

# NORTHWEST MISSOURI NEWS

The Most Important News Condensed From the Leading Papers, by A. A. Jeffrey.

Community singing is to be made a force for good at Princeton, according to the Post. A community chorus and an orchestra were organized there last week. These organizations will enroll a large number of persons from that city and neighboring communities and will meet each week in a hall furnished rent-free by the lessee, heated free of charge by the owner of the building and lighted without charge by the city.

Indictment on nine separate counts for the illegal sale of liquor a Laredo drugist last week faced Judge Woods in the circuit court of Grundy county, and on conviction was fined \$300 on each of the nine counts—\$2,700 in all.

Death last week removed from the Mercer county poor farm an old woman who had been an inmate of the institution 55 years.

From a part-time job the office of county highway engineer in Mercer county last week was raised to a full-time position at a salary of \$1,000 a year, says the Princeton Post.

In the matter of securing a farm agent, DeKalb county recently, says the Maysville Herald, won the record for prompt and earnest action.

The executive committee of the farm bureau in that county raised \$1,500 and the county court appropriated a like amount, providing for \$1,000 a year for three years' expenses of a farm agent.

Last week, at Brookfield, the sale of the old Kennedy homestead of 225 acres called to the notice of the Gazette an interesting incident in the history of this farm. The farm has been the property of one family for 70 years.

Its first buyer, Wm. L. Kennedy, sold on as a team for \$50, receiving in payment one of the old-time homestead \$50 gold pieces. With this piece of money Kennedy set out on foot to Plattburg, the nearest government land office, to pay the \$50 fee for the old homestead. At Plattburg, however, the land office would not accept the old coin for more than \$49, and Kennedy was obliged to loaf around Plattburg until he could borrow the additional dollar necessary to accomplish his mission.

The eleven Belgian orphans brought in the second contingent received by Harrison county, already have found homes, says the Bethany Republican.

For provisions, machinery, stock and upkeep of the Harrison county poor farm last year there was an expenditure of \$5,507.50, says the Bethany Republican. Besides increase in stock and feed still on the farm, the year's cash sales of stock and farm products from the place during the same time reached \$3,775.47.

Eleven sweaters, nine helmets and three pairs of wristlets are the work since October, 1917, of one Plattburg Red Cross knitter, Mrs. Jack Moore, according to the Leader. Besides that Mrs. Moore keeps house for a family of seven, washes, irons and mends for them and even helps "Pa" milk the cows.

Ray county's most valuable carload of mules, according to the Richmond News, was shipped the other day to St. Louis by a Kansas City buyer, W. J. Owen. The load included 22 head bought from local buyers for \$5,000.

When good road boosters of Holt county met last week at Oregon to organize a campaign for a \$900,000 bond issue for hard-surfaced roads, says the Sentinel, D. Ward King, Holt county's famous road drag man, now director of the federal farm loan bank of St. Louis, asked and was granted the privilege of being the first man to sign the petition calling for the special election.

Perhaps the largest farm sale held in Holt county for many years, according to the Oregon Sentinel, was that of James Collins, near Mound City, where 3-year-old mules sold at \$675 a span; cows averaged \$100 each, steers brought \$101 each, and the

total sales reached \$20,000.

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The spring weather of the past few days has caused a drop in egg prices at Brookfield, according to the Daily Argus. Eggs are now selling at 45 cents a dozen—a 15 cent drop from the 60 cent price of a few days ago.

After February 17, Maryville folks will have to pay the cash for jitney rides, says the Tribune, with no chance to get them two-for-a-quarter. At costs amounting to 6 cents a mile plus drivers' wages, the jitney owners decided that 10 cents a fare was too little.

Six carloads of corn meal were sold last week by the Mound City mill to a Chicago buyer, according to the News-Jeffersonian. This order is for delivery just as quickly as the meal can be ground. The mill soon will change its machinery so as to devote its entire time to grinding corn meal.

In a three-day drive the rural carriers at Maryville sold their patrons \$1,149.50 worth of war saving and thrift stamps.

A former Maryville girl, now Mrs. C. S. Ellis, of Roca, Neb., according to the Maryville Democrat-Forum, will this spring drive a tractor to plow the ground and plant 100 acres of beans. This is to be her "bit" in winning the war.

"Every young farmer ought to start now with at least one registered beef or dairy cow," C. D. Bellows, the Maryville Shorthorn breeder, is quoted as saying in a recent article in the Country Gentleman. He continues: "I never knew a man, who applied himself, to fail in the breeding of livestock. It is the one business where practical, common-sense methods are used, in which the word failure has never been written."

A young man of Rock Port who had lost one foot took the examination recently for rural mail carrier. He acquitted himself so well in answering the questions that he would have secured the appointment except for a mistake made somewhere along the line of red tape from Rock Port to Washington and return. In recording his qualifications the department credited him with an amputated arm instead of a foot, and that, says the Journal, knocked him out of all chances of filling the present vacancy.

When the Platte county court, last week, considered the matter of hiring a county highway engineer, only two bids for the job were offered, says the Dearborn Democrat. Both were the same—\$50 a month for the first three months, then subject to a raise.

The poll-tax on able-bodied men in Platte county was fixed by the county court last week at \$4.

A recipe for sweet corn pone is eagerly sought by Editor Moorhead, of the Hopkins Journal.

Just for fun, says the Optimist, a Lathrop man greeted his friend by hitting him a hearty whack on the breast with his fist. The blow broke a rib loose from the breast bone and disabled the victim for several days.

While digging for a well on the Conrad Neth farm, in the north part of Clay county, says the Liberty Tribune, workmen uncovered a well-preserved piece of oak wood, 32 feet below the surface of the ground within a compact layer of hardpan clay. The well was dug on high ground, hence the wood could not have been buried there by a slide or overflow and how it came there is a mystery.

For 27 bushels of 1916 corn \$162, or \$6 a bushel, was paid last week by W. N. Huston, near Burlington Junction, says the Post. He bought it from a neighbor.

A collector of curios at Liberty recently added to his collection a piece of the bark from the big Howdeshell walnut tree near Excelsior Springs. This great tree bought and sealed by the Chillicothe gunstock factory at nearly \$2,000, was the largest walnut tree in the United States. The piece of bark is five inches thick, says the Liberty Advance.

Fifty-two women, assisted by a few of their husbands, completed ten comforts for the wounded French soldiers at a Clay county comfort-tackling bee last week.

In order to gain a week for summer garden work, the Liberty schools will be in session each alternate Saturday, beginning Feb. 16.

Wheat is not much damaged by the cold weather, says Old Chip, from Rayville, in the Richmond Missourian.

Somewhere in the St. Joseph territory of the Children's Home Finding Society of Missouri lives a man who has taken 13 children to raise, and now wants two more. As these adopted children become of age, this benevolent foster-father gives each a farm.

Within recent months the Lock Springs High School has added to its equipment a 24-volume encyclopedia, a dictionary, a set of mathematical blocks and a Victrola.

This week rock road bond propositions are being agitated in both Gentry and Platte counties with meetings at Darlington and Dearborn.

Evangelical. The Sunday school in St. Paul's church is at 9:45. The sermon will be delivered at 11 a. m. Prayer meeting Thursday night, in the basement.

At Nickell's Grove the Sunday school opens at 10 a. m. The Y. P. A. at 7 p. m., and the sermon at 7:30. Prayer meeting, Wednesday night, at Earl Stephenson's residence.

W. C. JOHNSON.

FOR SALE. The J. B. Payne residence, half way between the square and the depot; 9 rooms; large barn, rock cave, two lots, on paved street. I will have to dispose of this property within sixty days to the highest bidder, or I will make a very cheap price to a buyer at any time, in order to close up the estate.

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I WANT TO BUY YOUR CORN in wagon load or car load lots

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL EFFICIENCY CONFERENCE

To Be Held in the Methodist Church at Mound City, Thursday, February 28, 1918.

9:00 o'clock a. m. to 4:00 o'clock p. m. Mr. Sterling L. Williams, Kansas City, and Mr. G. B. Roseberry, Maryville, will be the speakers.

The conference is for superintendents of schools, county and township officers. But departmental superintendents will find it of value, and other workers may attend with profit. The outline of study has been sent to every superintendent in the county. The men who will present the work are of statewide reputation, and have done efficient work in the Sunday school field wherever they have been called.

Mr. Williams has just returned from Camp Funston, where he made the drive for 9,000 soldiers in the Bible classes. In January he spent ten days in Denver, where he "set up" a campaign to enroll 10,000 men and 10,000 women in the Bible classes from January to Easter. The reporter said of his work there: "The first gun was fired at a banquet attended by 800 men; this meeting was followed by six mass meetings for men, held on two Sunday afternoons." "Mr. Williams is a veritable dynamo of Sunday school enthusiasm," says W. J. Dyar, of Springfield, Myron Settle, of Kansas City, says: "On the evening of Friday, January 18, 100 superintendents sat down to dinner in the Y. M. C. A. building, Kansas City; sixteen denominations were represented." He comments on the enthusiasm and value of the meeting. Mr. Williams was also a leader there.

Mr. Roseberry is the very successful president of Nodaway county. He was general chairman of the committee who planned for the state convention at Maryville. He has had practical experience that qualifies him to discuss the township work and the standard school.

Attend the conference. Hear these men and with the other superintendents of the county plan the work for the greatest year in the history of Sunday schools of the county.

Lunch will be served in the basement of the church for the small sum of 35c. Program:

Morning Session.

9:00-9:20—Devotions.

9:20-10:30—The Administration of the School, Mr. Sterling L. Williams.

10:30-11:15—Bringing the School up to the Standard, Mr. Geo. B. Roseberry.

11:15-12—Conference, conducted by Mr. Sterling Williams.

12—Prayer.

Afternoon Session.

1:30-1:45—Devotions.

1:45-2:45—The Township Organization, Mr. G. B. Roseberry.

2:45-3:30—Revitalizing the Objective by Unity of Purpose, Mr. Sterling L. Williams.

3:30-4:00—Setting the Goal (Conference), conducted by Mr. Williams.

4:00—Prayer.

County School Notes.

The regular March Teachers' Examination will be held in the Oregon High School building, Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2. It will begin at 8:00 o'clock each morning.

A splendid gathering of people turned out to see and hear the Food and Clothing demonstration given by Misses Leta Gray and Robinson in the auditorium of the Bigelow High School building, Friday, February 15. The county superintendent came up on the afternoon train to attend the meeting, the demonstrators returning home with her the same evening.

How many of our farmers are testing their seed corn? Poor seed is the greatest cause of a low yield of corn. The average yield of corn in the United States is less than 26 bushels per acre. Just one small eight-ounce ear of corn added to each hill will raise the average of the United States to 52 bushels per acre; double the yield and value of the crop and add \$1,700,000,000 to its total value.

In the Shiloh school, Miss Jean Wilson, teacher, six pupils were perfect in their attendance for the first half year—Frank and Minnie Blazer, Dorris and Leonard Meyer, and Viola and Zela Trimmer.

I trust that every teacher in Holt county is teaching patriotism to those under their care, both by precept and example. Teach them the salute to the flag and have the children give it every day.

"I pledge allegiance to God, and to my flag and the republic for which it stands."

One nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

How many schools in the county have a few minutes devoted to singing every day? Don't neglect this part of the child's life. Here are the words to the first verse of "Missouri Mine," which goes to the melody of "My Maryland."

"I love thy hills, thy woods, thy streams, Missouri mine, Missouri mine. Thy fields of grain where plenty gleams, Missouri mine, Missouri mine. Thy sylvan shades, thy sunny dells, Thy mountains where the sky-line swells; And every tale thy history tells, Missouri mine, Missouri mine."

The spelling words are: Prairie, hideous, kerosene, separator, circumference, rutabaga, celery, parsley, kale, leek, Alleghany, liquor, masculine, feminine, neuter, cologne, hic-cough, crochet, ear, neighbor, machine, journal, campaign, paralysis, neuralgia.

ALBERTA GREEN-MURPHY, County Superintendent.

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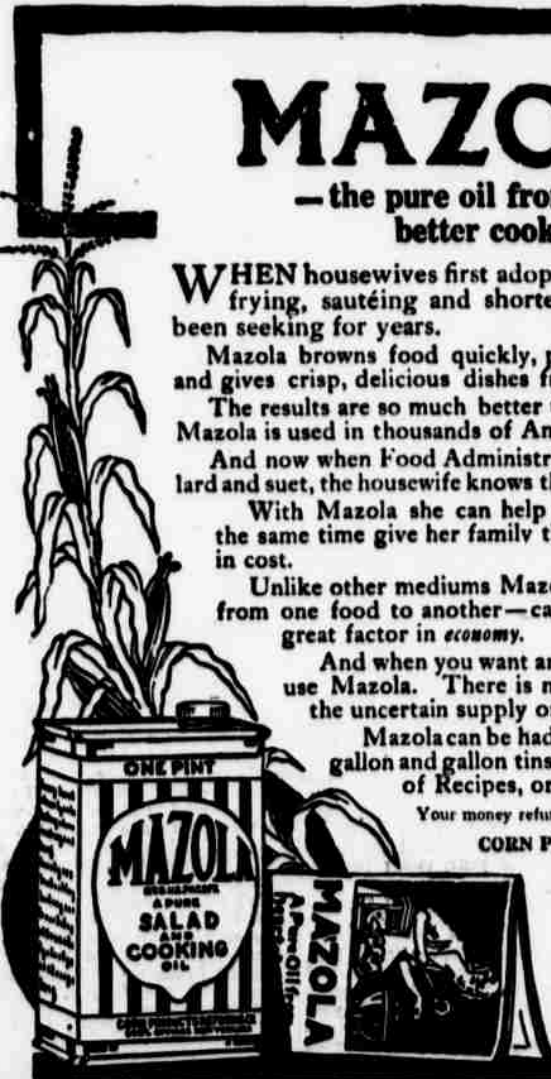
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—The men of the Bell and Faubion week, held a wood chopping bee and seeds of which were presented to the neighborhoods in Clay county, last worked up 12 cords of wood, the pro-local Red Cross chapter.

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