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Election Notice. Farmers & Merchants Bank. Monroe City, Mo., Dec. 19, 1913. The annual election for nine directors of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Monroe City, to serve during the year will be held at their banking house on Monday, January 12, 1914. Polls open from 9 a. m. until 12 o'clock, noon. W. R. P. JACKSON, Cashier.

WHO WILL GET NEXT MONEY

The Democrat Contest Causes Excitement.

Next Count Takes Place January 3, the Last Before the Final Count.

The Democrat voting contest goes merrily on, and interest in the outcome is growing more intense every day. There will be two more counts—the next one on Jan. 3 and that will be for \$7.50 to one making greatest gain and \$2.50 to second, the money to go to the contestant who makes the greatest gain in votes from the time of the last count, Dec. 4, to Jan. 3.

Previous votes will not count for the gold, but simply toward the piano, and that being the case every contestant has an equal show, as the one who makes the greatest gain will be the one who will be awarded the gold.

It will be remembered that the first prize went to Miss Lucy Zeiger; the second prize to Miss Agnes Mudd; the third prize to Miss Lizzie Miles. Who will get the fourth and fifth prizes?

We desire to call the attention of the contestants to this fact: The bonus votes, other than for the merchants' coupons, will be reduced after the next count. This being the case the contestants should get in every vote possible between this time and Jan. 3, as the bonus votes will not be so large thereafter.

What you want to know is, how you can win the gold and the piano, too. Get new subscribers; get old subscribers to pay up and renew; trade with the merchants who are offering prizes; follow the rules and get in every vote you can between now and the 3rd of Jan.

Try hard and win these last special prizes we offer, and you will be in a good position to make the high vote on the piano count which will be the last count, the result of which will determine who gets the piano.

The following bonus offer will continue and remain unchanged up to Jan. 3; so take advantage of this splendid opportunity to secure votes, as this will be positively the largest bonus we shall give on any seven years subscriptions at any time.

For every seven (7) new one-year subscriptions 10,000 extra bonus votes, making a total of 14,200 votes.

For every seven (7) one-year renewal subscription 8,000 extra bonus votes, making a total of 11,500 votes.

For every seven (7) one-year back subscriptions 6,000 extra bonus votes, making a total of 8,800 votes.

For every bunch of 40 merchants' coupons we increase the bonus from 500 to 1,000 extra votes, making a total of 2,000 votes. Now is the time to rush in the votes.

Do not forget the prizes the merchants are giving. If not fortunate enough to secure the piano, you may receive one of the merchants' prizes, and they are all worth working for.

These coupons may be collected from any and all merchants who are in the contest.

The names of the merchants who are giving handsome prizes and helping to make this contest a big success are as follows:

Southern & Spalding German & Son

J. B. Anderson Anderson & Mudd Grand Leader Variety Store L. M. Wood Remember the next prizes, \$7.50, goes to the one who makes the greatest gain in the number of votes.

Remember that six of our leading merchants are interested in this contest, and give twenty-five vote coupons with every dollar's cash purchase.

Remember to have your friends trade with merchants giving coupons. Their advertisements appear in this issue in connection with our offer.

No coupons on subscription account, whether back, new or renewals, will be given unless application is made for them at the time the money is paid.

The present standing is as follows:

Table with names and vote counts: Lizzie Miles 31,575; Agnes Mudd 31,375; Virginia Fields 23,062; Lucy Zeiger 18,925; Alberta Knott 6,978; Gladys Young 4,425; Catherine Lawless 9,725

Collier's The National Weekly

Collier's First Time in Clubs. Until this year Collier's has been sold at \$5.50. Now the price is \$2.50 and we have secured a concession whereby we can offer it at a still further reduction in connection with this publication.

Special Offer to Our Readers. Recognizing the great demand for Collier's at the new price, we have made arrangements to offer it and our own publication each one year for the price of Collier's alone. This is a limited offer and must be taken advantage of promptly.

What You Get in Collier's. Collier's is the one big, independent, fearless weekly of the whole country. Not only is it the good citizen's handbook but it is also a magazine for the whole family. Among the things that a year's subscription gives are: 1000 Editorials, 600 News Photos, 250 Short Articles, 150 Short Stories, 100 Illustrated Features, 2 Complete Novels. Collier's . . . \$2.50 Both for only Democrat \$1.00 \$2.50

The soils in China have been in continuous cultivation for more than 4000 years and have not decreased in productiveness. Every particle of manure produced is carefully used and that is supplemented by sewage. Farming there is on an extremely intensive scale and is not capable of a comparison with our systems but it shows what can be done. Authorities credit each horse with producing \$27.00 in manure each year, each cow \$19.00, hog \$12.00, sheep \$2.00. This represents the total production and as some loss is unavoidable it does not represent the actual amount it is possible to save. It has been estimated, however, that during a winter of seven months a small farm carrying four horses, 20 cattle, 50 sheep and 10 hogs would produce manure worth \$250 and this figure is entirely practicable. It will be readily seen that this income is considerable, even on a small farm and on a large place where much livestock is kept the returns from this source would be much larger. The real properties of farmyard manure and what it contains depend largely on several factors. Chief of these is the care it has received. The species of animal and its age affects the composition as does the food eaten. Missouri Farmer. Advertise your wants in the Democrat. Harry Scheetz, wife and Miss Cornelia Green spent Christmas with relatives here.

Ring Out, Wild Bells. Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light, The year is dying in the night, Ring out, wild bells, and let him die. Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells across the snow The year is going, let him go, Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind For those that here we see no more Ring out the feud of rich and poor Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife, Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws

Ring out the want, the care, the sin The faithless coldness of the times Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes, But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out the false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite, Ring in the love of truth and right Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring out the narrowing lust of gold Ring out the thousand wars of old Ring in the thousand years of peace

Ring in the valiant man and free The larger heart, the kindlier hand Ring out the darkness of the land Ring in the Christ that is to be. —Tennyson.

Money to loan in any amount Office over Wood's Drug Store. A. S. JAYNE.

Miss Nina Foreman, of Sheldon joined her father who was called here two weeks ago by the illness of his father, W. O. Foreman. Mr. Foreman is very much improved at this writing.

Usual Climax. "Children, children, what in the world is the matter?"

"We is playin' comic supplement and 'Joey won't stand up so 'at I kin hit him on the head with the cuspidor."—Judge.

H. N. Wheeler the splendid gentleman at the helm of the newsy and well edited Quincy Journal is being asked to make the race for Congress next year. Mr. Wheeler would make a splendid representative.

The great moments of life are but moments like the others. Your doom is spoken in a word or two. A single look from the eyes, a mere pressure of the hand, may decide it; or of the lips though they cannot speak.—Thackeray.

Pay what you owe the Farmers & Merchants Telephone Co.

Install Tonight. The officers of Monroe City Lodge No. 268, I. O. O. F., will be installed at the regular meeting this, Thursday evening. All members are urged to be present.

Dr. Hornback Oculist and Aurist Hannibal, Mo.

Jamie Hanly and wife spent Christmas with his parents at Shelbyna.

M. L. Aye and family spent Christmas with his brother at Wheeling.

Harry Wailes and sister, Miss Sallie spent Thursday with friends in Shelbyna.

J. R. Leake and wife spent Thursday with her relatives in Hunnewell.

A. Brownell of Shelbyna has been the guest of his son, F. A. Brownell and family.

Carl McKinsie, of Kirksville spent Christmas with a special friend in this city.

J. W. Cox and wife spent Friday with her parents in Palmyra.

Many Conventions for Farmers Week.

Thirteen Missouri associations will hold their conventions this year at the University of Missouri at Columbia during Farmers Week, January 12-16. Lectures and demonstrations will be given by men of prominence. All the organizations have special programs arranged.

The Missouri Women Farmers Club, an organization open to women who manage farms, will meet January 14, 15, 16. This one of a very few such organizations in the country. A large number of women farm managers of Missouri are expected to attend.

The Missouri Farmers Exchange will meet January 16. The purpose of this organization is to bring the buyer and seller together. Any thing that the members have for sale may be listed with the secretary, J. R. Hall of Columbia and he attempts to find a buyer. If a sale is made, the article is shipped direct from seller to buyer the money being handled through the office of the secretary. The business of the company during the last year has been confined mostly to the sale of seed grain and corn, pure bred live stock and farm grains and forage.

The following associations will meet:

- Jan. 13, 1:30 p. m. - Missouri Draft Horse Breeders Association.
Jan. 13, p. m. - Missouri Sheep Breeders Association.
Jan. 13, 14, 15, 16, 3 p. m. - Rural Life Conference.
Jan. 13, 14, 15, 16, 3 p. m. - Missouri State Board of Horticulture.
Jan. 14, 15, 3 p. m. - Missouri Corn Growers Association.
Jan. 14, 15, 16, 3 p. m. - Missouri Cattle, Swine and Sheep Feeders Association.
Jan. 14, 3 p. m. - Missouri Duroc Jersey Association.
Jan. 14, 15, 16, 1:30 p. m. - Missouri Women Farmers Club.
Jan. 15, 1:30 p. m. - Missouri Saddle Horse Breeders Association.
Jan. 15, 3 p. m. - Missouri Farm Management Association.
Jan. 15, 16, 3 p. m. - Missouri State Dairy Association.
Jan. 16, 3 p. m. - Missouri Association of County Fairs.
Jan. 16, 3 p. m. - The Missouri Farmers Exchange.
The State Board of Horticulture will discuss the co-operative marketing of fruit at all meetings.
Effect of Oats on Flavor of Milk. It has been asserted by some dairymen that the feeding of crushed oats to cows will improve the flavor of milk. To ascertain the correctness of this theory a series of experiments was made by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture at Beltsville, Md. Six cows were used in the experiment; three were fed a grain ration of corn meal, bran and cottonseed meal; the other three were fed a grain mixture of five parts crushed oats and one part cottonseed meal. A number of samples of milk from the cows fed these rations were submitted to various persons in the dairy division and they were asked to indicate their preference. In all 50 opinions were passed on various samples. Of these, 16 showed a preference for the milk from cows fed on crushed oats, 25 preferred that from the bran and corn ration, while 9 expressed no choice. The results show that in these rations, not only was there no marked difference in favor of crushed oats as a feed to improve flavor, but, if anything, the ration containing bran and corn was more successful in producing a fine-flavored milk. S. Department of Agriculture Bulletin.