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FORMER LEDGER CITY EDITOR LEFT \$500,000

Miss Mary Margaret McBride, a former city editor of the Ledger, has been named in the will of Mrs. J. W. Davis, of Kansas City, for a bequest of \$500,000. Mrs. Davis was Miss Julia Woods, a daughter of the late William Woods, Kansas City millionaire, who on his death left Miss McBride \$500,000.

C. OF C. VOTED CREDIT BUREAU START NOW

The Mexico Chamber of Commerce, Thursday at its meeting, decide to establish a credit bureau for the merchants of Mexico, and start it in operation the first of the new year.

JEFFERSON CITY FIRM SENDS MONEY

The Mexico Social Service organization received a letter, Saturday, from the Weatherly Bill Posting Co., the firm owning the bill posting service in Mexico, enclosing \$10 in cash for the use of Mexico's needy.

HAWAIIAN LEPEERS, CURED, BALK AT LEAVING COLONY

HONOLULU, Dec. 24.—Patients of the leper colony on Molokai island, who are facing discharge as a result of having been cured by a chainloggia oil treatment, are unwilling to leave, according to Gov. Wallace R. Farrington, who has just returned from an inspection trip.

ATTORNEY WHO SLURRED PROHIBITION SUSPENDED

TULSA, Ok., December 25.—County Attorney W. F. Seaver, who came into prominence in Oklahoma recently when he declared that "the people of Tulsa and Tulsa County do not want prohibition and that he was not going to enforce it," was suspended from office by District Judge Albert C. Hunt, John Goldsberry, Seaver's assistant, and County Attorney-elect, was appointed his successor.

SIX SHOES FOR EACH PERSON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—With the twelve months' period ending October 31, there were 318,424,917 pairs of shoes manufactured in the United States, according to compilations of the department of commerce. This exceeds that of any corresponding period by a very considerable margin, and is only 12,779,711 pairs behind the peak production year of 1919.

Miss Mary Frances Rowland, who teaches in the public schools at Weatherly, Mo., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rowland.

SOME RESULTS OF CON-CON DELIBERATION

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 27.—When the Constitutional Convention recessed on December 1, after seven months of session, it had considered and passed eight out of fourteen committee reports dealing intimately with the old constitution.

Outstanding features in the program of economy are provisions for a budget system limiting state expenses by reducing the number of departments and boards and cutting down the general expense of the legislature. Nothing in the draft so far considered contains any hint of increased taxation.

Of the 329 proposals before the committees not more than one-tenth have found a place in the reports to the convention. Many had merit but were legislative, and thus had no place in fundamental law. Others were too radical. There has been a disposition on the part of the majority of the members to make as few changes as possible in the old constitution. The new features will be important, however, and it is believed will appeal to the people.

No change was made by the convention in the preamble and boundaries and but few in the bill of rights. One new section provides that "the right of citizens of Missouri to vote or hold office shall not be denied or abridged on account of race, color, or sex."

In the draft of the Committee on Legislation adopted by the convention the time of the biennial session of the general assembly is limited to sixty days and the pay of members increased to \$10 per day for sixty days with \$1 per day for additional days. The clerical expense is, however, cut to \$400 per day in the house and \$300 in the senate. This would represent, in the opinion of the committee, a saving of from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a session.

The initiative referendum has been amended slightly to meet objections to the measure which makes it so easy to secure the referring of laws. The percentage for referring laws is raised to 10 per cent and while the percentage for initiating laws remains at 8 per cent it will require 12 per cent for initiating amendments to the constitution, if the section is finally approved.

According to the report of the Committee on Counties, Cities and Villages which has passed the committee as a whole, but has not been voted on by the convention, limited home rule is extended to all cities of the state, where St. Louis alone was mentioned in the old constitution.

While the cities are allowed to appoint commissioners, one of whom is to be the executive head of the city, the governor is to have the power of removal and can appoint to fill vacancy, pending the action of the city.

Cities are divided into four classes, those having 25,000 or over constituting the first class; 3,000 to 25,000, second class; 500 to 3,000, third class, and those under 500 to be classed as villages. In cities of the first or second class it is provided that special charters may be adopted and the manner of calling elections and the other machinery is also prescribed.

Under the provisions of the report cities may extend their boundaries beyond their corporate limits, either within the county in which they are situated, or so as to take in contiguous territory in adjoining counties. The city of St. Louis will be allowed to extend its boundaries to the extent of seventy-seven square miles. Another provision will allow the city by vote of the people to return to the county so that it will occupy the same position as now enjoyed by Kansas City, St. Joseph and other cities.

The right of the state to control the services, and practices and rates of public utilities, all elections, the right to control taxation, the limit of indebtedness and the supervision over accounts has been expressly retained.

Reading the Bible in the public schools is provided by the section on religious or sectarian schools by the statement that "this section shall not be construed to prohibit the reading of any version of the Holy Scriptures in the public schools of the state."

Miss M. V. Harrison of Sedalia spent Christmas in Mexico with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Brannock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Biggers and son, of St. Joseph Michigan, and J. A. Biggers of Detroit, Michigan, are visiting, Mrs. Dora Biggers in this city.

Mrs. Charlotte Kunze of Fayette is spending the holidays in this city with her mother, Mrs. John J. Kaeewurm.

A New Year

We are starting our new year. Let us do so with a spirit of service dominating our ambitions, and a determination to make 1923 a successful twelve months in our lives. Let us forget our sorrows and remember only our joys. Let us work to make others happy and in doing this bring joy to ourselves. What 1923 is to us is what we make it ourselves. You are master of your own fate—see that you steer a true course and one that is guided by a divine chart. A happy and prosperous New Year to you all,

L. Mitchell White

MISS SNIDOW WEDS YOUNG BUSINESS MAN

Miss Fay Snidow, the charming daughter of Mrs. Clara Snidow, and one of Mexico's most popular and capable school teachers, was married Tuesday evening at 10 o'clock by the Rev. B. G. Reavis to Davis Byers, and popular young railroad man of this city. The wedding came as a complete surprise to friends.

The wedding party attended the theatre Tuesday evening. Afterward they went to the Christian church study where the ceremony was performed. Those in attendance were Mrs. Clara Snidow, Mrs. James Mason and little daughter, of Ft. Smith, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams.

Mrs. Byers is a most accomplished young woman. She taught school in Oklahoma for a time but for the past few years has been a member of the faculty of the South Side School. She will continue to teach until the spring term ends. Her loss from the teaching staff will be deeply regretted by fellow faculty members as well as patrons.

Mr. Byers has lived in Mexico two years and has a splendid position with the Chicago and Alton railroad. He is popular and has a host of friends in this city. They will continue to make their home in this city. They spent their honeymoon in Chicago.

The Ledger joins in wishing them much happiness and extending congratulations.

President Edgar D. Lee of Christian College, Columbia, was in Mexico Tuesday on his way to Laddonia to visit his parents.

MEXICO CHILD DIES ON FULTON TRAIN ON XMAS NIGHT

Becoming seriously ill Christmas night on a train between Jefferson City and Mexico, the 17-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hendrix became rapidly worse and died Tuesday morning in charge of the Red Cross at Fulton. The baby's father is employed at the brick plant in Mexico.

Mr. Hendrix recently sent word to his wife in Jefferson City to join him in Mexico, and accordingly she left the capital with her mother Christmas night and went to North Jefferson. The baby had been ill for four months. The Ledger extends sympathy to the bereaved.

Smallpox Threat in Callaway

The reporting to Dr. C. H. Christian, county health physician, of sixteen new cases of smallpox in Callaway last week, has caused the Fulton city council to consider an ordinance compelling the fumigating of houses. The ordinance would provide that all persons able to pay for this should do so, and that others should apply to the city physician. Doctor Christian is opposed to this provision because he thinks that the humiliation would keep many people from having their houses fumigated in any event. He is in favor of the city doing all the work. The new smallpox cases are chiefly in the Liberty and Dixie neighborhoods, but several have been reported among negroes in Fulton.

Word has been received from Phoenix, Ariz., stating that Floyd Smith stood his trip West in fine shape. He and Mrs. Smith will spend the winter there.

Mrs. Louise McElhiney of this city went to St. Louis Sunday morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. Sherman McElhiney.

MEXICO P. O. EXAMINATION JANUARY 23RD

Candidates for postmaster of Mexico will stand a civil service test in this city January 23rd, 1923.

The local office pays \$2,900 a year. The present postmaster's term expired Sept. 5, 1922 but Congressman T. W. Hukridge desired to delay the new appointment until after the election this past fall.

Just how many will stand the test is not known. Chairman of the County Republican Committee, L. McF. Gamble is one of those who will take the examination. E. R. Taft is also expected to stand the test. Both have been candidates for the office. The appointment will be announced shortly after the examination. The examination will not be an assembled examination. Applicants for the office can secure blanks from Henry Bartels, secretary of the local civil service board. Competitors will not be required to report at any one place for examination, but will be rated upon their education, and training, business experience and fitness.

CIRCUIT COURT MAKES TWO APPOINTMENTS

C. L. Blum has been appointed probation officer by the Audrain County Circuit Court to take the place left vacant by the death of J. A. Brown. The duty of this officer is to look after neglected or delinquent children. Arthur Funk was appointed official court reporter for a period of six years beginning January 1, 1923. Mr. Funk has filled this position for several years.

19,396 SNAKE BITE DEATHS LONDON, Dec. 4.—According to statistics from India, 3360 persons were killed by wild animals in British India during 1921, against 32633 in 1920.

Tigers, 1454, leopards, 500, wolves, 556, bears, 69, elephants, 70, and hyenas, 10.

The loss of human life from snake bites fell from 20,043 in 1920 to 19,396 in 1921.

PLAINTIFF WINS SUIT INVOLVING WEIGHING OF CORN

The verdict in the case of T. M. Dowell v. S. A. Muff was given in favor of the plaintiff and judgment to the sum of \$176.98 made. The suit was one involving the weighing of some corn.

Mrs. W. A. Charbonneau, of Kirksville, is in Mexico for the holidays.

Mrs. Nate Phillip is home from a visit in St. Louis.

Miss Evelyn Prather went to Columbia Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Prather.

Mrs. C. C. Hammond is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Locke.

Congressman elect Clarence Cannon, of the 9th district, was in Mexico Friday between trains shaking hands with his friends.

Miss Lacy Denham went to Centralia Friday afternoon.

W. Taylor and wife, of Farmington are the guests of Mexico relatives.

Claude Fowles has returned from an extended visit in St. Louis. "They all come back."

George Blowers and family, of Kansas City, were the guests of Mexico relatives during the holidays.

William Wright, of St. Louis, spent Christmas with Mexico relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brown, of Slater, spent Christmas with Mexico relatives.

Mrs. R. B. Finley and children, of Independence, and Miss Mary Lakanan, of Huntington, W. Va., are the guests of their aunts, Miss Lakanan and Mrs. S. M. Edwards.

MCM. BOY TIES FOR \$50 PRIZE

William Elliott, student in the vocational agriculture department at McMillan High School has tied for the \$50 prize in the Capper Pig Club. William raised Hampshire hogs as his vocational project on his father's farm west of Mexico and had had most unusual success.

His records show that he had eight animals totaling 1,235 pounds of a total value of \$251.50. His expenses were as follows: Pasture, \$2.00; feed and miscellaneous expenses, \$90.47; interest on investment, \$1.33; depreciation 50 cents and labor \$7.70 making a total of \$122. His total net profit was \$129.50 and his total net income from the project was \$259.50 or per cent of 106.1 profit.

The ration fed the animals was varied and designed to make large hogs rather than fat ones. He took one animal of approximately the same size as some of his father's, H. E. Elliott, and fed it on this ration and when the animal was full grown it was found to weigh 100 pounds than the animals fed by Mr. Elliott.

William also has the distinction of being president of the Capper Pig Club. He is a sophomore in McMillan High School.

Prof. A. Gorrell, head of the department of vocational agriculture is proud of the record that his students are making and says that he believes it is a fact that the most accurate agricultural records outside of the government and State experiment stations are those kept by vocational agricultural students.

One student, Russell Griffin, made 140 per cent on his project which was sheep raising.

CASES CONTINUED TO MARCH TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases have been continued to the March term of the Audrain County Circuit Court:

Edna McCann v. the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company for death of her husband who was killed between Mexico and Fulton.

R. A. Fox v. the Chicago and Alton Railroad, suit for delayed shipment of stock.

John Cutlers v. the Chicago and Alton Railroad, suit for personal injury.

Case of State of Missouri v. John Brooks, charged with conducting a gambling house.

Salle Bibb v. the St. Louis and Hannibal Railroad Company, case brought to Audrain on change of venue from Pike County.

W. H. Cornelius v. the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company, case over delayed shipment of livestock.

MERCHANTS GIVEN CHECKS WHICH BANKS REPORT ARE NOT GOOD

Three Mexico merchants cashed checks in payment for goods the middle of this month which have been returned from the bank on which they were drawn with a statement that there were no funds to cash them. They were given by a woman whose every outward appearance seemed to be good. The law against this practice is very strict and the local merchants are going to have to put a stop to this practice. The three checks amounted to almost \$100.

THE WORLD'S TALLEST CHURCH CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The Chicago Temple building, the skyscraper church being constructed by the First Methodist Episcopal church in the heart of Chicago's business district, will be the tallest church in the world. The city council agreed to allow a spire to be constructed. With the spire the total height will be 545 feet.

AMERICAN WOMEN ARE WEARING ONE-THIRD OF WORLD'S DIAMONDS

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Forty per cent of the world's gold is in American banks and one-third of the diamonds in existence on the fingers and bosoms of American women, Dr. Nehemiah Boyton of New York, declared here recently.

Boynton has just completed a 30,000 mile trip to all parts of the world. He warned Americans to guard their prosperity.

"America needs a tighter grip on religion," he said.

Mrs. George Jesse returned to her home in Mexico Tuesday afternoon after visiting relatives in Fulton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Durkee, of Minneapolis, are spending the holidays with Mexico relatives.

The Barnes-Boyd Motor Co. has a cannon built of Ford parts on display in their show window. The idea is a clever one.

E. S. Wilson, of Jefferson City, Chief Clerk of the State Eeelymsonary Board, spent Christmas with his family in this city.

Miss Roy Ellen Stewart will spend the holidays in Columbia with her parents.

Miss Anne Payne and Miss Lucille Staton will spend the Christmas holidays in Marshall.

JACOBI STORE ROBBED XMAS CLOTHES TAKEN

The Jacobi Men's furnishing store, on the South side of the Square, was entered sometime during Sunday night and quite an amount of shoes and clothing taken by the thieves. Entrance was gained through a small opening broken through a glass in the rear window, which points to one of the robbers being a small man or boy.

A coat and vest evidently belonging to one of the intruders was left in the building. Evidently the men, it is believed that there were three, outfitted themselves completely while in the store as the shirts, overcoats, jewelry, gloves as well as ties and suits showed they had been taken out and tried on.

The police are working on the case though it is feared the robbers were transients and have made good their escape by this time.

CONFUSION AT DANCE RESULTS IN COATS BECOMING LOST

More than a dozen young people from Mexico and vicinity were inconvenienced Christmas night when the checking arrangements at a dance held at Perry, broke down, and caused the loss of about \$200 worth of cloaks. During the dance the lights were turned off for one minute, but nothing was thought of this until the guests failed to find their coats when the dance ended.

Among those present from Mexico were the following: J. E. Fish, Miss Alice Fish, Miss Annadee Fish, Miss Helene Morris, Horace Barnett, Miss Nellie Marie Barnett, Richard Parke, Sims Considine and Hubert Saunders.

PARDONS TWO CONVICTS WHO 'BEAT BACK'

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 23.—Two convicts, who escaped from the penitentiary, married and "beat back" by establishing themselves as respectable law-abiding citizens only to be picked up and returned behind prison walls, were given their freedom this week through outright pardons by Acting Governor Lloyd.

The pardons came as Christmas gifts to Loren Goist, who was returned a few weeks ago from Burk Burnett, Tex., and William Goodlow, who was brought back from Seattle, Wash., last January.

Another Gift for Paris.

The heirs of the late Henry Boatner have made the city of Paris a gift of an acre of land at the north end of Main street at the west of the approach to the Palmyra bridge to be used as a tourist park. It is a pretty plot of ground with considerable shade, on the river bank, and right on the main state east and west highway. It will be cleared up along the river margin, lighted by electricity and otherwise improved. The need was a pressing one, and the gift thoughtful.—Paris Mercury.

JUDGE T. HERRING DIES IN AUXVASSE WED. MORNING

Judge T. Herring, 77 years old who for ten years was a member of the Callaway County Court died in Auxvasse Wednesday morning following a heart attack. Judge Herring spent practically his entire life in Callaway County.

MORE GIFTS TO MEXICO POOR ARE RECEIVED

The Social Service organization of Mexico continues to receive gifts for the poor in this city. The Philathea Class of the Christian Church has given the sum of \$5 for Christmas baskets for the poor. A box of winter clothing has been received from the Weatherly Bill Posting Company of Jefferson City.

Cannon Selects Secretary.

FULTON, MO., December 26.—Clarence Cannon of Elsberry, Congressman elect from the Ninth Missouri District has been visiting in various counties of the district since his return from Washington, and announces that J. B. Ellis of Elsberry, who managed his campaign, will be his private secretary.

Carol Singers Out.

The members of the Mexico Y. W. C. A. appeared early Monday morning in a large motor truck and visited the home for Aged Women, the Audrain Hospital, the County Infirmary and many of the sick in the city singing Christmas carols to them.

Miss Helen Heiser who is attending the University of Missouri has arrived in Mexico to spend the holidays.

Joel Gard has returned from St. Louis where he visited Charles Hedger who is very ill.

C. E. Sartor, of Fulton, was in this city Sunday.

Salby Swift is home for Christmas.

Read Ledger ADVERTISEMENTS.

Resolved

TO READ
THE
Cross-Cut
by Courtney Ryley Cooper

A story which effectually sets forth the romance of mining for precious metals. The scene is laid in Colorado and the principal incidents have to do with attempts to steal a rich mine. A tale of high order made more interesting by the author's intimate knowledge of mining-town life and his ability to inject a pleasing humor in the telling of it. The plucky hero and the spirited heroine will make a strong appeal. With a superb plot, a realistic background and excellent characterization, "The Cross-Cut" will be liked by all lovers of virile American fiction.

This Splendid Story Will Be Printed as a Serial in The WEEKLY LEDGER Starting Next Week