

# MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

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Mexico Odd Fellows lodge is growing rapidly lately in membership.

Miss Laura Brown of Thompson will teach in the Fox district this spring.

Rev. John T. Mason, Mexico, has been chosen pastor of the Baptist church at Troy.

The Tribe of Ben Hur of Mexico had an addition of 17 new members last week.

The base ball enthusiasts opened "work" at the M. M. A. grounds in Mexico last week.

It is said that the "Plug" train on the C. & A. will be put on again. Hope so, Flanagan.

Charles Davis, colored, was fined two dollars and costs the other day in Judge Bass' court for fighting.

The town board of Wellsville has ordered that billiard and pool tables shall not be licensed to operate in that city.

The Mexico school teachers petitioned the school board to elect Prof. L. B. Hawthorn Superintendent, Prof. D. A. McMillan deceased.

Timothy Clements, son of Mrs. Kate Clements of Mexico, who suffered a crushed foot by the cars at Fremont, Neb., recently, will soon return home to recuperate.

Leslie Reed, colored, has been held under a \$200 bond to await the action of the grand jury charged with assaulting Lee Wright, colored, aged 13.

The Wabash will sod its ground south of the new passenger station and set with trees, making a small park. Improvements in that neighborhood will show up great before the summer is ended.

### A Little Composition.

The other day a little school girl stepped into the Laddonia Herald office, to wait till her mamma came by, she explained. To while away a moment Editor Greer asked her to write him a short letter for publication and this is what she wrote:

I go to school to Miss Snidow, she is a fine teacher. She lives in Mexico. She wears a gray coat and blue hat. She has black hair and wears a comb in it. She teaches No. 2. She has pretty teeth. She has about 46 pupils in her room. I like to go to her.

### To Meet in Vandalia.

The Symphony Club, of Mexico, is to meet with Mrs. W. M. Weatherford, of Vandalia, March 27. The following program will be rendered in the afternoon: Opera Faust—by Gounod. Libretto, Faust; Fantasies by Sidney Smith. Miss C. Foville Selection from Faust Miss Guthrie Flower Song Mrs. E. R. Locke Faust Mrs. Clements Romance Mrs. E. R. Wilson Potpourri Sur Faust Miss Silverstein. L'Aragnosa Mrs. J. Jesse Potpourri (Cramer) Mrs. Ethan Howell Duo (for two pianos) from Faust Miss Keenan and Mrs. Weatherford.

### Residence Burned.

The residence of Capt. J. C. Johnson, near Tampa, Florida, was destroyed by fire recently. Capt. Johnson married Miss Frances Howe of Mexico and formerly lived near Benton City. A Florida paper thus speaks of the fire: "Information was received in Tampa yesterday afternoon from Fort Dade to the effect that the residence of Captain Johnson, one of the finest residences at the fortifications and a home most elegantly furnished, had been totally destroyed by fire about 4 o'clock yesterday morning. "The residence, costing about \$9,000, together with appurtenances and furnishings, was all lost. The fire started from the outside and in the rear of the residence. The origin of the fire is unknown."

### Paint Bucket Poison.

Clarksburg, Mo., March 10.—Eight head of valuable cattle, the property of George Pedego, a farmer residing two miles west of this city, died from poisoning, the result of licking an empty paint bucket, which was supposed to have contained salt.

### DRAKE SELLS LAND.

#### A Nonpartisan Ticket.

Vandalia, Mo., March 9.—At a strictly nonpartisan mass meeting to-night a citizens ticket was nominated for the city spring election. Dr. R. L. Atford, former mayor of Vandalia, was nominated for mayor, William Hostetter for marshal, Henry Bower assessor; aldermen 1st ward, J. B. Glascock, 2d ward J. F. Humphrey.

#### Drake Sells City Property.

John Sallee has moved back to Mexico from St. Louis.

Prof. Claude Sansbury remains quite ill with rheumatism.

Robert McConnell of Thompson will move back to Mexico.

Mrs. Lizzie Spencer of Louisiana, a sister of Mason Crassey, has moved to Mexico.

Eld. M. P. Matheny, editor of the Regular Baptist in this city, has moved his family to Eldorado Springs.

J. T. McCue will move back to Mexico from Fulton and will be treasurer of the North Missouri Trust Co.

John Pinaire, of Illinois, is moving to the John Brewer farm, west of Mexico, which he purchased some time ago.

Repeated from the Perry Enterprise: Jas. Kline, who worked for J. W. Trimble, Wm. and J. R. Smiley, L. B. Osgood and other parties in the Santa Fe neighborhood for several years past, is in the New London jail, as the result of forging a check. J. W. Trimble shipped a load of stock to St. Louis something like a month ago, and gave Kline a pass into St. Louis with the stock. While the train was doing some switching at Center, Kline went up town and presented at the bank a check on the Santa Fe Bank, drawn up payable to Perry Davis from J. W. Trimble, Kline indorsing it on the back. Kline made some plausible excuse to the bank cashier at Center for not cashing the check at Santa Fe or Perry. He went on to St. Louis with the stock and then to his old home at some point in Illinois, where he was arrested by an Illinois sheriff and turned over to Sheriff Adkinson, who went after him, arriving in New London with his prisoner, Kline, on Monday. Kline is a hard working young fellow, and it is a mystery why he did such a foolish thing.

### D. A. MCMILLAN

Gentleman, Teacher, Friend—A Tribute by the Columbia Herald.

Walter Williams attended in Mexico last week the funeral of his friend and associate in office as curator of the University, Prof. D. A. McMillan, and delivered an address. It was a magnificent tribute, but in his Columbia Herald he adds the following:

"Missouri is poorer than on yesterday. D. A. McMillan, teacher, scholar, helper of human kind is dead.

"Prof. McMillan was of singularly happy temperament. He believed in God and man. He ever took the sunny side. He was cheerful and made others so. There was the contagion of joy in his very laugh. Life to him was a sad contest, sometimes, but never outwardly. He was the embodiment of courtesy. Born a gentleman, he ever continued to be one. It was ever a helpful pleasure to meet him anywhere. In official relations as in personal relations he was guileless, kindly-affectioned true. He loved the blue sky and a bit of verse and his old friends and a book and little children. He was gracious in speech and manner. He won friends and disarmed opposition by his modest and the geniality of his conversation. The snowdrifts of years which left their mark upon his head could not check the spring-time buoyancy of his heart. His many former pupils will ever hold him in loving, grateful memory.

"Missouri boasts of much material wealth. We take just pride in that which the state has of material things. But far more valuable to Missouri are the men of high character and noble lives. A good man is worth more than any bag of money or pile of stone. Such a man was D. A. McMillan; friend and gentleman. His coming was a benediction to Missouri, his presence here a source of strength and sunshine, his going forth an enrichment of the Land Beyond.

One of the songs sung on the stage bears the following title, "I Don't Know Where I'm Going, But I'm on my Way." Thousands have listened to it and laughed at it. It was intended to amuse and it has served its purpose. Perhaps, says the Columbia Tribune, of the many who have heard the song a few here and there have been sufficiently philosophical to recognize in its title the suggestion of a serious thought. Some weeks since a rural visitor who had not been in the city before for a good many years was standing on the corner in Kansas City, viewing the passing crowds with deep interest. To a citizen who had engaged him in conversation he said "Where are they going? the people I mean." Where can all those people who are rushing along so fast be going? We are on the way unquestionably, but where are we bound? In the vast majority of cases the question is unanswerable.

### Candidate Fell Dead.

Bowling Green, Mo., March 8.—W. D. Sanders, candidate for treasurer of Pike county, fell dead on the street here today from rheumatism of the heart. He had started to the train to begin his canvass for office. He was 75 years old and had been prominent in Pike county politics for many years.

### THE CROPS.

It's Going to Depend on the Soil and the Crop-Weather Next Season.

A stray blizzard came in upon this section of Missouri last Saturday night and the next day Mother Earth was covered with a three-inch snow and the spring weather that had been upon us vanished away. But we wanted to speak here of Foster's Weather Bulletin sent us from Washington City.

Guess he knows what he is guessing at and what he says may interest you. He predicts a warm wave about the 20th and then adds:

This warm wave will cause a general thaw further north than is usual and will promise an early spring but the month will be closed cold and the alternating freezes and thaws will not be good for winter wheat. We are approaching a season of unusually variable crop weather, so radical that corn, wheat, potatoes, flax, grass and cotton will depend on the nature of the soil to a greater extent than for years past. Some kinds of soil will not pay for the seed and I again advise farmers: not to sell good corn for less than 50 cents.

The success of crops this year will depend so largely on the the lay of the land and the quality of the soil that I cannot give good advice in a general letter except to say that good crops will be produced where the soil fits the crop-weather; that the corn crop will be one-fourth short of last year and that wheat will not come up to the average. Potatoes will not make more than half a crop.

### Farmers Organize.

Wellsville, Mo., March 9.—At the Farmers' Institute, held in this city, a farmers club, with J. P. Wilson as president and R. C. Webb as secretary, was organized.

### Where're The Girls This Go?

Warrensburg, Mo., March 7.—Rube Oglesby, who is again candidate for the Democratic nomination for Railroad and Warehouse commissioner, for which office he was beaten by a Republican opponent at the last election, was warmly congratulated on his return to this city after the Democratic primary in Oregon County, which he carried by a big majority.

Oglesby's friends here are loyal to him and will support him in the race for nomination. He will spend most of his time between now and the Jefferson City convention traveling over the State.

Oglesby, it will be remembered owed his nomination two years ago largely to the efforts of Warrensburg young ladies, led by Miss Elizabeth Houts, who, calling themselves the "Oglesby girls," invaded Jefferson City when the nominating convention met and carried the convention for him. It has not developed whether Oglesby is to have this same mighty support of the fair ones of Warrensburg in the canvass.

Miss Mattie Frost of Mexico, assistant pastor of the Methodist church here, remains in very ill health.

Mrs. Walter Hubbard of Mexico while practicing at one of the skating rinks last Thursday fell and broke her arm in three places.

Mrs. Joe Considine of Thompson was operated on for appendicitis at the Parker Hospital in Columbia recently. At last reports she was doing as well as could be expected.

### "NIGGER" DID RIGHT.

That's the Opinion of a Circuit Judge.

MARION, Mo., March 7.—Mrs. Tom Kelley, a negro woman, came to town today with her little 10-year-old son, Albert Johnson, who was released without trial Saturday for killing his stepfather.

Albert went into the front room while a family quarrel was in progress. His stepfather was hammering his mother with a chair. Albert climbed up and got a shot gun, with which he shot and killed his stepfather.

After looking into the case, the Prosecuting Attorney directed the boy's release without preliminary examination.

In returning her son to custody, Mrs. Kelley explained that the negroes were very badly scared up at the coal camp, fearing that Albert would go gunning again.

The Circuit Judge explained to them that a trial of the boy would have been a farce, as the jury would have acquitted him.

He said that if the jury had not turned the boy loose, he would have set the verdict aside.

The negro preacher, who accompanied Mrs. Kelley, said it established a bad precedent, and would encourage the boy to think he had done a meritorious act in killing his stepfather.

"If he killed him under the circumstances as sworn to at the inquest," said the Circuit Judge, "he did exactly right. This boy shall neither be sent to the jail nor to the reform school."

### That "Home Rule" Idea.

The following is from the Journal of Agriculture of St. Louis. It gives a peculiar situation, but we believe the story is truthfully told:

As an issue in Missouri politics, the cry of "home rule for St. Louis," which means especially the regulation of the police department by the city government, is meeting with little popular response. It is known that a former mayor, whose administration marked the disgraceful period in St. Louis history, was especially interested in home rule legislation and was injudicious enough to say that if he had the control of the police system he could perpetrate his mayoralty for life. He meant what he said, and knew what he was talking about. He was familiar with the conditions. It was in his term of office that the climax was reached. Knowing these facts we undertake to say that not ten per cent of the substantial business and professional element of St. Louis who pay taxes, and who have the interest of good government at heart, are in favor of the police control being transferred to the city. Let not rural Missouri be deluded by any suggestion that there is any clamor in St. Louis for what is called home rule, as applied to the police system, among the element in favor of good government—among the people who pay taxes, who have no political or official ends to serve except that of good, clean, practical government. The State government is more responsive to popular sentiment than city management—the governor is nearer the whole people and more responsive to them. The police is a state, not a city, power. The governor can best keep the force out of politics. Let the law stand as it is.

The Middletown Chips states that Eld. G. B. Smith, late of Callaway county, has moved back to Laddonia, one of his first loves.

### THE TARIFF WALL.

Some Thoughts Reviewed in an Editorial By the MESSAGE Some Time Ago.

Washington, March 6.—Charging that the American workingman has been wronged and robbed by protected trusts, and that, in spite of the talk of prosperity, he is getting less for his work than he did before the Dingley law was enacted, Representative W. W. Rucker, of the Second Missouri District, for two hours today replied to a recent speech of General Grosvenor, in which the latter maintained that the high protective tariff is solely responsible for the unprecedented prosperity of the country.

Judge Rucker declared that the contrary is the truth, and that the rank and file of American citizens have always enjoyed great prosperity under low tariff, when the protected trusts had no advantage over them. He said that, in addition to being robbed and oppressed the workingman has had to pay a constantly increasing price for the necessities of life. Between 1890 and 1900, Mr. Rucker asserted the number of children under 16 years of age employed in industrial institutions increased 40 per cent. He said the poor man was obliged, by the oppression meted out, to take his children from school, and put them to work, in order to maintain his family.

The Missourian declared that the high tariff also discriminated against the American farmer and that, notwithstanding the fact that in the last fifty years the farm products have comprised three-fourths of our total export trade, under the Dingley law the relative farm values to national wealth have gradually decreased. This shrinkage, he said, has amounted to billions, and, in the single item of cereals the decrease in the value of products the last ten years has been \$1,500,000,000.

Turning his attention to the tariff on the Mergenthaler typesetting machine, Mr. Rucker said it had been demonstrated that these machines could be produced for \$500, and yet they were sold for \$3,000 because of the tariff.

There were 20,000 publications in this country affected by this price.

Thousands of petitions from editors had been sent to the present Congress "urging the removal of this prohibitory and monopolistic duty."

"Will not the gentlemen heed these petitions?" he asked. "Then every Republican editor in the United States, who has the backbone of an angleworm, ought to unite and make the condition of Republican members such that they will cry out, 'Wherever I fly is hell, wherever I light is hell.'"

Mr. Rucker concluded with the prediction that with a tariff, revision platform and William J. Bryan as its candidate, the Democratic party would as a cyclone, sweep the country.

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