

## T. J. Hoxsey Gives An Account Of Trip To Florida

The following interesting letter has been received from T. J. Hoxsey, who, with Mrs. Hoxsey is driving to Florida for an extended visit there, in which he advocates an automobile club for Mexico, and tells about the good roads:

Mr. Mitchell White,  
Mexico, Mo.

Dear Mitchell:—  
We arrived in Nashville today after several days of bad roads and bad weather. So far we have made very slow progress on our Florida trip, and have run in either rain or snow every day with the exception of last Sunday and Monday.

All the way through Illinois we encountered plenty of mud, and Sunday we only made from St. Louis to Salem, Ill. Monday from Salem to Olney, Tuesday from Olney to Evansville, Ind., Wednesday from Evansville to Dixon, Ky., Thursday from Dixon to Hopkinsville, Friday from Hopkinsville to Nashville, Tenn., the last hundred miles being hard surface roads.

From East St. Louis we found the roads being torn up in quite a few places preparatory for building a concrete road from there to Vincennes, Ind., which will connect with the Dixie Highway from Miami, Fla., to New York, the estimate on this road to be \$45,000 per mile for a sixteen foot road.

I am very much interested in getting a primary road through the state of Missouri, and running through our good little city, for it means in two or three years people in Missouri will be able to travel either North or South without getting mud on our cars.

It does look to me like that if people in this country where the land is very poor, the country rough and in not near as good condition as ours can afford to make the improvements in the roads they are making, that we, in a community of live, up to date business men, farmers and stock raisers, ought to by all means put our shoulders to the wheel and get into the permanent good roads game, for it must come sooner or later, and the sooner we get it the sooner we will add to our community and our business.

I find that in every thing else we are far in advance of a big part of the country I have gone through, and during this trip we have seen quite a few comical and interesting sights. Near Dixon, Ky., we came across a mail carrier delivering mail on a donkey, some of this mail being Christmas packages just being delivered.

We stopped over night in Dixon, and found very good food, and good bed. Also had Arbucks coffee, my first cup since I was a boy. The reason I know it was Arbucks, was that I saw the packages on the side table.

I also see they feed the mail carriers Donkey on Uncle Dick Bradleys Checker Board feed, or at least they use the empty bags for saddle blankets.

At Henderson, Ky., quite an interesting sight was to see wagon loads of leaf tobacco, drawn by from four to six horses, brought into market, and sold from three to seven cents per pound. Of course I wouldn't want this sold to our tobacco customers, as we are getting from seventy five cents per pound up.

I thought the days of clap boards to cover houses and barns was over, as I had not seen any since my uncle used one on me to get me up before five a. m., when I was a small boy.

Mrs. Hoxsey was very much interested in an old lady chewing tobacco, but I hardly think enough to try it herself.

In several places I was offered papers two and three days old by the paper sellers, same being fresh news to them, but I always told them I read the Ledger and Intelligencer the same day they were published.

When in St. Louis I renewed my membership in the Three "A" Automobile Club, the charges being only \$5.00 for out of town members. Address 3222 Locust St.

I would like to see Mexico organize a good Auto club, for a good Auto Club would be a mighty good benefit to us there, and also to bring trade and tourists into our city, which all means more money spent in Mexico.

I would suggest that Clarence Barnes be made president of the Club, and that a stenographer hired for three or four hours each day, to answer any inquiries or business of all kinds that might come up.

If you people will get together and organize such a club, I will offer you free space for a desk and typewriter at the Alamo Hotel for one year.

There are road questions coming up every day that would prove interesting to look after, and I am sure that every car owner in Audrain County could not help but feel interested in such a Club.

I have visited several Auto Clubs along the roads, and I find them both interesting and beneficial.

I trust I have not made this letter too lengthy for publication, and haven't taken up too much time with what we should do in Mexico, but I assure you this is from one that appreciates our little city, and wishes it well in every undertaking.

Will write you again when we arrive at our destination.  
Very truly yours,  
T. J. Hoxsey

## COURT HOUSE

### CIRCUIT COURT.

The case of the County of Audrain against James Muir filed in the circuit court Thursday is the first case filed by this county, according to E. F. Elliott, circuit clerk. The suit is one asking for reimbursement of \$749.65, appropriated by the county court for the care of Mrs. James Muir at the State Hospital at Fulton. At the time the county paid the money, Muir was unable to care for his wife in a financial way.

Since that time, the petition states Muir has accumulated property and money, and is now able to pay back what the county paid for the support of his wife.

The case will be taken up at the March term of court.

A petition of certiorari has been filed by E. F. Elliott circuit clerk, on a petition of W. S. Doolin under a writ of unlawful detainer, that the case of Alfred Larsen against W. S. Doolin, filed with Justice Hooton, be brought to the circuit clerk for trial during the March term of the circuit court.

In Larsen's petition to Justice Hooton, he charges that Doolin is keeping possession without force of the lower floor and basement of a building belonging to Larsen, after his time for having possession of the building has ended. Larsen is suing for possession of the building, and damages in the sum of \$100 a month and costs.

Three more cases have been filed in the circuit court to be tried at the March term of court. The cases are as follows:

Alfred Larsen against William Doolin—petition for certiorari.  
County of Audrain against James Muir.

Bank of Rush Hill against William P. Mollet—attachment.

The case of Wheeler Grant against the unknown heirs of Cassandra Buck was filed in the circuit court Tuesday. The case is to perfect title on the land on which the station at Thompson is built.

The case of Roy Bruce against the Chicago & Alton railroad company for damages was tried at the circuit court at Bowling Green on a change of venue from the Audrain County circuit court Tuesday. The case was won by Bruce, his lawyer being Frank Hollingsworth, prosecuting attorney of Audrain County. He sued for \$2500 damages, and was given \$1025 by the court.

Bruce was injured when he was driving a car at Vandalia in July 1919. He was crossing the tracks when he was struck by a locomotive.

### PROBATE COURT.

In the estate of Ben, Julia, Nellie, Ida May, Lorraine and Hazel Pierce, bonds were filed and approved.

In the estate of George E. Ferris, an application was made for letters of administration, bond fixed at \$20,000, given approved and Mrs. Alice M. Ferris and Robert Ferris appointed administrators.

In the estate of Hiram A. McHatten, the administratrix files inventory and appraisements.

In the estate of Mell R. Davis, the appraiser files a report showing a tax due of \$680.91, costs \$59.30 forwarded to the treasurer.

In the estate of Mrs. Sarah Philena Thornburg, Ethel Thornburg makes application for letters. Bond given in the sum of \$250.

In the estate of David E. Williams, G. E. Williams files a claim in the sum of \$15 waived.

In the estate of George E. Ferris, the administratrix files inventory and appraisements.

In the estate of George E. Ferris, the widow files a motion asking for \$300, as a yearly allowance.

In the estate of George E. Ferris, the widow files election to take the child part.

In the estate of George E. Ferris, a motion was filed asking for the sale of the personal property.

Walter Stinemeyer, well-known in Mexico, died Monday at the St. Josephine Hospital, in St. Louis according to word received here Tuesday. He was 33 years old. Mr. Stinemeyer was a hat salesman and has been making Mexico for many years.

Just unloaded a car of field fence, all sizes, that we offer at a special CASH discount while it lasts. MEXICO HARDWARE & FURN. CO. wit

Mrs. A. H. Whitney returned home Tuesday after a short visit with Prof. and Mrs. J. S. Morris at the Deaf School in Fulton.

We now have the agency for Lynn's Liver Pills. ALAMO DRUG CO., Buckner, Swan and Walls. wit

Just received a car of Swift's Tankage. We can save you money by selling off the car. PRODUCERS GRAIN CO. Phone 986. 142t w1

We have another car load of fine Ear Corn on track. Get our prices. WM. POLLOCK MILL & ELEV. CO. dlw1

## Coal Company To Invest Big Sum In Yard

The following from the Cincinnati Enquirer of Saturday will be of interest here as many of the officers and stockholders in the company mentioned are Mexico and Audrain citizens.

With many industries working part time and some closed entirely a great deal of interest is to be found in a statement issued Friday by Rush Meadows, Secretary and General Manager of the Mohio Coal and Mining Company, relative to the readjustments of coal prices during the next few months.

Stockholders of the company meeting last Monday passed a resolution increasing the capital stock of the company from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 and active preparations have been started by the company for entering there tail market for the purpose of supplying coal direct from the mine to the consumer.

The company is financed and officered largely by Cincinnati men and at the meeting Monday, following the election of directors, C. P. Malone was named President; G. A. McLoney, vice-president; A. H. Moore of McArthur, O., second vice-president, and Rush Meadows, secretary and Treasurer. The Finance Committee handling the increased capitalization is Sidney A. Loth, C. P. Malone and Rush Meadows. Mr. Meadows said:

"This increase in capitalization is for the purpose of raising money with which to purchase several retail yards and to install machinery and equipment for the purpose of supplying the retail trade of Cincinnati coal at a much reduced price. We feel that we will be able to do this in view of the fact that the consumer our own mines and we will therefore do away with the profits of the numerous middlemen. It is the intention of this company to spend possibly from three to four hundred thousand dollars in buying of properties and the installation of these retail yards. We are already under negotiation for some properties in Norwood and the central part of Cincinnati."

## Farm Prices Today Higher Than in '98

While prices for live stock and grain are today nothing like as high as they were during the war they are much above the prices being paid for such stuff in 1898.

The following market report from the Evening Ledger of February 27, 1898 will be of interest to everyone especially when compared to the market prices of today.

The report follows:  
Today's Chicago Stock Market, Feb. 27, 1898.

Miner & Co's private wire, Hiram Stevens, Manager.

HOGS—\$3,000 slow.  
Estimated 36,000  
Bulk 4:35 to 4:40  
Light 4:15 to 4:40  
Mixed 4:15 to 4:45

Heavy 4:15 to 4:25  
Rough 4:15 to 4:25  
Porkers 4:15 to 4:25  
Pigs \$3.65 to 4:20.

CATTLE—\$5,500 steady  
Beaves \$3.00 to \$6.00.  
Cows and heifers \$1.80 to \$4.90.  
Texans \$3.75 to 4:65  
Calves \$5.25 to 37:25  
Westerns \$4.00 to 4:75  
Stockers and feeders \$2.75 to 4:90

SHEEP—13,000 slow and weak  
Native \$3.25 to \$5:50  
Yearlings \$5:00 to \$6:25  
Western \$3:30 to \$5:50  
Lambs \$5:00 to \$6:80

## WED WEDNESDAY

Isaac Lyndal Rudasill and Miss Mary K. Henderson Are Married Wednesday.

Isaac Lyndal Rudasill, one of Audrain's prominent and popular young farmers, and Miss Mary K. Henderson, the charming and accomplished daughter of Chal Henderson, of Moline, were married at the home of the bride at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. H. B. Barka. Only immediate members of the families were present.

The marriage unites two splendid young people, both members of prominent county families. The Ledger joins their host of friends in extending best wishes and congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Rudasill, immediately following the ceremony, escaped in a motor car and left their destination a mystery.

THE TAX SITUATION.  
APPARENTLY, judging from the expression of those in the new state administration who have something to say in the matter, taxation in Missouri in the future will likely be on a different basis shortly.

Today the matter of taxation, both Federal and State, is one of universal interest where a few years ago we paid little attention to it because we had no war taxes to burden us.

We trust the state administration will succeed in securing an equitable arrangement of taxes and that the plan will meet the requirements of the public in such matters.

## PUBLIC SALE

1 mile north of Skinner; 6 miles north of Thompson; 12 miles northwest of Mexico and 12 miles northeast of Centralia, on

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Having rented my farm and will embark into another business, I will sell at public auction the following property:

80 HEAD OF LIVE STOCK 80  
10 HEAD HORSES AND MULES 10  
3 big draft mares and years old.  
2 in foal to Surber's big jack; 1 yearling saddle and driving colt; 2 coming 4-year-old mules, mare and horse; 1 coming 3-year-old horse mule; 1 coming 2-year-old mare mule; 2 mule colts, mare and horse. All this stuff good ones.

5 HEAD OF CATTLE 5  
1 Jersey cow, 6 years old, giving 2 gallons of milk a day; 1 Shorthorn cow, 4 years old, fresh soon, both good and gentle; 1 coming 2-year-old heifer showing calf; 1 yearling steer; 1 heifer calf from Jersey cow.

22 HEAD NATIVE EWES 22  
Yearling to 3 year old, bred to lamb about March 1.

41 HEAD OF HOGS 41  
Most all black Polands; 1 Big King Joe boar; 5 grade sows bred to King Joe; 8 grade gilts bred to Mitchell's kind Poland boar; 8 fat hogs weight about 225 pounds; 19 shoats, ranging in size from 100 to 160 pounds

135 HEAD OF WHITE LEGHORNS  
Mrs. De Jarnette kind and perhaps 18 Barred Plymouth Rocks, including 6 or 8 cockerels, chicken coops, nest eggs, etc. All the above stock is good stuff.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS.  
1 Miller and 1 Linstroth wagon; 1 low wheeled wagon with frame; 1 other hay frame; 1 triple gear feed grinder; 1 corn sheller; 1 6-foot Deering mower; 1 6-foot buncher; 1 8-foot Champion binder; 1 David Rankin 2-row cultivator; 1 Janesville Disk; 1 Brownsville Disk; 1 sulky and 1 gang plow, Sattleys; 3 walking plows, 12, 14, 16 inch; 1 Janesville cultivator; 1 16-foot harrow; 1 8-foot pulverizer; 1 road drag; 1 brand new John Deere planter, with check rower, automatic marker; 1 good broad cast seeder; several wagon and other tongues, single, double, 3-horse and 4-horse trees; lap rings; clevises; many bolts of various sizes; 200 pounds twine; troughs; tables, grind stone, emery stone, steel mole and rat traps.

OTHER TOOLS FOR FARM USE.  
Cider mill, pipe, dies and cutter; blacksmith's dies; tongs; steelyard; 8 hand saws; key hole, cross cut hack and meat saws, squares, hammers; broadax, ax chisels, galore, planes, plum and level, several braces and bits; extension bit, nail trowel, two spades, 4 shovels, 4 scoop shovels, 2 scoop boards, wagon jack, nails, steeples, drawing knife, rasp, punches, nippers, and pliers numerous, log chains, steeple puller and fence builder, hog feeder, single and big hog troughs, 1 4-horse gas engine, dipping tank, dips, auto jack, Chevrolet rear spring, Ford curtains and chains, vulcanizer, oil and water barrels, water jugs, 39 gals. heavy cylinder oil, 25 gallons kerosene and many other things too numerous to mention.

HARNES, SADDLE, WHIPS, ETC.  
Two sets team harness, 1 brand new; 3 sets chain harness; 1 set each, single and double buggy harness; heavy breast collar, heavy steel fork saddle, whips and riding bridle, 12 horse collars, 17 to 21 inch; 2 buggy and 1 spring wagon tongue; double and single harpoon forks; several hay and mower forks, horse clipper, 3 sets blades, 150 foot seine, door bell, cattle leader, picks, adz; 18 foot ladder, 1 6-foot ladder, diggers; other things too numerous to mention.

FEED AND SEED OATS.  
100 Bushels Seed Oats.  
40 bushels cane seed; 1400 bushels corn; 25 bushels white and yellow seed corn, last year's; 60 acre stalk field; also 25 cord sawed wood, stove length.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS.  
1000 pounds high patent flour, 150 quarts damson, peach pear, apple, gooseberry fruit; 4 gal corn; a lot of empty jars and cans; 2 bushel Irish potatoes, hickory nuts; 6-hole Bridge Beach cook stoves; 4 burner Perfection oil stove; a heating stove, in use a short time; a lot of cooking utensils, buckets, jars of different sizes, etc; 1 set dining room chairs, 2 dining room tables and several smaller tables; rocking chairs; incubators, bedstead, pictures, maps; sideboard, kitchen cabinet, dressers, center tables, hall tree, 2 9x12 Axminster rugs, good ones; Edison's phonograph, about 100 records, crokonele board, writing desk, telephone, etc. Most everything offered in sale are good ones.

TERMS:—7 months time, bankable note, 8 per cent interest on all sales of over \$10.00; \$10.00 and under cash. Any sale cash if you desire. Nothing to be removed until terms are complied with.

The ladies of the community will serve dinner, for the benefit of the Near East Relief fund. SALE BEGINS PROMPTLY 10 A. M. Come and spend the day with us, and take home many bargains. Come whether you buy or not. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

P. T. BRUCE

J. R. Brown and Joe Gregory, Auctioneers, Charles Householder and C. E. Spurling, Clerks.

## TAX MONEY IS APPORTIONED TO COUNTY SCHOOLS

Each year, a certain amount of money is given the schools in the state the amount varying with the number of pupils in the schools. The total amount is \$21,429.10. The following is a list of the districts in Audrain County, and the amount of money each gets:

Farber—\$1193.47  
Vandalia—\$1840.22  
New Michigan—\$153.41  
Boyd—\$146.22  
Oak Grove—\$62.29  
West Lick—\$134.47  
McClintic—\$100.78  
Laddonia—\$1509.79  
Elm Bend—\$87.16  
Bengles—\$63.66  
Fisher—\$364.76  
Botts—\$104.29  
Bean Creek—\$150.63  
Dye—\$139.23  
Ringo—\$72.78  
Hazel School—\$67.56  
Ellis—\$117.59  
Duly—\$146.53  
Speed—\$123.04  
Molino—\$195.30  
Goodwater—\$129.46  
Naylor—\$81.63  
Fox—\$124.98  
Gatewood—\$65.16  
Excelsior—\$171.98  
Lawson—\$108.62  
Burnham—\$184.39  
Strother—\$152.07  
Sames—\$85.00  
Macedonia—\$155.43  
Pisgah—\$137.89  
Canada—\$78.34  
Pine—\$74.55  
Daniel—\$129.53  
Skull Lick—\$62.58  
Harrison—\$177.05  
Highland—\$61.87  
High Hill—\$79.68  
Pleasant Green—\$61.88  
Payne—\$77.23  
Hurdle—\$62.02  
Carter—\$112.42  
Maple Grove—\$58.91  
Sims—\$138.91  
Jesse—\$144.03  
Mexico—\$7002.83  
Hedgedale—\$103.84  
Perrin's Lea—\$177.79  
Lawder—\$83.67  
Erisman—\$83.67  
Cauthorn—\$130.52  
Walker—\$41.41  
Rush Hill—\$342.92  
Eureka—\$152.05  
Edwards—\$141.25  
Hickory Grove—\$68.59  
Black—\$83.75  
Cornett—\$138.42  
Hall—\$102.88  
Culwell—\$154.74

Pleasant Plains—\$155.  
Crow—\$163.71  
South Carter—\$55.83  
Fennwald—\$25.54  
Prairie Chapel—\$19.52  
Chapel Grove—\$83.82  
South Liberty—\$46.64  
Crane—\$68.64  
Martinsburg—\$638.90  
Benton City—\$195.85  
Liberty—\$91.75  
Sunrise—\$124.53  
Washington—\$48.66  
Cedar Grove—\$145.95  
Beaver Dam—\$94.83  
Eller—\$64  
Union—\$53.33  
Hisey—\$153.83  
Gant—\$129.34  
Burke—\$101.66  
Flynt—\$80.35

P. A. Dent of Vandalia was in Mexico Thursday transacting business.

A. J. Shepard, of Monroe City, is the guest of his son W. F. Shepard, of this city. Mr. Shepard will dispose of his insurance business here immediately and join his father in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard's many friends will regret to see them leave Mexico but will join the Ledger in wishing them much happiness and success in their new home.

We have on track a car of choice Prairie Hay. Phone us for prices. WM. POLLOCK MILL & ELEV. CO. dlw1

Mrs. J. E. Haley of near Fulton arrived here Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ellis Crews.

Pure Country Sorghum in Barrels. Bring your pails. \$1.50 per gallon. d2 wit SMITH BROS. GROCERY.

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50 Head 50

15 Tried Sows 15 Fall Yearlings 20 Spring Gilts

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L's Liberator by Liberator  
High Point Jones by Gerstdale Jones  
Goliath by The A Wonder

Will sell a few Fall Boars, Sept. farrow by L's Liberator  
Come to this sale, stop at Morris' house as my guests  
GEORGE W. LENOIR



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An economy because it not only gives you a maximum of satisfaction in quality and taste, but because "Butter-Nut" bread is so delicious and palatable, and has such a big percentage of gluten, the health building property, that you are making strength for the future for every member of the family.

"Butter-Nut" Bread is the finest toast bread you can buy. It fulfills perfectly every bread requirement.

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## Zimmerman's Bakery

Mexico, Mo