CIRCUS WAS SOLD

MR. CARL ALLEN BEING THE PURCHASER, PAYING $6000.

Big Crowd Assembled at the Court House Yesterday to Witness the Sale—County Attorney Amidon Conducted the Sale for Mrs. McMahon—The General Impression is That Mr. Allen Purchased the Property for Mrs. McMahon—Walter L. Main, of Circus Fame, an Interested Spectator.

The estate of Joseph B. McMahon, deceased, was sold at public auction yesterday morning to Mr. Carl Allen for $6,000.00, at the west door of the court house by Mr. S. B. Amidon.

It was a heterogenous crowd which assembled before County Attorney Amidon, who had been delegated by Mrs. McMahon, administratrix of the estate, to conduct the sale. There were possibly 200 men and boys who were on the scene to see the outcome of the auction. There were some well dressed gentlemen with big diamonds in their shirt fronts who stood about with considerable interest depicted on their faces. It was thought by the crowd that they were the representatives of other circuses and that they were on the ground to bid on the property. But it was the boys who displayed more interest in the affair than any of the men. From the conversation overheard, it would seem that the boys had expected the whole circus to be brought to the court house and exhibited.

One youngster nudged another and said: "I guess the elephants will be here pretty soon." The other answered, "suppose so. Too bad that the band won't be with the circus." Like conversation between the boys was kept up until Mr. Amidon appeared and read the sale. This was too much for the boys and they gradually disappeared, their places being filled by men, whose curiosity was unduly developed.

Mr. Amidon, accompanied by Mrs. McMahon, walked out of the probate court room to the west door of the court house. Mrs. McMahon was provided with a chair immediately behind Mr. Amidon, the crowd being to the sides and in front of him. Mr. Amidon proceeded to read the notice of the sale and the order which had been issued by Probate Judge Haymaker. He said the entire show would be offered for sale, with the exception of a private car and one team of horses, which were the personal property of Mrs. McMahon.

After reading the notices, Mr. Amidon said: "What am I bid." Mr. Allen said, "$6,000.00." After the usual: "Do I hear the $7,000," which was repeated several times, the property was knocked down to Mr. Allen. As soon as the sale was concluded the crowd dispersed. Farmer Doolittle created a laugh by hallowing out in a loud voice: "Who made that bid." Mr. Allen was formerly the treasurer of the McMahon circus and was Mr. McMahon's confidential man. The general supposition is that he bought the property for Mrs. McMahon. He walked off with Sam Amidon immediately after making the bid. He paid the cash for the property.

Walter L. Main, of circus fame, was the only circus man who was present at the sale. He did not offer to bid, but it was understood that he desired the elephants. However, he only was an interested spectator.

Just prior to offering the property for sale in bulk, Mr. Amidon said that he would sell any part of the property should any desire to purchase. When he said this, Mr. Costello, who was formerly a partner of McMahon and who now has a suit pending against the estate for $5,100.00, said: "I desire to bid on the elephants."

Mr. Amidon said: "How much do you bid?" Mr. Costello answered: "Two thousand five hundred dollars." When Mr. Costello said this, Mr. Amidon smiled a sarcastic smile, and said: "Everybody knows that Mr. Costello has no money." This seemed to rattle Mr. Costello.

Continuing, Mr. Amidon said: "This is a cash sale; have you the money?"

The ex-howman said: "I can get it." "Well, go and get it, and I will cry your bid. I will give you ten minutes." Mr. Costello intimated that it would not be time enough. "Well," said Sam, "I will delay the sale long enough for you to go to any bank in the city and return. Do you want to go to the bank?"

Mr. Costello shook his head, patted his hand against his side in nervous agitation and said "nope."

This ended the business and the crowd disappeared.

The sale was made by the order of the probate judge. The court is not allowed to run the business of a circus or any other line wherein the stock is perishable. The court would be compelled to sell any perishable property, if they were only offered one dollar. The sale must occur within forty days after the death of the owner. This is why the sale took place yesterday.

There has been a great many demands made against the estate and filed in the court. Some of the bills, it is said, have been paid and that Mrs. McMahon holds the receipts of the parties who are now asking to be paid by the court for what they have already been paid for.

A gentleman who has authority to speak, said yesterday that Mrs. McMahon had signified an intention, and in some cases had already paid some of the bills which were owed by the estate. He also said that some of the bills were exorbitant and unjust, and would not likely be allowed by the court. It was his opinion that somebody was maliciously getting certain persons to present bills which had already been settled.

The demands which have been made on the court, and some of which are said to have been paid are as follows:

Davidson & Case	$ 50.72
I. W. Gill	151.00
C. J. Williamson	20.00
United States Printing company	2,375.00
Blakeman Brothers	4.00
Geo. W. Miller	50.00
G. B. Simpson	285.00
Wm. G. Kay	175.75
N. B. Pechin	15.71
Wittaker Packing company	64.50
Lenora McMahon	6,012.66
J. C. Beaucleigh	267.00
G. G. Payne	86.45
Hoffman & Perdue	300.00
Dermody Plumbing company	25.94
Freeman & Lawrence	17.40

The above bills have been sworn to by the parties, but that is no reason to believe the amount of the bills will be allowed. The law specifies that the bill of the undertaker shall be allowed first, the physicians second and the mortgage third. As these bills are more than the estate sold for, it would seem that there is no money to pay the other bills. But it seems to be the general impression and it is borne out by what Mrs. McMahon said, that all just claims will be paid.

CITY IN BRIEF.

Ed S. Magill is in Chanute on business for Chicago people.

J. R. Porter of Arkansas City was at the Carey yesterday.

John Eylerts of Whitewater was a visitor in the city yesterday.

E. P. Thomsan of Kechi township was here yesterday on business.

George Gregg, a well known citizen of Valley Center, is here on business.

The 3-year-old child of Dan Boone of Union township was buried yesterday.

A. J. Wood of the Santa Fe law department went south yesterday morning.

Rodolph Hatfield is attending court at Anthony, where Judge McKay is presiding.

Joe Brubacher will leave tomorrow for Fort Scott, where he goes on legal business.

Yesterday was pay day at police headquarters and the boys were all happy over the event.

E. Phillips of Greenwich, a well known merchant of that village, was here yesterday to trade.

J. C. Hammers of Clearwater spent yesterday in the city looking after some personal matters.

J. W. Adams has returned from Missouri, where he has been on legal business the past week.

Frank Bernard of Lincoln, Neb., one of the active business men of that city, is here on business.

Miss Josie Gillespie of Washington Court House, Ohio, is in the city visiting Mrs. Grant Hatfield.

M. S. Betz and Gus Querfeld of Burrton were spending yesterday with J. E. Howard of the Union mills.

Misses Phillips and Chandler will begin their summer school at Irving, May 10. Advertisement on another page.

The board of police commissioners held their regular Saturday meeting yesterday and signed checks for the police force.

Will Culp returned last evening from Leavenworth, Kan., where he had been as a delegate to the State Tent of the Maccabees.

Mr. Omrah Aley will leave Tuesday night for Peoria, Ill., where he will be married on May 10 to Miss Blanche Ray of that city.

Cash Henderson left yesterday morning for a few days' business trip to the markets in search of additional spring goods for his store.

The Kansas Produce company killed one thousand chickens yesterday. They are doing a very large business and employ a large force of hands.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aley are rejoicing over the arrival of a beautiful little Miss at their home on Riverview avenue. Mother and child doing nicely.

Miss Laura Morris has returned from Pond Creek, where she took the evidence in the Cannon Ball Green case. The local papers speak highly of her work.

To satisfy the popular demand for a summer school just before examinations, a class will be organized for those failing in sophormore algebra during August.

The county commissioners were in session yesterday, transacting routine business. They allowed some bills, ordered some roads to be opened up to the public.

The case of Warheim vs. Edrington was continued in Justice Enoch's court yesterday until next Friday. The trial is over a shooting fracus between the two men.

There was a collision between two wheelmen yesterday morning at the corner of Second and Main. One of them had his front wheel demolished, while the other escaped with a severe shaking up.

Miss Jessie Lantz, who will be the leading contralto voice in the "Doctor of Alcantara" comic opera to be given by the K. of P.s during their conclave in May, came over from El Dorado yesterday.

Marriage licenses were granted yesterday as follows: Karl Scrimbucker, Andale, and Emma Bohrer, Kingman; Thomas A. Boll, Arlington, and Lena Dold, Mt. Hope; Jas. Klinger, Mulvane, and Dora McNutt, Derby; John A. McKee, Wichita, and George Anderson, Wichita.

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Tomorrow we mention among perhaps a dozen equally important items:

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$15.00 Hardwood Refrigerators	$7.99
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10c Three Ply Hose cut to, per foot	6c
$1.25 Hose Reels	69c
50c Boston Spray Nozzles	39c
$3.50 No. 8 Extra Heavy Cop. Boiler	$1.99
10c Shears reduced to	5c
25c Shears reduced to	10c
50c Shears reduced to	25c
25c Butcher Knives reduced to	15c
50c Emery Steels reduced to	19c
$1.50 Revolvers reduced to	75c
35c Nursery Stoves or Iron Heaters	15c
75c Fishing Poles	25c
25c Steel Hoes cut to	17c
85c Steel Spading Forks cut to	59c
35c Best Steel Sickles cut to	19c
25c Granite Drinking Cups cut to	10c
75c Galv. Iron Foot Tubs	39c
50c Fancy Japanned Chamber Pails	27c
$2.00 Galv. Iron Infant Bath Tubs	89c
15c Galvanized Iron Basins	7c
86c 10-qt. Granite Dish Pans	49c
$1.25 Granite Tea Kettles	69c
50c Copper Bottom Tea Kettles	29c
75c Galv. Iron Tea Kettles	39c
35c 10-qt. Heavy Tin Dish Pans	19c
50c Covered Roasting Pans	29c
$1.25 Galv. Iron Wash Boiler	79c
$1.00 Tin Wash Boiler	59c
60c Coffee Mills	39c
15c Screw Drivers	7c
10c Lemon Squeezers	5c
$1.50 Catchers' Masks	99c
25c Fishing Poles	10c
50c Fishing Poles	15c
50c Steel Rakes cut to	30c
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$1.00 Hammocks cut to	69c

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Salmon, 1-lb flat cans	.10
10 boxes Lemon Cream Sweet Crackers, 12½ values	.05
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