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HAPPENED and HAPPENING.

Some Local and County News in Pencil Form

Some people sing "Jesus paid it all" and imagine that they have a receipt in full.

Skinner and San Fe news letters arrived too late last week to be gotten in type.

Isaac Johnson of the southwest part of the county has sold out and moved to Eldorado Springs.

Miss Mary Jurgensen of Macon City has bought the interest of Josephine Morris in the millinery firm of Hopkins & Morris in this city.

Owing to the inclement weather of February 4th Tom Jones put off his sale till Tuesday, the 17th inst., at which time the sale will take place rain or shine.

Wish them railroad surveyors would get out of Monroe county; Middletown wants to see how far the natural born civil engineers are to pull the road from Middletown.—Chips.

"A horse ran away with my brother and he hasn't been out of doors for three weeks." "That's nothing; my brother ran away with a horse, and he hasn't been out of doors for three years."

The Ledger joins all the people of Mexico in extending sincere sympathy to John Beal, editor of the Mexico MESSAGE, in the loss of his mother who was a noble, Christian woman.—Mexico LEDGER.

Prof. A. S. Green of Sturgeon has been appointed county school commissioner of Boone county to fill the unexpired term of Prof. E. S. Patterson, who has accepted a position in the Marshall school.

At the administrator's sale of the estate of Irvin M. Calhoun last week cows sold from \$30 to \$40; 3 and 4-year-old steers at \$4.25; 7 brood sows averaged \$23 a head; farming implements and hay brought good prices.

Miss Estella Blattner who spent a week or two with her folks in Mexico, on account of the burning of the Wellsville school house, returned last week to take charge of her school, the Board having rented some houses for the school.

Editors John Beal, of the Mexico MESSAGE and Grant Beal, of the Laddonia HERALD, have the sincere sympathy of the entire Intelligence force in their bereavement over the loss of their good Christian mother.—Mexico Intelligence.

New Florence Leader: We extend our sympathy to John Beal of the Mexico Message and Grant Beal of the Laddonia Herald in the loss of their mother. None can realize the loss of a parent only by the sad experience. It is a trying ordeal.

A Mexico young man, who is very bashful, during the recent big rain went to see his best girl and it began to rain, and it rained and rained. She told him it would be a pity for him to go home in the rain and asked him to stay all night. He hated to refuse, so he said alright, and she told him she would go and prepare his bed. It required some little time, and when she came back imagine her surprise at finding him dripping with rain. She asked him where he had been and he told her he went home to get his night shirt.

It is thought that Lou Erb near Rush Hill has the smallpox.

J. M. Pollard and wife will visit at Jennings, La., starting on the trip this week.

It is stated that a Mexico real estate firm cleared \$8,000 last week on one deal.

Maudie Wisdom of this county and Homer Pickett of Monroe county were granted marriage license last week.

The case of Fairbanks, Morse & Co. of St. Louis vs. C. M. Baskett of this city, in the St. Louis Court of Appeals, has been reversed and remanded.

One of the Hardin College girls, Miss Hove Hannon, fell down a stairway a short time since and was injured in the back so that she was compelled to keep to her room for a time.

Our Skinner correspondent makes the following observations: Seeing that so many rural deliveries are started or will be soon what's the matter with starting about two from Thompson, one coming north and the other going south? Some enterprising man or set of men should set this project in motion.

The Robyn recital at the Promenade street Methodist church last Friday night was a great success. A large audience was present and the program was thoroughly appreciated. The program wrought good and the community would only be bettered could we have such a recital often.

Perry Enterprise: The piece of saw which broke out of the saw which killed E. J. Nelson was found a quarter of a mile away, and sticking about 8 inches in the ground. It weighs about 25 lbs. It was not the piece of broken saw which killed Mr. Nelson, it was the remaining part left on the shaft, which flew around and struck him on the shoulder close to his neck and laid open a gash about 6 in. on his breast and about ten inches down his back, thru and thru.

St. Louis has passed a law making it a \$1 to \$2 fine to spit on the sidewalk or in a street car.

Some people are never satisfied. Marconi having given us wireless telegraphy, the Washington Star has set up a cry for coal-les heat.

A Webb City woman has sued a railroad company for \$2,000 damages for the killing of a race horse. Railroad trains won't touch a horse or cow not a throughbred.

A Linn county paper says: "A traveling man at the depot Monday afternoon showed the loungers about the place a simple X-Ray experiment much to the astonishment of the crowd. Some one was there with a string of ducks and he pulled a few feathers from the fowl, and passed them around, giving the following instructions: Place the feathers in your right hand and hold close to right eye; hold your left hand between the feather and the sun and look closely. The crowd was astonished at what they saw. Every bone in the had could plainly seen and you could see every ligament. Try it yourself if you are skeptical. The darker the feather the more powerful the X-Ray."

M. W. A. DELEGATES.

The County Convention in Mexico Next April.

The county convention of Modern Woodmen is to be held in this city April 1. This convention elects delegates to the State camp to be held at Jackson, Mo., in May, and this convention will elect delegates to the national convention to be held at Indianapolis June 15. The most important question to be considered before these several conventions will be the subject of re-adjustment of the insurance rates of the Woodmen order. To the county convention the Mexico camp has elected the following:

J. N. Cross, F. A. Sannebeck, A. Hughes, L. D. Penny, J. H. D. Stevens, Dr. Bridgford, C. R. Lupton, E. E. Jones, J. W. Plunkett, E. F. Kunkel, D. A. Murphy, Victor Victor; alternates, J. D. Pratt, John T. Baker, F. P. McCord, Mertie Johnson, Henry Miller, Frank Beck, M. E. Hook, Gip Mildred, A. M. Trimble, David Sneed, L. E. Smiley and Roy Ferris.

The following is a will written by a drunkard dying in a New York hotel. It was found on a chair by his bedside after he had taken his life:

"I leave to society a ruined character and a wretched example; I leave to my parents as much sorrow as they in their feeble state can bear. I leave to my brothers and sisters as much shame and mortification as I could bring upon them. I leave to my wife a broken heart and a life of shame. I leave to my children ignorance, poverty, a low character and one remembrance, that their father filled a drunkard's grave, and has gone straight to hell."

England's new drink act, which went into operation Jan. 1, is worthy the attention of large communities. Drunkards are arrested upon complaint. First offences are lightly punished, or pardoned upon promises of good behavior. Serious offenses are placed under bond not to purchase or drink intoxicants. Habitual drunkards are given long sentences, imprisoned for a time and then paroled under surveillance. At the first indication of drunkenness they are returned to serve out their terms. Altho severe the law is humane in all respects. It allows the individual every opportunity to reform and at the same time drunkenness is made a grave crime.

Forty two years ago there was only one county in the state without negro slaves; there are now seventeen counties that report no negro children of school age and twenty seven counties having no negro children attending school. The counties having no children of school age are: Barry, Carter, Gasconade, Gentry, Hickory, Maries, McDonald, Oregon, Putaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Schuyler, Shannon, Taney, Texas, and Stone. The following have negro children not attending school: Adair, Bollinger, Camden, Dallas, Harrison, Douglas, Dunklin, Mercer, Stoddard, Ozark. In none of these counties are there more than 100 negro children. Of the seventeen counties having no negro children, fourteen are represented in this legislature by Republicans, while of the ten having a very small number of negroes, Dunklin and Stoddard, are the only represented by Democrats.

E. S. Kelley, of near Benton City, made this office a pleasant business call last Monday.

County Court Doings.

Geo. D. Barnard, supplies for county officers, \$49. 81.
C. A. Davalt, supplies, \$3.00.
Mexico Plumbing Co., supplies for jail, \$5.25.
M. Pileher Jewelry Co., supplies for sheriff, \$15.
Mexico Ledger, supplies for Circuit Court and county officers, \$35.50.
H. L. Bickley, quarter salary as prosecuting attorney, \$200.
Mexico Water Works Co., supplies at jail and Court House, \$12.50.
Geo. E. Benz, supplies County Clerk, \$1.25.
Buckner & Whitney, supplies for Court House, \$12.50.
G. W. Robertson, supplies for Court House and jail, \$15.50.
Ferris & Cauthorn, supplies for county farm, Court House and bridges, \$16.42.
Frank Coatsworth, supplies for jail and bridge lumber, \$27.78.
State Lunatic Asylum No. 1, county patients, \$1,860.80.
State Lunatic Asylum No. 2, county patients, \$19.10.
"Fix It" Shop, supplies Court House, \$2.60.
C. G. Muster having been appointed deputy constable of Loure Township on Nov. 17, 1902, by J. F. Kleinsorge, constable of said township, is now by the court approved.

J. H. Minor having been appointed Deputy Recorder on Jan. 1, last, by S. E. Kendall, Recorder for said county, is now by the court approved.

Wallace Rodgers having been appointed Deputy of Salt River Township by C. T. Howell, constable, on Jan. 8, 1903, is now by the court approved.

J. B. Graham having been appointed Deputy Clerk of the county court by E. H. Carter, Clerk of the county court, on Jan. 4, 1903, is now by the court approved.

The report of the condition of the capital and school fund of Audrain county having been examined and approved is hereby ordered of the record of the court.

R. S. McKinney, bridge commissioner, \$29.
J. C. Mundy, supplies for county farm, jail and Court House, \$11.45.
C. F. Bush, supplies for county farm, \$3.50.
J. H. Sallee, supplies for county treasurer, \$15.60.
M. C. Flynt, Clerk Road No. 18, annual settlement by the court approved.

J. W. Dowell, Clerk Road District No. 2, annual settlement by the court approved.
Eppa F. Elliott, Clerk, C. T. Jesse, President, Road District No. 9, annual settlement by the court approved.

J. W. Renner, Clerk Road No. 10, annual settlement by the court approved.
A. D. Bledsoe, Clerk Road District No. 13, annual settlement by the court approved.

D. E. Elder, Clerk, J. H. Scott, President, Road District No. 7, annual settlement by the court approved.

Coleman Younger, survivor of the three brothers who were sentenced to life imprisonment because of connection with the bank robbery and murder at Northfield, Minn., in 1875, has been granted a full pardon by the Minnesota state board of pardons, on condition that he promises never to place himself on exhibition and that he leave the state of Minn. never to return voluntarily. He is now 57 years of age. He will take up his residence in Missouri again.

Three Murderers Sentenced to be Hanged March 6.

Jefferson City, Feb. 3.—Among the decisions rendered by division No. 2 of the supreme court this morning were three murder cases in which each of the murderers was sentenced to be hung March 6, 1903. They were Charles Ray of St. Joseph, who murdered John R. Martin by shooting him with a pistol at a dance at the home of Peter Jones, December 27, 1900, as the result of a drunken quarrel. Another case is that of James L. Gartrell of Amoret, Bates county, who murdered D. B. Donegan, in March, 1901. Donegan was the Colorado miner who came to Kansas City from Victor, Colo., in March, and purchased a team and wagon from J. J. Libby at 526 Grand avenue. Later in March Donegan, Gartrell and his son, William occupied a log cabin in Bates county. The evidence shows that Gartrell murdered Donegan for his money. The other was the case of "Bud" Taylor of Kansas City.

Gartrell moved away from Mexico a few years ago and is well known to many of our citizens.

Two Policies Contrasted.

A senator thus contrasts imperialism and self government: What have your ideals brought you and what have they cost you?

1. For the Philippine Islands you have had to repeal the Declaration of Independence.
2. For Cuba you have had to reaffirm and give it a new luster.
3. In Cuba you have had to convert the Monroe doctrine into a doctrine of mere selfishness.
4. For Cuba you have acted on it, vindicated it.
5. In Cuba you have got the eternal gratitude of a free people.
6. In the Philippine islands you have got the hatred and sullen submission of a subjugated people.
7. From Cuba you have brought home nothing but glory.
8. From the Philippines you have brought home nothing of glory.
9. In Cuba no man thinks of counting the cost. The few soldiers who have come back home from Cuba wounded or sick carry about their wounds and pale faces as if they were medals of honor. What soldier glories in a wound or an empty sleeve which he got in the Philippines?
10. The conflict with the Philippines has cost you \$600,000,000, thousands of soldiers—the flower of your youth—the health and sanity of thousands more, and hundreds of thousands of Filipinos slain.
11. F. N. Parker, says our Skinner correspondent, will move to Muskogee, I. T. about the middle of this month. We regret losing such valuable people from our midst but hope they will soon return to Audrain, the garden spot of Missouri.

Brigham Young's Oldest Child.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Elizabeth Young Ellsworth, who was the oldest child of President Brigham Young, is dead at the age of 78 years. Mrs. Ellsworth was born in Port Byron, New York, and accompanied her husband across the plains with the second company of Mormons in 1847. She leaves four children, thirty-seven grandchildren and forty-seven great grandchildren.

Shows Good Sense.

A Lewistown, Me., infant, asked by his Sunday School teacher what he should have done if he had been cast out of the whale's belly like Jonah, said: "I fink I'd gone home and got some clean clothes on."

Care of the Motherless.

Mrs. Patti Moore, police matron, talked to the Mother's union yesterday on "Mothering the Motherless." There was a large attendance. Mrs. Patti Moore said in part:

"You have given me for a topic the problem of the age. Who are the motherless? Is it the babe whose mother lies under the lilies? Undoubtedly the child has lost its mother, but human nature is warm-hearted and reaches for its very own, and this babe, whose ties of blood are broken, finds heart and love cemented in an adopted mother and never knows what it has lost or gained. The most motherless of the motherless babes is the child of living misfortune—the child born to a heritage of crime, poverty, ignorance and negligence. This child has not only been handicapped from the cradle, but every day adds to its fetters.

"What can be done with the thousands of innocents born and reared in bad environments? It takes no slight effort to rub out first impressions. The only help I know of is to place the children above the plane of old associations, bring into their lives new and different mothers. This is what the Humane society does, and we should bless it for doing this work. But these are not the only motherless ones. Many children have in name two mothers and two fathers, and yet are starving for affection, the father and mother being divorced and remarried. These are conditions which we have to face frequently. They are the conditions which will eventually open the eyes of the lawmakers and perhaps bring about a better moral status of the marriage relation. We need more work like that of the Mother's union to teach how to make good homes and rear happy children."

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The new Methodist church at Laddonia is to be dedicated the second Sunday in April. Dr. Palmore, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, will preach the dedicatory sermon.

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Win. H. Sims and Mrs. S. E. Ruesch, both of Rush Hill, were granted marriage license last week.