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## CLOSING EXERCISES A SUCCESS.

### Graduates Greeted by Large Audience Last Thursday Evening.

The closing exercises of the Trego County High school at the court house last Thursday evening were attended by the unusual large and appreciated audience.

The program rendered was an excellent one and both the salutatory and valedictory addresses delivered by Fay McCall and Irene Peacock reflected credit in pupils and teachers, as they revealed careful training in thought composition and delivery.

The most important number on the program was the address delivered by Jas. S. Myers, "The Romance of Achievement," which was entertaining and instructive from start to finish, interspersed with sufficient humor to command the closest attention of everyone who displayed their approval by frequent applause.

### FRIDAY—FIELD DAY.

The field day exercises commenced Friday morning on the High school grounds, in which only the little folks of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades took part. The juniors most certainly enjoyed the outdoor sports and most of them are becoming quite proficient in athletic work. Elmer Staatz and Macy Beason, sixth grade pupils, both won honors.

In the afternoon the running, jumping and other sports were among the important features on the program in which only the High school pupils took part, and the basket ball game between the High school team and old maids, which resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 4 to 0.

The running, jumping and pole stunts resulted as follows, the contestants making 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in rotation as printed below:

Fifty yard dash—Smee, Cockrell, Bassler. Time, six seconds.

One hundred yard dash—Smee, Cockrell, Groft. Time 10 1-2 seconds.

Two twenty yard dash—Smee, Cockrell, Locker. Time, 25 seconds.

Four forty yard dash—Scott, Rinker. Time, 63 seconds.

Eight eighty yard dash—Rinker, Greenwood. Time, 2:20.

Shot Put—Hinshaw, Groft, Cockrell. Distance 37.9.

Standing broad jump—Smee, Groft, Beason. Distance 9.10.

Running high jump—Smee, Groft, with Brown and Beason tied. Distance 5.3.

Pole vault—Smee, Locker, Ruppe. Distance 9.6.

Eugene Brown, colored, deserves especial mention for his exceptionally high jump, with but very little practice, who if properly trained, can make a winner at the state contest.

We acknowledge receipt of \$1.00 from Harry M. Thomas, of Collyer, for which we have given him credit for a years subscription to the World.

Alfred Greenwood who has had charge of rural route, No. 1 out of Wa-Keeney for the past two years has resigned and his brother Bert, who has been acting as substitute, will probably get the appointment. Alfred will soon leave for Ness county where he will visit relatives and expects to remain all summer.

Graham county has a candidate for the office of Superintendent of public instruction in the person of Mrs. L. J. Wilson, who should get the nomination and be elected. The office of county superintendent is one position that should be out of politics and as women are usually better qualified than men to competently discharge the duties the office demands, the care and instruction of our children, particularly in the county schools, should be kept under their jurisdiction. Trego county has a lady at present in charge of her county school who has "made good" and should be given the office another term without opposition.

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## Summer Specials!

### Silk Parasols, \$2.00.

This is the best value in town. Pure Silk, Fancy border, all colors, and long Princess handles.

### Fancy Parasols.

All colors in Pongee, Taffeta, Linen and Soisette. Get a Fancy Parasol to match your new dress.

### Just Arrived.

A Patent Leather Ankle Strap Pump at \$2.00. Looks and acts like \$3.00.

### Muslin Underwear.

A very Superior Line. The qualities and the large assortment will surprise you. Ask to see our Beautiful New Summer Dress Goods.

### Straw Hats.

The Straw Hat season. We have some very neat blocks in either stiff or flexible brims. Prices are from fifty cents to two dollars and a half.

### Fine Clothing.

We always like to talk Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes. It's the best line in the world and we have a good range of styles and prices.

### Queensware.

A new line just unpacked. A beautiful ware with gold band decorations, which must be seen to be appreciated. Up stairs in Bargain loft.

Telephone 44 The Trego Mercantile Company, Wa Keeney

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET.

### Contract Let for Irrigating Court House Lawn—Other Improvements.

Wa Keeney, Kansas May, 16th. The board of commissioners met today in special session at the office of the County Clerk pursuant to call by the chairman.

There were present Chairman W. F. King, Commissioner, F. B. Walker, and the County Clerk. A telephone message was received from Utica stating that commissioner R. B. Briggs was absent from home and therefore would not meet with the board.

The object of the meeting was to investigate the bridge plans, specifications, and estimates for the proposed work on the Smoky River and Big Creek submitted by R. V. Leeson representing the Topeka Bridge and Iron Co., and for the transaction of such other business as might be legally considered at this time.

The plans submitted were considered with favor but owing to the fact that three other parties who had made written requests to have a hearing before the board, it was decided to take the matter up for further or final consideration at some future date.

In the matter of irrigating the Court yard and pursuant to the order made by the board of commissioners at the special session of May 2, 1910, on May 13th, Commissioner F. B. Walker and the County Clerk proceeded as authorized and found that sealed bids for the work were on file by J. J. Keraus, Marquand & Myerly and F. B. Anderson. The same were opened and read with results found as follows. J. J. Keraus, \$162.30, Marquand & Myerly, \$162.30.

(Continued on Supplement.)

### Young for Congress

The Jewell county Republican sizes up the situation somewhat the same as the Burr Oak Herald, as follows.

THE CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION AS THE BURR OAK HERALD SEES IT:

The entries in the congressional race have been made and the Republicans can now take their choice. Congressman Reeder represents the reactionaries. The only reasonable thing to do is to choose between I. D. Young, who is progressive but not a ridicule insurgent, and H. B. White, who appears to be going into the race in the position assumed by the new woman in the new fangled mode of horse back riding.

"Mr. Young has been active in Sixth district politics for many years. He is a man who is recognized everywhere as of congressional size. His public career and private life are above reproach. A man of firm convictions, he is absolutely fearless in defending the right. This has been shown in his work in the state senate, where he stood as a bulwark for his constituents against the infamous senate lodge. We do not know how the feeling is elsewhere, but in Burr Oak and adjoining townships in Jewell county a very large per cent of the Republicans say that they will support Mr. Young in the primaries.

### Wants The World

A. L. Marshall, a former Wa-Keeney boy who was married here some time ago to a charming Trego County lass, Miss O'Toole and who are now located at Quasqueton, Iowa, sends us \$1.00 for the World and in part says:

"We are housekeeping here now and enjoying it heaps—also like the people here and think we will stay, for awhile at least.

The many Trego county friends of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall will be pleased to learn that they are getting along nicely and enjoy their new home and associations and Roy should congratulate himself that he can buy "The World" and all that in it for so low a price.

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## GLEANED FROM OUR EXCHANGES

### News Notes and Facts Concerning Other People and Things.

R. H. Burns and the postmaster of Wa-Keeney, visited Hays Wednesday.—Ellis County News.

The man who attempts to run his business without advertising is like the man who attempted to teach his horse to live without eating; just as the horse got used to it, he up and died.—Rusty Mike.

A "society physician" Dr. Chapin, of Pittsfield, Mass., was forced to leave town because two young society girls were found in his office intoxicated at night. The doctor has a wife and three sons. Why don't the society doctor and girls come to Norton and be safe.—Norton News.

We haven't had any direct report from experts on the fruit crop in Osborne county, but you can tell it will be very light. Late frosts and freezes did the business. But people have been so busy admiring the wheat and alfalfa that they have forgotten the fruit.—Osborne Farmer.

Get out and push, get out and shove, get out and work to beat the band; get out and plug, get out and dig, to get results requires sand. Forget to kick, forget to growl, forget that you're not always right, get out and hunt, and find success, and golly! you'll feel out of sight.—Almena Plaindealer.

When the harvest is over and the work slacks up a little the wife and the boys and girls will enjoy three days of county fair. Fine cattle, horses and hogs, magnificent field products, splendid displays of everything grown and made in Thomas and adjoining counties. If you are a farmer well-to-do and interested, don't fail to hunt up the committee and insist that they put you down for \$100 or \$500 as the case may be. Boost the county fair proposition.—Colby Free Press

A young cyclone visited Wallace county Sunday evening, a few miles west of Sharon Springs. Eight box cars were blown out of the middle of a moving freight train, causing considerable damage and delaying the train for a while. Some other damage was done over the country west of Sharon springs but we have not learned the full extent. There was considerable hail in the same storm in this county and more especially near Monument. A number of farm houses had the window lights broken out and growing crops were damaged some. Withal the wind and hail there was a nice rain fell, soaking the ground in good shape and putting it in splendid condition for work.—Oakley Graphic.

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## MEMORIAL AND DECORATION DAYS

Fitting Services Will be Held Both Sunday and Monday at the Court House in Honor of our Heroic Dead—Attend Then.



### When the Regiment Came Back.

All the uniforms were blue, all the swords were bright and new. When the regiment went marching down the street, All the men were hale and strong as they proudly marched along. Through the cheers that drowned the music of their feet, Oh, the music of the feet keeping time to drums that beat. Oh, the splendor and the glitter of the sight, As with swords and rifles new and in uniforms of blue, The regiment went marching to the fight.

When the regiment came back all the guns and swords were black And the uniforms had faded out to gray. And the faces of the men who marched through the streets again Seem like faces of the dead who lose their way: For the dead who lose their way cannot look more wan and gray. Oh, the sorrow and the pity of the sight, Oh, the weary, lagging feet out of step with drums that beat. As the regiment comes marching from the fight. —ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

THIS year as usual the people of Wa-Keeney and Trego county will observe Memorial and Decoration day with appropriate exercises and as the G. A. R. post, of this place, has been disbanded, owing to the thinning of its ranks by death and other causes leaving the membership insufficient to hold its charter and carry on the work, the Wa-Keeney Commercial club will, assisted by the churches, Sabbath schools and citizens generally, observe both days with fitting and patriotic exercises. Let everyone attend. Following are the programs:

### MEMORIAL DAY.

Sunday morning in the court room, beginning at 11 o'clock, the following order of Memorial Day service will be observed, conducted by Rev. J. A. Green.

Opening Hymn. Scripture Reading. Prayer. Vocal Trio—Misses Nelson, Gorrell, Niesly. Sermon—Rev. S. L. Allison. Anthem—Conducted by Mrs. J. H. Niesly. Closing Hymn. Benediction.

### DECORATION DAY.

On Monday morning, Decoration Day, at 10:30 o'clock, all meet at the court house where procession will be formed to march to cemetery, commanded by W. J. Williams, Marshal of the day, observing following order:

1—Band; 2—Commercial Club; 3—Members of the G. A. R. and Old Soldiers; Girls with Flowers; 5—Citizens. Procession will march to cemetery and decorate graves. At 2 p. m. in court house, the following program will be rendered: Invocation—Rev. J. A. Mumford. Double Quartette, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Children's Drill. Address—Dr. McKeen, of Salina. Girls Chorus. Benediction.

### Thinning of the Ranks

In the armies during the progress of the Civil war there were enrolled a total of over 2,000,000 men. Tens of thousands of these perished from wounds received in the struggle or from diseases contracted through the exposure and hardships of the campaigns. Other tens of thousands returned maimed in limb and shateeted in health, never to become capable of carrying on the natural struggle for existence and supremacy in the peaceful pursuits of life.

Since the close of the war the remnants of the Union army have been thinned out constantly by the hand of death. The expectancy of life left to these survivors of the war, taking them in the mass the day that the great review was held at Arlington Heights after peace was restored, was much less than the normal term of human life. Those of us who see the "old boys" in blue marching through the streets on Memorial day year by year, can scarcely miss being struck by a sense of the weight of years that rests upon the shoulders of this "good gray army." Remember that it is more than a whole generation ago, as human life goes, almost a generation and a half, since the last recruit was enrolled in the volunteer army of the Union just before the war came to its close. There are very few members of the Grand Army, very few soldiers of the Civil war, who are only at the three score mark. Indeed, there are not at the palmist's term of life, three score and ten. There are but few alive who answered the first call of President Lincoln. If the new recruits were only twenty when the call went out, he is sixty-eight now. The soldier who was thirty, is nearly eighty and may never again see another Decoration Day. So treat them with reverence, those heroes of ours and cover them over with beautiful flowers.

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## NEW OPERA HOUSE A POSSIBILITY

### Commercial Club Discusses Opera House Problem—How to Solve it.

The Wa-Keeney Commercial club held a special session at the court house Tuesday night and completed the arrangements for Decoration Day exercises which will be held in Wa-Keeney next Monday, May 30, a program for which can be found elsewhere in this issue.

The attendance at the meeting was larger than usual and the enthusiasm for a booster organization manifested itself by most everyone present expressing their sentiment upon the subjects brought up for discussion, with harmony and unity prevailing for a bigger Wa-Keeney which is the proper spirit when an organization desires to "do things."

Among the most important question up for discussion was the necessity of an opera house or public hall with a seating capacity sufficient to accommodate from 800 to 1000 people. This question was discussed at length and several plans suggested to secure the funds for its erection, the most feasible of which was the co-operative or public subscription plan, a stock company organized and the building erected and owned by the people, everyone who desires to invest the price of a share.

This, we believe, is the best plan, as the building can, under proper management, be made to pay at least 6 per cent interest, the investment a safe and profitable one and the stock can easily be disposed of on the market and it will not be necessary to go outside of the county to secure stockholders.

The question of a county fair and the celebration of the Fourth of July were also mentioned but owing to the late hour, they were tabled and will be disposed of at the next regular meeting, Thursday, June 2, but you can give it out now that Wa-Keeney will celebrate the Fourth and World readers all over this district should make up their minds to celebrate here.

The Commercial club now has a membership of eighty, which should be doubled within the next sixty days and if you desire to be a "booster" and personally assist in making Wa-Keeney the Commercial Hub of Western Kansas—the best town on the map—attend the next meeting and put up your dollar for membership and be progressive.

F. A. Howe who at one time resided in Wa-Keeney, writes us from Delta, Colorado, to change the address of his paper from that place to Colorado Springs where he says he expects to make his future home.

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