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C. H. Martien, one of Bean Creeks excellent citizens, has moved to the vicinity of Tulip.

X. P. Ball, well known in Mexico, has sold his general merchandise business in Auxvasse.

F. L. Bruce and B. F. Fox, the new real estate firm, will shortly have rooms in the Bragg building, on Jefferson street.

Audrain hunters, you can hunt in your own county without paying license. That's what the St. Louis Court of Appeals says.

Several new rocking chairs grace the ladies' waiting room at the new Wabash passenger station in Mexico. It is an innovation worth while.

Rev. H. E. Stout, pastor of the Methodist church of Centralia, well known in Mexico, has been chosen president of Howard Payne College at Fayette.

Some of the farmers around Farber are figuring on tilling their land in order to drain it sufficiently to get better results in yields from cultivation.

There are now eight occupants at the King's Daughters' Home in this city. Miss Ann Dorrah of New Franklin, Mo., is one of the latest arrivals. The family at the Home is growing larger.

E. M. Crooks has moved to Mexico from near Rush Hill. He has bought property on West Monroe and Love streets. He is a good citizen and the MESSAGE is glad to welcome him to our city.

The house of Sarah Provines, colored, in Mexico, caught fire last Thursday morning and burned to the ground. It is said that the fire department with its bumptious equipment got there in time to save a few sticks of kindling wood.

J. E. Bozarth and family, northeast of Mexico, have moved to a farm west of Perry. They order the MESSAGE to follow them. Mrs. Bozarth was formerly Miss Lizzie Humphries and was a pupil of the MESSAGE editor at the Neville school house in Rails county a number of years ago.

We are informed that a Mexico reader of the MESSAGE sends to the Stevens Organ & Piano Co. of Marietta, O., advertised in the MESSAGE, for a catalog of their goods, but the writer neglected to put her name to the letter. Write again, sign name and you will get the catalog.

Wallace Rogers, cashier of Rush Hill Bank, will resign his position and move to the old home farm near Columbia, where he was raised. He recently bought the place; it is composed of about 400 acres. The MESSAGE is sorry to have Mr. Rogers leave the county. He is a thoro gentleman and splendid business man.

The Regular Baptist of this city says: Grandma Turner, as we love to call the venerable mother of our brother Turner of Mexico, passed her 95th birthday on Feb. 26th. She is hearty and gives promise of many more days. This is a long time to be on the journey thru this low ground of sorrow. She has the blessed hope that it is better further on.

Chicken pox in Shady Dell neighborhood, north part of the county.

Wm. Dodd, of near Centralia, has moved to his farm south of Mexico.

County teachers' examinations in Mexico tomorrow and the day following.

A thru telephone wire will be put up between Benton City and Rush Hill.

Mrs. J. W. Gorrell, out beyond Molino, is looking after over 100 head of young chickens.

Clyde Farris, son of Fred Farris, down on Cuivre, this county, has been very sick with droupy.

Mr. Jesse Whiteside and Miss Florence Spencer, both of Thompson, were married the 14th inst.

Schnyder Williams, colored, has been held for the grand jury on the charge of being accessory after theft of taking \$40 from Wm. Dawson.

E. M. Crooks bought the Wallace Rogers residence in Rush Hill last week. Mr. Crooks, having moved to Mexico, says his Rush Hill property is for rent.

E. D. Graham and W. W. Pollock will represent the Business Men's Association of Mexico at the meeting of commercial clubs in St. Louis April 16th and 17th.

Lau Jones, of Mexico, who has been spending the winter in California, writes friends here that he has been very ill lately with appendicitis. Is recovering and he and his family hope to return home first of next month.

Miss Sarah Grim and her sister, Mrs. Rachel Barton, and nephew, Worley Herron, living south of Laddonia, have moved to Sullivan, Franklin county. They order the MESSAGE to follow them.

W. W. McKinney is getting up a commercial map of Mexico. It will show every commercial and business interest of the city and the location of every home and residence. It ought to prove a valuable advertisement for Mexico.

The C. & A. will put down a granitoid platform in front of their new passenger depot in Mexico. It will reach from Jefferson street to the next street east and will cover a space of 16,000 square feet. B. A. Powell of Mexico has been awarded the contract for the work.

Our Molino correspondent believes in dragging the roads and sends us the following item relative to this subject: There is one man, J. E. Mundy, in this vicinity who has been dragging about a half mile of road now for nearly a year and it has been spoken of so much. It is often said, "When we strike the John Mundy lane we will have good roads." Others have adopted his plan and the roads for about two miles have been kept dragged the most of the time this winter.

## MISSOURI AND THINGS.

### The Squab Industry at Centralia and Audrain Roads.

Walter Williams had a two column article in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat a few days ago touching upon various subjects, and incidentally, he got around to Boone county and Audrain. We quote the following from what he said:

#### THE SQUAB INDUSTRY.

A new industry is developing in Missouri, the growing of squabs for the market.

Until recently it was confined almost entirely to the cities and their suburbs.

Within the past few months, however, it has been extended over the country towns and some farmers have taken up the business of raising pigeons and selling squabs. Erastus Robinson, a Wabash conductor, who, because of advanced years, retired from railroad work, made his home at Centralia and is in the occupation of growing squabs. The chicken growers are adding pigeons to their poultry yard pets in many other places.

#### THE COUNTRY ROAD PUZZLE.

"What shall be done with the country roads?" continues the chief topic of discussion in interior Missouri. The discussion over the power of the general assembly to direct appropriations for building of roads which was precipitated by inquiry addressed by Judge W. H. Kennan of Mexico to Walter Burch, the Audrain county representative, has not interrupted the general consideration of the subject of good roads. Representative Burch, replying to Judge Kennan, points out that the constitution states, in the seventh and last subdivision of section 43, that the general assembly has power to make appropriations "for the pay of the general assembly and such other purposes not herein prohibited as it may deem necessary." Mr. Burch says: "I call attention to the words, 'such other purposes not herein prohibited,' and draw this conclusion, that, unless there is some clause in the constitution that expressly prohibits the state from making such appropriations, then it has the power, under this general grant of power, to improve its highways. The very fact that the words 'not herein prohibited' were used, makes it a general grant of power. And since the public roads are public and not private property, it logically follows that the State has the right to use its own money in improving what belongs to it."

The building of two macadamized or rock roads from St. Louis to Kansas City across the state has been suggested by C. F. Clark. Mr. Clark would have these roads built at state expense, one north of the Missouri river and one south of that stream. Others are suggesting the use of convict labor upon the public roads, a suggestion often vigorously made but as vigorously opposed. The discussion of good roads is always sharp and consistent during the late winter and early spring months, because it is during these months that the country roads are in worse condition than at any other periods of the year. The discussion grows less acute when early summer comes and the country roads become pleasantly passable.

Says the Perry Enterprise: Dave Thompson has bought a 85 acre farm 5 miles northeast of Mexico for \$37.50 per acre. He has been living on the Edmonston farm of 186 acres, and it has been rented to Ernest Bridgford.

### Devouring a Church.

The Rev. E. J. Peck, who recently returned to England from a missionary field on the coast of Labrador, has the novel experience of witnessing the destruction of his church by dogs, in fact, the dogs ate up the church. The edifice for missionary purposes was constructed at Black Lead Island in Baffin Land for the benefit of the Esquimaux tribes which frequent the coast and as sealskin was easily obtained, the building was made of that material. One night, however, the church was left unguarded, the missionary's temporary home being at some distance, and late in the afternoon a wandering tribe of upland Esquimaux arrived and pitched their tents round the sealskin church. Their half-starved dogs at once fell to work on the edifice and before morning it completely disappeared, only the bare poles remaining which upheld the sealskin covering. The most expensive skins on earth are dear diet for hungry dogs, but in spite of the loss of his church, Dr. Peck persevered and his next edifice was made of adobe and stones and he now has the satisfaction of knowing that the esquimaux are provided with a church that their dogs cannot eat.—Christian Advocate.

Sad to say there are some "sealskin" churches in this country that the dogs wouldn't eat.

### The "Lid" Certain in Monroe.

The Paris Appeal prints the following: The lid is an assured fact in Monroe county for the next two years.

All three of the candidates for prosecuting attorney are running on that platform. This means that the illegal sale of liquor is going to cease, for the history of other has been that when the prosecuting attorney boldly proclaimed his position and resolutely backed it up, violations of the liquor laws practically ceased. The platform on which the candidates are running is a popular with the voters.

Public sentiment is overwhelmingly against those who persist in the illegal traffic and strugly in favor of law enforcement. The statutes make it unnecessary to invoke the aid of the grand jury in prosecuting offenders and it is a clear evasion of duty on the part of a prosecuting attorney to permit this or any other form of law breaking to flourish until the circuit judge sees fit to order a grand jury to investigate. While the statutes do not require him to be just as alert for evidence and just as ready to prosecute on what is known as "information" in liquor cases as in cases of burglary, assault or murder—in none of which the action of the grand jury is awaited. When the people are determined that the traffic shall cease they shall quickly stamp it out by law and order organizations, regardless of grand jury or prosecuting attorney, as they did at Middle Grove and as they did at Woodlawn. Even at Paris, with the law on their side, the people caused absolute prohibition for several weeks by taking the matter in their own hands, two years ago. The emphatic position taken by all of the candidates for prosecuting attorney indicates a more rigid enforcement of the liquor laws than has been known in Monroe county in recent years.

### Rev. H. E. Stout Honored.

Fayette, Mo., March 19.—The Rev. H. E. Stout was today elected president of Howard-Payne College, the selection of board of curators being unanimous. Mr. Stout will not take active charge of the affairs of the institution until the opening of the fall semester next September.

He is at present pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, of Centralia, Mo. Mr. Stout from now until autumn will continue his pastorate, at the same time directing as much as possible, the interests of the school.

The new president will be one of the youngest men in the state to head an important educational institution.

### He Pronounced a Mighty Truth.

"J. F. Free, better known as the Immortal J. N., has returned home from his ceaseless wanderings up and down the face of the earth for the first time in ten years. Last Saturday night he arrived unheralded in the little village of McCutchenville, went to the home of his aged sister, Mrs. John Cooley. Although his visits to the old homestead during the past fifty years have been so infrequent that he is almost a stranger, yet his mental misfortunes are never forgotten and the lach string is out. A warm welcome was accorded though traveler, who is broken in health and tottering with the weight of years. With advancing years the mental cloud which settled down over the great intellect so many, many years ago, seems to have lifted, and much of his eccentric manner has disappeared. J. N. now appears as only a weather-beaten and decrepit old man whose faculties have been somewhat dulled by the flight of time. For him the 'veil' which so long beclouded his mind seems to have been released late in the evening of life."—Cincinnati Inquirer.

"J. N." has often visited Laddonia and was a frequent visitor to the public school when here. Even in his rambling talks he discloses glimpses of a great intellect.—Laddonia Herald.

We well remember when J. N. was in Farber on one occasion several years ago. There was an interesting protracted meeting in progress at the C. P. church. It was thought best to keep J. N. away from the church on that particular evening, as he was calculated to attract attention wherever he went. Some one was detailed to stay with him downtown, but he caught on and said he wanted to go to the meeting. G. B. Brown said he would see that he didn't get in church, should he come. When he saw J. N. coming he locked the door, leaving the key in the door, and waited outside for developments. When J. N. found the door locked he politely turned the key, walked in and took a front seat. At the close of the services Pastor White asked him if he had anything to say. J. N. responded to the invitation with one of the most forcible and dramatic declarations we ever heard. Said he, "If it were written in blazing letters on the great sky to-night that to-morrow would be Judgment Day, and tickets were five dollars a ticket, what a rush there'd be for tickets." His large form, white flowing locks, with a sweeping gesture of the hand as he made the statement made an impression on the audience that many who heard it never forgot.—Farber Forum.

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### A Card from W. W. McKinney.

Mexico, Mo., March 22, 1906.—Commercial Business Men of Mexico Mo., Gentlemen:

We can and will soon have a population of 10,000. Let every one do something to help bring this about, and he will be doing something for himself. What is good for the city is good for the individual. You know from experience the power of suggestion, the potency of intelligent, judicious advertising.

I am getting up a commercial map of Mexico, Mo., showing location of our mills, factories, business houses and railroad facilities, in fact, a first class reference map of the city, 36x36 inches. This map will cost something like \$400 to publish, to say nothing of time and labor spent on drawing, etc. I need the co-operation of the property owners and business men of Mexico in this undertaking. Assist me and you help yourselves.

Thanking you for the encouragement which I believe will make this venture a success, I am

Very truly yours,

W. W. MCKINNEY.

J. L. Lawton, of Bellflower, formerly of Mexico, was in the railroad wreck near Denver, Colo., last week, but only suffered slight injuries. About 25 people were killed in the accident.

### Must Not Drink Liquor.

Jefferson City, March 13.—Governor Folk issued a parole pardon today to Edward Ellis, of Linn county, who was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, from October, 1905, for grand larceny. The pardon was issued upon the petition of a large number of citizens of that county, and upon the condition that Ellis abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors and appear in person at each regular term of the circuit court of that county and give account of his conduct to the judge.

### THE GRIM REAPER

Robert Belt, working in the coal mines at Corder, Mo., was crushed to death between two coal cars one day last week. The young man was a cousin of Mrs. Dr. M. E. Crawford of this city.

Col. Lewis Hord, of this city, died unexpectedly of congestion at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. P. Thorne, in Iuba, Miss., last Wednesday night, week. Mr. Hord was one of our most prominent citizens. He was born in Vicksburg, Miss., in 1837. First went into business at Cincinnati, O. Was married to Miss Mary Fant of Fulton, Mo., in 1858. He moved to Fulton 36 years ago, a few years later moving to Mexico. For the past dozen years had been in ill health and been spending the winters in the South. The body was shipped to Mexico for burial. Deceased leaves five children, as follows: Mrs. E. P. Thorne of Iuka, Miss.; Mrs. Sannie Buckner of Mexico, Mrs. S. B. Cook of Jefferson City, P. F. Hord of St. Louis, and Mrs. W. G. Walker of Covington, Ky.

W. R. Arnold, Pres. W. A. Morris, V. P.  
S. J. Bucknor, Cashier.

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