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THE WEEKLY LEDGER  
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THE LEDGER'S  
PLATFORM FOR AUDRAIN  
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ways.  
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people of Audrain county and Mex-  
ico.

THE HUMAN FACTOR.  
THE following editorial from the  
Glen Elder, Kas., Sentinel, touches  
so effectively on a human failing,  
that we are moved to reproduce it:

"We made a mistake in last week's  
issue of the Sentinel. A good sub-  
scriber told us about it. The same  
day there was a letter in our post-  
office box that didn't belong to us.  
We called for 98 over the phone and  
got 198. We asked for a spot of  
No. 50 thread and when we got home  
we found it was No. 60. The train  
was reported thirty minutes late. We  
arrived at the depot twenty minutes  
after train time and the train had  
gone. We got our milk bill and there  
was a mistake of 10 cents in our  
favor. We felt sick and the doctor  
said we were eating too much meat.  
We hadn't tasted meat for two  
months. The garage man said the  
jimmy was missing because it needed  
a new timer. We cleaned a spark  
plug and it's run fine ever since.  
Yes, we made a mistake in last  
week's issue of the paper."

THE PRICE OF HUMAN LIFE  
A man in one of our large cities  
was recently fined \$500 for having  
killed a baby when he struck the  
child with his motor car. In another  
city a fine of \$250 was assessed  
against the driver of a car which killed  
a young man.

From the number of murders and  
motor car accident deaths we were  
ready for a rather low appraisal of  
human life, but the figures above  
rather astonish us.

To the man with money, if a  
little thing like another man's death  
can be settled for \$500, speeding will  
have no deterrent. The fact is that  
when our courts begin to think in  
prison sentences and capital punish-  
ment for such crimes then, and then  
only, will the careless motor car  
driver use some judgment in step-  
ping on the gas." We think "setting  
a price on life" such as the two a-  
bove cases show is rather an indict-  
ment on our so-called civilization.

A traveling man was heard to re-  
mark this week that he thought Mex-  
ico was one of the most progressive  
cities of its size he had ever visited.  
He lives in the east and was some-  
what surprised to learn Mexico  
didn't boast of at least 15,000 popu-  
lation. Mexico is an unusual city.  
When you hear it compared with  
other places those "other places" are  
always at least twice Mexico's popu-  
lation. Mexico is the kind of a city  
it is because its population is made up  
of the kind of people who do things  
in a big way. The citizen who  
speaks disparagingly of Mexico is  
usually one who has never been away  
from home. Those who have the op-  
portunity of comparing Mexico with  
other cities its size or larger ap-  
preciate fully what Mexico is.

IT is not more credit some of us  
need so much as an opportunity to  
liquidate the principal. Interest can  
become a heavy burden, and with  
more credit it will take the role of a  
financial back-breaker.

ST JOSEPH man was slogged and  
\$8,600 taken from him. He shouldn't  
carry so much "change" around with  
him.

THE settlement of the European  
situation continues to drag. As long  
as this uncertainty lasts just that  
long will business conditions here  
and elsewhere remain unsettled.

THE winter wheat sowing in the  
United States is said to be the third  
highest average in the history of the  
country. The next thing is to  
have the weather right and the bugs  
wrong to assure a full harvest.

WHO KILLS THE PEOPLE?  
THE New York World:  
"A single defect in track or equip-  
ment," says a bulletin issued by the  
Pennsylvania Railroad, "may cause  
a fatal train wreck." Yet, during  
the twelve months ended with last  
May not a passenger lost his life.  
The system operates 27,000 miles of  
track, 271,000 freight cars, 8,000 pas-  
senger cars and 8,000 locomotives.  
The total of passengers was 152,000,  
000. In a land so long indifferent to  
the toll of railway accidents the ach-  
ievement is noteworthy.

Accidents at grade crossings are  
not so easily dealt with, for here the  
leading factor is the carelessness of  
the public. During the past five years  
the total of those killed in the United  
States has fallen only from 1960 to  
1705. The number of injured has

slightly, from 4764 to 4896. The  
companies belonging to the American  
Railway Association have begun a  
campaign to make motorists more  
careful. Of the seven rules, six may  
be paraphrased as "Slow down, look  
and listen;" but one will be new to  
many. It is: "Shift into low gear to  
prevent stalling on the tracks."

An automobile engine running  
slowly in high is easily stalled—by  
the roughness of the tracks or by a  
wrong movement made in the sur-  
prise of suddenly seeing a train. On  
the low gear there is less likelihood  
of stalling and, further, it is possible  
to put on speed more quickly.

REID'S SERVICE.  
THE following from the St. Louis  
Star expresses such a fine thought  
that we are offering it to our read-  
ers. It also senses that message  
which recently came from Washington  
arguing these men "higher up" to  
discontinue the use of liquor in order  
to aid in the enforcing of the prohibi-  
tion law. The Star's expression fol-  
lows:

"Wallace Reid, well-known movie  
star, is fighting for his life against  
the ill effects of whisky and a habit-  
forming drug. Millions read daily  
of his progress toward renewed health.  
And millions are, no doubt, making  
up their minds that drugs and whisky  
are dangerous. If so, he may be  
doing a greater service while in bed  
than he has done in playing acting for  
the entertainment of others."

THE Century Magazine says: "The  
stage revolver, harmless enough in it-  
self, is one of the great American  
novelties."

Your unscrupulous playwright re-  
sorts to it upon the most feeble ex-  
cuses. When in doubt, brandish a re-  
volver—that has been his little motto  
these many reasons. Whenever he  
feels that a maiden is in distress, an  
ominous shadow cast upon a win-  
dow-blind, or a cry of terror heard  
off stage is not quite enough to induce  
the desired agitation in the play-  
going bosom, he points a revolver at  
that bosom and feels that the drama  
has been rescued again.

The next time a second act begins  
with a frowning broker entering the  
richly carpeted library, walking  
across to the massive, carved walnut  
desk, opening the desk drawer, tak-  
ing out a bright revolver, examining  
it, nodding with grim satisfaction,  
putting it back, closing the drawer  
softly, and ringing for the butler—  
the next time that happens, I shall  
reach for my hat and quietly leave  
the theater. That is, if they want  
me to go on reviewing plays."

THE TWO KIRKSVILLE  
PAPERS TO CONSOLIDATE  
(Moberly Democrat).

It is reported to this office on good  
authority that E. E. Swain, editor  
and publisher of the Kirksville Ex-  
press, Kirksville, Mo., had purchased  
the Kirksville News. Mr. Swain is  
to gain possession of the first of the  
year and he will consolidate the two  
newspapers and make his Daily Ex-  
press even a better paper, which is  
saying it will be some good news-  
paper. Mr. Swain is one of the real  
live wire publishers and is already  
issuing an excellent paper for the  
people of Kirksville and vicinity.

The Kirksville Express is recog-  
nized as a real news giver and get-  
ter.

The consolidation of the two pa-  
pers means one real newspaper for  
Kirksville and vicinity, as it will per-  
mit the one paper to enjoy enough  
business to be able to give the people  
first class paper in every way.  
The high cost of everything that  
goes into the making of a newspaper  
will eventually eliminate many of  
the newspapers in the towns and  
smaller cities of the country. Hanni-  
bal, a city of about 18,000 population,  
has only one newspaper, the Courier-  
Post. Sedalia, about the size of Han-  
nibal, still has two, but they are both  
owned by the same people and it will  
not be long until one of them will  
cease to exist.

ASKS 25 MILLION FEDERAL ROAD AID  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Presi-  
dent Harding transmitted to congress  
today a deficiency estimate of \$25,-  
000,000 for the department of agri-  
culture for co-operative construction  
of post roads, under the good roads  
act passed at the last session of con-  
gress.

Expenditures of \$50,000,000, in co-  
operation with the states, was au-  
thorized for the present fiscal year  
and the department of agriculture es-  
timated that obligations of \$25,000,-  
000 of this amount would be incurred  
before June 30 next. The remainder  
of the authorization will be carried  
over.

In addition to the \$25,000,000 de-  
ficiency appropriation asked, the agri-  
cultural appropriation bill now  
pending carries an appropriation of  
\$32,000,000 for road construction un-  
der the federal highway.

Former Slave Dies.  
Aunt Anne Eliza Belle, colored,  
a former slave, 77 years old died at  
her home in this city Christmas day.  
She was a highly respected colored  
woman with many friends among  
both races who will regret to hear  
of her death.

Miss Frances Parker will arrive  
today to spend the Christmas Hol-  
idays with her parents. Miss Parker  
is teaching at Overland, Mo.

Mrs. E. A. Eisenstein has gone to  
Little Rock, Ark., to spend Christmas  
with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hulon, of  
Fulton, were in this city Saturday  
on their way to Sturgeon to spend  
Christmas. Mr. Hulon is with the  
Fulton Gazette.

John Yates, a prominent Callaway  
county farmer, was in this city on  
business Friday.

## YESTERDAY IN MEXICO

10 Years Ago.  
Y. M. C. A. organization was formed  
at McMillan High School with fol-  
lowing officers: President, Ray Miller,  
vice-president, Orlando Worrell; sec-  
retary, Calvin Tilton; treasurer,  
Charles Guthrie; Sergeant-at arms,  
Russell Moore.

Miss Ida Rosamond opened a mil-  
itary college here.  
J. T. Hisey of Dallas, S. D., visited  
friends here.

Mrs. Frances Garrett, 91 years old,  
died at home of her daughter, Mrs.  
T. A. Keeton.  
James Kemp was appointed night  
police.

John Tullis and son moved to Mex-  
ico from Hoopston, Ill.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Jurgensen, 75 years  
old, died at home on south Jefferson  
Street.

W. G. Burks returned home from  
Akron, Ohio, where he attended the  
annual meeting of the salesmen of  
the West Furnace Company.  
Miss Pearl Hildebrand and Harvey  
Mitchell were married by Judge W.  
W. Botts.

The engagement of Miss Frances  
Mason to Dr. Howard Welsh of  
Bozeman, Mont., was announced at  
a party given by Mrs. Sam Sharp.  
Fire destroyed two business houses  
and a church at Farber.  
Emmett Cunningham of Paducah,  
Ky., visited relatives here.

20 Years Ago.  
The Rev. James Col of Higginsville  
and Miss Virginia Northcutt of  
Knox City were married here.  
S. P. Barnes resigned as passenger  
agent at Mexico to accept a position  
with a northern road.  
Meinhart Sannebeck, 77 years old,  
died at Mexico. He was born in  
Prussia, Germany, and moved to  
America in 1853.  
I. M. Calhoun, 42 years old, died of  
pneumonia.  
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cunningham  
entertained members of that family  
at reunion.  
Miss Mary Beckley visited Mrs.  
Edgar Wiles in Dayton, Ohio.  
James F. Harper of Rush Hill and  
Miss Kate M. James were married.  
William L. Staples, formerly of  
Audrain County died in St. Louis.

43 Years Ago.  
More ice was harvested in Mexico  
than ever before in the history of the  
city.  
T. B. Buckner and J. McDowell  
Trimble went to Texas.  
Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Atkinson of  
Louisville, Ky., visited here.  
The Northeast Missouri Teachers  
Association met in Mexico. Prof. J.  
B. Jeter elected president and C. H.  
Grasty, secretary pro tem.  
Miss Ella Crowell and Thomas  
Armstrong were married in Mexico.  
A. J. Willingham died here.  
George Gill was injured in a wreck  
near Berdan, Ill.

THIGH BONES OF  
A DINOSAUR 140  
FEET LONG FOUND  
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20.—Dis-  
covery of the thigh bones of a Pata-  
gonian dinosaur, each bone measuring  
2 meters 70 centimeters (nearly nine  
feet) in length and claimed to be the  
largest unearthed in any part of the  
world, was announced today by La  
Plata museum.

These two bones, together with  
other fossil remains of the gigantic  
animal, were found by the museum's  
paleontological experts at Neuquen  
on Nov. 20. It is stated that the  
largest thigh bones previously un-  
earthed measured 2 meters 10 cen-  
timeters and were discovered in the  
United States.

The skeleton of the great diplo-  
doceras assembled at the Carnegie mu-  
seum has thigh bones only 1 meter 50  
centimeters long, although the entire  
skeleton measures 25 meters and  
from these figures it is conjectured  
that when the Patagonian dinosaur  
roamed the Mesozoic forests he was  
at least 45 meters of about 140 feet  
long.

CHICAGO'S WET HOPES HIT.  
Chicago, Dec. 22.—Chicagoans with  
hopes of a wet Christmas and New  
Year's day received a shock today  
when Col. L. G. Nutt arrived from  
Washington in advance of a force of  
150 picked agents who have been  
assigned to make the city dry.

In his first announcement Colonel  
Nutt declared "Chicago's reputation  
for laughing at the law will get a  
blow that will hurt," and predicted  
the jail and police stations would be  
filled with bootleggers and hip liquor  
carriers before Christmas morning.

FORD SALES RECORD BROKEN  
According to a statement issued  
by the Ford Motor Company, deliv-  
eries of Ford Cars and Trucks to re-  
tail buyers during the month of  
November totaled 106,327. This is  
a new high sales record that has  
never before been approached by  
the Company at this season of the  
year and one which stands out in  
marked contrast to the November  
1921 retail delivery figures which  
totaled slightly over 58,000 cars and  
trucks.

Accordingly, the Ford sales Organi-  
zation is urging prospective Ford  
purchasers to arrange for delivery  
during the winter months in order  
that the demand next spring will be  
relieved as far as possible.

Marriage Licenses.  
Marriage licenses were issued here  
Thursday afternoon to Walter L.  
Ketchum and Miss Mabel L. Bryson  
both of Centralia, and Harold L.  
Mahan and Ruth Hickman, of Col-  
umbia.

Mrs. C. E. Shoemaker and small  
son, of Bethany, Mo., are the guests  
of Mrs. Shoemaker's parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. J. W. Lee.

## COURT HOUSE

In the estate of Charlie Potter,  
David Potter filed claim in sum of  
\$100, which was waived.

The administrator in the estate of  
Laura T. Johnson filed report in the  
sale of real estate.

In the estate of Anthony Holter-  
man, the executor filed account of  
sale.

In the estate of A. J. Beeby, Dr.  
Paul E. Coil filed claim in sum of  
\$53. Claim waived.

The administrator in the estate of  
Wendell S. Hathaway filed final re-  
ceipts and was discharged.

In the estate of Charlie Potter,  
Hugh M. Turber filed claim in sum  
of \$100. Claim waived.

Clark and Laylin filed claim in  
estate of Charlie Potter to the amount  
of \$353.50 which was waived.

The administrator filed inventory  
and appraisal in estate of Charlie  
Potter.

In the estate of Jacob Stauterman,  
J. S. Ritchie executor appointed un-  
der will. Filed waiver of right to  
administer and suggested the only  
child and heir, Cora B. Bartel be  
appointed administrator and will  
annexed.

Dr. Paulin E. Coil filed claim in  
sum of \$10.75 in estate of Harry  
Pratt. Claim waived.

\$24,000,000 ROADS  
COMPLETED OR UNDER  
CONTRACT IN MISSOURI  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO., December  
23.—Counting in \$2,790,826 in road  
contracts awarded today, the State  
Highway Commission has under con-  
tract or completed in Missouri over  
\$24,000,000 worth of road work, ac-  
cording to figures obtained from the  
engineers today.

On November 10 the completed road  
projects in Missouri totaled \$6,515,-  
985.49. The projects under contract  
aggregated \$13,703,589.

The scope of the commission's  
work is indicated by the following  
figures:  
Grading completed, 637 miles.  
Graveling completed, 406 miles.  
Graveling under contract, 461 miles.  
Total Mileage of other roads under  
contract 145.

TAKES GIFTS TO  
RESIDENTS AT  
COUNTY INFIRMARY  
The thoughtfulness of J. D. Miller  
resulted in making the Christmas  
season brighter and happier for the  
seven residents at the Audrain Coun-  
ty Infirmary. Mr. Miller conceived  
the idea of asking each groceryman  
for a small donation of candy, nuts,  
fruit or other delicacies for the re-  
sidents at the farm. All of the gro-  
cerymen gladly responded to the re-  
quest. Mr. Miller took the contribu-  
tions over to the courthouse and  
with the assistance of Miss Ruth  
Crews and Miss Mabel Grafford fixed  
up attractive Christmas packages  
for the five men and two women who  
are now at the Farm. The gifts  
were taken out Thursday evening  
and delighted the recipients.

"COALLEGING" LATEST  
"CRIME WAVE" IN BOSTON  
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—Bootleg-  
ging was added to the things that  
Boston police must watch for.

In a general order sent out by  
Herbert A. Wilson, police commissioner,  
patrolmen are ordered to observe  
all deliveries of anthracite, particu-  
larly to see that no hard coal is  
delivered to hotels, clubs, apart-  
ment houses, office buildings, thea-  
ters or other places of amusement,  
factories, or mercantile establish-  
ments. It's to be kept for homes.

BAD BOOZE MAKES VICTIM  
ALMOST BLEED TO DEATH  
BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—John  
Peters of Main street was stricken  
with hemorrhage while being tried  
before Judge Peter Maul, charged  
with being drunk. A physician said  
that the attack was caused by the  
bad whiskey the man had drunk.  
It was feared he would die before  
the arrival of the ambulance. He was  
sent to the city hospital.

WE PAY NO RENT.  
If you want to save money a visit  
to our store will convince you. We  
have an acre of space and can furnish  
your home complete from cellar to  
garret. We have a full line of FUR-  
NITURE, RUGS and STOVES. SAM  
MORRIS. 17-18 Advertisement

L. R. WEIR, M. D.  
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.  
Over Wolf-Berger's, Mexico,  
Mo.  
Res. 906J. Phone 262.

FARM LOANS up to \$40,000.  
00.—long time—no renewals  
necessary—no stock require-  
ments. If you want a farm  
loan at a low rate of interest  
write St. Louis Joint Stock Land  
Bank, 402 Compton Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri or see our  
attorneys FRY & FRY, Mex-  
ico, Missouri.

BLACK DIAMOND DEHORNING  
PENCIL  
For sale by Producers Grain Co.  
Every pencil will dehorn 50 head from  
10 days up to a year old, for \$1.00.  
We forfeit \$5.00 on any calf it fails  
to dehorn.  
Call and get one  
Phone 980

## NEW NEGRO INSTITUTION FOR MEXICO

The following letter to Col. R. M.  
White will be of much local interest.  
It is a matter for the Chamber of  
Commerce to consider and act upon.  
December 20, 1922.

Col. R. M. White,  
Mexico, Missouri.  
My dear Colonel White:—

There is a movement on foot primar-  
ily initiated by the Missouri Negro  
Industrial Commission, quickly sec-  
onded by the Missouri Tuberculosis  
Association, to introduce a bill at the  
coming session of the Legislature  
providing for a tuberculosis sanatorium  
for negroes.

You probably, as a member of the  
Elcomsary Board, are familiar with  
the whole matter, but what I  
wish to learn from you now is, would  
the good people of Mexico and Audrain  
County desire the location of  
such an institution in the neighbor-  
hood of Mexico. Such a point would  
be a good location for it is prac-  
tically in the heart of the black belt  
of Missouri, easily accessible from  
Saine, Cooper, Cole, Howell, Boone,  
Callaway and Pike Counties, the  
counties having the highest percent-  
age and greatest population of  
negroes in the State. Mexico is  
somewhat nearer, too, to St. Louis  
than Kansas City and also nearer to  
the southeast counties of the State  
which have a high negro population  
density.

Please consider the matter your-  
self and ascertain the views of the  
good people of Mexico and Audrain  
County. Should it be their wish to  
have such an institution located in the  
neighborhood of Mexico, I will get in-  
to the game and push the proposition  
for them.

With my best wishes for a merry  
Christmas and a happy New Year, I  
am,  
Very truly yours,  
Dr. Walter McNab Miller,  
Executive Secretary.

AN APPRECIATED  
COMPLIMENT FROM  
THE CAPITAL CITY  
December, 20, 1922.

Mr. L. M. White, Editor,  
The Mexico Evening Ledger,  
Mexico, Mo.

Dear Sir:—  
We certainly want to thank you  
for the article which appeared in  
your Monday, Dec. 18th issue, refer-  
ring to the little donation from our  
company.

We sincerely wish that everyone  
in need will be taken care of during  
the Holidays and the coming year.  
We also take this opportunity to  
state that we very much enjoy read-  
ing the Mexico Ledger every day.  
This keeps us in touch with the many  
good things your various organiza-  
tions have done and the splendid "team  
work" of the Ledger.

With the season greetings, we beg  
to remain,  
Very truly,  
J. S. Hanburger,  
Weatherby Bill Postery Co.

HANNIBAL JURY  
RAPS OFFICIALS:  
48 TRUE BILLS  
HANNIBAL, MO., Dec. 22.—The  
grand jury of the Hannibal court  
of common pleas, in session here more  
than three months, reported forty-  
eight true bills, making a total of  
sixty since being empanelled Septem-  
ber 18. It is understood that the  
indictments cover a variety of alleged  
crimes from illicit sale of liquor to  
perjury in the grand jury room. The  
jury has not yet concluded its work.

In its report today the local po-  
lice, the sheriff's office and the federal  
prohibition enforcement officers  
for Missouri are charged with fail-  
ure to properly co-operate with the  
grand jury in its investigations and  
unnamed members of the police de-  
partment are accused of law viola-  
tions. A city ordinance prohibiting  
sale of illicit liquor is urged.

Aside from twelve bills reported  
several weeks ago, no arrests have  
been made so far under the reports,  
but several are expected this after-  
noon.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS'  
MEETING.  
Notice is hereby given that the  
annual stockholders' meeting of the  
Farmers Elevator Company of Rush  
Hill, Mo., will be held at the business  
office of said company to wit:

At the Elevator in Rush Hill, Audrain  
County, Missouri, on TUESDAY,  
2nd day of JANUARY, 1923, for the  
purpose of electing seven directors  
to serve for the ensuing year and for  
the transaction of such other business  
as may regularly come before the  
meeting.

The meeting will be convened at 9  
o'clock a. m. and will remain in ses-  
sion until at least 12 o'clock, noon,  
unless the object of the meeting be  
sooner accomplished.  
W. C. MELAHN, Pres.  
RAY SPENCER, Sec.

Mary Martha Ann and Frances  
Kuhle, grandchildren of Dr. and Mrs.  
R. W. Berrey, will spend the Christ-  
mas holidays in Mexico. Mrs.  
Berrey went to Moberly Thursday to  
meet her daughter and three child-  
ren. Mr. Kuhle will come here for  
Christmas Day. Mrs. Berrey will  
also have Mr. and Mrs. Francis Berrey  
of Macomb, Ill., as their Christ-  
mas guests.

Miss Katherine Sannebeck is  
spending the Holidays with her par-  
ents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sannebeck.

Miss Ollie Taylor left Saturday  
for Winchester, Ill., to spend the  
holidays.

Leo Erb of Laddonia came to Mex-  
ico Thursday.

## DEMOCRATS START AFTER REPUBLICANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Demo-  
cratic party leaders, revising their  
plans in view of recent developments,  
are preparing to bring the inter-  
national issue forward immediately  
after the Christmas holidays.

They have decided, it is said, to  
abandon the silence which they have  
preserved since election. After  
careful study of political conditions,  
it has been agreed that the party's  
guns should be opened up as soon as  
the holiday lull is over. The 1924  
campaign actually will be started one  
year early.

In the immediate future, every ef-  
fort will be made to hammer these  
arguments into the minds of the vot-  
ers:

1. Failure of the Harding adminis-  
tration to assist in restoring Euro-  
pe has cost American farmers mil-  
lions of dollars by cutting off fore-  
ign markets.

2. Sudden activity of administra-  
tion now is due to belated realization  
of this fact.

3. This situation never would have  
developed had the international poli-  
cies advocated by the Democratic  
party been adopted.

Frank Houston, who has a splendid  
position in New York, is home for  
a few days visit. He will attend the  
Phi Delta Theta convention in Kan-  
sas City before returning East.

Archie Rodgers is home for a short  
visit.  
Mrs. H. E. C. Tucker is spending  
Christmas with Lieut. and Mrs.  
Henry Kunkle at Rantoul, Ill.

Miss Helen Howell, of Kansas City,  
is home for the Holidays.

## WALLACE SAYS RURAL SLUMP IS ON WANE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—"While  
agricultural prices remain lower re-  
latively than prices of other things,  
the farmers of the nation will get  
between \$1,500,000,000 and \$2,000,-  
000,000 more total money for their  
crops this year than last. This real-  
ly improves the whole farm situation.  
Debts are being reduced. Farmers  
are buying more freely of the things  
they need. The effect on business gen-  
erally should be helpful."

This was the cheerful message of  
improved agricultural conditions  
which Secretary of Agriculture Henry  
G. Wallace delivered Wednesday be-  
fore the Chicago Association of  
Credit Men at Hotel La Salle. He  
pointed even a more rosy picture of  
the outlook for 1923 on the farms.  
He declared that while prices prob-  
ably will fluctuate "there seems to  
be good reason to hope that, on the  
whole, farm prices will be better both  
actually and as compared with prices  
of other things."

Overproduction, he stated, has  
been chiefly responsible for the low  
prices during "the most severe agri-  
cultural depression the country has  
ever experienced."

"In times past," he said, "we have  
had lower prices, measured in dollars  
and cents, for most farm products,  
but we never have gone through a  
period when prices for farm products  
were so low, measured in what they  
would buy."

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good papers. wtf

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fected by Happiness, Contentment and Good Fortune.

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yearlings steers at \$1