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WILL BE DRILLING AGAIN SOON

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Polen, of Wichita, are in WaKeeney this week. Mr. Polen is managing the drilling for oil in the Walsh field north of Collyer and informs The World that in a short time the drill will be in operation again and that it is expected to keep it going until the well is finished. It will be remembered that drilling was started on August 8th but owing to inability to get casing it was necessary to discontinue the work until it could arrive. Since then a car load has been unloaded and taken to the well. Other additional pieces have been secured and were shipped from Augusta, Kansas, about ten days ago. They are expected to arrive at Collyer at any time. The company now has plenty of coal on hands and as soon as these other pieces arrive the drill will be started again and will be kept running twenty-four hours a day.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, September 26th
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Subject: "The Verdict of Life."
 B. Y. P. U. 7:15 p. m.
 Evening Service 8:00 p. m.
 Subject: "Character Building." This is one of the fascinating subjects of the age in which we live. Everybody Welcome!
 Rev. J. E. Naylor, Minister.

SMOTHERED IN AN OAT BIN

Mildred Gosodje, age thirteen, was smothered to death last Saturday afternoon at the Wm. Clark home. The little girl had been playing about the place and crawled in a chute leading into the oat bin. By moving around she caused the oats to fall from the sides of the bin smothering her.

Mildred Goldie Gosodje was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gosodje. The parents being dead she was making her home with her sister, Mrs. Elsie Goul. She was born in Baxter Springs, Mo., January 25, 1907, and departed this life September 18, 1920, at the age of 13 years, 7 months and 23 days. The funeral was held Monday from the home conducted by Rev. J. A. Malmgren and interment was made in the Ellis Cemetery.

DON'T PARK CARELESSLY

When you park your car on the street stop at the curb nearly straight across the road and as nearly as you can about two feet from any car parked there. Usually there is plenty of room, but careless parking takes up the room that would properly accommodate others and often causes inconvenience to yourself. If you use good judgment in parking you can obtain the accommodation you need and allow the same to others.

For Sale—Some choice building lots in east part of town.
 adv 28-3tp J. T. W. Cloud.

\$50,000 LOSS BY FIRE

What was one of the most expensive fire losses in the history of Trego county occurred last Tuesday night when the buildings and stock of the Hardman Lumber Company and the storage room and a large stock of flour and mill belonging to the Wheatland Elevator Company were destroyed by fire. Three box cars and one coal car which was standing on the Union Pacific siding at the lumber yard, were also destroyed. The total loss is estimated to amount to at least \$50,000 which is partly covered by insurance.

A very high wind was blowing from the south and the citizens of WaKeeney are considering it very fortunate for the city that the loss was not much greater. The lumber yard being situated on the south side of the railroad track and at the south end of the business district the heavy wind carried the flying embers to the north endangering the entire business district. It was only by the hardest work and the closest attention that the buildings were saved. The east side of Franklin street which is a row of frame buildings was in the greatest danger from the shower of flying sparks and fire brands. It was especially difficult to fight the fire in that district on account of the smoke, the heat, and the flying cinders which were blinding to the eyes, depressing to the breathing and a torture to the flesh. However, all realized that that part of the city should not be allowed to catch fire and in order to save it a determined fight was made, and the fight was so successfully conducted that no fire gained any hold on any of the roofs.

The Hardman Lumber yard was completely destroyed including part of the office fixtures and some of the business records. The company books were in the safe and were not damaged to any extent although they got pretty hot. The origin of the fire is unknown but indications point to its being incendiary. Guy DeBoer who was running the engine at the ice plant was the first to see the flames and to give the alarm. When first seen the flames had burst through the roof over the barn where the company team is kept. He phoned to central and he and another party ran to the barn and got out the team. While they were taking them to safety the flames seemed to have spread by magic and almost in less time than it takes to tell it the big shed on the south side of the yard was enveloped in flames. The heat was so intense and the wind so strong that it was readily seen that nothing could be done to save the yard or any of its contents and that the only thing to do was to confine the fire to a limited district. The estimate of the loss by the Hardman Lumber Co. is placed at \$45,000, about ten thousand dollars worth of this stock had been placed in the yard during the last week or ten days. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The property destroyed consists of the stock of building material, including lumber, lime, plastering, cement, shingles, posts, wire, coal and the buildings. The concrete elevator which was built in 1915 and which contained several thousand bushels of wheat, was not damaged to any great extent although a door in the north caught fire from a burning box car. However, it was so hot on the inside from heat sucked in that the solder was melted from the escape pipe from the cleaner. We are informed that the company will rebuild the yard as soon as possible and that the walls of the buildings will be much more substantial than the old ones were.

The loss sustained by the Wheatland Elevator Company was between four and five thousand dollars and it is likely it is covered with insurance. The loss consists of the large storage building, some bran and shorts and a car load of flour which had just been unloaded. The elevator is of concrete and contained several thousand bushels of wheat but it was not damaged owing to protection which the citizens furnished at the right time. We have not been able to get into communication with the company but it is probable they will replace the building.

The Union Pacific railroad company has a loss of three box cars and one coal car besides the damage to the side track to make good. One of these cars was loaded with faced brick which was to have been used in the construction of the residence of Chas. Sellers and the garage building to be erected by H. S. Givler. These brick were damaged so by heat and smoke that they cannot be used for the purpose for which they were intended.

The contents of the coal car had been shoveled into the Hardman bins Tuesday afternoon and was burned with the rest of the company's property. The other two cars were empty. A freight train came in from the west about the time the fire started and the train crew made a heroic effort to save the row of cars which were on the siding and succeeded in saving two of them. The other would also have been saved but the drawhead was jerked from the car loaded with brick. The engine crew made a daring run and pushed the two cars west through the flames and smoke and such a scene would furnish an exciting film for a movie. The Union Pacific wreckage is being cleared away as rapidly as possible and the siding will be repaired as soon as the heat from the burning coal has subsided.

The origin of the fire and how it gained such a headway before it was seen is hard to understand.

The light from the fire was plainly seen as far west as Quinter and as far east as the other side of Ellis. Both the Hays and the Ellis ladder and hose companies responded to a call and came up to do what good they could, making the trip in a very short time. However, by the time they arrived there was nothing but guard duty for them to do. Both companies demonstrated what they could do and gave exhibitions. The Hays chemical engine would be a fine thing on a small fire or when a fire is in a room or just starting.

TO THE VOTERS OF TREGO COUNTY

Having announced my name for the office of Sheriff of Trego county and after more carefully considering the situation I find the following conditions to exist. First when I announced I was under the impression that James D. Glenn was a mere boy, but I find him to be a man 27 years of age and in the prime of life both mentally and physically. I find that he has been raised in this county and therefore has resided here more than twice as long as either of the other two candidates and will continue to reside here regardless of the result of this election. I also find that he is fully qualified to fill the office he is seeking. (He having served on the Police force of Kansas City, Mo., for two years and having served in the World war for about one and one-half years in France and Germany.) I further find that many of the voters without regard to party sentiment are saying that while I and the other candidate were too old for army service yet we had the privilege of remaining at home among friends with an opportunity of making from \$5 to \$7 a day while Glenn was undergoing the hardships of war for \$1 a day. I am just as patriotic as I was when the war was in progress and therefore have concluded that under the present conditions Glenn should have no opposition unless it had been by another soldier equally well qualified. After thanking my friends for their encouragement I withdraw from the race in favor of James D. Glenn.
 Adv. 1t. E. M. Ruffner.

JEAN MACNEIL AND EMERSON WILLIAMS

Miss Jean MacNeil, contralto, and Emerson Williams, baritone, will be heard in an unique recital at the Garden Theatre, Thursday, September 30th.

Miss MacNeil and Mr. Williams present a part of the program in "Kilts." They sing the songs of Bonnie Scotland, and from expressions of the press in cities where they have appeared, they are extremely efficient in dialect. In addition to solos, they sing duets which are said to be extremely delightful. The second part of the program consists of solos and duets of American songs.

Miss MacNeil is said to possess a voice of rare beauty, while Mr. Williams has been acclaimed as one of the foremost bass-baritones in the concert field. They have been decided favorites in Chautauqua for several seasons, and come to us highly recommended.

Admittance to the recital will be by card of introduction only which may be secured from the WaKeeney Drug Store, WaKeeney, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kenyon and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Dockendorf of southwest of WaKeeney, have attended the state fair at Hutchinson this week.

Found—Automobile tire and rim, found during fair week, can be had by owner at this office by proving property and paying charges. 30 2t.

HEART FAILURE CLAIMS R. C. WILSON

Notwithstanding the fact that his friends and business associates have noted the gradual decline in his health during the last few months the sudden death of R. C. Wilson came as a severe blow to his loved ones and many friends in this vicinity as it became known that his life had passed away Tuesday night. The excitement caused by the big fire at the Hardman lumber yard had taken practically all the citizens of the city from their homes to the vicinity of the fire. Mr. Wilson had realized the danger the business district was in and had gone to the WaKeeney State Bank. For some time he had been troubled with disease of the heart and had suffered much from it. Doubtless the excitement and his general weakened condition brought on a severe attack of the trouble and realizing it he had gone from the bank and was sitting on the steps when he asked a friend to take him home. As he left the car at his home he remarked about his condition indicating that he was feeling very badly. After Mr. Wilson had gone to the fire, his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Chase Wilson, who has lived in the Wilson home since the death of Mrs. R. C. Wilson a few years ago, and his daughter, Mrs. Jane Heckman, and their children also went to the fire. Later on their return home they found Mr. Wilson seated in his chair in a position he had often sat lately. He had lighted a lamp and had gotten his bottle of medicine. Probably after taking a dose of it he had leaned back in a comfortable position in his chair. In this position the angel of death had visited him and taken away his life. His facial expression was calm and peaceful indicating that he had passed quietly away.

Robert Coulter Wilson was born at Callensburg, Penn., August 22, 1854 and was 66 years and 27 days old at his death. On the first day of May 1883, he was united in marriage with Miss Nelle Thrall, at Ottumwa, Iowa. To them four children were born, three daughters and one son, of whom the daughters are living, the son, Chase T., and Mrs. Wilson having died in 1917.

In early childhood he became a Christian and lived a devoted worker for the cause of Christ until his death, being an active member of the Presbyterian church. His death was due to heart failure. The funeral services are to be conducted from the Presbyterian church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Allison, of Denver, for many years pastor of the Presbyterian church here will conduct the services and will be assisted by the Rev. Heizer the present pastor. Mr. Wilson is survived by his three

daughters and their families, Mrs. C. B. Fullington, of Navarre, Mrs. J. H. Heckman, of WaKeeney, and Mrs. Wayne Willis, of Emporia, and Mrs. Chase T. Wilson and her children, besides a number of other close relatives.

R. C. Wilson came to WaKeeney in 1884 and since that date has been actively connected with the business, church and social interests of the city. He commenced business under the firm name of Wilson & Murray and in 1885 organized a national bank which was afterwards changed to conform to the state laws and has been known as The WaKeeney State Bank for many years with Mr. Wilson as its head officer. He was also instrumental in the organization of the Ogallah State Bank and the Collyer State Bank and in their management. The management of the business affairs of WaKeeney have frequently been under his direction and influence. He has also been a member of the board of directors of the Trego County High School since its organization about fifteen years ago and was again nominated for re-election in November. He was always active in the business affairs of the county and city and just as active in the religious affairs. He was not only willing at all times to give his financial assistance to any good cause but he was never too busy at secular affairs to neglect the cause of Christianity. For many years he had been a ruling elder of the local Presbyterian church and had given over thirty-two years of continued service of his life as superintendent of the Sabbath school. He always made the Sabbath school an interesting place and never allowed a drag in the services. His disposition was always bright and happy and a source of inspiration to others. He was successful in financial affairs and used his means liberally for the good of the Christian cause and for several years has been a heavy contributor to the College of Emporia and a member of its board of trustees. He was devoted and sincere and when the summons came his passing away was as peaceful as one who "wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

THE HORRIBLE EXAMPLE

All one has to do to reach a correct appreciation of the league of nations is to imagine the United States a member of it for the past year and try to conceive what we would have done in the Polish crisis. The school of experience is the only sound one, but its lessons are subjects that Gov. Cox carefully avoids.

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