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PREPARING FOR WORK.

Superintendent of city schools Dr. Stevenson stated yesterday that his time was occupied mostly in making changes of pupils from one school building to another.

Some of the buildings are crowded far beyond their capacity, and there would be no hopes for the best school workers such as crowded condition.

As an instance, he cited the Washington school. According to the present enrollment, there are about five hundred and fifty pupils, or over one hundred more than the building will accommodate.

The relief is being given by sending pupils outside of the circle to other schools. This work of designating other schools is not only tedious in itself, but the parents often seek interviews with the superintendent and make a great howl.

They are very much prejudiced in favor of the Washington school. They are quite sure none other is as good and in addition to it is always a long distance. A clever bluffer put in an appearance yesterday with sparks flying out of both eyes.

The school to which his children had been assigned was at least two miles away and he was not going to submit to the change by any means.

A measurement on the map showed that there was just three-quarters of a mile between the Washington school and the one referred to, and the irate father lived between the two schools. Some made requests good naturedly and others took other plans, showing in all about as many plans as there are applicants, but it all amounts to about the same.

Dr. Stevenson succeeded in remaining firm and at the same time not offensive but agreeable, leaving a good impression even if he don't comply with demands.

The flags provided by the Garfield post for the school buildings and rooms were being distributed yesterday and being put in position. By this evening every school room in the city will be provided with the stars and stripes.

The grade meetings of the teachers held every day at the office of the superintendent are attended with no little interest. The work in every department is starting off nicely and good results are confidently expected.

FLUSH TANKS AND PIPE LAYING.

Sever Contractors Sullivan & Steinfetz have completed the work on flush tanks. There are in all two hundred and sixty-eight, which are supposed to be enough to supply the system with water sufficient to give good service.

There are yet fifteen hundred feet of pipe to be put in place as the result of a number of missing links brought about by failure to secure right of way. Chairman of the sewer committee, Mr. Buckridge, says he is going to have all the right of way as soon as possible.

He may be compelled to catch some fellow or have the police laid on, and hold him until the main is put down, but at any rate the sewer system will be completed some time in the future, of course. The contractors have been waiting for many long months for the right of way. Of course the city might not care for that but at the same time the system is not ready for use.

The plan of allowing connections made with the mains as soon as put in position, which, by the way, was championed by Mr. Healey in the council, has resulted in a very attractive odor being present in many places. Many kicks are heard. They come to the council, to the board of health and some have to come to the courts and are awaiting consideration. No one knowing anything of the system as designed and represented thought it would be ready for use until the flush tanks were ready to operate.

Some parts of the system have been imposed upon for over one year and hence the many complaints. The mains and laterals are likely to be stopped up, calling for considerable expense and trouble. The contractor will claim that the city should stand the expense caused by the action of the council in the matter referred to. It is regarded as quite certain that there will be trouble along this line and may result in a blocked sewer system for some months.

Work was commenced yesterday putting in two inch main to supply flush tanks for the eastern main. This work will take some weeks and is estimated at about \$4,800, to come out of the sewer fund and paid for by the sewer district. Before it is completed it is thought some of the flush tanks will be set in operation and part of the system made ready for use in a short time.

Contractor Sullivan states that most of the trouble reported from the sewers so far started when the packing houses made the change. He also admits that it was bad policy to expect any service from the sewer before the flush tanks were in operation.

SOUTHERN KANSAS FAIR.

The executive committee is making active preparations for the opening, and it is intended to take a fair start on the day of the fair. A strong program is being prepared for that day and the management proposes to have every thing in readiness in order to get in a full week.

Everything is assured except fine weather, and at this season of the year it is pretty safe to gamble on this point. A strong point will be made in the judges and the management hope to secure experts in every line, thereby making sure to give every satisfaction. Secretary McNair is in receipt of encouraging letters from all quarters, and the present indications are that it will be the largest fair ever held in the state. Superintendent Wilson is letting space every day and says that he thinks the buildings and grounds will scarcely be big enough. If the Second regiment is camped on the grounds space is going to be at a premium. The committee appointed on the location of the camping grounds has not yet made its report.

The electric cars will run to the entrance and the company promises a three minute service if necessary. There will be no difficulty, however, or delay in getting to or from the grounds this year, which in itself will double the attendance of former years.

Nearly all of the states have made arrangements for headquarters at the grounds and these tents ornamented with bunting will be an attractive feature.

Double Clover has evidently been doing some good work and the most encouraging reports come from the sections he has visited. It is going to be a difficult matter to say which is to be the most attractive day as the program is so varied and comprehensive.

The track is going to be in prime condition and some of the best races ever held in the state are looked for here. Some promising colts are to be here looking for records and their breeding warrants the belief that somebody is going to be surprised.

The general display of farm products is going to be an important feature, as entries are promised for everything grown in the state.

The machinery department is going to be more attractive than ever before. An effort is being made to have a display of everything manufactured in the state in one space. The room required and the number of articles will be a surprise to all and will give an idea of the importance of the manufacturing interests in this district.

NOTICE.

The members of the Republican central committee are requested to meet at headquarters, 211 North Main street, on Saturday, September 20, at 1:30 p. m. Let every member of the committee be present.

E. T. ALLEN, Chairman.

A NIGHT.

W. T. Bishop & Sons have today a fine series of Walnut street, Cincinnati, O., during the great flood of 1883, showing how the business men of the bottoms had to conduct business with flat boats and skiffs. Any one wishing to see this can do so by calling at the cigar store, First and Main streets.

THE PRODIGAL SON.

Beginning with next Sunday evening a series of five sermons on the prodigal son, will be preached on Sunday evenings by Rev. R. T. Savin, in the First Methodist Episcopal church, this city. The following are the topics: "The First Wrong Decision," "The Pleasures of the World and the Wages of Sin," "The Better Self," "The New Hope," "The Father's Love." It is hoped to make this series entertaining and profitable.

LOST BOYS.

A boy named Robert Bonner, 10 years old, little above medium height, rather slender, light hair, black eyes, pale complexion, wore blue drilling coat, closely buttoned, light blue pants and black hat, also another boy named Earnest Arnett, a little older but not so tall, wore faded green coat and light pants. Search both for an old revolver. Will pay \$5 for arrest and retention of these boys. Cost of care will also be paid by the undersigned.

E. BONNER, Penasola, Kingman county, Kan.

YESTERDAY'S FIRES.

The fire department was called out twice yesterday in answer to fire alarms. The first was a small barn in the rear of No. 230 South Fourth which was totally destroyed. The loss including feed was roughly estimated at \$100.

The next call was from the residence No. 123 South Main, which was nearly destroyed. The house was occupied by Mrs. Lovelace who with the assistance of the department managed to save about half of her effects. The roof and the main part of the walls all burned and the building is practically a total loss. It was insured for about 75 per cent of its value.

A BIG BULL.

The boss bull snake of the season is now on exhibition at Eno's furniture store. His snakeship is more than six feet in length and measures eight inches in circumference. Mr. Eno captured this monster only a few miles north of Wichita, on the B. H. Campbell farm. He appears to be perfectly contented in his new home, and shows his appreciation of the many visitors who call daily by projecting his tongue and wagging his caudal appendage, which by the way, is ornamented with a horn about one-half inch in length. His appetite for live rats, mice and frogs is good. October 1st is the date he commences his Rip Van Winkle sleep.

THE BIG CLOCK AND BIG BELL.

The works of the clock whose face is to form an elevation of 150 feet above the curb stone in the steeple of the county building, to tell the people the time of day, have been received. Mr. Edward Vail, through whom the clock was purchased of the Howard company says it is as fine a time piece as ever in circumferent as the expert who is to put it up will be on hand as soon as he finishes a like job in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa. The bell which is to sound the hours is the largest bell in the state, weighing two and a half tons, and without doubt will be heard all over the city. The clock face is nine feet in diameter and the hands four feet long.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

Miss Emma Shafer, general secretary of the Young Women's Christian association, has returned from her visit to her home in Hillsdale, Michigan. She is now at the rooms and will gladly welcome the friends of the association. Her hours at the rooms are from 10 to 12 a. m., from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9 p. m.

The association is planning for new work as the pleasant days are now with us. The education course should be started, the present Bible class enlarged and others formed, a junior department organized and all the committees at work. The finance committee is now busy looking after their part of the work, and their friends bespeak for them a most hearty cooperation and the substantial aid which the cause deserves. They need your encouragement and support. While the officers are working to save the young men let the young women be forgotten.

Is there not some one desirous of helping the cause by loaning them an instrument for the winter, either a piano or organ? It is almost impossible to conduct the gospel meetings without an instrument, and they can not see their way to rent or buy at present. Who will help in this their time of need?

AMUSEMENTS.

CRAWFORD GRAND.

McCabe and Young's minstrels who appear at the Crawford Grand on Wednesday and Thursday, September 24 and 25, come direct from their successful California trip which was under the young and energetic manager, O. T. Crawford. The following are the names of the troupe: Los Angeles, Tribune, and a cavillion were crowded to the doors last evening to witness the first performance in this city of McCabe and Young's minstrels, and the large audience was not disappointed. From beginning to end it was apparent that old ideas of minstrel shows had been advanced for innovations were apparent everywhere. During the performance McCabe, an intercomedian, and Wisdom and Young as end men were simply immense and had the good will of the house from the start. Little Prince McCabe, in his songs and dances, is especially deserving of mention and carries out his part in excellent style. McCabe and Young and Jackson, Brown, in their combination acts, were entitled to all the praise that the vast audience conceded to them. The trombone solo, by Henry Hutchinson, and "The Drum Major's Dream," under the supervision of D. W. McCabe, are also deserving of mention. New jokes and new songs were the order of the evening. Seats for the above attraction can be secured at the box office of the theatre.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Regular meeting of Wichita lodge, No. 189, this evening at 8 o'clock. Work in the second rank. A large attendance is requested. Brother Knights visiting in the city are cordially invited.

F. S. HORTON, C. C. CHAS. M. FECHNER, K. of R. and S.

The Women's Guild of St. John's church will hold their final meeting at the Manhattan hotel with Mrs. Young this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. MRS. STEVENS.

A regular meeting of Degree of Honor will be held in A. O. U. W. hall tonight. Visiting members always welcome.

UNITED STATES COURT.

Several Cases Disposed of and the Richardson Manslaughter Case in Hearing.

The United States district court convened yesterday morning at 9 o'clock as usual, and the court work was at once resumed. Judge Foster instructed the jury the first thing, in the Byers poisoning case and they went to their room to find a verdict before 10 o'clock. At 4 p. m. this jury was brought into court and could report no verdict. As there was no possibility of an agreement they were discharged and the case will go over to the next term.

A. Schumacher, charged with robbing the postoffice at Hutchinson, was arraigned and pleaded guilty, receiving a sentence of six months in the county jail.

John Mayfield charged with larceny was next tried by jury which found a verdict of guilty in short order. The prisoner was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

The Lee and Whitaker, two Indians arrested by Judge Foster, were tried. The verdict was for guilty and they were each sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

The Cland Richardson case was then called and the defendant is charged with manslaughter. On April 9, he shot one James Robertson in Oklahoma City, a colored soldier in Captain Burbank's company. The prosecution is represented by United States Prosecuting Attorney J. W. Ady and the defense by Attorneys W. E. Stanley and Johnson. The case was continued over until today and will likely be given to the jury some time this morning.

The defendant tells substantially the following story which thus far has not been contradicted:

On the night of April 9th he went home and as he was entering the house noticed a man walking on the opposite side of the street. His curiosity was aroused and he watched him for awhile from the shadow of some trees. He finally became convinced in his own mind that his purpose was not a good one and accordingly accosted him, receiving no answer however. He says this man then came toward him and his head down either to avoid recognition or to charge on him. He concluded that an attack was going to be made on him and accordingly drew his revolver in self protection, shooting the man in the top of the head. The course of the bullet substantiates his story partly and nothing as yet contradicts it.

The defendant is the son of a wealthy man and is well connected in many ways. It appears that the man shot, who proved to be Robertson already referred to, had an appointment with a colored girl living near by and was there to meet her and it is quite possible that Richardson quite misunderstood his actions.

The Lewis academy enrollment shows 230 names or 30 per cent more than at this time last year. President Naylor stated yesterday that the work was going along smoothly and the prospects for the institution were never better. Many of the departments are being improved in facilities, giving the pupils better opportunities than ever before.

Gideon Bentley, accompanied by his son, Morris Bentley, left yesterday morning for the former's ranch in Kingman county. Tuesday these gentlemen, accompanied by Senator Bentley took a flying trip into the territory and, at Guthrie, looked in upon the legislature. They say that Southern Kansas is good enough for the average white man.

The committee on location for the Coronado club spent some time yesterday figuring on the work assigned. They have already a number of propositions. There seems no doubt but that the club will be able to get exceedingly pleasant quarters. So far propositions are from the Furley block, Zimmerman building, Bittling block, Firebaugh and Sedgwick. There are also a number of others, including some residence buildings.

Mr. L. D. Skinner returned yesterday from Denver where he spent some days looking after some business matters. He reports having visited a very nice little town but of course too close to Wichita to ever amount to a point of commercial importance. Socially, however, Denver, he pronounces a clever success. He saw a number of old time Wichita fellows hustling around among the mountains, consumptive, and trying to live without air, something like a fish trying to live out of water.

THE COURTS.

DISTRICT COURT. Minnie Pierceberger sued William Kirkpatrick in the district court for \$5,000 damages. The petition sets forth as causes of action seduction and criminal assault, and further alleges that the health of the plaintiff has been seriously injured and that her reputation has suffered to the extent of the damages claimed. Jacob Roser vs. James Worrell, dismissed at cost of plaintiff. George C. Strong vs. Eugene Kauntree; judgment in rem on cross petition of Curchell for \$700.44 and judgment for plaintiff for \$88. Henry Schweitzer vs. Grant, dismissed at cost of plaintiff. H. J. Emmerson vs. James W. Cowden, judgment for plaintiff for \$1,195, also for \$91. R. V. Remington vs. Frank Fisher, judgment barring right of redemption.

PROBATE COURT. Marriage licenses were issued yesterday in the probate court to Edward Maddox, of Kansas City, and Abbie L. Collins, of Wichita, and to George E. Young, of Denver, and Georgia A. Holcomb, of Wichita. Robert M. Barne, deceased, died. Judge Buckner was otherwise occupied yesterday in investigating claims against different estates and probated estates.

COMMON PLEAS. State vs. W. Cartmill, in hearing in the court of common pleas, jury failed to agree and the prisoners bail was fixed at \$1,000 and case continued until next term. Jury vs. George Algar, charged with embezzlement. This was called and heard by jury. All the evidence was in and the case will be argued and the jury instructed this morning.

JUSTICES COURTS. Before Justice Mosley, John Stewart had Councilman Buckridge arrested, charging him with disturbing the peace of Mrs. Stewart and with assault on himself. The case was set for Friday at 3 p. m. Thompson and Carroll, charged with assault on a woman, were set for Friday in Justice Barrett's court, and the case was set for hearing on Friday. Civil work occupied Justice Keenan yesterday.

POLICE COURT. Fred Hanser, a vagrant, paid Judge Mueller \$50 yesterday for an offense against the liquor law. Addison Aaber was plainly too drunk to answer to the charge, although having answered often in the past, it all by heart. His case was left over till this morning, when he will have a good headache. Several petty offenders from the preceding day were disposed of in accordance with the law and the ordinances.

The mayor of Newport, Mont., declared some new baths open. He then withdrew, and throwing aside his robes of office reappeared before the large gathering of ladies and gentlemen in a bathing suit. Plunging into the water he swam the full length of the bath, and his example was followed by several town councilors and policemen.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

Why Children Crave Fruit—Fat and Fruit Are Born Enemies.

With regard to the value of fruit as a food for children Dr. J. W. Byers says in his book: "Children crave and hunger after fruit because their rapidly growing bodies exercise the tissues producing functions to their utmost limits, and this constant strain necessitates extra nutriment and assimilation if the child is to continue to thrive and be healthy. Children digest rapidly and assimilate rapidly. In the ordinary nitrogenous food, which they eat there is great lack of those tonic or acid properties which are so essential to rapid development as well as grateful to the child's appetite. Fruits furnish these particularly desirable elements in the highest possible perfection, and in addition to their strengthening properties they also present a foathing for other foods, which is a by no means uncommon or unimportant complaint."

According to Dr. Byers, "to take fruit as dessert is very wrong and injurious to digestion; a mere conventionalty of man and not a law of nature. Fat and fruit are born enemies, and they make it a rule to create a disturbance whenever thrown together." He would give a child fruit upon an empty stomach or with bread upon it, and between or before meals. His theory is that "fruits are 'golden' in the morning, and every hour thereafter deplete in value until night, when they are worse than useless for children—dangerous."

Keeping Milk Sweet Without Ice. A physician gives in The Baltimore Sun the following method for keeping milk sweet in hot weather without ice. The milk when bought is at once put into ten or twelve bottles; yeast bottles are good enough, one bottle for each nursing. As much water as is desired is added, say one-sixth or one-quarter the amount of the milk. The bottles which ought not to be quite full, are then corked tight with a wad of raw cotton two or three inches long. The bottles are next placed, five or six at a time, in a pan of water which is heated to boiling for at least half an hour. The bottles are then put in the shade, still corked with the cotton, and when the baby wants to nurse one of the bottles is unstopped and the nipple is put on as usual.

One of my patients, says the physician, keeps milk fresh all day in this way, putting it in a cupboard in the yard without any ice, and the milk agrees nicely with her baby. Of course, the milk must be cleaned immediately after each nursing with hot water and soap, and then filled with cooking soda and water till they are used again. The nipple and rubber tube, if one is used, must be very carefully cleaned also. Milk prepared in this way is very nearly if not quite as wholesome as if it were drunk directly from the cow. Children who are fed all summer this way, if they take nothing but the milk and water which has been well boiled, are likely to do all summer without any disease of the stomach or bowels.

Troubles Caused by Ocular Defects. That weakness or imperfections of the eyes may be the unsuspected cause of various troubles apparently in no wise connected with the organs of sight is asserted by a writer, who says that headaches which come on after sewing, reading, watching a play or otherwise using the visual organs in a special direction for a period of time, are usually the direct results of ocular defects. Neuralgia, dizziness, mental depression, melancholia, St. Vitus's dance and even epilepsy have been shown to be directly dependent in certain cases upon refractory errors for their causation. To some people glasses are a revelation, revealing powers and faculties of vision never before known to exist. Glasses not only increase the power of vision and greatly relieve the work of the eye, but they actually prevent the occurrence of certain diseases of the eye and of reflex affections in other parts of the body, and effect the preservation of good vision throughout life.

One Thing and Another. Cold tea is a grateful eye wash. Wet soft linen in it and bind over the eye, bathing freely with the tea from time to time. The elevation of the head of the bed by placing under each leg a brick, so that the thickness of two bricks is said to be an effective remedy for cramps.

Simple, finely ground powders, such as chalk and magnesia, are pronounced entirely innocuous by an authority on skin diseases. They often act as a useful protection against external irritants.

Sweet spirits of niter is a simple remedy for itchy poisonings. Bathe affected parts two or three times during the day, and the next morning little trace of the poison will remain.

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE. Pretty Fancies in Note Paper, Menus and Cards for Wedding Parties. Novelties are sought for in stationery for social uses as in everything else, and among them may be noted pretty papers in pale pink, with dainty little clusters of violets in one corner; in sky blue, with forget-me-nots of deeper and varied shades; in cream, with the surface powdered with faintly defined violets or roses, or in very pale lawn, with an interlaced design, called "parquet," from its fancied resemblance to flooring of that name, covering it all over. Some white note paper, called "delit," with a fancy bar at the top and base, and a design in deep blue or red as to be seen in pottery of that name; and some in pale primrose, with two or three swallows skimming across it, are attractive.

Cream laid paper with delicate gold, edged and the crest or monogram in gold, still holds its own. A novelty in birthday cards are those in the form of an envelope, with 100 in raised gold letters on the flap, and "With best wishes for your birthday from—" stamped in gold inside.

Menus vary from the plain cream ones, edged and stamped in gold, to the most fanciful that taste can suggest. Among attractive designs are those in which the back having a web all over it, with a few flies entangled in it, and a spider watching them; or the bee-hive, in the coloring and form of a small hive; the moon and stars, carried out in gold on a pale tinted surface; the pool with perfect little pictures of a white and black pool, two corners on a granite ground. In menu cards there are some resembling a panel carried out in delicate scroll tracery of metallic painting, with "Menus" in gold lettering in the center. Some pretty menus are those in the form of an envelope, and a little swinging cupid, trying to catch a butterfly, on the covers.

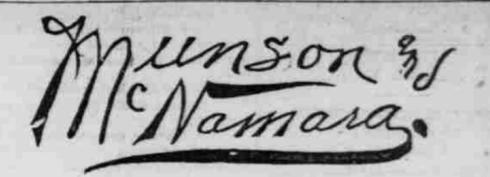
Cricket, croquet and tennis club invitation cards are edged with the appropriate colors, very neatly and effectively carried out. Beautifully designed cards intended for entertainments in connection with games or special fetes represent figures in various attitudes at cricket, lawn tennis and football.

Having Crazy. Witness—An' then Mr. Sims, that 'lowed he was a rooster, an' strapped on a tin bill an' went to pickin' corn with the chickens.

Probate Judge—Probably the extreme heat made him a little flighty. He'll come out of it all right, I reckon.

Witness—Next day he wandered out on the street an' told every new comer he met that this town 'wain't boom'in', an'—

Spectators (in one voice)—Ravin' crazy!



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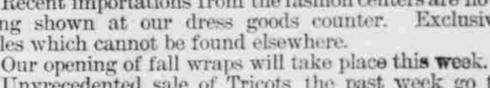
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KANSAS FURNITURE

1012 W. WELLS ST. WICHITA. "Good night, sweetheart, good night, sweetheart." The words ring out while hot tears start. And little hands, so fair to see, Are tenderly stretched out to me. Yet coldly from them I depart—"Good night, sweetheart, good night, sweetheart!"

Good night—ah, such a night—I know The wet nettle yearned for kisses too— Asking no other earthly bliss Than just one fond, forgiving kiss; One kiss—and so my sleep departed. Unawares words—"Good night, sweetheart!"

Ah, dear! If we could only know, The gentle hearts that love us so— The angry words that give us pain— We'd let you kiss them, back again! I answer now, while hot tears start, "Good night, sweetheart, good night, sweetheart!" —E. L. Stanton in Louisville Courier-Journal.

The latest thing in the way of luxuries for railway traveling is an English idea—a case containing implements for "5 o'clock tea," adapted for use in a railway train. The case is about 18 inches long, 9 inches high and 6 inches deep, with a strap to carry it by. It is covered with black monkey leather, initialed in gold. The front opened in the middle, showing the interior lined with blue silk and velvet. On the right hand door were two silver teaspoons, quaintly marked; on the left hand door was