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HOLIDAY WEDDINGS.

Cupid has not been in Lethargy During the Festive Season. Four Couples Rejoicing.

WARREN-BRAGG.

Frank J. Warren and Miss Cora Bragg were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony at the residence of the bride's father on Spring street, Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th, 1905. Probate Judge Gleason tied the nuptial knot in a most pleasing and dignified manner and our reporter says he was the first to kiss the bride.

Mr. Warren is our cordial county treasurer. He is an exemplary young man who, to our certain knowledge, has long since stricken the word "enemy" from his vocabulary. He has just one fault—he persists in being a republican. But passing to his personal merits, it can be said without resorting to verbose inflation or fulsome flattery, that he is a self-made man and a practical example of what industry and strict integrity will do for a man. Like most of us who have seen the dismal days of southern Kansas, Mr. Warren did not spend his boyhood days in luxury, but he improved his opportunities. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Warren of Sharon township.

The bride is a daughter of W. L. Bragg, the present register of deeds of Barber county. Of her worth, too much can not be said. The world might be hunted over in vain to find a more pleasant and estimable young lady and Mr. Warren is indeed to be congratulated.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren are at home to their friends in the Hodge property on Second Avenue West, where they will be pleased to receive rice showers, old shoes and the usual charivari frills for the next thirty days.

MORIARTY-M'MAHAN.

Prof. William Daniel Moriarty, of the Oklahoma State Normal, of Alva, and Miss Dorothy E. McMahan of Kiowa, will be united in marriage at the bride's home at 8 o'clock this evening. Prof. Moriarty has spent most of his years in Barber county. He received his primary and preparatory education in our common schools, completing the course of the Kiowa High School in 1891. From thence he went to the West Bay City (Michigan) High School, and after graduating there, completed a course at Ann Arbor. In September of the present year, he was called to one of the principal chairs in the Oklahoma State Normal where he is now doing efficient work in an institution which is rapidly taking rank among the best colleges of the West. Prof. Moriarty is a young man of character and brain power, forces invincible on the stage of action.

Miss McMahan is one of Kiowa's most charming daughters who enjoys the high esteem of many friends in that city and the surrounding community. She is well qualified to enlist in life's battles with the companion of her choice and has a future of great promise before her.

Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty will be at home at Alva, Oklahoma, after February 1st of the new year.

M'ROBERTS-FLINT.

At 9 a. m. Wednesday Dec. 20, occurred one of the prettiest weddings of the season at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Flint on the old Jerry Simpson ranch east of town, when their daughter Ethyl, L., was joined in wedlock to Mr. Arch V. McRoberts of Gallagher, Kansas.

The home was tastefully decorated

for the occasion. On the front porch were rich clusters of grapes in-foliage of mistletoe while the walls, doors, and windows of the entire house were made cheerful with the dear mistletoe. Vases of beautiful tea roses and ferns adorned the piano, while white and pink carnations were used in the dining room.

The bride was dressed in snow-white carrying tea roses, the groom in the conventional black.

E. A. Newby, the evangelist of the Church of Christ at Alva, Ok., and a classmate of the groom, pronounced the ceremony.

Miss Nora, sister of the bride, played the wedding march which was resumed immediately at the close of the ceremony, the bridal party leading the guests to the dining room where a delicious breakfast was served.

Those present were Messrs Shaw, Haun, Crane, Williams and Chas. Johnson; Mesdames Shaw, Haun, Runyan and Crane; Misses Grace Williams, Pearl and Dora Haun.

Guests from a distance: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Flint, Humbolt, Kan., Miss Nora Flint, Anthony, Kan., Miss Lillian Harvey, Renfrew, Okla., and Mr. Theo Hammonds, Gillman City, Mo.

Many useful and beautiful presents were received.

The bride is refined and accomplished and enjoys with her people the respect of the entire community. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McRoberts of Monticello, Mo., a family highly respected and leaders in the circles of society and finance. He is foreman of a large ranch west of here, where his strict attention to business for the past two years and his Christian integrity reveal the power of his home life. He is a junior member of the firm of Shaw & McRoberts and the genial postmaster at Gallagher.

The young couple left on the noon train Wednesday for a holiday visit at Monticello, Mo., carrying with them the best wishes of a host of friends.

Their home will be on the ranch at Gallagher after January 1st.

William T. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Morris of this township, and Miss Florence Saunders, daughter of Mrs. Mary Saunders of Sun City, were united in marriage on Sunday, December 24. Our Sun correspondent has an account of the marriage of this estimable couple in another column. The Index extends congratulations.

On Saturday Jas. D. Richardson of Tucumcari, N. M., and Clara M. Webster of Sharon, secured marriage license. It was a Christmas wedding.

ADJUDGED INSANE.

Elias Pelton was adjudged insane on Tuesday evening of last week as anticipated. He was tried in probate court before a jury composed of Dr. S. Kocell, W. S. Benefiel, David Gordon and G. W. Hendrickson. Application has been made by Judge Gleason to send him to the asylum and it is expected that permission will be received from the superintendent of the institution this week.

Mr. Pelton's condition appears to be growing worse each day. When he was first put in the jail for safe keeping he put Charley Williams, another patient who is helpless, into the bath-tub and turned in cold water and proceeded to scrub him with an old broom.

Tom Poulton, who was guard, fell asleep and Elias took advantage of the situation. When Poulton woke up he promptly stopped the proceedings.

On Thursday Elias wrote the following note and by some means got it out into the court house yard. Some one picked it up and gave it to Judge Gleason:

"Judge Gleason, will you please let us have a transcript from your docket entry there by virtue of the warrant that summons me to appear before you. Give date of appearance. Yours truly, 'ELIAS PELTON, Jail Bird."

"Now please will some person please, that picked this up give this to Gleason and oblige me. 'ELIAS PELTON, Dam Dog."

The colored folks had a Christmas tree at the Baptist church Monday night. It was highly enjoyed and a large crowd was out.

GREAT BEND & GULF RE-ORGANIZED.

On Saturday County Clerk Wilson received an instrument of writing in the mails conveying the information that The Great Bend & Gulf Railway Co. has re-organized. Ed L. Peckham, vice-president and General Manager of The Denver, Enid & Gulf, was elected president, which in fact, is held to signify that the D. K. & G. will control the Great Bend & Gulf. This will not interfere with the construction of the D. K. & G. system and it practically ensures Medicine Lodge the two roads for which county and township bonds were voted in the fall. The transaction does not alter the name or the terms under which either road is to be built and the bonds will be issued when the roads are in operation.

Meanwhile, the work of grading in different portions of the county is being pushed more vigorously than ever. The indications are that both roads will be in operation in the early summer.

On Saturday the Medicine Valley Railway company organized at Topeka. This is the Santa Fe auxiliary which proposes to build from Medicine Lodge to Dodge City. It is capitalized at one and a half million dollars. J. E. Hurley, G. P. A. of the Santa Fe, is president and President Ripley of the Santa Fe, is a director.

"OLD ARKANSAW."

"Old Arkansaw" is the title of a unique play that will be presented at the opera house in this city, Saturday night, January 6th. The play is an unusually strong one and portrays life in the city as well as in the backwoods of Arkansas. The four acts are liberally sprinkled with comedy but there is no lack of the more powerful elements of the drama. There are periods of adventure, of pathos, of bravery, of anger, of comedy, all blended together into a wonderfully interesting plot. The title alone is assurance within itself that this popular play will be highly enjoyed. Tickets on sale at the Young Drug Store.

THEY DEDICATED THE GROOM.

The morning following County Treasurer Warren's marriage, some one (and we suspect all of the court house fellows had a hand in it) wrote the following verse on a large white sheet of paper, pinned a bow-knot of crape on the bottom of it, and hung it over the treasurer's door:

Step In!

Your taxes you may pay.
If not too long you now have tarried.
Think not that Frank appears too gay.
Remember, he has

Just Been Married.

JOINT INSTALLATION.

The Masonic and Eastern Star fraternities will have joint installation exercises at the Masonic Hall tonight (Wednesday). Invitations have been issued to all local and visiting Masons and Stars and their wives and husbands.

The following are the officers to be installed:

MASONS.

Seward I. Field, Master
Samuel Griffin, S. W.
Dr. T. A. Coleman, J. W.
Geo. Guthrie, Treasurer
F. J. Wadsworth, Sec'y.
J. N. Tinscher, S. D.
Arch Rankin, J. D.
W. E. Stout and Lee Strickland, Stewards.

EASTERN STAR.

Mettie Field, W. M.
Blanche Griffin, A. M.
W. R. Forsyth, W. P.
Frances Ellis, Sec'y.
Mattie Jones, Treas.
Ora Stout, Conductress
Blanche Case, Associate Con.

Kramer's Wanda, high patent flour, is the best in the market. Sold by H. D. Fair.

J. H. Shankland and family of Argonia, are visiting Mrs. S's parents, Judge and Mrs. C. S. Gleason, this week.

Found—A pair of gold frame glasses in case. Owner can have them by calling at this office and paying for advertising.

Gano and Hoag will receive fat hogs at the stockyards on Saturday of this week and Monday morning of next week.

THE DEATH ANGEL.

ELZA KENNEDY.

Elza Kennedy of Sharon, one of Barber county's oldest citizens and a veteran of the civil war, died last Wednesday, December 20th, aged 63 years, 10 months and 24 days.

Mr. Kennedy had been in poor health for some time and for the past several weeks was entirely helpless.

The deceased enlisted in Company A, 4th Kentucky Volunteers, November 11, 1863, and was honorably discharged November 11, 1865. He was a true soldier and patriot.

The funeral services were held in the Free Methodist church at Sharon on Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. F. S. Atwell.

A wife, three daughters and two sons survive him, two of whom, Mrs. W. A. Myers and Mrs. George Myers, reside in this city. The sympathy of many friends goes out to the mourning members of the family.

ELIZA JANE THOMAS.

Eliza Jane, wife of Frank Thomas, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. E. Wadsworth, two miles northwest of this city, Friday morning, December 22, 1905, aged 76 years, 2 months, 23 days.

Funeral services were held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth on Saturday afternoon. Rev. W. M. Covert, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducted the services.

Eliza Jane Anderson was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., September 12, 1829. She removed with her parents to Akron, Ohio, in her early childhood and came west after her marriage.

She was united in marriage to Frank Thomas December 19, 1854, and to the union nine children were born, four of whom—Mrs. B. E. Wadsworth and Miss Zella Thomas of this county, Mrs. W. R. Gilmore of Doniphan county and Mrs. Peter Christie of Chicago—survive her. The latter was not able to be present at the funeral.

The family came to Barber county in 1879 and resided at Enon in Sharon township, until a few years ago when they made their home with their daughter.

Mrs. Thomas united with the Christian church soon after she was married and has lived a consistent christian life ever since. Those who knew her all speak highly of her countless virtues and all regret that she has been called away.

The bereaved husband and daughters have the most sincere sympathy of a large number of friends.

Charley Williams, the patient who has suffered for so long, both here and at the asylum at Osawatimie, died at the court house, Saturday at 9 o'clock p. m. The funeral was held on Sunday at the residence of the parents of the deceased wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Jarret. Rev. F. C. Ward, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the service.

Mr. Williams was about 40 years of age and is survived by a wife and two small children. He was an invalid for six years.

Fred R. Ellis of Lawton, Ok., is expected on a visit with relatives and friends today.

J. E. Woodward always pays the highest market price for butter, eggs and poultry.

Roscoe Robinson, principal of the Viola city schools in Sedgwick county, is spending Christmas vacation with home folks at Sharon.

A newspaper can't print the news without sometimes offending somebody. Our item last week concerning Crosby Wright's trouble with the Oldson cement men, displeased Crosby so much that he paid up and quit.

If the Santa Fe survey now in progress is not a bluff, the road will be on the public highway for a distance of two miles west of town, crossing the river near W. C. Reutlinger's and running on the south side until the Mingona bridge is reached. It's a good route and it does not look as if it is the Santa Fe's intention to further interfere with the D. K. & G.

A happy New Year to everybody.

The county commissioners will meet in regular session next week.

Ed Teagle departed for his new home in California last Thursday.

When Christmas interferes with your business, be sensible and quit your business.

There will be only one week vacation for the school boys and girls this term and they are improving their time.

L. M. Axline went east on official business on Tuesday of last week. He returned the latter part of the week.

Commissioner Riley Lake of Lake City, and the D. K. & G. people had their heads together figuring, on Saturday.

J. I. Davis, of Elm Mills, who reported his horses stolen, found them in a canyon in an adjoining pasture last week. They simply strayed away.

W. R. Gilmore and wife of Highland, Kansas, arrived last Wednesday to visit Mrs. Gilmore's sisters, Mrs. B. E. Wadsworth and Miss Zella Thomas.

Jake Spangler and J. R. Welsh were over from Sharon on Tuesday of last week. Jake is beginning to fatten up since his recent illness.

R. H. Hall and family of Wichita, came in Friday night to visit over Christmas with relatives. Mr. Hall returned to Wichita yesterday.

Jim Binning of Mingona township, says he is going to skip out for Wyoming in about two weeks. If he does, he'll be back before many moons. Wyoming is the wrong place for a good man.

Dr. Kociell reports the condition of Andrew Roessler of Valley township no better. On Monday Dr. Roessler of Anthony and Dr. Kociell held a consultation and it resulted in very little encouragement to the family.

U. S. District Attorney Harry J. Bone has been employed by the Texas Cattle Association to assist County Attorney Griffin in the prosecution of Frank White for cattle stealing at the February term of court.

I. H. Galland and family returned from Colorado Springs Friday night and will remain during the winter, at least. Ike says he took a drink out of the Medicine river in 1880 and he just can't get over the effects of it. They all come back.

Rev. W. H. Moore lectured at Lake City last night on "The Quest of Man." He will deliver another lecture on the same subject at Forest City tonight. Rev. Moore is an excellent entertainer, both in the pulpit and on the rostrum.

C. Q. Chandler and family of Wichita arrived in the city Friday to spend a week of the holiday season with Medicine Lodge friends. Miss Margaret, and Masters Charley and Billy are enjoying the visit to the limit. The children feel more at home in Medicine Lodge than any place on earth.

The marriage of Miss Ethel McNeal, daughter of J. W. McNeal of Guthrie, Ok., will occur Jan. 3rd. The man of her choice is Capt. Alva J. Niles, a Spanish war veteran and Quarter-master-general of the Oklahoma National Guard. He is very prominent both politically and socially. The bride to be is a former Medicine Lodge girl.

Geo. Sellers was in the city last week. He stopped at the Index office and ordered his paper sent to Wichita and also to correct the item taken from the Isabel Herald to the effect that he had sold his farm in Valley. He says it is for sale if he gets his price but he is not at all anxious to sell. George has great faith in Barber county real estate.

Crosby Wright does not think that the item in last week's Index relating to his trouble with the cement walk crew does him justice. He says he at no time intentionally stepped on a soft walk and was not fined at all. He claims that he merely agreed to pay the costs if it was not pushed any farther and that he never admitted his guilt of any offense.

AN APPRECIATED LECTURE.

The lecture given by C. C. Atwood, Christian Evangelist, on "Mother, Home and Heaven," at the opera house on Tuesday night of last week was a masterpiece both oratorically and biblically. It was different from the usual entertainment from the rostrum in that many of the salient propositions of the subject matter were illustrated with living pictures portrayed behind the rising curtain at well chosen intervals. Mr. Atwood was ably assisted in this feature of the entertainment by Singing Evangelist Nelson Gardner and some forty young ladies and gentlemen of the city all of whom are entitled to compliment for the manner in which they performed their part of the work with so little rehearsal, as there was very little time for preparation. The closing tableau symbolical of the Haven of Rest was especially fine.

Mr. Atwood's theme was very thoroughly handled and his eloquence and logic, picturing the dark as well as the bright side of life, appealed very strongly to the conscience of men and women.

A large crowd greeted the lecturer and none departed disappointed. The receipts of the evening were \$62.00, and there were the usual number of complimentary. The money was given to the Christian church, Mr. Atwood making no charge for his services.

Messrs. Atwood and Gardner departed for their respective homes at Meriden, Kansas, and Bloomington, Nebraska, on Wednesday.

Prof. Samuel Robinson of Sharon was shaking hands in the city Saturday.

Our delayed 5 and 10 cent department goods have arrived and are now on sale. Don't fail to see them as they are all Special Bargains.—V. S. Cook.

Mrs. J. A. Mahery and son and daughter of Montgomery City, Mo., arrived last Wednesday afternoon to visit with Prof. D. W. Major and family. Mrs. Mahery and Mrs. Major are sisters.

FOR RENT three good farms from 125 to 300 acres for spring crops, also pasture with one place of 1200 acres. Want cash for pasture. Will rent farms for cash or part crop. Tenant must be able to farm in good shape. Will contract 400 acres of alfalfa to be put in stack by ton or part of crop. Will hire two men and furnish house to live in. 50 bushel of alfalfa seed to sell.—A. J. Hargis, Lake City.

Mrs. Rosa Null of Cullison, Pratt county, who was arrested on a charge of administering poison to her husband which resulted in his death, a few months ago, was acquitted last week. Her trial was held at Kingman on a change of venue on account of the feeling in Pratt county. The first ballot stood six for conviction and six for acquittal, but after a night and part of two days in the jury room the acquitters won out.

Our old friend, S. P. Bonnell, dropped in on us Saturday. He is now located on a fine quarter of land on the Eagle Chief in Oklahoma, two miles south of Carmen. He and his daughter, Miss Viva, now ten years of age, came up to spend Christmas with Grandpa and Grandma Lasswell. Mr. Bonnell divides his time between farming in the summer and teaching in the winter. He came to Barber county in 1888 from Chase county. He lived here until 1897 and was recognized as one of the county's ablest and most aggressive workers. From his early boyhood he has manifested a deep interest in educational work and there never was a time in his professional life that his services were not eagerly sought. Since leaving Barber, Mr. Bonnell has prospered handsomely in a financial way and the only great misfortune that ever crossed his path was about seven years ago when his good wife was taken away by that Invisible Reaper, which sooner or later, will knock at the door of all human kind. Mr. Bonnell's old friends were glad to meet him again and would like to see him return to stay.

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