# WON THEIR POINT

## SUSPENDED ODDFELLOWS LODGES HAD INNING LAST NIGHT.

**After an All Day Struggle the Grand Lodge Admits Them by a Vote of 176 to 129—Appeal Taken to Sovereign Grand Lodge—History of the Trouble.**

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the state of Kansas met at the Garfield hall in this city yesterday morning with Grand Master Campbell presiding. It was probably the hottest meeting of the order ever held in the state of Kansas. The De Boissiere home matter was the bone of contention.

Prior to May 11, 1892, E. V. De Boissiere was the owner of 3,156 acres of land in Franklin county, Kansas, fifty-four head of horses, 457 head of cattle, 300 head of hogs, farming implements, household furniture, notes, accounts, bank stock and cash on hand, all of the estimated value of $100,000, together with a library of 2,500 volumes. Mr. Boissiere was well advanced in years, and having no near relatives desired to transfer all his property, both real and personal, to some benevolent institution to be used for charitable purposes.

After having become well advised in the premises, he determined to transfer all his property to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to create a home for the orphans of deceased Odd Fellows of Kansas. With this purpose in view and a willingness on his part to make the transfer, the details and conditions only remaining to be agreed upon. Several methods were suggested by the parties representing the order, but none of them seemed to be entirely satisfactory to him. It was finally agreed that a corporation should be created, known as The De Boissiere Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home and Industrial School association, to carry out his purpose and should all be transferred to this corporation in trust for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to be used as a home for the orphans of deceased members. It was further agreed, that five persons, to be named by the donor, should act as trustees in the administration of this trust. With the details agreed upon and the corporation formed, Mr. De Boissiere, on May 11, 1892, transferred his entire estate to this corporation, in trust for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to be used as a home for the orphans of deceased members.

Five trustees were appointed and a per capita tax of $1.50 on each member in the state was ordered for the maintainance of the home. Several lodges refused to pay this per capita tax and the case went into the civil courts, as well also as to the sovereign grand lodge, all decisions being against the lodges that would not pay. Several of them were suspended. Their representatives appeared at the grand lodge and would not be admitted. They had friends on the inside who made a fight for their admission, and the result yesterday was a deadlock till the question was settled. A committee was appointed and it made a report last night not quite satisfactory. It was slightly amended and Major Levi Ferguson, in a powerful and able speech, amended the report and carried it through about 10 o'clock by a vote of 176 to 129.

The report as amended, is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

"We, your special committee appointed to consider the subject of the lodges delinquent for payment of the tax levied for the De Boissiere Odd Fellows Orphans Home and the lodges suspended by order of the Grand Master for insubordination and resort to the civil courts having investigated the subject referred to them respectfully report as follows:

"As to those lodges delinquent for Orphans Home tax, some of them appear to have been in arrears simply from inability to meet the payment; some have paid a portion and have orders drawn to pay the balance, but have withheld the same until they had learned the decision of the courts. Nearly all of these lodges, we believe, intend to pay the balance due according to the statements made by representatives. Had not the decision of the supreme court been so late in announcement, it is probable that the balance due would have been paid by all that were able to do so and those who not able to pay at present will do so as soon as they can get the money.

"We therefore recommend that all the following delinquent lodges be admitted to representation in this body at this time, upon the understanding that they will pay the balance due as soon as may be, and the presentation of proper credentials viz: 18, 32, 35, 42, 96, 100, 110, 114, 119, 172, 178, 196, 217, 242, 253, 254, 260, 286, 303, 309, 314, 316, 317, 320, 326, 329, 335, 342, 363, 367, 368, 372, 374, 390, 396, 408, 431, 441, 94, 145 28, 116, 323, 448, 236, 125, 249, 130, 237, 77, 137, 140, 171, 187, 188, 190, 209, 211, 212, 222, 279, 287, 344, 352, 380, 399, 421, 297, 305, 313, 322, 345, 420, 5, 11, 52, 75, 108, 109, 332, 350, 146, 425, 51, 38, 109, 206, 233, 235, 243, 245.

"As to the lodges suspended for insubordination we find that some of them are satisfied that the decision of the courts and the sovereign grand lodge settles the matter, and are willing to make payment of the balance due at once. Others say they accept the decisions and will pay as soon as demanded by the grand lodge. Others say that they do not think the decision has been finally made by the courts, that they are still in courts and intend to remain there. Others say that they are willing to obey the decisions of the higher courts and of the grand lodge now in session. Still others say they do not know what their lodges are willing to do. There are possibly other variations of statements but the general tenor of the greater number of the statements seem to indicate that the lodges intend to still further oppose the payment of the orphans home tax in civil courts, notwithstanding the decision of the sovereign grand lodge. As we understand it, the position before this committee seems to be on what terms, if at all, the suspended lodges shall have their charters restored. And upon this point we recommend that the charters of the suspended be restored, and the representatives and past grands thereof be admitted to membership in this grand lodge upon pledging themselves that they will use their influence with their lodges to have them pay their delinquencies in ninety days, and the presentation of credentials showing they were legally elected at a time prior to the supension of the lodges, the said lodges as follows, viz: 15, 36, 44, 72, 99, 129, 131, 148, 164, 163, 176, 179, 199, 198, 215, 220, 223, 247, 258, 302, 379, 389, 409, 412, 413, 424

"Respectfully submitted,

"J. S. CODDING,
"W. A. CORMANY,
"A. P. RIDDLE,
"J. T. MCMILLEN,
"F. H. BETTON."

While the contest was going on inside the representatives of the suspended lodges remained outside in the hall and listened breathlessly to the debate. The position of the suspended lodges seems to be that they do not want to pay for the support of the De Boissiere home unless the grand lodge instead of the five trustees control it. They say it is another case of "taxation without representation."

Mr. Codding gave notice after the amended report had carried that he would take an appeal to the sovereign grand lodge, but under it the subordinate suspended lodges will be given admission.

Major Ferguson seems to be the hero of the event. He is the well known Wellington lawyer and the present nominee for probate judge of his county. It is not unlikely that the fight will have a bearing on the election of grand officers today.

No business has been done so far, but now that this question is settled business will progress nicely, it is expected.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

Topeka, W. N. Reed, William Taylor; Leavenworth, D. D. Olive, Kansas City, John Carr, L. L. L. Hanks; Lawrence, E. H. Schneider; Atchison, M. Schmith; Paola, F. O. Peiker; Burlingame, C. V. King; Garnett, W. S. Bemis; Manhattan, C. H. Paine; Lawrence, A. Rose; Seneca, George A. Marvin; Mound City, C. M. Morrison; Iola, John Frost; Fort Scott, James Keys, Thomas Brown; Ottawa, R. S. Black; Junction City, John F. Brown; Cummings, W. N. Graham; Leavenworth, R. R. Burbank; Salina, M. D. Bery; Burlington, G. W. Andrews; Humboldt, J. H. Gardner; Baldwin, L. B. Bodwell; Osaloosa, N. M. Stevens; Atchison, O. Ortopp; Holton, J. H. Keller; Fulton, William H. Green; Coyville, T. H. Suerlock; Troy, Fred Brown; Le Roy, F. A. Quiggle; Topeka, L. M. Penwell, F. H. Morgan; Wathena, B. Harding; Eudora, E. O. Miller; Council Grove, R. M. Armstrong; Perry, J. W. Rouse; Neosho Rapids, William Elliott; Chetopa, Oscar La Faber; Neosho Falls, Jacob Kissler; Eureka, A. L. French; Osage Mission, Charles Hasel; Girard, E. Kistler; Cottonwood Falls, George George; Olathe, H. W. Bushong; Abilene, Richard Waring; Lawrence, F. A. Myers; Hartford, G. W. Stalker; Chanute, J. L. Terrill; Pleasanton, David Snider; La Cygne, A. Friedman; Highland, J. B. Dillion; Kansas City: Nic Sosier; Independence, A. T. Johnson; Spring Hill, H. W. Palmer; El Dorado, R. M. Kitzleman; Fredonia, S. C. Wicks; Washington, Jacob Deppeler; Elk City, T. L. Faler; North Topeka, J. W. Bickwell; Wamego, G. W. Jenkins; Augusta, William Brown; Osage City, Aug. Rapp; Hiawatha, W. A. Fraser; Olathe, S. F. Hahn; Marysville, John B. Logan; Valley Falls, J. G. Knouse; Bethel, S. E. Peck; Leavenworth, F. C. Metcalf; New Albany, J. M. Garrison; Concordia, F. L. Holcomb, Wichita, H. R. Butler; Parsons, J. W. Jennings; Great Bend, A. H. Shaffer; Belleville, D. R. Ferguson; Minneapolis, C. F. Aldrich; Robinson, M. F. Terrill; Newton, M. L. Sawyer; Winfield, W. H. Dawson; Potter, J. B. Findley; Marion, G. P. Marner; Liberty, L. Earl; Peru, P. Looby; Cherokee, G. W. Woodbury; Waterville, M. F. McCulloch; Ellsworth, D. K. Baxter; Frankfort, W. T. Collins; Lincoln, G. Hutchinson; Derby, William Hotsapellar; Peabody, C. M. Sawtelle; South Haven, W. W. Lemon; Clay Center, Rezin Iams; Jewell, A. T. Green; Coffeyville, T. C. Harbout; Nortonville, J. C. Whitmer; Russell, J. H. Hill; Louisburg, G. F. Giendening; Louisville, A. S. Kemper; Leavenworth, Henry Bruegger; Sabetha, E. Holzsnue; Courtland, George H. Litsinger; Beloit, E. H. Potter; Silver Lake, A. M. Bates; Wellington, Levy Ferguson; Howard, R. F. Crawford; Wellsville, W. D. Little; Oxford, W. A. Alderson; Sedan, C. M. Ellis; Cherryvale, Simon Frank; Kirwin, William Stuckmann; Severance, Frank Bilger; Clyde, C. Aeton; Ellis, E. C. Waldo; Munden, D. J. Logan; Delphos, J. M. Hare; Kinsley, W. A. Snow; Cedar Vale, J. H. Laughlin; Lyons, — Klinger; Smith Center, O. S. Hawkins; Hamlin, George F. Straub; Hanover, John Adelzech; Douglass, D. R. Holcomb; Norton, H. M. Waller; Oberlin, Victor Lorig; Cawker City, C. H. Hawkins; Fall River, A. N. McKell; Scandia, M. Wissloge1; Alton, M. Crippin; Canton, Jake Fawer; Ness City, M. M. Tullis; Madison, D. Focht; Winchester, W. N. Strange; Yates Center, D. M. Ray; Mulvane, H. B. Yarnell; Stockton, E. J. Williams; Sedgwick, T. J. Cooper; Leona, P. Cowger; Scranton, August Kraft; Clifton, E. E. Larimon; Hollenberg, John Porter; Weir City, J. W. Brown; Havensville, L. A. Everitt; Osborne, J. A. Fouts; Mankato, C. R. Cone; Morrill, E. Aumiller; Glasco, D. H. Courtney; Opolis, J. H. Gould; Harper, H. W. McMann; McCune, John Martin; Hays City, C. Schwaller; Galena, G. Bankson; Pittsburg, J. J. Nolen; Belle Plaine, Tue Richardson; Eskridge, S. B. Chapman; Leon, G. A. Kerrover; Republic, W. S. Hill; Halloweli, W. F. Forbaker; Toronto, J. W. Buchanan; Salem, J. L. Smiley; Little River, J. L. Folk; Oneida, J. W. Smothers; Whiting, C. D. Logan; Randolph, O. King; McLouth, S. P. French; Stuart, C. W. Acton; Prescott, J. T. Holmes; Axtell, John Ryburg; Miltonvale, J. W. Shay; Wilson, P. S. Crose; Stanley, N. L. McCaughey; Uniontown, J. W. Moore; Topeka, L. S. Ferry; Oak Hill, B. M. Lyne; Osaga, Robert Hodson; Baxter Springs, A. L. Harper; Grenola, M. R. Reves; Anthony, A. E. Jones; Burden, Mat Cunningham; Cedarville, W. W. Simmonds; Wauneta, D. G. Hahn; Longton, C. C. Cooper; Altamont, S. J. Huss; Garden City, O. V. Folsom; Pratt, J. D. Hawkins; Bennington, C. N. Waite; Ellingham, M. Fraser; Barton, J. S. Stone; Westmoreland, George T. Codding; Conway, D. L. Guine; Cheney, G. M Wolf; Dexter, L. J. Howerton; Rossville, R. Burus; Stafford, A. F. Salmon; Meriden, J. C. Beeson; Sun City, H. Hastings; Lane, C. A. Ellis, Ionio, D. Z. Cook; Clearwater, Charles Mackey; Goddard, O. M. Pittinger; Whitewater, Harry Turner; Freeport, H. A. Thomas; Brookville, A. E Yount; New Murdock, I. M. Evans; Argonia, F. A. Russ; Colby, O. P. Baugh; Olivette, W. H. Peard; Beaumont, J. M. Hanley; Barnes, C. Hogue; Ogden, J. T. Crawford; Ashland, B. F. Donnell; White City, R. L. Herisold; Palmer, W. D. Harmon; Chautauqua, J. T. Smith; Dighton, J. H. Schlenk; Oscott, J. M. Holland; Wetmore, J. S. Fitzgerald; Scott City, H. W. Sears; Gypsum, J. B. Swisher; Milford, B. F. Bochter; Corbin, J. H. Cox; Norway, A. D. Norris; Strong, G. W. Crum; Wichita, S. D. Smith; Leoti, Fred Friar; Burr Oak, W. R. Hill; Coolidge, J. R. Campbell; Wallace, S. E. Curtis; Coldwater, D. T. McIntire; Williamsburg, John A. Porter; Syracuse, A. B. Wagoner; Wa Keeney, Ed Chalk; Plainville, William Mellott; Arlington, W. A. Knox; Tescott, J. M. Stanley; Clements, Horace Park; Fontana, A. N. English; Bunker Hill, R. S. Nathes; Haven, Fetcher Oneal; Kansas City, D. M. Hoover; Norwich, I. W. Bagget; Horace, James Lovett; Marquette, W. C. McCormack; Randall, W. F. Morris; Glen Elder, M. Borst; Morganville, R. Ronigh; Caney, W. W. Barr; Salina, S. G. Kennison; St. Francis, Thomas F. Eagan; Greensburg, A. Heistberger; Geneseo, W. H. Dickerson; Goodland, G. B. Dickey; Downs, Dr. Shearer; Turon, M. H. Porter; Horton, N. G. Hanneli; Sylvia, J. W. Brown; Woodsdale, A. A. Dunmire; Jamestown, D. McKellar; Lucas; J. Ruppenthal; Atwood, A. B. Thomas; Richfield, D. F. Little; Herrington, A. M. Crary; Havana, W. W. Ross; Riley, M. B. Mansfield; Almena, J. A. M. Young; Osawatomie, H. T. Cook; Norcatur, C. R. Pease; Walton, E. W. Staymaker; La Crosse, J. E. Kirkpatrick; Lancaster, R. L. Guines; Ulysses, J. T. McMillan; Bonner Springs, S. B. Kenton; Richmond, N. C. Morgan; Colwich, G. W. Steenrod; Niles, J. J. Jennes; Quenemo, D. R. Cloud; Green, F. J. Appleton; Gridley, R. C. Bell; Arrington, H. Hasong; Wayne, S. C. Van Riper; Muscotch, C. E. Smith; Cuba, S. A. Daniels; Spivey, W. C. Grubb; Hoisington, C. W. Phillips; Barnard, J. W. Jones; Wakefield, J. J. L. Jones; McPherson, Fred Stiles; Goff, J. A. Conville; Parker, James Carson; Hollyrood, M. Woodmansee; Wilder, Harry King; Mitchell, P. W. Pool; Nashville, William Pipton; Esbon, Jerome Hills; Garden Plain, John Kiefner, jr.; Narka, C. F. Schoier; Columbus, J. R. Carter; Kiowa, Fred Humphrey; Tonganoxie, J. A. Rule; Topeka, H. L. Tramp; Homewood, E. A. Bruner; Fort Scott, D. C. Congdon; Admire, T. D. Griffith; Scammon, A. Durham; McCracken, A. Robertson; Fairview, G. W. Renegan; Arcadia, J. N. Roher; Winona, John S. Hulvey; Utica, Wilson Taylor; Raymond, C. P. Hansen; Baileyville, J. M. Everets; Sharon Springs, Wm. Swartz; Kensington, Elmer Dilsaver; Scottsville, A. J. Paul; Lyons, J. H. Lansing; Lecompton, E. E. Myers; Elgin, T. M. Polson; Hoxie, M. E. Thorpe; Isabel, T. P. Knight; Mulberry, W. S. Brooks; Coats, R. A. Barlow; Protection, E. M. Troy; Oakley, W. L. Camp; Idana, A. C. Chapman; Pomona, W. S. Staley; Claflin, J. F. Evans; Ingalls, J. F. Fisher; Buffalo, B. E. Jones; Waide, J. W. Vanscoyoc; Healey, J. M. Sears; Bird City, E. M. Phillips; Formoso, H. T. Crawford; Matfield Green, Andrew Welte; Wilsey, C. R. Horton; Virgil, F. M. Swyn; Weskan, C. W. Bobo; Bolton, W. W. Byers; Niotaze, W. A. Wilson; Lenora, P. Green; Powhattan, W. H. McGinnis; Brenner, H. Seeley; Centralia, A. D. Irey; Natoma, J. W. S. Cross; Blue Rapids, O. D. Munger; Bentley, O. L. Winters; Pretty Prairie, T. G. Elbury; Prairie Center, D. A. Webster; Lansing, C. L. Cherrie.

The following are the lodges which have been suspended on account of refusal to pay the special assessment:

No. 15, Emporia; No. 36, Oswego; No. 44 Erie; No 72, Neodesha; No. 99, Hutchinson; No. 129, Larned; No. 131, Starling; No 148, Empire City; No. 160, Arkansas City; No. 176, Caldwell; No. 183, Halstead; No. 179, Medicine Lodge; No. 199, Kingman; No 208, Melvern; No. 215, Moline; No. 220, Gueda Springs; No. 223, Valley Center; No 247, Argentine; No. 258, Attica; No. 362, Kinkaid; No. 379 Inman; No. 389, Bucklin No. 400, Manchester; No. 402, Industry; No 411, Sherwin Junction; No. 424, Corning.

OFFICERS REPORTS.

The reports of the officers were read and referred to the usual committees. From Grand Master Campbell's report the following information is gleaned:

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| Number of working lodges June 30, 1894 | 379 |
| Number reporting as required by law | 284 |
| Number failing to report | 95 |
| Membership in the 284 lodges reporting | 16,655 |
| Membership last year in the ninety-five not reporting | 5,106 |
| Average attendance in the 284 lodges reporting | 5,008 |
| Initiations in the 284 lodges reporting | 1,369 |
| Number of deaths in the 284 lodges reporting | 92 |
| Public installations in the 284 lodges reporting | 26 |

The reports received also show that seventy-seven lodges meet in their own halls, 105 meet in leased halls, while 102 failed to make any report on the question asked.

The grand secretary's report shows the following condition of the grand lodge from Sept. 1, 1893, to Sept. 1, 1894:

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

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| Number of working lodges Sept. 1, 1893 | 401 |
| Number instituted during the year | 10 |
| Number formed by consolidation | 2 |
| Suspended lodges restored | 15 |
| Total | 428 |
| Number of charters surrendered | 1 |
| Number lost by consolidation | 4 |
| Number suspended | 43 |
| Total loss | 48 |
| Number of working lodges Sept. 1, 1894 | 380 |

MEMBERSHIP.

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| Number of members June 30, 1893 | 22,973 |
| Errors in last report | 17 |
| Number initiated during the year | 2,182 |
| Number admitted by card | 629 |
| Number reinstated | 216 |
| Total | 26,017 |
| Deductions—Errors in last report | 70 |
| Withdrawn by card | 695 |
| Dropped | 1,781 |
| Expelled | 58 |
| Deaths | 161 |
| Total deductions | 2,725 |
| Total membership June 30, 1894 | 23,329 |
| Net increase in membership | 227 |
| Number of past grands | 5,268 |

RELIEF.

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| Number of brothers relieved | 1,581 |
| Number of widowed families relieved | 78 |
| Number of weeks' benefit paid | 9,854 |
| Amount paid for relief of brothers | $27,889 00 |
| Amount paid for the relief of widowed families | 966 00 |
| Amount paid for the education of orphans | 40 00 |
| Amount paid for burying the dead | 6,816 00 |
| Amount paid for special relief | 7,108 10 |
| Total paid for relief | $42,819 10 |
| Total annual receipts subordinate lodges | $291,581 52 |
| Total warrants issued | 191,437 89 |
| Bal. in subordinate treasuries | $100,143 72 |

Grand Treasurer Stine reports the following receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year:

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| Balance on hand | $11,131 78 |
| Receipts from secretary | 29,549 00 |
| Total | $40,681 78 |
| Disbursements | 21,448 21 |
| Balance on hand August 31 | $19,233 57 |

REBEKAH MEETING.

The great event of the meeting of the state assembly of the Kansas Rebekans was held last evening at the auditorium. The meeting was in charge of President Weeby, and the work of the Rebekah degree was exemplified by thirty ladies, dressed in priestly robes, members of the Fort Scott assembly. The work was led by Mrs. Banks, of Fort Scott. There were present something like 900 members of the Odd Fellow order, and the work was not only pronounced the most beautiful, but the fullest exemplification of the secret work ever given in the state. Those present had nothing but words of praise for the Fort Scott band, who are members of the state grand staff of Kansas. This beautiful ceremony was not completed until 10:30. The members of the Fort Scott band are as follows:

Fort Scott No. 2—Mrs. Barbara Pond, Mrs. M. A. Crow, Mrs. Mary Beal, Mrs. Emma Slaight, Mrs. Celia Eberle, Mrs. Hattie Conover, Mrs. Ella Spencer, Mrs. Lizzie Keys, Mrs. Lizzie Izor, Mrs. Mary Gruber, Mrs. Anna Pratz, Mrs. Hattie Feist, Mrs. Carrie Smith, Miss Minnie Gruber, Miss May McElvain, Miss Ella Banks, Miss Lena Schriver, Miss Emma Ausman, Miss Gertie Chase, Mrs. Grace, Mrs. Lizzie Roberts, Mrs. Sadie Button, Mrs. Lila Cramer, Mr. Vic Chase, with Mrs. Kate Banks as captain and Mrs. Cora Cooper as pianist.

Grand Ball.

To finish the grand events of the day yesterday the local lodges of Odd Fellows were granted a special dispensation for giving a ball under the auspices of the local lodges. A. O. U. W. hall was secured and Shaw's orchestra engaged to furnish the music for the occasion. Charles Beal was chosen as leader of the 150 couples present. The ball was in every sense of the word a perfect success and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the evening. At a late hour this morning the happy company present were still keeping time to the music. No event of the season has exceeded this meeting.

LOST BOTH HANDS.

Many of the citizens of Wichita will read with regret the sad accident which it is reported to have befallen Jack Crowley of Wichita at Monett, Mo., by which he lost both his hands while trying to relieve the suffering of others.

Mr. Crowley was for many years a resident of Wichita, and in fact always claimed this city as his home. For the past two years he has been engaged as a conductor on the Frisco railroad, and on Monday night when the St. Louis bound train left the road he escaped from the wreck unharmed, but when he went to extricate others who were held beneath the burning timbers he was caught by a falling timber and had his hands both burned off. He was taken to the hospital at St. Louis and was reported yesterday as being in a very precarious condition. His train which passed through Wichita yesterday bore his comrades who related his heroism to a number of his friends at the depot. Mr. Crowley was raised in Wichita and his parents still reside here. He was universally esteemed and respected by all, and was one of the most popular conductors on the Frisco system.

WORKING FOR WICHITA.

J. B. Stone of this city is contemplating making a big thing out of the Barger Wire Winding and Stretching machine for Wichita. This machine was exhibited recently at the fair and was a curiosity to all the farmers. Its point of chief excellence is its capacity for taking down a barbed wire fence as easily as it puts it up. It is so constructed that a farmer can have the same wire answer on a half dozen fences in a year on a single year. This is important as by the rapid construction of this fence he can enclose a stubble field for pasturing in a very short time and save the troublesome work of doing away with weeds by plowing.

In taking the wire down with this machine it is easily and neatly wound on a spool and in this feature is alone on the market.

Mr. Stone thinks that there is big money in it. It is new and has not been extensively advertised so far and Mr. Stone is turning his attention to securing the manufactory of the machine for Wichita. From this point the whole western country could be supplied

# WICHITA IS IN IT

## IMPORTANT RAILWAY CHANGE TO ITS ADVANTAGE.

**Wellington's Santa Fe Headquarters Abolished and Most of Railway Territory Attached to Wichita—Caldwell, Hunnewelt and Englewood Lines to be Operated From Here.**

Today an important change in the operation of the Santa Fe system will be made. Wichita will become headquarters for a very much larger mileage of the road which is only a step towards making it probably the second largest Santa Fe center in the state.

This morning Wellington will cease to be headquarters for the Panhandle division as well as the lines from there to Caldwell and Hunnewell. The Panhandle division extending from Wellington to the Panhandle of Texas will be attached to and made a part of the Chenute division, and the roads to Hunnewell, to Caldwell and the Englewood line from Douglas to Englewood will be attached to and made a part of the southern division which is that with headquarters in this city. These lines make up the division heretofore in charge of Superintendent Rhodes of Wellington. The change will add materially to Wichita as a railroad center or rather a center for railroaders, for it is already the greatest railroad center in the state.

This is only one change. Another change will soon occur which will be of still more importance to Wichita, but which, at present, cannot be given in detail. The Santa Fe change will be made this morning.

CITY IN BRIEF.

Mrs. Clayton of South Topeka avenue is reported quite sick.

Miss Ella Ward returned yesterday from her home at Fort Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Peacock lost their infant child yesterday by death.

Mrs. E. W. Smythe has gone to Conway Springs on a week's visit to friends.

Hon. E. W. Phillips of Mulvane, a prominent three link man, is in Wichita.

Mrs. Sarah A. Steel, who has been spending the summer in Colorado, has returned.

John McClain and Miss Margaret Horneck were granted a license to marry yesterday.

Mrs. A. Lamke of Topeka, Kan., is visiting Mrs. George Ross and family of North Topeka avenue.

W. J. B. Throckmorton and wife and Zopher Tuttle have returned from an extended visit in Illinois.

Edmund Sparr and Miss Ellen Bates were yesterday granted license to assume the responsibilities of wedlock.

J. O. Davidson and family left the city last night for Chicago after a weeks stay visiting the family of C. L. Davidson.

Will Huffman of this city has been tendered and has accepted a position in the German National bank of St. Louis.

The 17-months old child of R. A. Ittner, residing near Furley, died yesterday and will be buried this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

A large number of customers were busily engaged yesterday in trying to unlock the boxes containing the $50 at the Boston Store.

The county commissioners have made a standing reward of $50 for the arrest and conviction of horse thieves in Sedgwick county.

Quite a heavy frost fell Sunday night but no material damage was done. The first frost of the season was on the night of Oct. 7.

Class No. 2, St. Paul's M. E. church will give an entertainment at the church, corner Thirteenth street and Lawrence avenue tonight.

Miss Emma Johnson was called to Rock Island, Ills., yesterday by a telegram announcing the serious illness of her father at that place.

Cards are out for the wedding of Susan Varner and Miss Alice Oldfield, at the residence of the bride's parents on the West Side, this evening.

Henry Holt of Staunton, Va., is in the city visiting his many friends. Mr. Holt was formerly a member of the law firm of Holmes, Haymaker & Holt.

Administrators were appointed yesterday for the following estates by the probate court: John T. Campbell, Jacob Rodkey and Emma Fitzroy.

Today is a Jewish holiday called Yom Kipour, or the feast of the passover. Several of the business houses will observe the day by closing their places of business.

Died—Yesterday morning at their residence, 1112 North Washington avenue, Miss Minta Freed of typhoid fever. Funeral today at 3 o'clock from the residence.

Charles Jones, formerly with the Winch book store but now connected with a large stationery firm in Chicago, is in the city visiting his friends and relatives.

The funeral of the Mr. William H. Shaver will be held from the residence of his son, W. M. Shaver, 1015 Coolidge avenue, Riverside, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The friends are invited.

General Myers was called to Peoria, Ill. yesterday morning by the death of his brother William. His brother spent three months in Wichita last summer and was well known about the court house.

Dr. Pratt, candidate for lieutenant-governor on the Referendum ticket, is in Topeka attending a general meeting of the Referendum committee which occurs today. Judge Dixon will also attend.

The EAGLE had a pleasant call from Mr. L. G. Parker and Mr. Victor Song of Oberlin, Kan., yesterday. The gentlemen are attending the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Grand Lodge meeting.

Charles Debrey was tried yesterday in the police court for stealing a set of harness from Mr. Pierce on East Douglas ave., and fined $15 and costs. In default of the payment of the fine he was committed to the county jail.

Invitations have been received here announcing the wedding of Miss Louda B. Thompson and Mr. Walter S. Edsall, of Colorado Springs to take place Oct. 17. Miss Louda is a Wichita girl having lived here most all her life. Mr. Edsall is a prominent shoe dealer of Colorado Springs.

Mr. John Busenbark, the liveryman on South Main street, has just added to his stock a buggy fitted with cushion tires and ball bearing, just like a bicycle. This feature is a new thing in buggies for road use, and is the first of the kind ever sent to the west.

Caroline Harrison circle, ladies of the G. A. R., will give an informal reception Thursday evening at Hotel Metropole in honor of the department president, Ella B. Dalton, and all visiting members of the order. It is desired that all members of the order should be present. This is by order of Loretta DeRoss.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smythe were surprised by a party of friends last evening at their residence on South Topeka avenue. The evening was agreeably spent with cards, conversation and lunch. The party consisted of Messrs. and Mesdames Bruhn, Weil, Bellman, Bloss, Dando, Noltemeyer, Arey, Braitsch and Bergman.

Mr. G. E. Lindley and family of this city and Mr. A. W. Terrill and family of Attica desire to express thanks to their friends for the numerous acts of kindness during the long illness of Mrs. Lindley, and particular gratitude to Mrs. Nellie Hopkins whose care and faithfulness to Mrs. Lindley extended over three months.

Among the bills presented to the directors of the fair association for allowance was one from Fred L. Johnson of the signal service for five days good weather during the meeting. He thought he should be allowed $50 for each day, which the directors promptly allowed, but brought in an offset of $250 for one bad day. This balanced the account.

GERMAN FAIR.

Great Preparations Being Made for the Annual Church Festivities.

The annual German fair for the benefit of the German Evangelical church will commence next Tuesday and will continue during the week ending Saturday, Oct. 20. It will be held in Garfield hall.

Great preparations have been made for this event and hundreds of interesting, handsome and useful articles will be placed on exhibition and sale.

The attractions will be more numerous than on any former event of the kind. Besides the elegant fancy work that will be exhibited there will be some rare and most interesting things to see in the various booths and departments of the fair, some of which will be startling as well as amusing.

Neff's celebrated regiment band will play each evening during the fair.

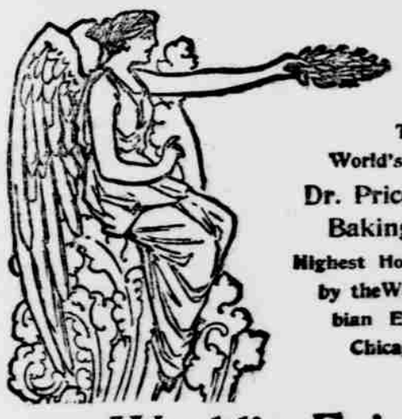
The children of the Sunday school of the German church will give a concert and drill on the opening night.

The eighth grade of Lincoln Street school will give, under the direction of Prof. D. S. Pence, a concert and "Milk Maid Drill" one evening of the week.

An elaborate stereopticon exhibition, consisting of European scenes and stories from Palestine will be one of the chief attractions of the week. This will be under the supervision of Prof. H. J. Barber, and may be seen each night during the week.

Through the liberality and generosity of a number of the merchants and business men of Wichita, the fair will be in a position to offer beautiful prizes, among which will be a silk dress pattern for the most popular young lady, donated by Cash Henderson; a golden scarf pin, donated by W. H. Kramer, to be awarded to the most popular young attorney; the finest hat for the most popular young man is offered by Joe the Hatter; a fine cloak for the most popular school girl; this was given by the Boston store; a good school suit has been presented by Bitting Brothers which will be given to the most popular school boy; a beautiful doll magnificently dressed will be the very tempting present offered to the prettiest little girl. This doll was donated by Nelson and dressed with taste by Miss Hasuel. The candidates for district court clerk will make a lively fight for supremacy in the contest for popularity, the prize being a handsome pair of golden cuff buttons presented by Mosbacher, the jeweler.

On the first evening the nomination of the candidates for the costly prizes will take place.

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Highest Honors Awarded by the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893.

World's Fair Medal and Diploma awarded to Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

The highest award was given on every claim, comprising superiority in leavening power, keeping properties, purity and excellence. This verdict has been given by the best jury ever assembled for such a purpose, backed by the recommendation of the Chief Chemist of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., who made an elaborate examination and test of all the baking powders. This is pre-eminently the highest authority on such matters in America.

This verdict conclusively settles the question and proves that Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is superior in every way to any other brand.

NOTE.—The Chief Chemist rejected the Alum baking powders, stating to the World's Fair jury that he considered them unwholesome.



NEW YORK STORE

A SPECIAL SALE on Ladies' Underwear today.

Ladies' Black Union Suits, extra quality, $2.00; worth $2.75.

Ladies' Grey all-wool Union Suits, extra quality, $1.15; worth more.

Ladies' Vests and Pants, grey, all wool, extra quality, $1.95 suit.

Ladies' fleece lined Vest 25c; Pants to match 25c.

The above are all specials and the best values ever offered in the west.

CASH HENDERSON,
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Awaits you. Will you take it or allow someone else to anticipate you? We are offering Clothing at lower prices than similar goods have ever been sold for in this city. Everybody claims the cheapest. We claim the best for the money. The better you know this store the more of your trade we will get.

Men's suits at $9; if you can find better ones for $12 elsewhere, or if your tailor will make you better for $20, you'll be a greater discoverer than was Columbus.

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Forces of a Sunbeam.

AT THE FIRST M. E. CHURCH

Wednesday, Oct. 17.

ADMISSION 35 CENTS.



Estate of John A. Wallace,

DECEASED

M. W. Levy, administrator of said estate, offers for sale at private sale and as a whole, the stock of

Farm Implements, Wagons, Carriages, Buggies, Barbed Wire, Hay Baling Wire Binding Twine, Etc.

Amounting at present to about $9,000.

Dealers are invited to examine said stock of goods at 306, 308 and 310 East Douglas avenue, Wichita, for the next ten days and submit a bid for the same.

The stock will be closed out for cash or notes with approved security.

The appraisement can be seen at the office, 310 East Douglas avenue.

M. W. LEVY, Administrator.



F. W. Swab SHOULD BE YOUR Tailor. 145 N. MAIN WICHITA, KAN.



W. S. RADEBAGH,
Representing
VOORHEIS, MILLER & CO.,
Manufacturers of Clothing, will be at Carey Hotel for the week with his full line of samples—the largest on the road.


COMING LOCAL EVENTS.

The Epworth league of the First Methodist church will hold a social Friday evening of this week. It will be characterized by a good program, refreshments and an opportunity for a social time. Come and bring your pencil, a novel way of getting acquainted.

Invitations will be issued within a day or two for a promenade concert and ball to be given Oct. 19, at the auditorium, under the management of the auditorium directory. This promises to be a grand affair with Shaw's full orchestra of eighteen pieces. The largest and best dancing floor in the state. Should bring out every person.

Thieves attempted to enter the house of John Exton on South Topeka avenue yesterday morning but were frightened away after having removed a pane of glass from a large window.

Reward for Telling Falsehoods.

A tall, official-looking man called upon Smith and observed: "I believe, Mr. Smith, you possess a—ah, yes—a black retriever dog with a white patch on his breast?" Visions of unpaid dog taxes burst upon poor Smith, and he replied: "Nothing of the kind. He followed me home, but he does not belong to me. Indeed, I told the servant to take him to the police station." "O, indeed," said the stranger, "that's all right, then. My friend, Mr. Robinson, accidentally shot the dog this morning, and I came to compromise the matter by offering you twenty-five dollars; but, of course, it is not your dog so good morning." Boston Globe.

Society News from Kansas.

A young married couple at Horton are spending their honeymoon in the city jail with the wife's mother.


WHAT'S WORTH READING

Is worth remembering. We wish to call your attention to a little booklet on the merits of the world famed Bradbury Piano. Its highly interesting and fully illustrated. This is the Piano used in the White House