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FARMERS' REVENUE 54 PER CENT LESS THAN LAST YEAR

JEFFERSON CITY, Sept. 27.—The prices paid to the producers of farm products are 54 per cent lower than one year ago, and 34 per cent lower than the average of the last ten years.

The state-wide average prices to producers, and also the prevailing prices paid by farmers in Central Missouri, as compiled jointly by E. A. Logan and Jewell Mayes of the Co-operating Crop Reporting Service, show that the Missouri farmer during August, 1921, received from 40 to 80 cents locally for corn (average 63 cents) that sold at the same time in 1920 for \$1.09 a bushel—a reduction of 62 per cent.

For hogs the farmer received \$13.50 a 100 pounds in 1920. He now receives \$8.56—which is 34 per cent less. The consumer pays approximately 32 per cents a pound for pork chops, for which he paid 42 cents in 1920—a reduction of only 24 per cent.

Cattle of all kinds for beef at the farm have been bringing approximately an average of \$5.75 a hundred pounds, against \$9.60 last year—a reduction of 40 per cent. Round steak in the central section of Missouri has been selling for 30 cents a pound, compared to 35 cents last year—a 14 per cent reduction.

The sheep man has been selling his stock at an average of \$9.36, against \$6.40 a hundred last year—a 48 per cent reduction. The butcher is selling leg of lamb for 35 cents a pound, against 40 cents last year—a 12 1/2 per cent reduction.

The Missouri wheat farmer on August 15, 1921, was getting \$1.01 a bushel for wheat that he sold in 1920 for \$2.37—a 57 per cent reduction.

The farmer bought flour for \$15 a barrel last year that he has lately been buying for \$7.50—a 50 per cent reduction. The city buyer of bread gets a 25 per cent reduction in a loaf increased one-third in its dough weight.

This same wheat farmer in buying a 14-inch riding plow for which he paid \$95 last year is charged \$75—21 per cent less.

Acid phosphate now costs \$25 a ton, bought last year for \$35—a reduction of 29 per cent. A mixed fertilizer today retailing at \$37.50 cost \$55 last year—a 32 per cent reduction.

If the farmer needs a 60-tooth smoothing harrow, he can now get it for \$23.50, against \$28 last year—a reduction of 16 per cent. A two-horse wagon cost \$125, against \$190 last year—a 34 per cent reduction.

Thompson Has Biggest Hail Storm in Years

Thompson had one of the heaviest hail storms Saturday night that they have had here in years. Hail fell for over an hour. Owing to the lateness of the season however very little damage was done to the crops.

The large amount of rain which has fallen in the past few days has caused some of the creeks around Mexico to be higher than they have been for a long time. In some places the water reached within a few feet of the bridges and some of the low lands were flooded.

OLDER GIRLS AT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY TAKE CARE OF THE YOUNGER ONES

COLUMBIA, Mo., September 22.—The girls of the senior class of the University of Missouri, at a meeting held recently, had assigned to them their "little sisters." The object of the "Big Sister" movement is to make the new girls feel more at home and to make them feel that they form a necessary part of University life.

Friendship is the first essential of a Big Sister, according to Miss Eva Johnston, adviser of women at the University of Missouri. The "Big Sister" makes her little sister feel at home. She also explains to her the traditions of the University so that she in turn will pass them on to others and there will gradually grow in their hearts a feeling of love and reverence for the institution.

Wellsville Couple Marry. Miss Nada Willis and Ernest Penn both of Wellsville were married at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Methodist Church. The Rev. W. C. Cowart performed the ceremony.

OTHER CITIES INTERESTED IN COUNTY FAIR

Much interest has been aroused in the talk about the Audrain County Fair, and letters have been received here by B. R. Middleton from several nearby towns anxious to have Mexico organize a fair and get in a short-ship circuit with this city.

Paris, Columbia, and Bowling Green, all are anxious to revive their fairs, and believe that with Mexico in they would have one month's showing that would be most attractive.

Mr. Middleton says that a great many people have come to him and talked to him about this proposition, and that it looks like something will likely develop shortly.

J. E. Fish Writes of Experiences in Washington

The following interesting letter has been received from John E. Fish of Mexico who is now in Washington, D. C. Mr. Fish is district passenger agent for the Chicago and Alton railroad.

Washington, D. C. Sept. 19, 1921.

My Dear Mitchell— I am beginning to doubt the efficiency of the secret service at Washington. I have been here now for seventeen hours, and there is not a word about it in the paper this morning. And nobody seems to be excited over it at all. The government is governing just the same as if I hadn't come. Maybe Sherlock Holmes has been around to give me the once over but he didn't say anything to me about it. Neither has the President manifested any undue interest in my presence. n. t. so you could notice it or say. I am waiting for word from the White House now, only nobody knows it but me. You see I am better informed than they are at the White House.

I had a fine auto trip around the city yesterday. The Rev. George A. Miller pastor of the Ninth Street Christian Church, went to college at Eureka, where I attended, and he very generously showed me around yesterday. When I went to his church last night and donated much when the plate came around.

I am going in the boat down to Mount Vernon this morning and trolley back through Alexandria. Want to see where George Washington attended Masonic Lodge. Also his paw in the church at Alexandria.

The boat leaves at ten. So goodby. JOHN E. FISH.

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM MISSOURI UNIVERSITY HAS RECORD ATTENDANCE

COLUMBIA, Mo., Sept. 22.—More than half of the states in the United States are represented by students taking courses in the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri. At present there are enrolled students from twenty-nine states, and the District of Columbia, Canada, the Philippine Islands, China and India. The States from which students come are: Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Kentucky, Arkansas, Colorado, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Carolina, California, Nebraska, Alabama, Wisconsin, Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, Wyoming, Maryland and West Virginia.

The enrollment is a 25 per cent increase over that of last year. There are more than 800 taking courses in Journalism, of whom more than 200 are interested primarily in Journalism. The University of Missouri School of Journalism has the largest attendance of any school of journalism in the country.

RAILROADS GIVE SPECIAL RATES TO CONFEDERATES DURING CONVENTION

The Railroads of the Southeastern Passenger Association have decided that confederate veterans and their families who wish to attend the thirty-first annual convention of Confederate Veterans, which will be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., October 24 and 25 may travel to the convention at the rate of one cent a mile.

Will Hold Election. The State Eleemosynary Board will meet in Jefferson City Monday, October 10th to elect superintendents and stewards for the institutions under their direction and attend to other important business.

Will P. Goodfather of Vandalia was a Mexico visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Simcoe of Omaha were in Mexico Sunday.

Getting Acquainted

The farmer who comes to town on Thursdays should make it a point to attend the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at noon of that day.

The business men of Mexico who gather every Thursday noon are always glad to welcome the farmer. Not only because they are glad to be his host but because they would like to have him come and see what the organization is doing and learn more of its activities.

The Chamber of Commerce is working pretty much along the same lines the farmer's organization. Co-operation between the two would be of material benefit to the county.

The next time you are in town on Thursday Mr. Farmer attend the Chamber of Commerce luncheon with one of your merchant friends. You'll be more than welcome.

L. Mitchell White

LLOYD CARTER IS VICTOR IN MATCH WITH JESS WHEAT

The wrestling match between Lloyd Carter and Jess Wheat Thursday night was won by Carter. The first fall was won by Carter who threw his opponent in twenty-nine minutes using the head scissors and hammerlock holds. The second fall was won by him in sixteen minutes using the toe hold.

The preliminary match between Ray Spencer of Laddonia and Fred Reed of Fulton was won by Reed. The first fall was won by Spencer, the second by Reed and the third was forfeited by Spencer who had a badly cut hand. The match was refereed by Lloyd Carter.

Former Hardin Girl to Marry M. M.A. Football Man

The engagement of Miss Marguerite Nichols, who attended Hardin College last year, to Tom McDonald, football captain at Missouri Military Academy last season, has been announced. The marriage will take place in Arkansas next month.

FIRST "LITTLE EVA" NOW SEVENTY-THREE YEARS OLD

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., September 26.—The original "Little Eva" of the first production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was discovered here in the person of Mrs. Cordelia Howard MacDonald.

Mrs. MacDonald who is 73 years old, first played the part of "Little Eva" in Troy, N. Y., in 1852, when she was four years old. Today, despite her age she moves about with the grace of one much younger and takes a keen interest in affairs.

George C. Howard, Mrs. MacDonald's father, was manager of the old Museum theatre where "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was first produced. Howard himself took the part of St. Cloud, the planter, while Mrs. Howard played Tony, and her mother, Mrs. Emily Fox was in the role of Ophelia. Geo. Aiken, nephew of Mrs. Fox, dramatized Harriet Beecher Stowe's book.

SALLIE E. PEASE ENJOYING TRIP THROUGH WEST

The following letter has been received from Mrs. Sallie E. Pease who is visiting in Portland, Ore. Dear Ledger: I thought I would drop you a few lines. We are here at Portland, Ore., arrived day before yesterday evening. We have had a fine trip and fine weather. It has been five months and seven days since we left dear old Mexico. Have seen some beautiful scenery and wonders of nature, also some very pretty mountain scenery in Colorado, in Estes Park and Yellowstone National Park and also in Boulder, Canon. We have been on top of Pike's Peak and took the skyline drive. We expect to leave this morning for California to see my brother, who lives at Fresno.

SALLIE E. PEASE.

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A. J. Paris left, Thursday, for Mo. hall, N. D. While in Mexico he had been the guest of his sisters, Mrs. C. E. Frazier and Miss Paris.

Irvin Maddox spent Friday in Fulton on business.

BOARD OF APPEALS HOLDS MEETING IN MEXICO THIS WEEK

The Audrain County Board of Equalization was in session Monday and Tuesday as a board of appeals to hear any complaints of those who felt that their property valuation was too high. A number appeared before the board to give reasons why they considered assessments to high but as yet no action has been taken.

Many did not understand that the board is not seeking to raise the amount of county revenue this year but are trying to keep it about the same. The county revenue levy this year was reduced from forty cents to twenty cents, so to keep the revenue about the same it was necessary to raise property valuations correspondingly. The lowering of the tax rates does not apply to road or school taxes.

EDITOR OF FARM PAPER ATTENDS THE A. M. DUFF SALE

Walter Miller, editor of a farm paper in Kansas City, was in Mexico Monday to attend the A. M. Duff sale which will be held Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Miller brought with him several reporters who will cover the sale which is a large one. Fred Reppert of Kansas City will act as auctioneer.

WOMEN TO ATTEND WORLD PRESS CONGRESS IN HONOLULU

Two women will represent the Missouri Press Association at the world press congress in Honolulu. They are Miss Anna E. Nolan of Monroe City and Miss Caddie Albertain of Jefferson City. They were chosen at the convention of the association which was held last week in Excelsior Springs.

Work on Septic Tank in Progress

Work on the septic tank has been going on now for about a week and is well organized. William V. Veach, of Kansas City representing Black and Veach, consulting engineers, arrived in Mexico Monday to inspect the work. Mr. Barrett, of Reed and Wheelock Company of Clay Center, Kansas, is in charge of it.

Insures Wedding Day. HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 23.—An insurance policy for \$500 against unfavorable weather on his wedding day was issued to a Boston man by a local insurance company recently.

The bridegroom had declared he wished to avoid extra expense should rain alter the carrying out of arrangements. The company found the risk a good one, as the sun shone on the bride couple and the stars twinkled as they left on their honeymoon.

Snowfall in Iowa. MASON CITY, Ia., September 22.—What is believed to have been the earliest snow in history for Iowa fell here Monday. For a few minutes large flakes dropped on the roofs of the taller buildings and a few made their way to the streets. Residents were busy cleaning out furnaces Monday night, but the mercury mounted to 83 degrees at noon Tuesday.

Two boys, charged with riding the slot machine in the Station at Martinsburg, were brought to Mexico Tuesday by the Wabash agent. They were placed in the county jail.

MRS. J. S. TEAGUE DIES IN HOSPITAL IN ST. LOUIS SAT.

Mrs. J. S. Teague, 122 S. Coal street died at 10 o'clock Friday night at a hospital in St. Louis. The body arrived here Saturday morning.

Mrs. Teague was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. White of Boone County and was fifty-one years old. She became a member of the Christian Church when she was thirteen years old and has been a loyal worker in that organization ever since. She was married ten years ago to Mr. Teague. She is survived by her husband, two brothers, Ross White of Fira, Mo., and J. V. White of Francis, Mo., and a sister, Mrs. Stella Ady of Mexico.

She was well known here and in Boone County where she spent her girlhood. The Ledger extends its deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of Mrs. Teague.

The funeral of Mrs. J. S. Teague, who died at 10 o'clock Friday night at a hospital in St. Louis, was held at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon at her home on South Coal street. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. W. Emerson.

Over 500 Masons Attend Meeting Of Grand Lodge

More than 5000 Masons and their friends recently assembled in the coliseum to take part in the centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Missouri A. F. and A. M. This meeting was the largest held by the Grand Lodge during its two-day centennial ceremony. The regular session, which opened at the Alhambra Grotto, 2626 South Grand avenue, was adjourned with the installation of officers.

Gov. Arthur M. Hyde was the principal speaker at the celebration. Reinald Warrenrath, baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Company, gave the largest part of the musical program. The Coliseum was decorated with blue and white bunting and shields, bearing the Masonic emblem.

INVITATIONS TO VEILED PROPHET BALL ARE ISSUED THIS WEEK

Mexicans, who are going to attend the Veiled Prophet ball this year, received their invitations this week. The invitations are inclosed on black leather portfolios containing correspondence stationery. The portfolios are almost lacking in ornamentation but are among the most beautiful ever sent out by the veiled prophet.

More invitations have been sent to persons living outside of St. Louis this year but the total number of invitations is said to be smaller.

THREE MEXICO BOYS HONORED AT WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

Three Mexico boys and former students of the McMillan High School here have been recently honored in Westminster College at Fulton, in the election of a committee to revise and draft a new constitution for the student body of the college. Guy Pitts, Wm. Walker Johnson and Curtis Mitchell were elected to the committee which is composed of five members of the student organization.

The old constitution was found to be out of date and insufficient to meet the need of the organization and a campaign by various members of the student body resulted in its abolition. All of the above Mexico boys were active in the campaign which was instigated to remove the evil of school politics from the student body elections.

MEXICO BOY TO HELP EDIT WESTMINSTER ANNUAL

FULTON, Mo., Sept. 24.—Stanley M. Wilson, of near Mexico, who is attending Westminster College at Fulton, Mo., has been selected as one of the editors on the Blue Jay, a student annual published at that college.

Mr. Wilson is one of the most popular members of his class and his selection as editor of the Life department of the annual is an indication of his ability.

BOYS CHARGED WITH RIFLING SLOT MACHINE AT MARTINSBURG STATION

Two boys, charged with riding the slot machine in the Station at Martinsburg, were brought to Mexico Tuesday by the Wabash agent. They were placed in the county jail.



LOUIS LEEPER
Audrain County Boy Killed in Battle of Argonne Forest Buried Monday.

Audrain County Soldier Buried in Mexico Mon.

The funeral of Louis Leeper, who lost his life in France during the war, was held at 2:30 Monday afternoon. Members of the James Bledsoe Post of the American Legion escorted the body from McPheeters Undertaking Parlor to the cemetery. The Rev. A. A. Wallace conducted the service in the absence of the Rev. W. C. Cowart who is post chaplain.

The love and esteem with which Louis Leeper, who was killed in the battle of Argonne Forest, is remembered in Audrain County, was shown by the large number which attended his funeral Monday. A number of his friends and members of the American Legion escorted the body to the cemetery where a crowd was waiting.

The Rev. A. A. Wallace had charge of the service. Members of the American Legion attended the funeral in a body but the funeral was not a military one, owing to the request of the family.

Mr. Leeper's brothers, Charlie Leeper of Tulsa, Okla., and Elmer Leeper of St. Louis will arrive in time for the funeral. His sister, Mrs. R. L. McClellan of St. Louis is already here.

Louis Leeper enlisted and was sent to Camp Funston for training. He was later sent to Camp Merritt, N. J. where he was transferred to the Third Division, with which organization he served until his death. He went into active service with the shock troops at the front and was killed Oct. 7, 1918, during the Argonne defensive, when he was on his way back to rest camp.

He was thirty-one years old at the time of his death. Mr. Leeper had many friends in Mexico and vicinity, who loved him for his thoughtfulness for others and his thoughtfulness for others and his modest patriotism.

Readsville Woman Bitten By Large Copperhead Snake

While out in her garden, near Readsville, Monday evening, Mrs. Cecil Gilman was bitten on the foot, just above the top of her low shoes, by a copperhead snake, Mrs. Gilman was alone at the time and she hastened to the house and bound the limb tightly and then telephoned for aid. Roy Gilman was in Readsville at the time and took Dr. Obergon with him to the house, where first aid was rendered and she was then placed in his car and brought to the County Hospital by Roy Gilman.

The limb is better now and it is believed that with the prompt attention given it the bite will not be serious.

A negro man killed the snake. It was a very large copperhead, about three feet long and thick.—Fulton Daily Sun.

NATION TO OBSERVE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AS GREAT PEACE DAY

The nation will be expected to lay aside its work and devote November 11, Armistice Day, to doing homage to the unknown dead in the Great War, and to giving vent to American longings for disarmament as a symbol of what the world hopes for from the international conference on armaments that opens in Washington that day.

A holiday nation-wide will be proclaimed on that day by the government. It was announced from the White House Wednesday—not for merrymaking and sports but for solemn commemoration of the day when the war ended.

C. OF C. ENDORSES POULTRY ASS'N.; GUARANTEES \$100

The Chamber of Commerce endorsed the Audrain County Poultry, which was organized here Tuesday, at the regular weekly luncheon Thursday. The organization guaranteed the poultry association the sum of \$100 in helping them put on a poultry show here this year.

Prof. A. Gorrell explained the work which the poultry association will try to do and the benefit it will be to the people of Mexico and the county. The association will endeavor to interest the people in raising pure bred poultry, which will be of financial value to them when the chicken hatchery is established here, as higher prices will be paid for eggs from pure bred flocks.

The Chamber of Commerce decided to advertise for rooms for October 6, 7, and 8 as it is the opinion that the hotels will be unable to accommodate the crowds which will be in Mexico at that time for the round up and the convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. It was also decided to establish an information bureau for the conveniences of the visitors.

The present service rendered by the telephone company was discussed.

Henry Schaible Dies at Sister's Home Friday

Henry C. Schaible, son of Mrs. M. B. Schaible died about 9:30 Friday morning, at the home of his sister Mrs. John Martin of Missouri Avenue. Besides his mother he leaves four sisters, Mrs. Walker of Galveston, Tex.; Mrs. Lydia Schaible, Mrs. L. N. Kester and Mrs. John Martin of Mexico.

The funeral of Henry Schaible who died Friday was held Sunday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Martin on Missouri Avenue. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. A. Wallace. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery.

HENRY PARKER IS COMMANDER OF STATE LEGION

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., September 21.—At the concluding session of the state convention of the American Legion here officers were elected, as follows:

Commander, Dr. Henry Parker, Warrensburg; first vice commander, Al Schaller, Columbia; second vice commander, Maj. John Mayberry, Cape Girardeau; third vice commander, William F. Hurst, St. Joseph; fourth vice commander, Dr. M. P. Ravenel, Columbia; fifth vice commander, Mitchell Charno, Kansas City; adjutant, Edward J. Cahill, Kansas City, re-elected.

Heretofore there has been but one vice commander and the constitution was amended to provide for five. E. Q. Teby, Kansas City, was named interim officer.

Other officers are: Chaplain, Rev. Robin Gould, Moberly; sergeant-at-arms, Jerry Dugan, St. Louis; judge advocate, Louis F. Cook, Jefferson City; national committeeman, J. Pierce Kam, Kansas City.

Hannibal was named as the place for holding the state convention in 1922.

VANDALIA YOUNG COUPLE MARRY HERE THURSDAY

The marriage of Miss Sadie Collins of Vandalia to Blamett A. Pollard also of Vandalia took place at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of Dr. A. A. Wallace who performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Pollard has lived in Vandalia for several years and has many friends there and in Mexico. Mr. Pollard was born at Bowling Green but has been in business in Vandalia for some time.

The Ledger joins the many friends in wishing them much happiness and success.

Opens Kindergarten. Miss Mary Barks has opened a kindergarten in her Community Room. Miss Barks calls for the children in an automobile and brings them home at noon. There are now eleven children enrolled in the school.

W. H. Bess of Laddonia was in Mexico Wednesday.