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WICHITA WELCOMES NEW YEAR WITH BELLS, ANVILS, PRAYERS.

Strange Display in the Sky Creates a Panic Among Some Colored People—The Eloquent Spirit With a Bar of Soap—Watch Services.

Wichita greeted the new year with a lip and a hurrah. In the history of the town here never has been a new year so warmly and uproariously welcomed as 1894 was on the second past midnight yesterday morning.

Anvils clashed in the shivering air; innumerable firecrackers kept a rattling accompaniment; the church bells rang out clear and strong, and the locomotives, which happened to be alive at that hour, went off directly into a convulsive series of chattering spasms.

The fact that so much attention was paid to celebrating an event which hitherto has slipped in without the faintest notice, has a little more embodied in it.

Many of the churches held watch meetings, and it is no exaggeration to say that a majority of the people of Wichita re-

mained up to watch the old year out. It was not so in Wichita only, but also obtained throughout the country. The dying year had been a hard relentless one, and everybody wanted to accentuate his dislike of it by imparting a farewell kick as well as inviting the new year, with its promise of better things, into the parlor and giving it a seat.

Any other date in the calendar would do as well as January 1, with which to start in a new year, but still it is accepted as a mile post in time and every man felt that he would do it the honor of subtracting an hour or so from his sleep.

Sinister spirits bent on mischief only were also out painting the town in profane technical blues. Some spirit presumably under the stimulation of an adulterated breath, paraded hilariously up and down Main street shortly after midnight with a bar of damp laundry soap sharpened to a point. With a stup-nod-off effort at penmanship, he scribbled off in big letters "1894" on all the plate-glass windows.

He was seized with a particularly vicious fit when he reached Cash Henderson's store and his cabalistic scrawl was the wonder of all early pedestrians yesterday morning.

The tin-horn fiend, who has been making life miserable in eastern cities, swooped into town also. A group of them with the horrible tin instrument of torture wailed up and down Douglas avenue, blowing holes in the bosom of the night.

The general folk of the Kellie Press association, took a hand in the jubilation and innocently caused a panic.

The salvation army probably has the honor of leading all the celebrants in point of intensity. The army began its watch services at 8 o'clock in the evening and kept them going until 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Under the pressure of the occasion eight conversions were made.

Midnight ended a great day for the First Methodist church. There was a love feast at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning followed by a sermon from Rev. W. J. Martindale, presiding elder. After this the Lord's supper was administered, three hundred and fifty communicants partaking. In the evening services began with Epworth League services, which was followed by a sermon by the pastor. All seats were taken and many stood.

After the sermon the revival and watch services began, five hundred people being present. The most impressive scene came at midnight. Just as the two hands of the large clock came together at the dial figure twelve, Reverend Cole stood upon the altar rail while the large course of intercessory prayer was read and worshippers left their seats and gathered closely around him. Rev. Cole then in a slow and impressive delivery, read the parable of the ten virgins. Quickly all knelt and prayed while the old year was out and the new was ushered in. It was a solemn ceremony.

The railroad men were glad that the old year, which has too often found them with delayed salaries, was going out. They were the first to begin the demonstration. The locomotives on the Santa Fe road tooted with might and main and

the Missouri Pacific men joined in the hubbub. A second later some men touched off a giant fire cracker at the corner of Douglas avenue and Lawrence streets that shook the ground and was heard for miles. The church bells rang upon the clear air immediately after, the report of several guns and pistols rang out and the new year was in and the old out.

The most exciting incident of the night, however, was reported from River street. A number of colored people were holding a watch meeting at a friend's home. All were praying softly when one woman with her eyes sticking out like bolt heads on a boiler, sprang to her feet and yelled: "Heavens and earth! Look at that!"

She gave one look through the window, gasped and staggered back. Her friends were first astonished at her. They looked out the window. Then they were stupefied.

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VAIL WAS CHOSEN

IN THE CONTEST YESTERDAY LEHMAN WAS NOT IN IT.

Vail Received Seven Out of the Eight Votes Cast—There is Some Talk of a Contest by Mr. McKnight Who Thinks the Appointment is Illegal.

Ed Vail was the man. At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the board of education met in regular monthly session in their rooms in the city building. For some reason there were only eight members present, although a full attendance was expected.

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order and on the roll called the following members answered to their names: Ward, Cole, Keek, Davis, Gill, Goldberg, Powell and Campbell.

The visitors present were George Ross, C. R. Miller and Tony Reed, all staunch supporters of Mr. Lehman for the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Fazel. The superintendent reported the school attendance for December 4,322, against 4,188 the preceding month.

The city treasurer could not make his monthly report on account of the holidays, his checks being in the banks. Campbell called attention to the fact that the library is not open in the evening anymore, except Saturday night, and moved that it be kept open Wednesday evening also. Lost.

It was moved that Mr. Brubacher be requested to report progress in his attempts to collect tuition from pupils who do not permanently reside in the city.

The exciting part of the session now arrived when Campbell introduced the petition from citizens of the Fourth ward, asking for the appointment of G. E. Lehman on the board to succeed John Fazel, resigned.

After the petition was read Mr. Campbell placed Mr. Lehman in nomination. Ed Goldberg rose and placed Ed Vail in nomination. It was said that had no objection to Mr. Lehman as a man, but he thought he was not treated courteously by the parties who were backing Mr. Lehman. He called the attention of Mr. Campbell to the fact that when, at a previous meeting, the matter of filling the vacancy was talked over, Mr. Campbell had suggested that Mr. Goldberg should practically name who should be his colleague from the Fourth ward. With this in view he thought it was not very graceful on the part of Mr. Campbell to be opposing his (Goldberg's) candidate.

Mr. Campbell said that he did not think that Mr. Goldberg had had a good deal to say about who should be his colleague, but he was asked to present the petition and he did so, not knowing that Mr. Vail was a candidate. Mr. Goldberg further stated that Mr. Lehman did not patronize the public schools, but that he sent his children to the private schools. He thought that the man who should be elected to the school board should be a man who would think enough of the public schools to send his children to them.

Mr. Ward stated that if the gentlemen who visited the meeting in the interest of Mr. Lehman would say anything they would be welcome to do so, but no one did not want to say anything. It was then ordered that an open ballot be taken, and the following is the result: For Vail—Ward, Cole, Keek, Davis, Gill, Goldberg and Powell. For Lehman—Campbell.

The president then announced that Vail had been elected, and appointed Gill and Goldberg as a committee to notify him of his election, and inform him to present himself and be sworn in. After a few minutes Mr. Vail appeared and was sworn in. He thanked the board for the honor conferred on him, and stated that his children were going to the public schools, and that he would work in the interest of the public schools. There is some talk of a contest. Mr. McKnight who was an active worker in the interest of Mr. Lehman, told a reporter of the Eagle that the election of Mr. Vail would probably be contested for the reason that an appointment could not be legally made on New Year's day on account of it being a holiday.

A lawyer who had heard of the statement of Mr. McKnight said that it was absurd. "Why," said he, "business of any character can be transacted legally in Kansas on New Year's day. It is surprising to see how many people there are who do not know that there are but two legal holidays in Kansas—Decoration Day and Labor Day. That is a fact. We have many holidays during the year, but according to the statutes there are only two. If the school board could not legally transact business on New Year's day how is it that Judge Rice could hold court, and you know that Judge Rice is a good lawyer to open court and transact business on a legal holiday.

The seventh and eighth grade teachers will meet at Superintendent Richardson's office at 4 o'clock p. m. today.

SNOW WHITE. E. E. Bieckly, the local magnus of the company, lays on our table the Missouri Pacific railway's annual for 1894, a volume of one hundred or more pages of magnificent proportions, bound in white, and illustrated in beautiful tints. These illustrations are pictures of localities, scenes and things found along the main lines and branches of that great system throughout the west, from the Mississippi to the heart of the Rockies on the west and to the shores of the gulf on the south. The front piece is a splendid portrait of W. B. Daddridge, the general manager. The volume, in addition to valuable descriptions of the transmississippi country and its varied products, industries and developments contains a complete roster of all its officers from President Gould down. In short its contents of facts well nigh equal in attractions its literary and artistic value.

Roman Bratsch returned yesterday from a few days' visit in Abilene. Lulu Green returned Sunday evening from a visit in Kansas City. William Fitch, who has been in Chicago for a week, returned Sunday evening. Miss Ada Beach, who is teaching at Pratt, leaves this evening for that point after a week's visit with her parents on east Oak street.

Corneilus Pitman, one of the solid farmers of Rockford township, was in the city yesterday, having just returned from Oklahoma. Pit is stuck on the strip and says he is going there to live. Frank Davidson arrived in the city Sunday evening to spend his vacation, and was met at the depot by quite a delegation of his young friends, Masters Roy Allen, Clarence Stiss, Lou Van Ness and Vermillion Harris greeting with a loyal burst of comradeship. Frank looks every inch a soldier, and handsome as a picture.

SENIORS AND JUNIORS.

Juniors Entertain the Seniors Last Night at the Residence of Dr. Matthews.

The first of a series of entertainments to be given by the classes of the High school during the winter was given last night by the junior class to the seniors, at the residence of Miss Maude Matthews, 835 North Market street. It was a wonderfully beautiful sight to watch those young people in all the glow of youth, and hear their joyous laughter, as they played their youthful games. At 10:30 refreshments were served, and before midnight all had departed for their homes. Following are the names of those present:

Juniors—Clara Bowen, Essie Broadway, Florence Buckridge, Elora Carpenter, Blanche Barrett, Carrie Cogdell, Vester Charlton, Loretta Williams, Inez Jackson, Lucy Morris, Maud McDaniel, Clara McDaniel, Mary McCullough, Mamie Munn, Bertha Noyes, Maud Matthews, Ella Richards, Jessie Vennar, Lulu McNeess, boys, Elvin Baker, Will Hixon, Joe Nitschke, Clara Kracaw, Ray Torrey.

Seniors—Bert Doffmeyer, Edward Noble, Max Oliver, George Parkinson, Lee Corbett, Robert Wichman, Ralph Ingram, Andrew Norstrum, Gene McCoy, Bertha Reese, Calla Della, Clara Gehring, Lena Wilson, Mamie McNair, Nina Hall, Alice Payne, Inez Crozier, Pauline Lewis, Allice Pollard, Eva Bradley, Alma Bradley, Mildred Hays, Albertina Bisaulz, Emma Bixby, Ida Kaufman, Ethel Freeland, Katie Knox, Virginia Harrell, Agnes Blakely.

STANLEY INVITES. The reunion at the Y. M. C. A. this evening ought to be one of the events of the season. It will be if the people turn out. The program will be good. Shaw's orchestra will be there.

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W. E. STANLEY, Pres. Morris Lloyd went east on the Frisco last night. Mrs. Dr. McElwain, of Pratt, is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Beach on east Oak street.

Mrs. J. Johantgen will entertain Friday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Annie Abraham, of Louisville, Kentucky. J. B. Harris and family of Nevada, Mo. are in the city visiting the family of his brother, Fred Harris. Mr. Harris will remain long enough to take in the beauties of the Peerless Princess.

The present week is the eighth of revival service in the First M. E. church and the congregation during the past week were larger than any of the previous weeks. Services are announced for every afternoon and evening this week. Reverend Col preached at the College Hill First M. church mission Sunday afternoon and followed his sermon by a short altar service resulting in the conversion of twelve persons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. The W. C. T. U. will hold their monthly meeting this (Tuesday) afternoon. Subject: "How Shall We Improve the Moral of Our Boys." Mrs. CLARA G. DEES, Sec'y. Members of Peerless D. of H. No. 68, will please meet at 7 o'clock Wednesday night to receive our G. C. of H., who will install the officers. Mrs. L. E. CARLTON, C. of H.

The Cooking club will meet Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4, with Mrs. Curley Rogers, North Lawrence avenue, promptly at 2 o'clock. A full attendance is desired. BY ORDER OF PRESIDENT. Mrs. Campbell's cooking class will reassemble for their first meeting at the holidays this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. E. W. Moore, 830 North Lincoln fair at San Francisco. Will be doing finely at Chicago.

A meeting of the Woman's Unitarian society will be held this afternoon at 2:30, at the home of Mrs. Busenbark, 539 South Emporia avenue. ODDS AND ENDS. Rev. and Mrs. Shaug of the West Side are happy again. It is a girl this time. Will Collins and wife of Chicago were in the city yesterday, en route to the midwinter fair at San Francisco. Will is doing finely at Chicago.

Ten "alcohol bums" were run in last night and will be sent to the rock pile. They are the worst species of sneak-theft tramps. Miss Emma Schube, one of the bright society young ladies of Leavenworth, is in the city visiting Mrs. Ed O'Bryan.

WHEAT FOR EXPORT. Last evening 6 o'clock two trains of wheat rolled into the Missouri Pacific depot enroute to New Orleans, where it will be loaded for export by the Crescent Grain and Elevator company. The two trains contained forty car loads of wheat, and all of it was bought in Sumner and Sedgewick counties by Dixon & Carr of Argonia, two of the most energetic wheat buyers in Kansas. The train will make daylight runs only to New Orleans.

It is said James Law of Rockford took his family and left for Oklahoma last week. Dr. Stevens' many friends are glad to know that he is convalescing and his gentle face is to be seen once more on our streets.

Large as a Dollar. Were the scrofula sores on my poor little boy, sickening and disgusting. They were especially severe on his legs. I had taken two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and his legs were so sore that he could not sit down, and when he tried to walk his legs would crack open and the blood start out. Physicians did not effect a cure. I decided to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. In two weeks the sores commenced to heal up, the scales came off and all over his body new and healthy flesh and skin formed. When he had taken two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla he was entirely free from sores. HARRY K. HERTZ, Box 355, Columbia, Pennsylvania. HOOD'S PILLS are a mild, gentle, cathartic, safe and efficient cathartic. Always reliable. Etc.

HE DROPPED DEAD

SUDDEN END OF A VETERAN WHO FOUGHT AT BALAKLAVA.

Thomas Payne King was a Mystery for Many Years—He is Supposed to Have a Fortune Buried Somewhere—He Lived in a Peculiar Manner. Thomas Payne King dropped dead yesterday. He died near the Rock Island depot and the remains were immediately taken to Gil's Undertaking room.

The coroner summoned a jury, an inquest was held and the verdict was that King came to his death from "asthma and organic heart disease."

King was one of the peculiar characters of Wichita. He obtained his living ostensibly by fishing pieces of bread and scraps of meat out of swill barrels, in rear of hotels. He seemingly never washed and there is probably no man in town who can tell where his habitation is located. In consequence of this fact no information could be obtained that would aid the coroner in reaching certain facts concerning the deceased.

King was a literary crank. He read everything, particularly the foreign news in the papers. When he received his London Times weekly he would go out in the woods, during the fine days, and read it and if the weather was severe he would crawl into some den and read till every page, paragraph, and word was devoured. Some who best knew him say that he was a man of an extraordinary amount of information and that he had the faculty of remembering everything he read. He has lived in Wichita for many years and has always been a mystery to those who have known him. Some said that he was a rich miser who owns considerable property in Chicago, Kansas City, Fort Scott and Wichita. That he has property at Fort Scott and in this city is well authenticated, and besides an income from these sources he received a pension every three months that was adequate to keep him decently.

In England he was an officer in the army and fought in the battle of Balaklava, being in the charge of the light brigade on the 25th of October, 1854. Some say that he belonged to the aristocracy of England and that he sacrificed his right to a title by some act of his committed while in the army—some breach of the etiquette that is required by the social laws of England. At any rate when the war of the rebellion broke out in this country, he came to America, brooded his services to the government at Washington and was put in charge of some depot where they drilled recruits for the army. He afterwards joined some Illinois regiment, went through the war, and was wounded three or four times. One wound made him a cripple for life, and one limb was comparatively useless ever since he left the army.

It is not a long while since he received from the government a large sum of money in arrearsages, and nobody has ever known what became of this. The general opinion is that he has a good deal of money buried somewhere, and if he has it will probably never be found.

The coroner is searching for his personal effects, and in hopes of finding them no steps have yet been taken towards disposing of the body. It is thought that if his habitation is found his papers might throw some light on his life and the disposition of the remains.

He was one of the most peculiar men that ever lived in Wichita and there is no doubt that if a history of his life is ever obtained it will be very interesting. He was a man of great mental culture and yet he was probably the most ragged, dirty and therefore repulsive looking man in town.

777 IS NO FAKE. CALENDAR FOR 1894.

Table with columns for JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER.

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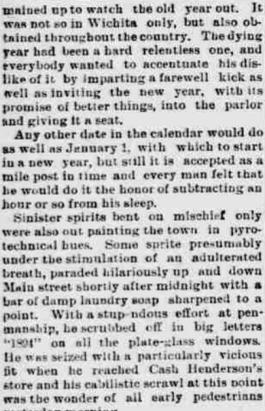
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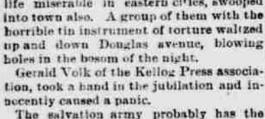
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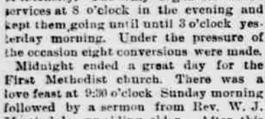
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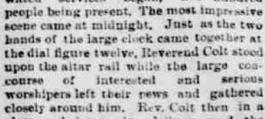
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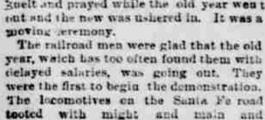
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