

# MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

### RAZORBACK HOGS.

#### Fred Roberts' Observations—Stock Shipments.

The Audrain County Fair will be held August 16 to 19.

Joseph Mongler shipped a load of fat hogs to the East St. Louis market this week.

J. W. Hammett and N. Ehrlich, both of this county, had fat cattle on the St. Louis market this week.

Samuel Rowe, near Rowena, has 40 head of fat cattle sold at \$7.25 to McBride of Centralia to go the last of this month.

S. R. Craighed of this county topped the Chicago market this week with a drove of fat cattle, 36 head. The price received was \$8.85.

Tom Hamilton bought of A. Collins one suckling mule colt for \$175.00. This colt was sired by J. R. Snook's famous black jack, known as Reube, who is at the Rose Hill farm, seven miles north-east of Mexico.

The Farber Forum says: F. E. Scrogin shipped in a load of hogs from Arkansas Tuesday which attracted some attention when they were unloaded. They were the typical Arkansas kind, the razor-back variety, about as thick through as a case knife, and with snouts three feet long—not quite three feet, but nearly. It would be no trick for them to drink buttermilk from a jug. Don't know what they cost Frank but probably not quite ten cents a pound. He will feed them and sell them to packers who will ship the butchered stuff back to us as choice sugar-cured hams, fancy breakfast bacon and silver leaf lard.

"The prospects do not look very flattering for a large crop just now," said Fred Roberts, a prominent young shipper of Audrain county, Mo., while on the market yesterday with two cars of hogs, says the Live Stock Reporter. Continued Mr. Roberts: "The recent cold, wet weather has put the farmers behind with their work. I know of a great deal of corn throughout the county that has not been replanted yet. The corn that is already up does not look at all well. The corn stands from four to six inches in height, and has a sickly, yellow color from the cold wet rains we have experienced lately. The oats and wheat crops will not be as good as usual. What we need now is a few weeks of sunshine and less rain. There is considerable feeding done in Audrain county and there will be a good many hogs and cattle shipped from there this fall."

### POWELL FORD.

The bright sunshine of last week was appreciated and the farmers made good use of their time.

Most all in this vicinity attended the Elks' Convention and enjoyed it very much. The decorations were beautiful.

Miss Bennetta Dillard entertained a few of her friends last Sunday week to a birthday dinner, and on the following Monday Miss Minnie Powell entertained in like manner. Both were remembered nicely by their friends.

Misses Bess Corner of Laddonia and Frankie Harrison of Mexico and Mrs. Sam Hatcher of Auxvasse were the guests of friends in this vicinity first of the week.

Miss Pauline Powell gave a bunking party to a few of her friends Tuesday night of last week in honor of Miss Wills of near Perry who was the guest of Misses Virgie and Annie Bledsoe of Mexico.

Mrs. Milford Berry, who spent two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Powell, left Tuesday for Carlisle, Ky.

### REWARD CERTIFICATES

#### A Plan to Encourage Perfect Attendance in The Schools of Audrain County.

For the purpose of encouraging more regular attendance in schools with fewer tardies the County Superintendent of Schools, together with the teachers who were willing to assist in this matter, have introduced into the schools of Audrain county a system of giving Perfect Attendance Certificates as a reward of merit.

When the pupils attend twenty consecutive days without being tardy the teacher presents them with a small certificate of attendance. When the pupils get five of these small Certificates the Superintendent presents them with a larger Certificate of Attendance. The plan is that when the pupils get four of the larger Certificates then they will be given one still larger and more beautiful. But it will take about three terms of regular attendance before any one can get one of the largest size.

The following are the names of the pupils and the schools that were given one of the second size Certificates during the last term. Each one of these signifies 100 days in school without being tardy.

The highest number given to one school was 26, awarded to the Burnham school, taught by Misses Botts and Tindler. The second highest number was 21, awarded to the Black school, taught by Mrs. V. B. Bowman. This school has the distinction of having an eight months term without a single tardy:

Goodwater school, Mr. T. E. Crump, teacher. Dorothy Fechter, Edna Earsom.

Liberty school, Mr. A. A. Duncan, teacher. Charles Johnson, Thomas Archie, Ernest Kunkel, Willie James, Frank James.

Gateway school, Miss Otie Baker, teacher. Callie Berrey, Hazel Holloway, Alice Styles, Mildred Ellis.

Erismans school, Miss Laura Brown, teacher. Lelia Fuhrer, Everite Fuhrer, Van Fuhrer, Oscar Erdell, Edna Erdell, Edith Lierheimer, Bob Doss, Lora Fuhrer.

Eller school, Miss Ada Crum, teacher. Ethelyn Waters, Beatrice Crum, Belle Crum, Ada Crum.

Elm Bend school, Miss Mattie Talley, teacher. Cornelia Dubray, Marguerite Dubray, Leta Hamilton, Glenn Beedle, Egan Beedle, Mary Hamilton, Carrie L. Haycraft.

Sunset school, Miss Goldie Quinn, teacher. Jennie Mullins, Charles Crane, Willard Crane, Carl Crane, Vera Mullins.

Prairie Lea school, Mr. E. E. Shay, teacher. Aubrey Jones, Irene Rogers, Leo Shire, Ethel Ruse, Marie Divers, Lyndell Stuart, Otie Divers, Ralph Ruse, Bennie Pierce, Harold Rheinhart.

Sneed school, Miss Ethel Dull, teacher. Homer Hebel, Mary Hebel, Frances Wakefield, Orval Hebel.

Friendship school, Mrs. Minnie Forbis, teacher. Richie Patrick.

South Liberty school, Miss Sallie Crane, teacher. Mand Bane, Bryan Johnson, Emmett Bradley.

Thompson school, Miss Blanche White, teacher. Roy James, Earl Fisher, James Gant.

Walker school, Geo. Coakley, teacher. Josephine Erb, May Perry, Leslie Perry, Mabel Perry.

Hall school, Miss Lottie Jones, teacher. Vernie Jones, Zelma Jones, Mickey Cox.

Burnham school, Misses Botts and Tindler, teachers. Lillian Irvine, Julia Spiva, Martha Stevinson, Maude Stevinson, Clark Curry, Cecil Barnes, Ida Waggoner, Sue Lewis, Orene Fagg, Hazel Sitts, Arthur Douglass, Glenn Inskip, Zoella Stevinson, Earl

Sitts, Edd Fagg, Nettie Seachy, Chrissie Beachy, James Arnold, Marie Arnold, Emmett Arnold, Mary Lewis, Lee Curry, Joella Gingerich, Marvin Barnes, George Gingerich, Elsie Inskip.

Hisey school, Misses Tuttle and Slonaker, teachers. Mabel Horton, Harold Groves.

Maple Grove school, Pearl Tucker, teacher. Bessie Tanner, Laurence Fecht, Lily Dahlem, Lizzie Dahlem, Franc Johnson, Ida Waggoner, Julia Fecht, Johnny Fecht.

Carter school, Fannie Ball, teacher. Lida Cox, Lena Price.

Cauthorn school, Mae Coakley, teacher. Albert Dillard, Francis Diggs, Russell Stuart, Dewey Stuart, Grafford Diggs, Earl Kelley, Writtha Stuart.

Pisgah school, Groves Sims, teacher. Wren Owings, O. D. Gearty.

Bear Slough school, Miss Vea Smith, teacher. Goldie Boulden, Floyd Hammett, Blanche Hammett, Lela Boulden, Mollie Ehrlich.

Ringo school, Miss Mary Johnston, teacher. Luster Leake, Floyd Leake, Willy Leake, Gertie Leake, Joeyene Settle.

Beaver Dam school, Mrs. Letha Wilkins, teacher. Nannie Weiler, Cecil Crews, Benetta Dillard, Ruby Crockett.

Duly school, Miss Goldie Emerson, teacher. Sterlie P. Carter, Crocia Williams, Buford Davenport, Edward Williams, Charles Powell, Porter Davenport, Robert Carter.

Strother school, Mary Morrison, teacher. Harry Munson, James McIntire, Earl Swartzendruber, George Swartzendruber, Willis Guengerich, Ruth Brockman, Virginia Faddis, Minnie Welch, Lena Brockman, Reaburn Faddis, Clarence Shetler, Kate Shetler, Lena Welch, Laura Burnett, Lelia Burnett, Mabel Faddis, Ida Munson.

Jackson school, Mr. J. M. Harrison, teacher. Adolphus Kesler, Mamie Kesler, Oranje Bomar, Cook Bomar, Lizzie Walker, Nama Kesler, Eula Kesler, Ida Lee Freeman, Willard Wayne, Mary Kesler, Eddie Caldwell, Ella Byars, Jennie Walker, Nannie Walker, Carrie Caldwell.

Hedgedale school, Miss Effie Bryson, teacher. Leona Kireher, Thomas Smith, Clayton Snook, Elsie Witche, Herbert Petty, Milton Smith, Frances Snook, Ruth Bishop, Cornelia Miller, Raymond Snook, Marie Miller.

Macedonia school, Mrs. Lizzie Robinson, teacher. Bee Crosswhite, Zella Shores, Grace Shields, Pauline Newton, Cornelius Bartelma, Melville Shores, Stella M. Crosswhite, Ellen Barte, Bertha Mallory.

Cornett school, Frank J. Williams, teacher. Clemma Flynn, Willie Deichman, Paulina Deichman, Elsie Deichman, Osborne Smith, Calvin Smith, Helen Smith, Eva Brabant, Arthur Kindig, Bewel Hageman, Alice Stuart, Ada Stuart.

Long Branch school, Miss Emma Epperson, teacher. Cecil Johnson, Hazel Johnson, Gladys Johnson, Willie Johnson, Harper Rudasil, Grace Dowell, Gladys Dowell, Grace Ewing, Taylor Peck, Wallace Peck, Lewis Berrey.

Fox school, Miss Myrtle Duncan, teacher. Neville Baker, Nita Surber, Sheldon Miller, Kathryn Miller, Alice Seringer, James Surber.

Oak Grove school, Miss Sue Biggs, teacher. Lila Fuqua, Mabel Hoyt, Austin Webber, Sallie Slavens, Fay Hoyt, Bessie Webber, Eunice Biggs, Glenn Fuqua, Ellsworth Fuqua.

E. B. Scherer of St. Louis had business before the Circuit Court here this week and visited his brother, A. F. Scherer, near Worcester.

### "WET GOODS" SEIZED.

#### A \$100 Hound Pup—Woman Comes Near Drowning—Sweet Ellis Married.

A. Glahn was fined \$1,000 in Fulton one day last week on the charge of violating the local option law.

Monroe county claims a cat that plays the piano. The Times says Bowling Green has a number of musically inclined felines and they sing by the bootjack accompaniment almost nightly.

It is said that lightning stopped a conversation between a young man at Portageville and his lady love at Caruthersville over the telephone one day last week after all other means had failed.

George Furniss, a negro of Louisiana, came near losing his wind the other day—a bullet hit him in the windpipe, going thru his neck and shoulder. He claims he was fooling with a gun "that was not loaded."

Centralia has completed the digging of a deep well for her waterworks system. The water has been analyzed and is said to be the best, containing lithia and other fine qualities, which solves the question of pure water for the town.

Every "Bill" went in for fun to the limit. Nothing taken seriously. Dignity was cast aside, and all went "merry as a marriage bell." The Mardi Grass Parade made a great hit. It was headed by a Dutch Band, 12 pieces.

The horse parade Friday was a great feature. The line of parade was near two miles in length and numbered near 200 animals—over \$100,000 worth of blooded horses in line. It was the greatest parade here since the Cleveland election in 1884.

Leo Brown and his grandmother, Mrs. Griffith, were thrown from their vehicle from a bridge near Curryville a few days ago, both falling into the water. Mrs. Griffith was badly injured—suffering a dislocated hip—and came near drowning.

Automobiles played an important part in both days' entertainment. The occupants of the Old Ladies' Home and other shut-ins over the city were brought down town to witness the decorations and to see the parade and hear the bands.

There is a young woman who works daily in a coal drift near Macon, and proves a most capable hand. She wears a pitlamp and handles a pick and shovel as good as the men. She earns from \$3 to \$4 a day and says she work seems to agree with her.

Auxvasse Review: Little Miss Mary Cecil Gibbs is visiting her uncle, Burt Sims in Mexico. This is the first time Miss Mary Cecil has ever gone out by herself on a railroad train, and of course she acted just like a grown up lady as she entered the coach.

A fine mule belonging to Lewis Fisher, a farmer east of Frankford, ran away, hitched in a barrow, throwing the barrow upon its back and striking some of the teeth into its back. The mule died from the injuries. It is very seldom you hear of a mule getting injured in a run-away.

Frank Matthews at Stoutsville is suing Newt Painter for the killing of a hound dog valued at \$100.

In Ralls county last week a farmer was fined \$50 and trimmings, amounting to almost \$200, for killing a fox hound which ran through his place during a chase. The evidence showed that there was some malice in the act.

The Prosecuting Attorney got a scent of some "wet goods" in four different business houses in Fulton, last week, and sent the Sheriff to make seizures. Kegs

of beer and whiskey were found. The stuff will be held as evidence for prosecution against those who had it in possession, and if conviction follows the fines will be from \$100 to \$500.

Mr. "Sweet" Ellis—a most honorable young man and who has a fine position with the Buffalo Telephone Co. at Louisiana—came back to his former home town of Vandalia the other day and carried away for a wife, Miss Kate Middleton, one of Vandalia's brightest and loveliest girls, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Middleton. Many Audrain county friends extend congratulations.

Paul Johnson, colored, of Auxvasse, is in jail charged with assault with intent to kill for taking a shot at Lawrence Brown, also a gentleman of color. It seems that a case of beer found its way to Auxvasse, consigned to colored people, and it was taken up into the woods near town and tapped. The booze had a bad effect on Johnson and he thought he wanted to kill somebody.

This one is told on a Missouri county candidate: "Fellow citizens," said the candidate, "I have fought against the Indians, I have often had no bed but the battle field and no canopy but the sky. I have marched over the frozen ground till every step has been marked with blood." His story took well till a dried up looking voter came to the front. "I'll be darned if you hain't done enough for your country. Go home and rest. I'll vote for the other fellow."

The Paris Mercury was recently bragging about two boy babies being born in Paris in one day. Pshaw! that's nothing, says the Perry Enterprise, on August 5, 1907, three boy babies were born in one day at Perry. The sons of B. T. White, Wm. Stehle and S. G. Hulse. On Friday of last week three girl babies were born at Perry. One of them was the baby of Henry Yancey and the twin babies of Henry Browning.

A very perfect specimen of the ancient Indian tomahawk was found in a car of gravel at the Hannibal Sand and Construction company works on the river road north of Hannibal, by Edward Malia, a Burlington switchman. By placing the tomahawk under a magnifying glass, marks of some ancient language can easily be detected. The weapon was taken from the bottom of the river by the sand digger, opposite Haseo.

### THE ELKS GATHERING.

#### It Was a Jolly Set and They Came From All Parts of the State.

The Elks State Convention drew a crowd of visitors from all parts of the State last week. There were perhaps 4,000 strangers in the city. And they were a jolly, happy crowd, each fellow with a smile on, contracted from the habit of smiling, whether he could always divine what was coming to him or not. It will just such a crowd as would do you good to meet.

Every clock in town quit running at 11 o'clock in honor of the visitors. J. B. Botkins and the editor of the Message, not being among the initiated, are not sure yet that we understand why the clocks should take such a caper at the same minute.

Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock, F. A. Morris, Exalted Ruler of Mexico Lodge, formally opened the convention, and after the invocation had been read by Ex-Mayor E. D. Graham introduced Mayor Willard Potts who made the address of welcome. He spoke of how ardently F. A. Morris had worked for the success of the convention and suggested that if the antlers wished to show their full appreciation they could not do a better caper than to elect Mr. Morris as President of the State Association. Just before closing his address and before turning over the keys to the city and the dippers Mr. Potts made a hit in complimenting Mayor Graham, his predecessor, for what he had accomplished for the city while in office, urging the support of the Elks for Mr. Graham for State Senator from this district in 1912.

N. A. Vaughan, President of the State Association, made a happy speech in response to Mr. Potts' words of welcome.

Bands and parades, receptions and minstrels were marked features of the entertainment for the first day.

A sign was hung up at the City Hall and Rock Pile, "Closed," by order of the Mayor, Police Judge and Chief of Police.

The visiting ladies to the convention were given rides over the city Friday in automobiles.

At the close of the Convention retiring President N. A. Vaughan, of St. Louis, was publicly presented with a gold watch.

The Convention took the suggestion of Mayor Potts in his welcome address, elected F. A. Morris President of the State Association. The next meeting will be held at Macon, May 11 and 12, 1911.

### SANTA FE NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bacik of Perry spent Sunday at Edd Hendrick's.

Mrs. Mayme Crigler is having her house treated to a new coat of paint. Geo. McGee is using the brush.

Misses Sneed and Dillard of Mexico are visiting relatives here.

Miss Mattie Talley of Beagles vicinity visited friends and attended church here last week.

Quite a number from this vicinity went to Mexico Friday to see the Elks.

Porter Cauthorn and wife spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cowherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jansen of Monroe City and Mr. Moore of Pike county, were at John Booth's the first of the week.

We were misinformed as to Lucien Howard's land deal in Youell's addition to Santa Fe. He bought one acre instead of one lot.

Ralph Adams delivered 75 fat hogs at Rush Hill Monday. Did not learn what he got for them.

Mrs. Jeff Fields is spending the

week with her brother, John Sherman.

Clabe Key and wife and Mike Fitzpatrick and wife visited Strother friends recently.

Quite a number from here will attend Teachers' Institute at Paris the 24th and 25th.

Miss Annie and Cordia Snyder entertained a party of young folks Saturday night in honor of their guests, Misses Sneed and Dillard of Mexico.

Will James of Stoutsville was in this vicinity not long since.

Tom Crump and family of Perry were at Grandma Crump's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spears of Holliday are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. R. L. Youell and Fred Quisenberry are in Queen City as delegates for the Christian Endeavor.

Dick Dye of Paris is here, making concrete blocks for the basement of John Sherman's new house.

Forest Clark was a Mexico visitor Saturday.

Mr. Bice of New York was a caller at Uncle Zack Hunt's last week.

T. G. Campbell and wife were in Mexico the last of the week.

William Ball and daughter, Miss Lou, and Mrs. Laura Gosney were recent visitors at J. W. Tawney's.

Tom Fields and family or near Paris were at John Sherman's Sunday.

Quite a number from here are attending conference at Palmyra. Among them are Mrs. Lou Sterret, Clara Sterret, Mattie Bess Sherman, Nannie Dull, Mary Wilson, Nellie Cook, Minnie Dashner, Gertie Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bailey, Manie Bailey and some names we did not learn.

The sad news of the death of John C. McKamey was received here Sunday. He had consumption. He formerly lived six miles south of Paris and was a great stock man. A wife and two little girls mourn for him. He was a good man in all the walks of life and we are pained to hear of his death. He went to California a few years ago. The remains will be sent back to Paris.

Mrs. Sparks and Paul are home from their visit.

Newt Bishop did some carpenter work for Uncle Zack Hunt, Friday.

Mrs. Ralph Adams, south of town, is home from a short visit in Mexico.

### HIGH HILL DISTRICT.

Good old summer time has come.

W. T. Puffis sold his yearlings to Mr. Anthony at 6 cts.

J. H. Turner and wife, Mr. Dalby and wife and grandson, Hollis baby, spent last Sunday with B. F. Puffis and wife. They had a good old time. It made them think of gone-by days.

C. E. Sellers bought a hog for \$22, fed it 60 days and sold it for \$40. Gained 3-3/4 lbs. per day.

Grandpa Rich of Illinois will spend several days with John Rediger's family. He is Mrs. Rediger's brother.

C. E. Sellers sold Tom Hodge a wagon load of hogs at 9 cts.

Mr. McGraw, Mrs. Seller's father, went to Illinois on a visit. While there he bought a nice mare, colt and buggy and drove thru. He was on the road a week.

Ollie Sims and family visited his brother, John Sims, Sunday.

S. A. Puffis is hindered from canvassing by the illness of his aged mother, but he will get around and see you boys before long.

Born, to the wife of Aaron Oyer, a girl.

Ely Oyer, who had his leg broken, is still laid up with his hurt.