvine was shipped to her home in Bowling Green Wednesday and she will be buried there.

A Successful Season.

The many friends of Fred Mayfield, formerly of this city, now living in Columbia, will be glad to hear that last season was a most successful one with him in the theatrical business. His shows is the Clint and Bessie Robins Co., playing the northwest and meeting with splendid response wherever appearing. Mr. Mayfield is one of the liveliest advance agents in the business and expects to visit Mexico before resuming his work on the road in August.

Doctors Raise Fees.

Because of the increased cost of drugs, advance in the price of gasoline, and general high cost of living the physicians of the Audrain county medical society have made an advance in their rates. They will be found advertised elsewhere.

The Thirst That Failed Sees No Relief In Sight

WASHINGTON, May 8.—"Wet" hopes of obtaining planks in the Democratic and Republican national platforms favoring light wines and beers have gone glimmering, according to information percolating from the headquarters of both parties.

There has been a checking up of the prospective "wet" strength in the conventions by the Republican and Democratic leaders within the last week, it transpires, with the result that the foes of prohibition have been advised of the hopelessness of their cause, so far as the presidential contest is concerned.

Officials of the Democratic national committee made an unusually careful canvass of the situation, for the reason that both Governor Edwards of New Jersey and Governor Cox of Ohio have been figuring as presidential possibilities favorable to the resurrection of beer, and it was the Democratic convention that was looked to chiefly by the "wets" as likely to adopt a wine and beer plank, from political considerations, if not from conviction.

Democrats to be Silent? The Democratic check-up showed that only sixteen of the fifty-six members of the resolutions committee at San Francisco would be in favor of a "wet" plank, if they represent the prevailing sentiment of the states electing the delegates who will name the members of the committee. It is understood that as a result of this canvass, Chairman Cummings of the Democratic national committee, who will be the temporary chairman of the Democratic convention, will refrain from striking any keynote favorable to the "wets." Democratic leaders also have urged the anti-prohibitionists to "lay off," warning them that if they continue to press for a "wet" plank they surely will spur the prohibitionists to force through a strong "dry" plank.

The Democratic chieftains here hope that by putting the snuffers on the "wets," William Jennings Bryan can be persuaded to abandon his intention to fight for a plank strongly indorsing the eighteenth amendment and enforcement thereof. Silence on the liquor issue is ardently desired by the Democratic leaders.

G. O. P. Even "Drier." The canvass by Republican leaders showed that the "wets" would be even weaker at Chicago than at San Francisco.

The prospect, therefore, is that the advocates of light wines and beer will transfer their endeavors to the congressional campaign, seeking to elect a congress which will modify the definition of intoxicating liquor. It would take a "wet" landslide to win the house and, with only one-third of the senators to be elected, the "wets" could scarcely hope for a friendly senate in the next congress.

NORTHEAST BENTON. Ed Hildebrand went to St. Louis the first of the week with a carload of cattle and one of hogs. — Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Watts, Thursday, May 6th, a baby boy. — Art Kellerhal took a trip to Mt. Carmel last Thursday. — Geo. Hildebrand of Wellsville visited near Benton City Sunday. — Mothers' Day was observed at both of the Sunday Schools in Benton City by special programs. At the Christian church the men and boys had charge of the services and at the Presbyterian church carnations were given to the mothers. — Dr. and Mrs. May of Porto Rico, arrived Monday night to visit the latter's brother and sister, Chas. and Minnie Harrison. — Mr. and Mrs. Winkle of Rush Hill who spent the winter in San Antonio, Texas, visited their daughter, Mrs. John Hildebrand Sunday. — Several attended the class play of the Wellsville High School Monday night.

Valentine Erdle, who was accidentally killed Tuesday morning when he was run over by a disc cultivator on his farm near Rush Hill, will be buried Thursday afternoon in Progress Cemetery near his home. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock by the Rev. Haffner.

Service at St. Paul's Church. A marriage license was issued Wednesday to T. E. edevant and Mamie Stevens, both of Mexico. The latter is the matron at the King's Daughters Old Ladies' Home. The Ledger joins in extending best wishes to them.

The Highway Engineer

Audrain county is one of the few counties in Missouri without a Highway Engineer.

It is unfortunate that this is the case as in every county where they possess such an official he more than pays his way by the savings he makes in the purchase of road material and machinery.

One of the first moves we will have to make to secure better highways throughout Audrain is the securing of a competent highway engineer. You will find that his taking charge will mean the elimination of the periodic mud hole that kills the usefulness of the dirt road even in dry weather.

He will see to it that roads are properly and efficiently built as well as save you money, Mr. Taxpayer, in a hundred other different ways.

Let us seriously consider petitioning for the return of this most important official in Audrain.

F. Hutchel White

August Schutte Killed Tuesday By Lightning

August Schutte, a young farmer living two and a half miles north of Ladonia, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon when struck by lightning as he was returning to his house from the field where he was at work when the storm came up. He was riding a horse and was leading the other one of the team; both animals were killed by the same shaft of electricity which killed the man.

Mr. Schutte was 31 years old. He leaves a wife, who was formerly Miss Lottie Kronicke, an dte whom he has been married six years, and a little son. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Schutte, who are now living in Illinois, and four brothers and six sisters, all of whom live in or near Audrain County save the youngest sister, who makes her home with her parents.

The brothers of Mr. Schutte are Will, Fred, Conrad, Jr., and Henry Schutte. His sisters are Mrs. Val Erdle, Mrs. Will Mullett, Mrs. Reka Moore, Mrs. Lena Moore, Mrs. Emma Miller and Miss Freda Schutte.

Mr. Schutte was born on his father's home farm about four miles north of Mexico. He made his home in Chicago for a while, in recent years, but returned to Audrain County and bought the farm on which he was living at the time of his death. He was a prosperous and highly respected farmer and his untimely death will cause much sorrow. The Ledger extends deep sympathy to his family.

MUST CUT THE SOLDIER BONUS FOR PASSAGE

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Soldier bonus legislation in its present form cannot be enacted. The Republican majority of the ways and means committee have conceded that fact and arranged a meeting at which these changes will be considered:

Reduction of the proposed cash bonus to \$1 a day. Limitation of the cash any ex-serviceman may receive to \$500. One dollar and a half a day instead of \$1.75 to men electing to take some form of aid other than a cash bonus.

No man choosing home aid, vocational education, or additional insurance in lieu of cash to be given a credit in excess of \$700. Revenue Without Direct Tax. Figures obtained by the members of the ways and means committee have convinced several of them that if these reductions are agreed upon, sufficient revenue can be obtained without a direct tax on retail sales to pay the cost of the modified bonus program.

The action of the Republican caucus in opposing a sales tax has compelled the majority of the ways and means committee to abandon that method of obtaining revenue in framing the bonus measures. The present plan is to provide the necessary money through taxes on stock exchange transactions, real estate transfers, on tobacco and increases in the surtaxes on incomes.

Southern Democrats and eastern Republicans in considerable numbers have changed positions on the question. The hostility of the southern Democrats is attributed largely to social questions, while the protests of

Leb Dye Found Dead In Barn Wed. Morning

Leb Dye, a farmer living three miles north of Molino, was found dead Wednesday morning in his barn where he had gone late Tuesday night to look after his stock. It is thought that heart trouble caused his death, as his body was in a sitting position when it was found and there were no evidences of his having been injured in any way.

Mr. Dye was 35 years old, the son of Charles Dye. He leaves a wife, who was formerly Miss Donnie Young of the Molino vicinity, and four children, Louisa, Thania, Tindall and Mamie. He is also survived by two half brothers, James and Pat, of Montana.

He is a native of Audrain County, having lived all his life on the farm where he died. He was one of the progressive young farmers of the community where he made his home and there are many who are grieved because of his sudden death. The Ledger joins in extending sincere sympathy to the wife and children who suffer most in the loss of this young man.

BIDS ON SEPTIC TANKS REJECTED BY COUNCILMEN

Two bids for the construction of a sewage disposal plant in Mexico were submitted to the City Council at the regular meeting Monday night, and both were rejected because they were in excess of the estimate made by Black and Veatch, of Kansas City, consulting engineers in charge of the work. The bid made by Joseph O'Neil, of Leavenworth, Kansas, was \$30,750; that made by Reed and Wheelock, of Clay Center, Kan., was \$29,750; and the estimate made by the engineers for the work is \$27,258. A motion was passed to have the city construct the septic tanks, and Black and Veatch were instructed to get prices and report on the cost of material.

The council passed an ordinance providing for a tax of one cent a game on all pool and billiard games played in public pool and billiard halls in the city.

An ordinance providing for an increased license tax for stock brokers in Mexico was given two readings. The exact amount of the increase was not stated in the ordinance.

R. M. White and the Rev. A. A. Wallace were in Ladonia Monday.

James Callen, of Vandalia, was in Mexico Sunday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Weeks, of Vandalia, were in Mexico visiting Tuesday night.

Dave McGee, of Bowling Green, formerly of this city, is a patient at the Mexico Hospital.

eastern Republicans are said to be taxes will have in the money markets based largely on the effect additional of the East.

MRS. MARSHALL DIES AT MAYO'S TUESDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Lucy Marshall, for many years a resident of Mexico and one of the city's most respected women, died at 7:15 o'clock Tuesday night at Mayo Bros' Hospital in Rochester, Minn., where she was taken a week ago Monday. She has been in poor health for the greater part of her life, having suffered with stomach trouble.

Mrs. Marshall was nearing her 65th birthday, which would have come on June 8 this year. She was born near Littleby in this county and has lived in Audrain all her life. She was married October 5, 1871 and moved to Mexico about 28 years ago. She has been the mother of nine children, seven of whom survive her. Her husband has been dead since July, 1909.

The sons and daughters whom Mrs. Marshall leaves to mourn her death are: W. W. Marshall, of Nevada; Claude Marshall, of Glasgow, Neb.; Mrs. Willie Irvine, of Centralia; and Miss Ethel, Harry and Ray Marshall, of Mexico, who are unmarried and made their home with their mother.

Mrs. Marshall is also survived by three brothers and two sisters: Stephen Blankenship, of Lakeport, Calif.; Dr. W. B. Blankenship, of Dixie, Wash.; Wesley Blankenship, of Benton City; Mrs. Jennie Dye, of West Plains; and Miss Alice Barry, of Benton City, who is a half sister.

The body of Mrs. Marshall will be brought to Mexico Thursday night by her son, Harry, who has been with her in Rochester. It is thought the funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, at the home on Pearson Street, if all the children can get here by that time. The brother and sister from Benton City will also come for the funeral. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery.

Mrs. Marshall leaves a large number of warm and admiring friends to mourn her death. In spite of her long years of illness she has manifested a Christian spirit which has won for her the respect of many persons. The Ledger joins in extending deep sympathy to the children and to the other relatives who grieve over her death.

G. Gregg, of Vandalia, spent Tuesday night in Mexico.

C. L. Daniels, of Vandalia, was here on business Wednesday.

T. C. Brown, of Farber, was here on business Wednesday.

Ralph Divers, of Fulton, spent Tuesday night in Mexico.

W. C. Schilling, of Jefferson City, was in Mexico Wednesday.

F. M. Davis, of Independence, was in Mexico on business Wednesday.

George Lee has returned from a business trip to St. Louis.

John M. Huber, of Boonville, was in Mexico on business Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Tuepker and children, of Farber, were Mexico visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Glennen, of New Bloomfield, were in Mexico Tuesday and Wednesday.

McAdoo's Friends Claim It For Him On Second Ballot

NEW YORK, May 7.—William G. McAdoo, lacking an official campaign organization, is "depending on his friends to carry the burden of his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination." So efficient have these friends been that, according to their own claims they have the nomination all wrapped up ready to deliver on the second ballot at the San Francisco convention. Here is the "dope" of McAdoo's supporters, for what it is worth:

They say the following states will vote for the former secretary of the treasury on the first ballot—Alabama, 24; Arizona, 6; Arkansas, 18; California, 26; Colorado, 12; Delaware, 6; Idaho, 8; Illinois, 58; Indiana, 30; Kansas, 20; Louisiana, 20; Maryland, 16; Massachusetts, 36; Michigan, 30; Mississippi, 30; Montana, 8; Nevada, 6; New Hampshire, 8; New Mexico, 6; Oregon, 10; South Carolina, 18; Tennessee, 24; Texas, 40; Utah, 8; Vermont, 8; Virginia, 24; Washington, 14; Wyoming, 6; Alaska, 6; District of Columbia, 6; Hawaii, 6; Philippine Islands, 6; Porto Rico, 6.

This is a total of 540. There are 1,092 delegates. The two-thirds necessary for a choice are 728. Although Michigan's thirty and three of New Hampshire's eight are pledged to Herbert Hoover, his declaration that he would not accept the Democratic nomination indicates his name will not be placed before the convention and McAdoo's backers lost no time in claiming these thirty-three.

On the second ballot, the "dope" has it that these states will swing to the McAdoo column: Georgia, 28; Iowa, 26; Missouri, 36; New York, 99; North Carolina, 24; Oklahoma, 20; South Dakota, 10.

This is a total of 234. Added to the 540 "first choice" votes, it is 774 or forty-six more than needed. And there you are. According to present indications, Georgia's first ballot will be for Tom Watson; Iowa's for T. E. Meredith, secretary of agriculture; Missouri's for Champ Clark; New York's for Gov. Alfred Smith or Governor Edwards of New Jersey; North Carolina's for State Senator S. F. Simmons; Oklahoma's for Senator Robert Owen and South Dakota's for James W. Gerard.

There is some gossip that some sort of a combination will be formed against McAdoo at the Democratic conference at Albany this week. Persistent rumors are afloat of a possibility of Edwards' "teaming up" with Governor Cox of Ohio.

M. M. A. Wins Game. M. M. A. won the base ball game played with Central Wesleyan College, of Warrenton, Tuesday by a score of 6 to 0. The game was played on the home diamond.

Miss Mary Agnes Altun, of St. Louis, a trained nurse well known in Mexico, is critically ill in the Baptist Sanitarium, St. Louis, where physicians have given up all hope for her recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Glennen, of New Bloomfield, were in Mexico Tuesday and Wednesday.

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MEXICO TO HAVE GREAT SPEAKERS FOR CHAUTAUQUA

Mexico's chautauqua, to be put under the direction of the Redpath Vawter system August 25 to 31, is to include many noted speakers and famous entertainers.

Among the lecturers are to be Philip P. Campbell, chairman of the rules committee of Congress, for twenty years active in law-making affairs of this country; Dr. Robert Johnston, of Montreal, Quebec, an international speaker who will make an address on "A Modern Jonah;" Ralph Dennis, U. S. vice-consul at Moscow during the revolution, who, having seen the conditions in Russia, discusses understandingly the causes, aims, methods and meaning to the world of this great menace of Bolshevism; Hon. Quinn O'Brien, one of Chicago's greatest lawyers, who will have as his subject, "The Challenge of the New Era;" Ada Ward, the noted English lecturer-entertainer, who will speak on "You Americans;" Representative W. E. Wenner, an expert on child training, who will attack the boy problem in an address on "What About That Boy?"; Oney Fred Sweet, feature writer and short story author for the Chicago Tribune, who will deliver a lecture on "In Other Men's Shoes;" Cotton Noe, the Mark Twain of Kentucky, who will give "The Great American Home," a poetic interpretation; and John Marion Dean who has a message called "America's Tomorrow."

In the way of musical treats Mexico is to have John C. Weber and his band which has won first place in both the national band contests; The Critterian Male Quartet, of New York City, which is rated as the finest organization of its kind in America, its members having sung with Melba, Schumann-Heink, Nordica, Blapham and made records for several of the leading phonographs; and the Premier Artists, a nine-person organization comprising six great soloists accompanied by their own orchestra.

The Novelty Trio composed of Jack Stone, banjoist, Miss Electra Pratt, a singer and writer of comic monologues, and Achille Bragers, the Belgian accordionist; and the Columbia Players, six young ladies who feature drums and novelty combinations, are also to be attractions of the program.

A New York success—funnier than "It Pays To Advertise"—has been obtained by the Chautauqua management and will be brought here as one of the chief features. Edwin M. Whitney, one of the foremost interpreters of plays, will give an evening's entertainment with his impersonation of the ten characters in "Turn to the Right!" Miss Dorothy Cole, "the girl with the personality," Victor Spedeller, the French boy violinist and Altha Heffellower, pianist, will give two of the preludes.

SOUTH BENTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab Williams visited at Carl Dishman's Sunday. — Mrs. Joseph Carter spent Friday and Saturday with home folks in Mexico. — Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Watts, May 4th, a 9 pound boy. — Mr. and Mrs. Clark Pledge and children, Mrs. Lee Childers and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barker and son were the guests at R. McMahan's Sunday. — H. S. Clark and daughter, Miss Laura, of Mexico, visited at Geo. Peyton's Sunday. — Mrs. F. A. Owens and Mrs. R. McMahan are on the sick list. — John Baker shipped a car load of cattle to St. Louis Monday. — Willie Clark of Mexico spent Saturday and Sunday with his uncle Lee Clark.

Miss Katie Matthews, chief stenographer in the office of the Coal Oil Inspector in Jefferson City, is in Mexico visiting friends and relatives before going to California for an extended visit.

Miss Sallie Crane, of Martinsburg, was in Mexico Tuesday. She has just returned from Kirksville where she has been taking a course in the Teachers' College.

Arthur Holmes is recovering from a painful injury to two fingers on his left hand due to their having been caught in a heavy door as it unexpectedly closed.