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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish all our patrons and customers a Happy New Year. We appreciate the business we have received during the year and trust we may have a continuance of the same during the ensuing year.

The WaKeeney State Bank

The New Year is Here
Best Wishes to
All Our Friends

Remember the best place
to sell your
Cream and All Farm Produce

Cash Produce Co.
GUY DeBOER, Manager

DICTAGRAMS

Here's wishing a prosperous New Year to all those who have taken the trouble to read Dictagrams.

The total precipitation for December was 3.06 inches. The average for that month is 0.58 inches, and the January average is the same.

The total precipitation for the year 1918 was 23.79 inches. Our average annual precipitation is 20.80 inches.

The new year starts off pretty well—there'll be two new moons in the first month. However, it is a rather poor time to plant potatoes.

February will have only three fourths of a moon but four famous anniversaries occur in the shortest month of the year.

Forty-two marriage licenses were issued in Trego county during the year 1918, which is just about our average number. We issued 68 in 1917 and 74 in 1916.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express the appreciation we feel for the assistance rendered by our many friends and neighbors during the death of burial of Isabelle and Kathleen and their mama. It is a sustaining influence only eclipsed by the hope of a joyous reunion when our summons comes to pass to that Better Land.

W. J. Beardwell and Relatives.

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IN THIS ISSUE THE EDITOR OF THE WORLD SAYS GOOD-BYE

On March 11, 1894 the present editor of World bought the paper from S. R. Cowick which was at that time located in the old Opera Block which site is now occupied by the Trego Mercantile Store, and has been continuously associated with the paper since that time. We are the oldest editor on this line of road from Salina west excepting one, and the World is the oldest paper in this part of Kansas being established March 2, 1879, making it forty years old this spring, and the present editor has also been associated with it for a greater number of years than any of its predecessors.

On February 5, 1895, a little less than a year after the purchase of the paper the plant was lost by fire which destroyed the entire opera block. After the fire a new plant was purchased and moved to the building which was one of Wa-Keeney's old land-marks, the site now being occupied by the cement building west of the Trego County Bank, from there the paper was moved to the rooms in the rear of the old building formerly occupying the site on which the Kelly Brother's store now stands, and which was used for a post office for several years, the editor dividing his time grinding out the World in the rear of the building and handing out Uncle Sam's mail in the front of it. Early in the spring of 1902 we moved for the last time into the new quarters prepared for the home of the paper and have continued our residence since then at the present location. From the small paper with inadequate equipment it has grown into one of the largest and best equipped news-paper offices in this part of the state. All of the equipment being the most modern improved, and up-to-date to be found in any office in many towns several times the size of Wa-Keeney. Its circulation has also increased in a most gratifying manner each week copies of it go into nearly one thousand homes.

Trego county besides going into many other states both east and west, and at one time we mailed copies to several European countries but after the war was declared these ceased on account of people returning to the States. We give this little history of the paper to our readers simply that they may know that the newspaper in their midst is an institution and that as time has passed by how it has steadily grown among them until it has become a part and center of the town.

We have not forgotten the early days of the struggle when a barrel of old clothes, or a load of cow chips on subscription would have looked mighty good to us, adversity hit us some pretty broad handed blows at times but we have no kick coming, neither do we indulge in any self pity, but we hold a mighty warm place in our heart for the old time friends who never left us when the old craft was sailing in some mighty stormy waters, and it is because of that same good brand of friends that we have experienced the degree of success which we now enjoy, and whatever may come or go in our life the editor will always carry a deep sense of appreciation in his heart of the many friends and patrons who have been very loyal supporters of the World.

We have had our ups and downs have had our political fights and town scraps, but we ever pursued the course that seemed right to us and ran the paper as we "durned" pleased rather than the way some one else might have liked for us to have done. We have stood for our own principles ever for the best interests of the town, and have donated enough space to cover six good sized town lots and we have managed the only business on earth that is expected to give away its space as graciously as though it were not the medium whereby an editor makes his living. Any merchant, banker or business man would squeal until the city fire department would have to make a run if asked to donate his business gratis as the editor of newspaper is expected to do, however we have done our share along that line and we are glad to note that a new era is beginning to dawn and for some unaccountable reason people are beginning to see the newspaper cannot be run as a free advertising agency and that an editor has to have something for his time and work, and we hope the World readers will hold that in mind in dealing with the new management of the paper.

With this issue we sever our connection with the World and F. D.

Shaw and J. W. Bingham have entered partnership and signed a lease for the paper which will continue in the same office it has hitherto occupied. Fred Shaw has been connected with the World for the past thirteen years, has been foreman of the office for the past years and is an all around practical printer and linotype man, there being no phase of the office that he is unacquainted with. He is a young man of sterling character, industry and integrity and through these qualities has won the respect and confidence of the public and combined with his thorough knowledge of the printing business makes him a most desirable man in the place. J. W. Bingham is also well known to our readers having lived here a number of years, he too is an all around newspaper man having been associated with newspaper work for a large part of his life. He is steady, honest and up-right and patrons will find in dealing with these two men that they will always be given a square deal.

Especially do we ask that they be given the patronage of the public for they are in every way most deserving of it and we urge that their advertising space be filled by the town merchants for this is one part in which the average merchant has always failed in this town but no money spent is ever invested in a better way for good returns, for it helps both the merchant and the home paper, please call this to mind in dealing with the new managers of the paper.

Thanking all of our patrons and friends for all past favors and wishing each and every one a happy new year we happily—even joyously say good bye.

Before closing this article we might add that the editor quits for the simple reason that he feels that a good long rest would be most acceptable after so many years of steady work and close confinement. We will continue our residence in Wa-Keeney except for occasional trips and next summer expect to garden, fish, herd

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Bonded Abstractor
INSURANCE FARM LOANS
Wa-Keeney, Kansas
(Register of Deeds of Trego County Eight Consecutive Years)

We Pay Cash FOR CREAM, POULTRY, EGGS

Agent for Renfrew Cream Separators
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See us before buying.

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E. C. MARQUAND, Manager
First Door North of D. B. Kraus Hardware. East Side Main Street

sheep or do anything that takes us out doors.

H. S. Givler.

GENERAL PERSHING'S COOK

Francis H. Walker has been appointed cook in General Pershing's camp in France. Francis one our jolly Bowling boys, is the oldest of a family of seven boys and first learned to cook by helping his mother at home. After enjoying the

army, he took a course in cooking in the U. S. and after crossing the pond took another course. When Francis comes back his many friends will be anxious to sample his cooking. The appointment is an honor that is not easy to get.—Rock Island Union. (Francis' Walker is a nephew and name sake of our townsman, Frank B. Walker.)

Mrs. Rudolph Horak is reported on the list of influenza victims.

January Clearance Sale

Owing to the bad weather and the ban being on during the month of December, we find we have carried over quite a lot of winter goods and which we don't want to carry through the coming summer. In order to clean these winter goods up, we are putting on a JANUARY CLEARING SALE. The winter has just begun and if you are needing anything in Men's or Boys' Winter Clothing, it will pay you to come in and give us a call.

Winter Underwear

We have a lot of Men's and Boys' fleeced lined underwear and Men's Wool Union Suits which we have marked down at prices you will appreciate.

Men's and Boys' Overcoats

We have quite a number of Men's and Boys' Overcoats which we have marked down to actual cost prices; be sure to see them.

Mackinaws and Duck Coats

In this line we have even sacrificed these below cost.

Everything in winter lines we want to clean up such as Flannel Shirts, Winter Mittens, Sweater Coats, Fur Caps, Stocking Caps, Winter Night Gowns, Bath Robes, a lot of Men's Grey Cashmere Wool Socks at three pairs for \$1.00, while they last.

We are not anticipating any profits in this Clearance Sale; we only want to clean this up and get ready for our spring lines and which we don't have a lot of winter goods to carry over. Our policy is to always give you good merchandise and at prices which you will appreciate and come back again.

THE

WA-KEENEY CLOTHING CO.