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It is awful! But it is true nevertheless that our name did not appear in the organ at all last week. The first time, we believe, since it snowed.

Rabbit in his neck
Can't get him out.
Take a little stick
And stir him all about.

And the case was dismissed.

WHAT do you think of a financial system that puts the whole country at the mercy of a dozen of gamblers on Wall street? Are you going to keep on voting for it?

"Just simply whitewash" is what they say of the report of the legislative committee to investigate the charges of abuses on the part of the management of the state insane asylums, but the whitewash will cost \$1,000.—Wichita Beacon.

THE new Pope's name has been spelled in about as many different ways as there are papers. Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto is the lucky mortal anyway and his title is Pope Pius X. He is 68 years of age and was created Cardinal and Patriarch of Venice June 12, 1893.

SAM GRIFFIN is wearing a few feathers in his cap by virtue of the outcome of the two recent criminal cases in which he put the county attorney to flight. Sam would a little rather the cases would have gone on so as to give him the full measure of glory but then he is very well satisfied as it is. It seems to be helping Sam's practice. People who are arrested will soon get the impression that all they need to do to bluff the county attorney out of the game is to employ Mr. Griffin. Samuel is too many for Napoleon.

DOESN'T it seem a little queer that the county attorney should be so greatly terrified by the county commissioners that he must dismiss a murder case when he professes to have sufficient evidence to convict, when he continues his political suit against the Index in spite of the fact that he has no authority from the commissioners? In the latter instance he even went so far as to cause a minute to be recorded on the commissioners journal, which the commissioners say was without their knowledge or consent. Funny, isn't it?

THE mob spirit which seems to be increasing rather than diminishing at the present time is a serious reflection upon civilization and its indulgence is certain to cause the death of innocent people. A mob can not act with judgment and deliberation and no body of men organized under such circumstances can do justice. The merest circumstantial evidence is sufficient to excite their wrath and though the accused be absolutely innocent it makes no difference to the excited throng. Good citizenship and mob violence can not be companions. It is the duty of every American citizen to discourage everything that tends to increase the mob spirit.

Mrs. Nation in Eastern Courts.

Recently Mrs. Nation has been conducting liquor crusades in Pennsylvania and has been numerous arrested. At Scranton she had a meeting and the mayor and police took charge of her. Her case was taken up by William Law, a wealthy coal operator who has retained four able lawyers to sue the city and the mayor for heavy damage. Law says he is an admirer of free speech and he is going to use some of his wealth to see it prevail.

It is not charged that Mrs. Nation destroyed property on this occasion. She simply held one of her characteristic street meetings.

Ice Cream and Pound Social.

The ladies of the Christian church of Mingsona township will give an ice cream and pound social at the Doles school house on Friday night, August 14th, for the benefit of Elder McLain. An invitation is extended to everybody. Be sure to bring a pound or more of something.

Big Stock of Noys & Norman shoes at H. T. Woodward's. Best on the market. New in style and superior in quality.

Not All Bad People.

From the Wichita Beacon.

A. Moses, a Syrian farmer of Barber county, was in the city yesterday and while here called at the Beacon office. His attention had been called to the complaint made by an American resident on Laura avenue that the Syrian colony living there was unclean and that they had no consideration for the rights of others.

To this statement Mr. Moses made no objection particularly, because he said he did not know the people mentioned, nor was he familiar with the conditions of that place. He was fearful that people might get the impression that all Syrians were noisy and dirty, which he says is not true. To a Beacon reporter Mr. Moser said:

"It is probably true that some Syrians, like some Americans, are not as cleanly as they should be, but this charge against a whole race of people is hardly fair to say the least. Many of my people are coming to this country to live and I would like for them to have a chance. If they do not understand the customs of this country the Americans could befriend them by suggesting the proper thing to do. Such wholesale charges are calculated to prejudice the whole community against them. They are strangers in a strange land, willing to learn the customs of this country, where they expect to live in the future. The great majority of my countrymen who have recently come to Wichita I presume are very poor, and I wish the people would give them a chance to live here and make good citizens."

Mr. Moses, who came to this country from Syria when but three years of age, is quite well educated and is a firm friend of American institutions, and it is his respect for America that leads him to desire for all his race the same blessings and privileges which he enjoys.

It is probably true, as he says, that many of the Syrians in Wichita being unfamiliar with American laws and customs do things that are calculated to annoy their American neighbors but it should be the part of those Syrians who do know something of American customs to try to keep their brethren out of trouble by warning them against the things that are unlawful and distasteful to the people of this country.

SHARON ITEMS.

W. H. Watkins and family returned Monday afternoon from Cunningham. A fine rain visited Sharon last Thursday. Some say that nearly two inches fell.

Another ball is to be held in Woodman hall on the 27th. Let all come out and "rag."

George Stockstill left last Thursday for Garden Grove, Iowa, where he will visit a few weeks.

Every Friday afternoon there is a rush to the postoffice to see who will get to read the Attica Independent first.

Sharon's first nine will play the Nashville first nine next Sunday on the latter's ground. The result is already known.

Misses Agness and Margaret Long are staying at Dr. Wisner's while their parents are enjoying an outing in Colorado.

Jim Cavin of Alva, Ok., and Carrie Hoyt, of near Sharon were united in marriage at the home of the latter's parents, last Sunday night by the Rev. Dr. Atwell.

Mrs. W. A. Starkey and son, Floyd, of Lone Wolf, O. T., are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rowe, and her numerous friends of Sharon and vicinity.

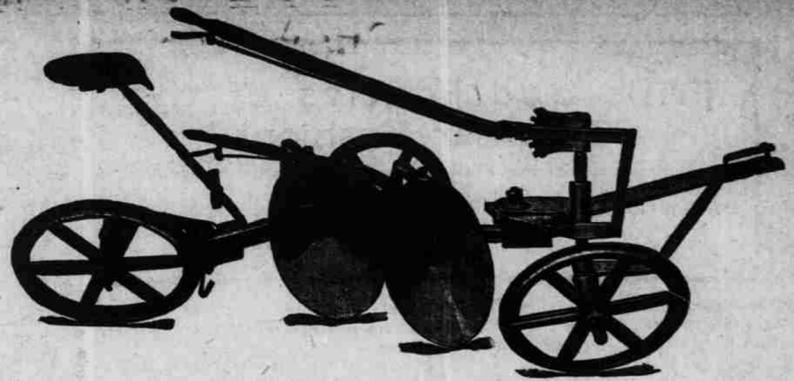
The ladies of the Christian church served ice cream at the residence of C. L. Huffer last Saturday night. Quite a number were in attendance.

Deputy Grantham, for the M. W. A., is here getting new members for the lodge. So far he is reported to have made out about a dozen applications. He thinks that he can make this camp one hundred strong.

Rev. Geo. Robinson has recently received a letter from England announcing the death of one of his sons whom he left there when he came to America twenty years ago. Mr. Robinson had an operation performed on his person and thought he would recover, but instead he died soon after the operation was performed. It is a grief that is hard to endure.

An infant whirlwind arose in Sharon last Thursday night. It seemed to have come from the north, passing down West Broadway, swept the porch of the Globe Hotel, and brushed some leaves from the withered locusts, continued on south when it finally made its exit by being driven against a barb wire fence with such terrible force that it was shattered to atoms. Everybody was reported missed excepting one who was not very seriously injured.

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HAZELTON NEWS.

Miss Alpha Tincher of Sharon was in the city one day last week.

That nice little rain Thursday was a great help to our corn and put another smile on the farmers faces.

Ex-County Attorney Samuel Griffin was in the city on Saturday on his way to some point east on legal business.

Lee Goodan has got all of Colorado he can stand for the present. He and his family have returned to Hazelton.

Miss Auda Mason of Wellington, stopped over here one day last week on her way to visit her folks in Woods county.

S. S. Kincaid brought in from his ranch last week three car loads of fat cattle which he will ship to Kansas City this week.

J. P. Caudill is having that hotel dressed up with a new coat of paint. J. P. never lets up on pushing things. Wish we had a whole lot of such pushers.

John Hart, after trying Colorado for over a year, has found out that it don't compare with Barber county and is now content to make this his home.

Judge Simpson has been having the time of his life for the past two or three weeks. He has been pestered with from three to six of Job's comforters during this time.

Will Hackney of Woodward county, camped on the town site last Saturday night the first time in 12 years. Will at one time thought that he would be a resident of this locality for all time but like a few others went wrong.

Seward L. Field was in the city one day last week on legal business. It seems that some one with a nose set right to get into the affairs of others had worked up a law suit among the Henson relatives, but the suit was settled out of court.

Stephens and Wible Brothers have been having some bad luck with their machines, hence have not done much threshing for the past week, but after having made some liberal appropriations for repairs they are again ready for business.

The Maddox preliminary set for the 5th was put through in regular order. Maddox was put under bond to appear at the next term of court to answer to the charge of assault with intent to kill. This is one of those unfortunate affairs that ought never to be among neighbors.

Fred Bell is fixing up his wagon with a good cover and next Wednesday he and his family will start on a trip through Oklahoma, visiting their relatives and taking a good rest from their labors. Their principal point of destination will be Heunessy. They will be absent about three weeks.

Sim Hall is reported on his way back from Colorado and we are expecting any time to hear of the Gorman boys and J. H. Hardin doing likewise. It is almost impossible for one to ever get it out of his mind that Kansas can be beat. They say that every time one of the Hazelton boys stops to rest his back while hoeing in a Lamar beet field he invariably turns his face toward Kansas.

The Pleasant Valley school—district 53—has given the school for the coming term to Miss Luella M. Hull. Miss Hull had the school last winter and gave such excellent satisfaction that the board was unanimous in offering her the school at an advance of \$10 per month over last winter. The board had a number of applications for the place but Miss Hull had the advantage of knowing the children and knowing just where to start in so that not a day would be lost getting onto the work.

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