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ANNOUNCEMENTS. The Message is authorized to announce the following as candidates for County Office, subject to the Democratic Primary, August, 1918.

- For Prosecuting Attorney— R. D. RODGERS. For Collector— E. J. SIMS, JOE D. BEATTY, OMER DICKERSON, THOMAS P. NOEL, L. A. HARRIS, C. P. ARNOLD, T. J. KELSO, EDWARD MACHIN. For Probate Judge— H. P. WARDEN, E. A. SHANNON. For County Recorder— D. E. WOODWORTH, Thompson, R. F. D. I. NETTIE M. STEPHENS. For County Clerk— ROSS B. CAUTHORN. For Circuit Clerk— EPPA F. ELLIOTT. For Representative— D. M. SLONAKER, W. W. BOTTS, EDWIN C. WATERS. For Presiding Justice— S. C. GROVES. For Judge Western District— GEORGE A. POLLARD.

The primary next Tuesday. Don't forget it.

Your sugar allowance from this day goes to two pounds per month. Cut the sweet eats shorter.

Don't forget to go to the primary and vote next Tuesday. Go and help nominate your choice of the candidates.

It cost this city \$102 to kill her surplus dogs during the last six months. It might be better economy to have a prohibition against the breeding of dogs and the importation of dogs.

Hardin College has already registered 150 girls for the coming year against 78 at this time last year. Hardin is growing. Extra houses are going to be needed to house the students.

John C. Higdon of St. Louis seems to be the booze candidate for the U. S. Senate against Wilfley and Folk. Higdon says, "prohibition must wait." We predict Higdon will wait awhile, too, before he gets into the Senate.

Claude Williams of Laddonia would shoot a Hun in the lines if he gets a chance. An U-Boat sunk his transport and he lost all he had and was in cold water four hours and narrowly escaped with his life. Shoot, of course he would.

That dangerous undercrossing of the Chicago & Alton Railroad just east of Mexico is to be eliminated at last, thanks to some hard work done by the present members of the County Court. The State and County and the Mexico Eight Mile Road District will aid in expense.

The Student Nurse Training Schools, established by the Government at various places, make good opening for girls just out of high school. It is an opportunity to choose a gainful occupation and at the same time aid in patriotic work.

Frank Weiland raised the biggest crop of wheat we have heard of—in all this country round about. His threshing was 2,700 bushels. If he were in Kaiserland—or any other man who might raise a crop like that—we wonder how much of it he would be allowed to pocket the cash for.

"SURE SOME HAM." Rev. H. I. Cobb hands The Message this clipped from the Liberty Tribune, which indicates the ability of E. B. Street, formerly of McMullan, as a farmer:

Prof. E. B. Street, our new superintendent of schools, makes a good harvest hand as well as an excellent instructor, for after going up to Lawson and helping his friend, Jewell Sexton, save his crops, Mr. Sexton sent him a fine 16-lb old ham. That's sure some present.

The Supreme Court has upheld the Constitutionality of the Audrain County Hospital Election. There never was any doubt of the legality of the law here, but a St. Louis bonding firm raised the question, and they have been shown—we should think, to their satisfaction. Ben C. Elliott, the architect, will complete the plans for the building soon and the work, it is thought, will be started in the erection of the building in early fall.

Frank Buffum, one of Pike's many politicians, thinks Wilfley will carry his county with a whoop; carry Ralls, likewise.

The state or county—even the nation—that confines its criminal evildoers within prison walls is itself guilty of criminal practice. Convict labor, rightly applied, would in the next generation give the United States the greatest system of public highways the world has ever known. Put convicts to work on roads. They can expiate their offense and be of some service to their country. Missouri, to some extent, has set the pace in road building by convicts and other states are doing the same. Road conditions throught the country will be improved. The Message has advocated this plan for years.

SOME MESSAGE CONTENTS THIS WEEK:

- Miss Million's Camp Fire girls' "clean plate" slogan. Vernor Yostmayer off to help whip the kaiser. Mrs. O'Rear's return from Bolivia. Claude Williams of this county loses his all when an U-Boat sinks his transport. Mexico kiddies for Wilfley for Senator. Frank Owings' soldier letter. Miss Minnie Stallings to go to France. Horse's tail torn off. "Women Carry Mud up Long Ladders." Fifty airplanes in a flight—Huns kill each other. Washington City Sidelights.

MRS. SETTLE DEAD.

One Of The County's Oldest And Most Highly Respected Citizens—Rev. Rice To Conduct Funeral.

Mrs. Elizabeth Settle, 83 years old, died at her home in this city Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock. She had been rapidly failing for some time and her death was not unexpected.

The funeral will be held at the home tomorrow (Friday) afternoon by Rev. H. B. Rice of Laddonia. The pallbearers will be E. F. Elliott, J. J. Wood, A. H. Whitney, Dr. J. F. Harrison, Dr. W. K. Call of Laddonia, Ross B. Cauthorn, and J. W. O'Hearn, G. H. Fennwald and J. S. McCune, of Laddonia.

Mrs. Settle was a native of Boone county, born near Harrisburg. Her father, Robert Crews, died in 1849 on his way to the gold fields in California. The mother, America Crews, died 16 years ago. Nealy 50 years ago Mrs. Settle with her mother and two brothers and a niece moved to Audrain county and made their home south of Rush Hill. Later they moved to Laddonia and then about six years ago they came to Mexico.

The two brothers, Kelly and Y. E. Crews, and a niece, Miss Elizabeth Crews, survive her.

Mrs. Settle was a good woman, a member of the Christian Science Church. The world is all the better for her having lived in it.

NOW IN FRANCE. Rev. Walter M. White, at one time pastor of Mexico Christian church, is now doing Y.M.C.A. work near the battle front in France.

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FOR SENATOR WILFLEY.

While I have not been asked, I wish to add my testimony to the many good things said and written about Xenophon P. Wilfley.

It occurs to me that Audrain will miss an opportunity of several generations should she fail to pile up a large majority for Mr. Wilfley. He is in the prime of manhood, brilliant, capable, honest and clean, of good parentage and not as obscure as some of his friends would have him. I knew his father, a stalwart, manly citizen, devoted to his family and well beloved by all who knew him. His mother, a queenly woman, left a widow early in life, her ambition was centered in her boys, and, while she had four bright manly fellows, two of the four at least have made themselves of national repute. Mrs. Wilfley's two brothers, when the civil war came, adopted the cause of the confederacy and, not made of bush-

whacker material, went south and fought until the war was over. One came out a colonel and the other a major. When peace was declared both settled in the State of Arkansas, becoming eminent jurists, and had much to do with reconstructing the laws of that state. General Pindall, Xenophon P. Wilfley's grandfather, was the best type of manhood that a country like this could adopt for its own. His cousin, Governor Pindall of Arkansas, and his brother, Leb., who made himself unpopular by cleaning out the grafters at the court of China. This much and more could be said as to his progenitors and relations.

Now, as to that "letter", it is something to harp on, many of the best citizens of Audrain County entertained the same views at that time, in fact, Mr. Wilson was elected because he kept us out of war; and the mothers of America were happy to add their approval.

It reminds me of an incident in General Lee's life, when the Country was threatened with disruption. Lee was for the Union and Compromise. The entire command of Federal forces was tendered him, he hesitated, awaiting the action of his Native State, and when Virginia seceded his heart went out with the old dominion, and who dare say Lee was ever disloyal to the lost cause. While Xenophon Wilfley was for peace with honor, as was two-thirds of America at the time, when we broke with Germany, his heart and soul was with Mr. Wilson to win the war.

I count it a great privilege to lend my support to a man with such qualities and especially to one born and reared in our county. Why look for something better when we have the best at our door. S. P. EMMONS.

Lower prices for mill feeds are predicted.

Get ready to save and store away your seed corn this fall.

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Wanted Scrap iron, scrap auto tires, scrap rubber boots and shoes, scrap rags, hides, feathers, furs and pelts at the highest cash prices. SAM MORRIS A TEXAS WONDER THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2225 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

Vote For JOE D. BEATTY CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COLLECTOR Of Audrain County Subject to the Action of the Democratic Party at the Primary Election, August 6th HE has never before sought an office and is making his campaign for Collector on a One Term Platform. He was born in Audrain and his life is an open book before the citizens of this county. He is well qualified and is capable of filling the position he seeks. Mr. Voter, he will make you a good Collector. VOTE FOR JOE D. BEATTY YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE APPRECIATED

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