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A ROUSING MEETING.

The Wichita Board of Trade to be Maintained and Strengthened. Paradoxical as it may appear, last night, cold, wintry and blasty as it was, was the bright dawn of a new era of sunshine and prosperity for Wichita. In response to the call printed in the Eagle, about 125 of the leading citizens assembled in the board of trade hall, and no greater degree of harmony and enthusiasm has been manifested in that hall for the past three or four years, or, at least, that was what everybody who was there said. How to serve the People's Princess, was the thought uppermost in the minds of everybody, and all spoke and acted from a patriotic, liberal and highly encouraging standpoint. Then there was no "drag" about the meeting and opinions and suggestions were offered freely, candidly and honestly. Everybody was pleased and went home fully convinced that the tide of prosperity which is now about at the flood will be taken advantage of by the new blood and the new energy that will be infused into the board of trade by the addition to it of four or five hundred business men concerned in and connected with all the great commercial and manufacturing interests of Wichita.

President George L. Rouse of the board of trade called the meeting to order and stated that the meeting was a preliminary one for the purpose of devising ways and means for maintaining the existence of the board of trade by securing additional members, and asked the will and pleasure of the meeting. Mr. W. J. Wilson nominated Mr. G. W. Clement as chairman, which was seconded by B. H. Campbell and unanimously carried. Mr. Clement then took the chair and in a few brief and appropriate remarks stated the object of the meeting, the work of the board and the importance of continuing its existence and adding new members. He called attention to the fact that the board of trade had recently organized a board of trade with 300 members for the purpose of looking after the interests of their city, and that Wichita should increase her membership to 500.

That the old members of the board were anxious that every business should be represented and the present directors had expressed their desire that some means should be devised whereby more members could join and become identified with its work in advancing the best interests of the city. That many of the directors were willing to step out and let new men take their places if it would result in creating a greater interest in the welfare of the city. He said a high tribute to the work of the board in the past and the nerve displayed by those who had stood by each other under circumstances which would have swamped any other organization in the country, and now that everything was tending to a new era, it was his hope that the board would be renewed and placed in a good working condition.

That large amounts of money was expended every year by our people in many ways which was not felt. That it was said that at least one hundred thousand dollars was expended in amusements alone by our people, and the manner in which it was given had not been missed. That a small amount from each individual monthly contributed to the work of the board would enable it to accomplish much for the city's good. That the reputation of the board abroad, which had been sustained would not permit of a change in the name of the organization, and the grain inspector which was one of the most important things inaugurated by the board during the last year and which is so necessary to the upbuilding of a grain market at this point could not be done away with. With these remarks he appointed H. L. Pierce secretary and Mr. W. J. Wilson called on Mr. A. W. Oliver who said the plan which had been suggested at the meetings of the committees appointed at a previous meeting was to admit new members, by a small membership fee and dues of at least \$1 per month; that the interest of every citizen was the interest of the board and it was the duty of the present board that all should be identified with it, and because of that was the reason he hoped some plan could be devised by which all could participate.

Mr. Oliver was followed by Mr. C. E. Potts, who thought the plan was a good one, and that, if adopted, believed many would become members. Mr. Rouse, Douglas and Campbell all spoke in favor of reducing the fee as to permit all interests to be represented. Mr. McEneaney of the Hydraulic Milling company, was called upon. He stated that he was familiar with similar organizations in other cities, and appreciated the fact that the addition of new members was always an advantage, and suggested a visitors membership ticket which he thought would answer all purpose. He had heard of the Wichita Board of Trade before he came here and said that every where it was considered one of the most active boards in the country and capable of doing more than any other two boards in the west when it got down to business, and he wanted to become a member of it. Mr. W. J. Wilson considered it of the most important that the board should devise some means to enable new members to join and participate in the work of the board; that a number of the business men were anxious to take hold and become co-workers with the prominent men who were now identified with it. Mr. H. L. Pierce said that, as a director, he was willing and desired that a visitor's ticket be issued on the plan suggested by Mr. McEneaney, or any other that would bring about the desired result.

Mr. Robinson spoke for the new members, and believed if some plan which would bring the fee for membership less than \$100 money of the younger element of the city would become members. Mr. L. M. Cox, the well known candy manufacturer, said that while he was not a member of the Board of Trade, he wanted to become a member, and would gladly subscribe his money and give his time to the interests of the city. He, like all others, thought that the time was ripe for the work for Wichita, and he knew that all the business men of the city would join in any movement that would advance it and push it ahead to its proper place among the important commercial centers of the country.

Mr. Schwartz, the West Side coal merchant, spoke very enthusiastically and encouragingly. He also thought the time was ripe for the business men to put their shoulders to the wheel. He thought all business men should join the board of trade and predicted that when its mission was properly brought before them that they would unhesitatingly do so. He encouraged the work of the board and hoped that their line of work be taken up and carried forward without any periods of rest.

Councilman A. T. Backridge made a very stirring speech in favor of additional membership. He stated that he was not a member of the present board but was ready to plank down his money and join it. He referred to the great revival of trade and commerce that had recently set in and predicted that with a good active membership the organization would flourish in the interest of the city that would permanently establish Wichita as the great commercial center of the west. R. C. Stewart of the Stewart Iron works was called on and he responded with a speech that was short and to the point. He simply said: "Gentlemen, I have cast my lot with Wichita. I know that it is destined to become the great commercial center of the West and I am ready now and at all times to contribute my money and my time to advance its interests in any shape and in any manner that the majority of the business people, in their wisdom, think best. I will join the board of trade and hope to see every man in town with the interests of Wichita at heart join also and I am sure they will when they realize what great work can be accomplished by united action."

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Wichita Girl's Pleek in Escaping from a Burning Fire. Night before last the large Deardoff building on the corner of Eleventh and Main streets, Kansas City, caught fire and made the biggest blaze that has been seen in Kansas City for a long time. The entire fire department turned out to quell it but they could not subdue the flames until over \$200,000 worth of property was destroyed. Only few people slept in the building and these few were principally ladies. Among them was Miss Madge Overstreet, formerly of this city and a sister of Mrs. B. L. Keenan, who had her art studio in the upper story of the building. The fire occurred at night. A Mrs. Carpenter who occupied a room on the floor directly under Miss Overstreet's studio, saw the fire starting and opening her window, she observed that the building was almost enveloped in flames. With the utmost presence of mind, she literally flew up the flight of stairs that led to Miss Overstreet's rooms and found that young lady reading. She immediately told her about the fire, and with the greatest heroism Miss Overstreet ran to the fire escape and climbed down within a short distance of the flames, which were rapidly coming that way. The iron rods of the ladder were, of course, very cold, and Miss Overstreet suffered intense pain, for when she would grasp each round in her hand it would absolutely stick to the flesh and it consequently the flesh in the young lady's hands was literally torn away and the blood flowed freely but nevertheless she made a heroic effort to save her life and succeeded to the great admiration of the immense crowd of people who observed the young lady's pluck. While she saved her life she was not so fortunate with her property which was valued at \$3,000, not insured and completely lost to the flames. In speaking to the Kansas City Journal reporter about the matter Miss Carpenter said:

"I am positive that the fire originated in the floor below me, which is occupied by Messrs. Benjamin. I was sitting in my room at the time—I judge it was about 9 o'clock—reading, when I imagined I perceived a noise or smoke arising. I paid but little attention to the matter, and indeed I had not much time, until my attention was again attracted to the matter by a cracking noise from the vicinity of the window casing. "Then, really anxious, I stepped up to the window which led into the hallway and threw it open. Instantly a dense volume of smoke poured into the room, and I called my attention to the matter, and indeed I had not much time, until my attention was again attracted to the matter by a cracking noise from the vicinity of the window casing. "Then, really anxious, I stepped up to the window which led into the hallway and threw it open. Instantly a dense volume of smoke poured into the room, and I called my attention to the matter, and indeed I had not much time, until my attention was again attracted to the matter by a cracking noise from the vicinity of the window casing."

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OMES AND ENDS.

Mrs. J. H. Aley is quite sick at her home with the prevailing malarial gripe. Miss Nellie Dunkin, who fell down twelve steps of stairs a few days ago, is now all right again. The register of deeds had another good run of business yesterday and many nice transfers of property were filed. Captain Synble was reported in a very critical condition last night and it was reported at one time that he was dying. The street cars gave a much better service yesterday than the day before and all of them ran on about schedule time. Ex-Country Clerk Davis of Stevens county and his family are in the city. They have bid adieu to that disturbed municipality. Workmen commenced moving the Little building on North Main street yesterday, preparatory to putting up a blue brick block in its stead. The case of the state vs. Doc Miller was tried in Justice Tucker's court yesterday and sent back to jail to await trial at the next term of the district court. The cases of the state vs. Hogan and Prinke were called in the district court yesterday afternoon for trial but were put over till this morning. They are whisky cases. An interesting case was tried before David M. Dale, judge pro tem, yesterday involving the question of the liability of directors of a charitable institution. He decided they were not liable when the funds were exhausted. SOME INTERESTING FIGURES. A Synopsis of the Meteorological Conditions Which Prevailed Here Last Year. Observer Fred Johnson of the signal service department in this city has completed his annual report to the signal service department concerning the meteorological conditions that prevailed last year in the country of which Wichita is the center. It is an interesting report and a synopsis of it will no doubt be interesting to farmers and others who are interested in such studies. The average temperature during the year was 50 or a shade less than 1890. The highest temperature was 95 and the lowest zero, while the highest and lowest during 1890 were 102 and 4 above zero respectively. The hottest day was Aug. 16 while the coolest was Feb. 8. The absolute range of temperature was 94 last year against 102 the previous year. The probable absolute range this year will be 115 as it has already been 14 below zero. The average range of temperature for one day throughout the year was 30.60 while it was 27.1 the previous year. The temperature went below 32 on 101 days during 1890, and ninety-two days during 1891. It went above 90 on twenty-three days during 1871 and fifty-five days during 1890. The average temperature did not go below 14 on any day during 1891 but went below 14 on six days during 1890. The year was not marked by extremes of heat or cold. The total rainfall for the year was 34.53 inches, while in the previous year it was but 34.2; in other words the rainfall of 1890 was not as much as it was between March 1 and July 31, of 1891, which was 34.26. The rainfall during these five months in 1890 was only 11.94 inches. During the three critical months of 1891 which were May, June and July, the rainfall was 9.15, 4.9 and 4.49 inches respectively, while it was only 2.17, 3.05 and .95 during the same months of 1890. The general direction of the wind was from the south during both years; it traveled at an average rate of nine and a half miles in 1891 and nine miles in 1890. During the entire year of 1891 the Wichita wind traveled 78,755 miles while in 1890 it traveled 83,890 miles. In other words, if the wind went at a steady gait during the entire year of 1891, a feather tossed in the air here would be wafted around the globe three times and as far as east as the Baltic sea on its fourth trip. The highest velocity of the wind in 1891 was 49 miles an hour on April 1, while on March 27, 1890, it traveled as high as fifty-four miles per hour. During the years 1891 and 1890 there were 106 cloudless days. In the year 1891 there were 117 partly cloudy days and 80 cloudy days, while in 1890 there were 104 partly cloudy days and 83 cloudy days. The sky, so far as its clear or cloudy condition is concerned, is measured by the eye only. The observer divides the heavenly arch into ten parts, with the eye of course, and by that means he can estimate how many days are cloudy, partly cloudy and clear, estimating, of all the clouds by ten. In 1891 it rained on ninety-one days. In 1890 it thundered on fifty-six days while it thundered on fifty-six days in 1890. Weather speculators can take the above figures, if they have time, and ascertain what the meteorological condition of the current year will be. It is quite easy.

AS ANOTHER COLD MORNING. Yesterday morning was another stem-winder, to use the vulgar parlance of the day. The temperature was very low, going as far down as 14 degrees below zero. A lively gale of wind was blowing all night, which really made the atmosphere appear much colder than it was. No cases of suffering are reported, which is strange considering the fact that such severe weather is entirely unlooked for. It was the coldest day since the winter of 1890, when the mercury went to 16 below zero.

THE LATEST CUT IN BEARDS. The pointed beard, which has for so long a time held popular favor, is no longer the thing of fashion that it was. "The pointed beard," says M. Henri Penjoil, an authority, "has certain advantages over all others, and that is the reason why it has so long been popular. It is a style of beard that was invented by King Henry III. of France. It requires less trimming and care than any other, and therefore in this busy country it has been widely adopted. But it must go. The new beard resembles the one now about to be discarded in some respects. It is like a pointed beard with the point cut off. It is very thin and closely cut on the cheeks. It is a peculiar fact that the adoption of this style after discarding the other is but a repetition of history. After Henry III had made the pointed beard so fashionable the Duc de Guise introduced the present beard. The Duc de Guise, as you will remember, was the instigator of the Huguenot massacre on St. Bartholomew's Day. He lived in the sixteenth century and was assassinated in his forty-third year—National Barber.

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Stop a Moment! And see how we are Slaughtering Stuff. \$4.00 Overcoats going at \$2.25. \$5.00 Overcoats going at \$3.00. \$8.00 Overcoats going at \$5.00. \$12.00 Overcoats going at \$8.00. \$17.00 Overcoats going at \$12.00. Remember this is our Semi-Annual Slaughter Sale, and extends to all Winter goods, and it means good goods awful cheap. No Trash. COLE & JONES, 208, 210, 212 Douglas Avenue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Regular monthly meeting of Wichita hospital will meet at hospital parlors at 2:30 p. m. today. MRS. LAURA LYTLE, Sec'y. The Ladies Aid society of the First Presbyterian church will meet this evening (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock sharp in the church. There will be work for all. Come! MRS. HARRY C. McCLELLAN, Sec'y. Regular meeting of Elizabeth lodge No. 20, D. of R., Wednesday evening, Jan. 20, 1921, at 7:30 sharp. All members in good standing and visitors cordially invited. MRS. W. M. WOODCOCK, N. G. MRS. DELLA CLARE, Sec'y. ATTENTION, COMRADES. Garfield post, No. 25, department of Kansas, G. A. R.—You and all visiting comrades are invited to be present at the post room tomorrow, Wednesday, night at 7 o'clock sharp. All recruits for muster will register at the auto-counter and promptly at 8 o'clock. Prompt work done by the new officers. By order of MURRAY MYERS, Post Com. J. D. CALDWELL, Adj. Dated Wichita, Jan. 19, 1921. Mr. Walter Morris and wife left for Washington Court House, O., yesterday, over the Rock Island, on a visit.

Check Adulteration. What is needed to check adulteration is intelligence on the part of consumers. The inducement to put adulterated preparations on the market lies in the fact that a large part of the purchasing public is always ready to accept the cheapest that can be had, without thinking that the quality of the article must be cheapened in proportion to the reduction in the price demanded. People must learn that they can better afford to buy Dr. Price's Delicious Flavoring Extracts than the cheapened substitutes. There is economy for the poorest in purchasing pure and reliable articles. The agricultural department of the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, is importing half a million grapevine cuttings from southern California for use in starting experimental vineyards. Causeless or Beneficial? In Judge Tukey's court in Chicago, during the hearing of a land case yesterday, at a middle aged man. After adjourning court the judge found the man standing before him. "This is Judge Tukey, I believe," said the stranger. "I understand that your wife is interested in charities. I am a stranger in town and I thought I would call upon you for a favor. I wish you would give this to Mrs. Tukey," said the man, pressing into the hands of the chancellor a roll of bills. "Who can I say it came from?" asked the judge. "That is immaterial," concluded the stranger, as he departed. The roll contained five \$100 bills.—Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Distress After Eating Indigestion, Nausea, Sick Headache, Dyspepsia Heartburn, etc., Are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. In the city of New York during the year 1891 the unknown dead removed to the morgue numbered 291; males, 190; females, 101. Of the total 92 were identified and buried.

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