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THE LEDGER'S PLATFORM FOR AUDRAIN
More permanently improved highways.

A highway engineer.
A farm agent.
A closer co-operation between the people of Audrain county and Mexico.

The Pershing Way through Audrain county.

ON WHEAT SITUATION.

THE following from the Modern Miller and written by William Pollock, of this city, will be of interest to farmers and stockmen:

"With our rapid increase of population in the United States, it will be but a short time before we will need all the wheat raised in our own country for home consumption. Therefore, we should have in order to protect two of the largest industries, the farmers and millers of our country, a tariff sufficient to encourage both to keep on producing sufficient quantities of wheat and flour to supply all the needs of our home market. Flour should carry nearly double the duty of wheat, for if foreign flour is shipped into our markets it effectively sets the price of the wheat raised by the farmer and we lose the offal, which is now considered the most valuable stock food produced and is in great demand wherever thoroughly tested.

"The farmer's and miller's interests are inseparable. Anything that affects either will be felt by the other, and the loss of the bran and shorts from the wheat will affect the stock business as well as the other two great interests. I would suggest a duty on wheat of not less than 30c per hundred and 60c on a hundred pounds of flour.

"By government test in the Agricultural Department years ago, flour for its food value cost less than half of any other article of food, so we should not complain of its high cost but use more bread and less of the expensive foods."

THE AMERICAN LEGION.

THE offer of the officers of the American Legion, placing the 225 members of the James Bledsoe Post, of this city, at the command of the authorities for the enforcement of the law in a crime crisis is a splendid thing.

The American Legion stands for many good things and not the least of these is their unquestioned position in behalf of upholding laws of this country. In many sections they have already volunteered on different occasions and given important aid to the police and others when such support was most needed.

They are all men trained to act in a crisis, men who have stood fire and willing to stand it again for their country. It is a wonderful thing for a nation, and a most reassuring one, to know that such a body of men throughout the breadth and length of these United States, is ready and willing at a moments notice to come to the front for the protection of the people and the upholding of the law.

Every year the American Legion is growing in popular favor and the public's appreciation of their splendid Americanism cannot be too often nor too emphatically expressed.

NATION OF CAPITALISTS.

FINANCIAL writers tell us that the United States is fast becoming a nation of capitalists. That hundreds and thousands of salaried men are buying bonds, some of them paying on the installment plan.

They take this method of saving because they have found it easy and at the same time they have their savings working for them. They buy baby bonds and their pleasure over their own success in saving money in this fashion results in their telling their friends and starting them in such thrifty habits.

Incidentally this in another move toward the discouragement of the "Red." By cutting down immigration and making our nation one whose people save and are thrifty the agitator against Americanism will soon find sterile soil upon which to work.

THE ROAD DISTRICT ELECTIONS.

ON the first Tuesday in January the commissioners of the special road district in Saling Township and at Molino are elected. There are three to be chosen at each place. Those residing in the district should take an active interest in this election and see to it that men are chosen who

Woman Acquitted Of Charge In Assault Case

In the case of the State of Missouri against Mrs. Ella Pierce, charged with felonious assault on W. W. Pollock at her home last spring, which was tried Wednesday in the circuit court of Callaway County, the woman was acquitted on instructions of the judge because the prosecuting attorney failed to prove the gun was loaded.

Mr. Pollock and Joe Considine were connected with Mr. Pierce, the husband of the woman who lives at Auxvasse in some business dealings. It is alleged that Mr. Pollock called at the farm to see Mr. Pierce, and that Mrs. Pierce had said he was not at home, and asked that he step inside if they wanted to talk over. When he heard Mr. Pollock stepped into the house it is alleged, she raised a revolver and said that she had "this here to protect myself with." It was also alleged that she followed Mr. Pollock out on the porch with the gun in a threatening position.

Miss Libbie Collins was in Mexico Wednesday on the way to her home in Louisiana to spend the Christmas holidays.

will give the district the greatest results from the funds at hand. Better roads are only possible when the people interested show their interest and place men in charge of the work who will give it their best thought.

PERMANENT highways leading into Mexico from every direction this week would have meant thousands of dollars to our merchants as well as been a great convenience to the farmers who put off their shopping until after the heavy rain Monday night.

THE retail merchants all over the country are preparing advertisements for record breaking January clearance sales. We are glad to know Mexico's progressive merchants intend to put on such sales and the public should show their appreciation by a ready response.

IT is an unfortunate situation that there is such a great demand for the surplus grain of America in Europe and no means of purchasing it. In the final analysis the law of supply and demand must correct the present price crisis facing the American farmer and with some method of financing Europe's needs the demand would be such as to be more to his liking.

BRICK PLANT CLOSES

The A. P. Green Fire Brick Co. plants in this city will close Friday afternoon, Dec. 24 and remain closed until January Third. Quite a little repairing and improving is to be done in each plant which will necessitate their stopping operation so the management decided to give the employees a vacation at this time and do this work in their absence.

NORTHEAST BENTON.

Wm. Winger and family visited the former's mother, Mrs. Christopher in Wellsville Sunday. — Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hildebrand visited Chas. Hildebrand Sunday. — Our mail carrier Lonnie Owens is on the sick list and Henry Hildebrand is substituting. — Miss Alma Brown who formerly taught school in this neighborhood has been compelled to resign her position at the Hissey school because of ill health. — A Christmas program will begin at the Stauffer school Thursday afternoon and at the Benton City school Friday afternoon. — The young folks of the Sunday School will have carol singing Christmas eve. They will gather at the school house and after singing to the shut-ins will return and enjoy a social evening, having games, music and refreshments.

Nine Sets of Twins.

The pictures of nine sets of twins attending Stephens College at Columbia, was published in the Columbia Tribune December 21. There are three other girls in the college who are twins, but they happen to have twin brothers, who are attending school elsewhere.

Visiting Here.

W. D. Brown and J. A. Creasey, of Blackwell Okla., former Mexico residents, are here for the holidays with relatives. They both went to Oklahoma in an early day and participated in one of the big land rushes.

Miss Mable Brannock and George Brannock will spend the holidays in Arkansas City with their mother, Mrs. A. L. Brannock and their aunt, Mrs. Flora Harrison.

John Arnold, prominent banker of Billings, Mont., and a former Mexico boy, is here for the holidays with relatives.

The Benton City Bank has installed a burglar alarm system. This bank was recently robbed at night.

Frank Cauthorn is home from Colorado Springs to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Ross Cauthorn. He looks splendidly and has gained 25 pounds.

Attendance Of Audrain Rural Schools Growing

According to E. C. Offutt, county superintendent of schools in Audrain County, the rural schools in the county this year are a great improvement over those of last year as far as attendance is concerned. The average attendance daily is twenty and the average attendance of the schools as a whole is twenty-five. This is partly due, he said, to the good work of J. Walter Adams, attendance officer.

Many of the schools in other counties are decreasing in size, but the schools in Audrain show a decided increase every year and there is keen competition among them.

The two largest schools in the county are the Crow school, taught by Miss Gladys Ferber, and the New Michigan School taught by Miss Alma Gatewood, each of which have an attendance of thirty-six.

The smallest school in the county has three pupils, all of whom are doing excellent according to Mr. Offutt. This small size is because there are very few children in this school district.

There are ninety-nine school districts, and eight-three rural schools having an attendance of about 2500 pupils in the county altogether.

A Young Traveler.

Joe Clark, 12 years old, son of W. A. Clark, according to the Kirksville Express, recently arrived in that city on the "blind" of a Wabash passenger train. The boy has a penchant for running away. His father says he cannot put a stop to the practice and has refused to pay his expenses home. It seems that every time the boy gets home he immediately starts another pilgrimage. Wherever he is stranded, because of his youth, the people take care of him and eventually send him back to his city. Upon his arrival here he starts another journey via the "blind" to new and unexplored fields.

Handsome Christmas Gift.

Joe Luckie presented Mrs. Luckie for Christmas with a handsome 1921 Franklin braunham. The machine is perfect in every detail being equipped with everything from a heater to a cigar lighter and powder puff.

L. B. Hawthorne's parents, from Indiana, are here for the holidays.

C. P. Malone is home from a business trip to McArthur, Ohio.

LEDGER CLASSIFIED ADS PAY

MOVE PATIENTS

The patients who were in the old Audrain Hospital were being moved Thursday to the new hospital building. The ambulances of McPheters Brothers and the M. S. Bush Undertaking Company were used to convey the patients to the new building. It is expected that practically all the patients will have been moved by Thursday evening, and the old hospital will be closed.

Is to Meet in Moberly.

MOBERLY, Mo., December 18.—Moberly has been awarded the 1921 convention of the Missouri Baptist General Association, which will bring to this city from 1200 to 1500 delegates from Baptist churches throughout the state. News of the decision to give Moberly the convention was received from O. L. Woods of Kansas City, secretary of the missions of the church. It came as a result of an invitation extended several weeks ago by the Baptist churches of this city, and Rev. E. V. Lamb of this city, and Rev. E. V. Lamb of this city said Moberly got the award even against Kansas City, which made a strong appeal for it.

Greeley Talbot and family, of Moberly, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hawthorne.

CO. P. Y. P. U. TO MEET

First Meeting to Be Held Saturday Evening at New Hope Church.

The Audrain county association of the Baptist Young People's Union will hold its initial meeting at the New Hope church in this county Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will continue all day Sunday. The principal speaker will be C. A. Stephens, of California, Mo.

The association was organized last September in this city at a meeting of all the unions in the county, and officers were elected. It was decided to hold two meetings each year. An excellent program has been prepared and there will be a number of talks on subjects of interest to the young people.

It is expected that a large number of young people from the different unions in the county will be present for the services.

Ray Fishburn and Miss Nina Ligor, both of Stephens, were married at the Presbyterian parsonage by the Rev. A. A. Wallace Friday afternoon. The couple left Mexico immediately after the marriage.

WILLIAMS-RITTER

Ceremony is Performed at Baptist Church Sunday Afternoon at 3 O'clock.

Miss Uelage Williams, daughter of Mrs. G. A. Chadwick, of this city and Ray Ritter, of southeast of Mexico were married at the Baptist Church in this city Sunday afternoon by the Rev. O. D. Wood, of Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Ritter attended the public schools in this city and has lived here a number of years. During her residence in this city she has made a large number of friends and is very popular. She is a most attractive young lady.

Mr. Ritter is living on a farm six miles southeast of Mexico. The young couple will make their home on his farm.

The Ledger joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

To Help Others.

The Orphans in the Monseheart U. S. Orphan's Home have do, away indefinitely, with their Sunday night supper at 22 cents a head, making \$750, to aid the Near East Relief.

J. E. Baker, of Laddonia, was a business visitor in Mexico Monday.

The Season's Greetings

We desire to thank you for the liberal patronage you have given us and assure you of our purpose to serve you during 1921 to your utmost satisfaction.

The special charm of this season of the year is the assurance it brings that we live in the memory of our friends.

THE ALAMO DRUG CO.

Buckner, Swan, Walls

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Resolve:

- 1—That in 1921 you'll save more money by patronizing the Model Grocerteria where the "L" has been knocked out of the H. C. L.
- 2—That you will make your dollar have more cents by spending it where you can get more quality and more goods for less money than any place else in Mexico.
- 3—That you will save money by showing your appreciation to this store for what it has done to hold down the price of groceries and meats in Mexico, and do your buying here.
- 4—Before you buy you will always come here and find what prices we are making so that you will be assured to buying for less.

We thank you for your liberal patronage the past year and assure you that 1921 will find this store in the lead, as always, in making lower prices and giving the best quality.

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