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HEAD-ON COLLISION NEAR MEXICO THURS.

Engineer B. M. Pulliam, of Slater, is in the Audrain Hospital suffering from injuries received at 5 a. m. Thursday when extra Chicago & Alton freight No. 335 met head-on extra freight 809 between Laddonia and Rush Hill due to a lap in order according to Conductor R. A. Markwell, of Mexico, in charge of extra 335.

Pulliam was picked up on the right-of-way and was so dazed he had no idea how he got there. His fireman, S. B. Allison, of Slater, jumped when he saw the accident imminent. The crew of the engine pulling extra 809, C. Horner, Slater engineer, and Homer Robinson, Mexico fireman, also jumped and escaped unhurt. Conductor G. C. Troy, was in charge of extra 809.

The two engines and nine cars were destroyed and traffic over the line was delayed for the day while the wreckage was being cleared away. The track at this point runs in a straight line over the prairie. However the head lights of the engines can be seen for several miles and at night the distance between trains is impossible to gauge. This made it impossible to suspect collision until the trains were virtually together. It is believed that Mr. Pulliam is hurt internally but not seriously. No bones were broken.

The petition of E. H. Holtkamp for a writ of habeas corpus for the custody of his step-son, C. C. Tongate, was upheld by the court here Friday morning after hearing testimony covering several hours. The court recognized Mr. Holtkamp's claim on the ground that he had legal claim to the custody of the child.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gonder, grandparents of the child have filed a suit asking for permission to adopt the child and this will be heard during the November term of court.

Mrs. Holtkamp, mother of the child, was married to Clyde Tongate, who died in 1916. The widow became the wife of E. H. Holtkamp in 1918 and died on October 16, 1922 after a long illness.

The Hot Springs, South Dakota papers recently carried an article telling of the serious injury of Miss Katherine Bass, niece of Mr. and Mrs. John Bass and Miss Emma Bass of Mexico. Miss Bass attended school here two years ago.

Her many friends here will regret to hear of the accident and wish for her speedy recovery.

VANDALIA TO VOTE ON BONDS FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL NOV. 14

The Vandalia Board of Education has adopted a resolution the substance of which is that an election will be held on November 14 at which time the qualified voters are asked to authorize the Board to issue bonds to the amount of \$70,000 or less, the proceeds of which will be used for the purchase of four blocks of land and the erection on a modern high school building.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETS IN COURTHOUSE SATURDAY EVENING

Judge W. W. Botts discussed the nineteen amendments to the constitution which will be voted on in November at a meeting of the Democratic Women's Club Saturday evening in the Circuit Court room. Judge E. A. Shannon explained the blanket ballot which will be used. A letter was read from Mrs. M. R. Wise now at the Democratic headquarters in St. Louis urging the women to get out and vote. A letter from C. M. Hays was also read.

Miss Sarah Culbertson and Miss Roy Ellen Stewart hiked from Mexico to Fulton Sunday and were the guests of Miss Culbertson's uncle, M. V. Harrison.

Mrs. Edgar Eisenberg spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. E. S. Wilson at Williams Wood College at Fulton.

Donnell Pearson of Mexico was one of the eighteen men chosen by Coach Jim Pixlee to go to Marshall to meet the eleven of Missouri Valley College. The Game took place Friday afternoon.

Mrs. H. A. Precht has returned from St. Louis where she has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. J. O'Keefe.

Mrs. William Ramsey has gone to Boston to join her husband.

Ledger Features

Have you noticed that the Ledger gives you regularly an interesting serial story to read. You'll enjoy it especially during the long winter evenings.

There there is the stock page with news of value to the farmer. The Courthouse news that is of deep interest to the taxpayer, as well as county correspondence and other interesting news.

We want the news of church and farm in the country and we hope you'll see we get it.

F. Mitchell White

Code Committee Prepares Report Upon Taxation

JEFFERSON CITY, Oct. 24.—The constitutional convention committee on taxation has practically agreed upon these salient features: Abolition of the State Board of Equalization and vesting of its authority in the State Tax Commission.

Provision for legislative classification of property for taxation. Granting authority to cities to levy a library tax up to 20 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Exempting from taxation bonds of the state and municipalities. Granting authority to cities to create revolving funds for the purpose of financing public improvements of streets.

Fixing the limit of taxation for city and county at practically the limit that exists at present.

Authorizing the legislature to make provision for the reforestation of denuded timber lands in the state. Making provision for the legislature to apply the same corporation tax and fees to "common law trusts" that are now charged by the state for business corporations and associations.

Requiring all municipal bonds that are issued for public benefits to fall due in serial numbers annually.

The taxing power of the City of St. Louis as it exists at present is not interfered with.

MEXICO WOMEN VISIT SYNODICAL COLLEGE TUESDAY

Thirty-seven members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church went to Fulton Tuesday and spent the day at Synodical College. The party arrived at about 11 o'clock and invited the faculty and students of the school to be their guests at the dinner which they had brought with them. The meal was served by the visitors in the college dining room.

Many of the women had visited the college before but not since the improvements on the interior of the building had been made.

Those making the trip were:

Mrs. Alonzo Pearson, Mrs. Wallace Dearing, Mrs. Frank Beam, Mrs. E. L. Cass, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. J. E. Streif, Mrs. W. C. Johnson, Miss Elizabeth Parker, Miss Frances Botts, Mrs. Winscott, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. A. A. Wallace, Mrs. Jeter Crews, Mrs. C. C. Heizer, Miss Lydia Botts, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Alvin Dallmeyer, Mrs. Ned Turner, Mrs. J. W. Gallaher, Mrs. W. W. Botts, Mrs. Cogswell, Mrs. E. A. Dearing, Mrs. Herbert Tucker, and Mrs. C. E. Leeper. Rev. A. A. Wallace, C. C. Heizer and Mr. Cogswell.

Mrs. H. Llewellyn, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. H. D. Shroul, Mrs. E. Maddox, Mrs. E. W. Cone, Miss Elizabeth Parker, Miss Frances Botts, Miss Ida Rhea Pearson, Miss Retha Pease and Frank Dearing.

Organized Klu Klux Klan. Klu Klux Klan with 150 members has just been organized at Holden.

The organization does not announce its object, but judging from the citizens of Holden who joined, it is declared to be an organization to bring about law enforcement in that city and vicinity. Members of the organization, clad in white and masked, visited the Methodist Church Sunday, listened to the sermon and after adjournment dropped \$25 into the contribution plate. The visit of the masked people created considerable excitement.

Filed Suit. Thoma J. Roberts has filed suit in the circuit court here against Joseph B. Botkin for \$1,180 over a contract.

WANTED!
The Ledger wants the news about Children's Day exercises, church reunions, family reunions, weddings, births, deaths, stock items, poultry items, farm club news, etc. These matters become part of our country history because they are preserved in the files of the Ledger. Do your family or your neighborhood a service by writing or phoning the Ledger about local happenings.

MEXICO COUPLE ARE MARRIED IN KANSAS CITY

Mr. Stanley Peters received a telephone message Tuesday afternoon telling of the marriage of Miss Alice Graham to Wayne Rodenbaugh, which took place at the home of the bridegroom's aunt in Kansas City Monday morning. The young couple were in Tulsa when they telephoned Mrs. Peters, on their way to Martin, Okla., where they will make their home.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Graham of Mexico. She is a graduate of McMillan High School and was a student at Hardin College this year. She is an attractive young woman with a large number of friends.

Mr. Rodenbaugh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rodenbaugh of Mexico and attended high school here. For some time he was employed at the A. P. Green Fire Brick Company and at the present time has a splendid position in Martin, Okla.

The message of their marriage will be a surprise to their many friends here who will join the Ledger in wishing them much happiness and offering congratulations.

A Pleasant Birthday.

A most enjoyable day was spent at the home of Henry Barker at Benton City Sunday, when his children and friends came in to surprise him on his eighty-third birthday. After a most beautiful dinner the evening was spent in conversation. All left wishing Mr. Baker many more happy birthdays.

One of the best exhibitions of fighting spirit ever seen on the gridiron here was shown Friday afternoon when McMillan, with two of its star players out of the line held the fast Slater team to a score of 9 to 12. This score is counted as almost a victory by the followers of the McMillan team. The loss of its captain, Elihu Stanberry, who suffered a broken leg in scrimmage this week, was a heavy blow to the home team and the fact that Harry McClure, fullback was also unable to play was another one. But in spite of this team went on the field and played a clean fighting game from whistle to whistle.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Dunn of New Bloomfield have leased the Laddonia Hotel from Mr. and Mrs. Banta for an indefinite period. They will take possession the latter part of the week. Besides bring an expedited hotel proprietor, Mrs. Dunn is a milliner and hopes to open a hat shop in Laddonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Banta will make their home in Moberly.

R. G. Anthony, one of the oldest residents of Callaway County died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Tackett Sunday afternoon. Mr. Anthony had had several paralytic strokes during the summer. He was 91 years old. Mr. Anthony had lived in Callaway County for fifty years.

There will be a pie and box supper given by the Cedar Grove Sewing Club Friday evening. Program. Public cordially invited. 250-3t wt.

SANTA FE IS STARTING TO EXPAND ROAD

The purchase of 160 acres for extra track space in Kansas City by Santa Fe railroad is believed to be the first step in a movement to expand which will include the extension of their line through Mexico into St. Louis.

The Santa Fe has already made several surveys through the northern part of Mexico to locate their proposed route into the state's metropolis, and it is generally understood that the war halted the work of extending the line as the material, in part, had been bought.

From indications, those who claim to know, say the extension through Mexico is but a matter of a short time.

DISEASE AFFECTING DOGS HERE

A disease resembling hydrophobia has appeared among dogs here lately in several instances. Several weeks ago, R. M. Painter, city marshal, killed a stray dog which apparently was mad, and had attacked the dog belonging to J. H. Haskell and several others. About a week ago Mr. Haskell's dog was taken sick and several days ago died. The dog did not seem to be vicious but frothed at the mouth and had other symptoms of rabies. The animal was an English terrier, and a favorite with the family.

The dog belonging to Arthur Berger is sick and one belonging to K. Dick is being kept in confinement as it has been sick several days and the veterinarian pronounces that it has hydrophobia in a mild form. Mr. Dick is somewhat of the opinion that someone has poisoned the dog.

Wednesday Mr. Painter was called out on Ladd Street by some negroes who said that they had a mad dog. Mr. Painter went into the back yard where the animal was kept and it rushed at him and appeared to absolutely madd. Mr. Painter shot the animal and also a cat and another dog belonging to the same people.

A cow belonging to G. A. Roe became sick this week and seemed to be affected with the same disease, and is believed to have been bitten by one of the dogs. The animal died and its head was sent away for examination but no report has yet been received.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilkins received a cablegram Wednesday morning telling of the marriage of their daughter, Helen, to Carr Eubank in Shanghai, China. The marriage took place at the home of the bridegroom's aunt. Mrs. Proctor.

Miss Wilkins left for Shanghai September 28th on the Empress of Australia but after being at sea three days, the vessel was forced to return to Vancouver on account of engine trouble. The passengers and cargo were transferred to the Empress of Asia which sailed the following day. Miss Wilkins is one of Mexico's most attractive and popular girls and has a large number of friends here who will wish her much happiness.

Seven more cases have been added to the November docket of the Audrain County Circuit Court. They are as follows: F. R. Ebert et al. v. Charles H. Puls, suit on note. J. Garrett Barnes v. George N. Felgar, suit on note. Cleve Smith v. R. F. Whitworth et al., suit on note. Cleve Smith et al. v. Warner Debo, suit on note. Cleve Smith et al. v. J. W. McCoy, suit on note. Harry v. Dicus by guardian v. Ursie L. Dicus, suit for divorce. Eula Bell Litterall by next friend v. Claudie Litterall, suit for divorce.

In the case of Eula Bell Litterall v. Claudie Litterall, the plaintiff being under age asks the clerk of the Circuit court appoint her mother, Cassie Kollerhals as her next friend for the purpose of instituting said suit. In the petition she gives cruelty and non support as grounds for her action. Mrs. Kollerhals was appointed as next friend.

Mrs. J. E. Streif, Mrs. Jack Denner and Mrs. Berencie Cohn went to St. Louis Wednesday morning.

J. W. Gallaher went to Fulton Wednesday morning.

MAY HOLD NEXT MEETING IN MEXICO

The invitation of the Mexico Chamber of Commerce to the King's Daughters to hold their next annual state meeting in Mexico was accepted at the conference in Columbia this week. No action has been taken on this matter by the board of that organization here but as the matter stands now the meeting next November will be here. It will be quite an honor for Mexico to have this convention next year as it was held here only two years ago.

About fifty-seven attended the meeting in Columbia October 17, 18 and 19. Mrs. Paul Coil was elected a member of the executive board for a period of one year and Mrs. W. J. Rixey and Mrs. C. F. Clark were made members of the board of directors of the Home for three years.

Those attending the meeting from Mexico were: Mrs. E. D. Graham, Mrs. J. F. Griffie, Mrs. A. S. Houston, Mrs. C. F. Street, Mrs. John Lane, Mrs. W. R. Sallee, Mrs. S. M. Hager, Mrs. W. W. Williams, Mrs. E. L. Cass, Miss Lida Botts, Mrs. Commodore Johnson and Mrs. Paul Coil.

STATE U. D. C. NAMES OFFICERS—COLUMBIAN IS PRESIDENT OF BODY

MOBERLY, Mo., Oct. 21.—Mrs. S. C. Hunt of Columbia, was re-elected president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Missouri department, at an election of officers held this morning at the Fourth Street Methodist Church. Other officers elected were as follows: First vice-president, Mrs. B. Leibstadler; Kansas City; second vice-president, Mrs. J. M. (Butterlick) Moberly; third vice president, Mrs. T. W. Doherty, Cape Girardeau; recording secretary, Mrs. A. C. Meyer, St. Louis; corresponding secretary, Mrs. B. C. Hunt, Columbia; registrar, Mrs. Fred Hoffman, Sedalia; historian, Mrs. Eva Williams, Oak Grove; recorder of crosses, Mrs. C. B. Hurck, St. Louis; director of children's chapters, Mrs. B. C. Bascom, St. Louis; chaplain, Mrs. O'Bannon, St. Louis.

SONG COMPOSED BY MEXICO GIRL IS SUNG ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES

Last year at the county conference of the Older Boys and Girls of Audrain County the words of a song were composed by Miss Virginia Pearson to be sung at the meeting. At the opening meeting of the conference here Friday evening. Miss Lottie Mae Bose, associate State young people's superintendent said that this song was now being sung by the Young People's Association all over the United States and had been used in the State conferences in Ohio and Indiana.

Mrs. R. R. Buckner and Miss Mary Buckner are visiting in Excelsior Springs for ten days.

Charles Turner, of Western Audrain, was in this city on business Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Martens of Rush Hill and Albert Blaue of Wellsville were admitted to the hospital Wednesday.

Miss Mary Gay Fonville left Wednesday for her home in Greensboro, Ala., after spending a few days with Miss Polly Miller.

Judge and Mrs. E. A. Shannon have returned from a short visit to Kansas City.

Sam Burns has returned from St. Louis where he was on business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pilcher are home from a visit in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Yates of Williamsburg were the Sunday Guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Arnold. Mrs. Yates is Mr. Arnold's sister.

The Dana Press Club at Columbia entertained with a tea from 3 to 5 o'clock Friday afternoon at the chapter house in honor of its chaplain, Mrs. C. C. Hammond of Mexico. Among those who assisted was Miss Elizabeth Green, also of Mexico.

Mrs. A. H. Whitney has been visiting in Jefferson City where she has been widely entertained by her many friends there.

Mrs. A. P. Green spent the weekend in Columbia the guest of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Green, who is attending the University.

Ray H. Beagles of Laddonia was a Mexico visitor Thursday.

Ivan Ashworth of Moberly was in Mexico Saturday on business.

F. A. Morris has returned from a business trip to Shawnee, Okla.

C. C. Heizer and family motored to Fulton Tuesday to visit Synodical college and attend Synod.

WILL BUILD NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM

It was decided at the congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon that a committee be appointed to make arrangements for the building of a Sunday School room, which when completed, will cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000. It is probable that the building will be erected on the site of the present parsonage and the Pasqueth property recently purchased by the church will in the future be used as the manse.

Three new elders were chosen they are: C. E. Leeper, Robert Brown and R. G. Woodson. The elders now in office are: Wallace Dearing, S. D. Stocks, Frank Parker, C. C. Heizer, J. C. Pasqueth and J. G. Moore.

Five deacons were chosen: H. R. Schuessler, J. B. DeVault, L. A. Beach, Jeter Crews and J. Harrison Brown. Those now elders are: George Will Robertson, R. M. White, A. P. Green, R. A. Markwell, Earle Brown, E. L. Cass, Charles Clark, L. McF. Gamble, C. E. Leeper, J. W. Gallaher and Harry McGee, Mr. Leeper, by his election as elder will cease to be a member of the board of deacons.

The quarters now occupied by the Presbyterian Church are not adequately equipped to care for a large Sunday School doing active progressive work. Many of the classes are crowded and the new building will be of great help to the school in carrying on its work efficiently.

Visits Nine Schools.

Ed C. Offutt, county school superintendent, visited nine rural schools in Audrain County this week and found all of them doing good work. Good Water has a new building this year and last week held a carnival at which they cleared \$68.

Many of the schools are already busy preparing programs for Education Week which will be observed throughout the nation December 3 to 10. The purpose of this week is to draw the attention of the public to the schools.

Milford Berrey, who with his wife went to Lexington Ky., about two weeks ago to visit a sick half-brother has undergone an operation for appendicitis. News of his illness was received by his relatives in Mexico. He is getting along nicely and physicians say he may be able to return to Mexico in a couple of weeks. Mr. Berrey lives about three miles north of Mexico.

Mrs. J. S. Snidow is quite ill.

The Singer Sewing Machine office is now in charge of Lou Eisele who came to Mexico from Centralia. The Ledger welcomes him to Mexico.

O. H. Ernest of Springfield is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Boyd.

Mrs. R. G. Crawford and Mrs. John Surgett, both of McCredie, and Mrs. M. E. McCall of Los Angeles, are guests of Mrs. Nellie Ellis.

John Bybee and Crawford Dowell of Columbia spent the week-end in Mexico.

Mrs. W. M. Adcock of Fulton came to Mexico Saturday morning to meet Miss Myrtle Conner of San Diego, Cal., who will visit her.

Mrs. Alex Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Norton Melson left Monday for Mount Vernon, Ill. The trip was made by motor car.

Mrs. R. E. Miller is in St. Louis Hospital, St. Louis, undergoing treatment. Her many Mexico friends hope she will be materially benefited as a result.

Dr. A. A. Wallace and Dr. J. G. Moore went to Fulton Monday afternoon to attend the annual meeting of the Missouri Synod of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Abbie Llewellyn Snoddy is in Sedalia attending a meeting of the State Board of Music Clubs.

William Barks, of near Hannibal, is the guest of his brother, the Rev. H. B. Barks, of this city.

Mrs. J. F. Flint, of Molino, who has been quite ill, is much better. Her many friends will be glad to hear this.

Mrs. and Mrs. James Rutter of Centralia are visiting J. W. and J. B. Rutter in Mexico. From here they will go to Portsmouth, Ohio and later to Florida where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McKinley left Sunday in their car for California to spend the winter. They will return home in the Spring. The Ledger joins their many friends in wishing them a safe trip and a pleasant winter.

W. C. Hale of Martinsburg was in Mexico Thursday.

LON CHAPMAN STRUCK BY WABASH TRAIN

Lon Chapman suffered a severe cut on his head and numerous bruises when the Dodge Sedan he was driving was struck by Wabash train No. 11 westbound at 10:15 Thursday night. Chapman was going north when the accident occurred. The car which is one of the Hendrix taxicab was thrown upon the station platform striking the east end of the station and left facing east. The two front wheels were torn off and the windshield and some of the windows broken.

A G. and A. freight train had just pulled out and the supposition is that Chapman had pulled up on the Wabash tracks waiting for the freight to pull out and did not notice No. 11.

The watchman at this crossing goes off at 10 o'clock.

The condition of Mr. Chapman is not believed to be serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding Here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Clare Harding, singing evangelists, whose permanent address is Mexico, were visiting in this city Friday on their way to Newton, Kans., where they will open a meeting at once. From there they go to California for a meeting. They attended the Congress of Churches of Christ in St. Louis at the Odeon recently and sang there several times. They also sang in the Compton Heights Christian church whose pastor is the Rev. James Coil, a brother of Dr. P. E. Coil, of this city. They were both looking exceptionally well and their many Mexico friends were delighted to see them again. Mr. Hardin visited the Ledger and paid us a much appreciated compliment for our policy to stand for those things which we believe are right and best for the moral conditions of this city.

SLATER MAN IS HEAD OF STATE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

In the report brought in at the Missouri Baptist-association convention in Kansas City Thursday the Rev. O. R. Mangum of Liberty, chairman of the nominations committee, S. A. Storts of Slater was named moderator, Frank Atwood, Carrollton, assistant moderator, and Hugh Stephens, Jefferson City, secretary. Judge John H. Guthrie, Mexico, reported for the ministerial aid committee. His report showed \$80,000 in the treasury.

C. G. Daniel, formerly of Mexico and one of Audrain County leading citizens and farmers was elected president of the Vandalia Banking Association at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors Wednesday. Mr. Daniel will succeed J. H. Wright who has resigned on account of loss of hearing and ill health. Will Daniel was elected a director and Dr. J. C. Parrish was made chairman of the Board of Directors.

The Rev. Geo. W. Sheffer will speak at Bethel Presbyterian church, Thursday and Friday nights of this week Mr. Sheffer is a Sunday School expert, and is the representative of our Committee at Richmond Va. The subjects he presents are those relating to improvement of the Sunday School along all lines. A cordial invitation is extended to the members of other churches than our own. Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Morris, have left for their home in Stockton, Cal., after visiting relatives in Mexico and attending the wedding of their son, Emerson C. Morris to Miss Orlyn Rood which took place Wednesday evening in Auxvasse.

At Audrain Hospital.

Mrs. C. W. Fray of Bowling Green was admitted Friday.

Helen Schulze, Chris Morgan and Martha Dent of Vandalia were discharged Saturday.

The condition of B. M. Pulliam and Lon Chapman continues to improve.

Attend Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Broid of Mexico were among those who attended the Broid reunion at the home of W. H. Broid near Ham's Prairie Saturday and visited at the home of Mrs. Nannie Y. Thomas in Fulton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Craigler, of St. Louis, have been the guests of Mexico relatives.

Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued here Thursday afternoon to Wesley Martin and Miss Mary Arthur both of Vandalia.