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## THE FARMERS ARE WATCHING NORTH DAKOTA

While banks all over the country have been prospering as never before, an exception is noted in North Dakota, where many of these institutions recently have closed their doors. Those conversant with the kind of government existing there and its intimate connection with the business of the people will experience no surprise. It has been freely predicted from the time the Nonpartisan League came into control of the North Dakota state government that disaster for about everybody except the league leaders would follow. It seems to have arrived. Money may be acquired by a few through sharp practices, but the masses must work for what they get. Prosperity cannot be snatched from the air. If there be farmers who still think that the league is a good thing let them keep their eyes on North Dakota for the next two years.—Industrial News Letter.

## HELP FEED THE STARVING

Bare feet and tattered clothes and nothing to eat. Such is the fate of millions of children in central and eastern Europe. For the past three years life has held little save misery for the innocent victims of wars. Victims of rickets, the offspring of near starvation, countless little folks, as much entitled to happiness as our own children, are dying this winter. To rescue these children from the certain death that awaits them unless aid is forthcoming immediately, the European Relief Council, composed of eight leading American relief agencies, with Herbert Hoover as chairman, is making a joint appeal for funds to feed them. Send your contribution to A. M. Catlin, Topeka, Kansas, national collector.

## I. W. W. LAWYER SHORT FUNDS

The cases against the I. W. W. prisoners was tried in district court last week. The attorneys for the defense were Miss Caroline A. Lowe and Harold Much (pronounced muck.) Miss Lowe had been here two or three times before. She gives Wichita, Kansas, as her headquarters. While here last week she ran short of money and gave a check on a bank at Wichita for fifty dollars which was cashed by one of the local banks. The check returned to WaKeeney Wednesday morning marked: "Not paid for want of funds." Whether Miss Lowe had ever carried an account in the Wichita bank we do not know but evidently she was short on funds.

## IN MEMORIAL

In loving memory of our mother who departed this life three years ago. Our thoughts this day we send to you, Three long, sad years have taken flight And left us in a long, dark night; Yet memory holds thee ever dear and draws thy spirit presence near.—Daughters, Son and Grandson.—Mrs. Blanche Foster, Master Lester Foster, Mr. Gazaway Walton. 1t

## OIL WELL DOWN 600 FEET

According to reports fairly good progress is being made by the drillers at Walsh well No. 1, north of Collyer. The gangs are working steadily now and are in charge of an experienced driller. A depth of six hundred feet has been reached and some first class indications of oil have been found.

## THE I. W. W.'S ARE IN THE PEN

For the first time in several months the county jail was empty last Friday. The I. W. W. prisoners who have been boarding there since last summer had been given their trial in district court and had been convicted. Deputy Sheriff Fox left with them Thursday night for the state prison at Lansing. At their trial last week they were defended by the attorneys, Harold Much and Caroline A. Lowe who are good lawyers for such work. They understand how to delay court proceedings in every way possible and to add up a big expense against the cases. The I. W. W.'s have not been given a very pleasant reception in WaKeeney during the last few years and it is hoped this will be the last chapter in the proceedings. However, it may not be. While being taken to the penitentiary, Murphy, who was one of the prisoners and an organizer, stated that it was his opinion that the I. W. W. organization would advise its members to stay away from WaKeeney and Trego County at next harvest time and let the farmers' wheat rot on the ground. It is not likely that the farmers will take this threat very seriously.

## FALLS HEIR TO A WHOLE CITY

K. W. Hickey has received notice that a big estate to which he is an heir is about to claim and get possession of about 5,000 acres of land which includes the city of Chillicothe, Ohio, together with about 600 acres in the heart of Philadelphia. The land descends through a Mr. Baker who was granted the land for service in the Revolutionary War. A 99-year lease was made on the land which is now expiring and Mr. Hickey has notice that there will be a settlement and distribution of the estate in January. The original Mr. Baker was an uncle of Mr. Hickey's great grandfather. While there are many heirs the estimate of the value of the lands is forty million dollars. Mr. Hickey is not surprised over the notice in regard to the matter as this has been a subject of family conversation ever since he can remember. He will go to Chillicothe soon after Christmas to look after his interests in the matter.—Russell Reformer.

## MARRIED

Elmer Holcomb and Miss Keturah Kite were married Wednesday, December 29th, at the office of the probate judge. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Staatz and Mabel Holcomb were witnesses.

Joseph E. Carlson and Miss Martha M. Ambrosier, both of Hill City, were united in marriage Wednesday, December 29th by the Rev. Mann at the Methodist parsonage in this city. A. G. Tucker and Agnes Blackburn were the witnesses.

Chester A. McAtee and Grace Berry, both of this vicinity, were united in marriage on Christmas Day. The ceremony took place at Warnoak, the home of Judge A. S. Pascocic. The witnesses were Harley M. Miller and Hazel M. Berry.

## NOTICE TO FARMERS UNION

There will be a joint meeting of all the locals of the county at the court house in WaKeeney, Saturday, January 8th, at 10 o'clock. Members of each local in the county are requested to be present.

D. E. Cypher, Secretary.

M. A. Chamberlain and son, of Franklin township, were transacting business in WaKeeney Wednesday.



## HAIL TO 1921

## WHAT 1920 HATH WROUGHT

It Was a Good and Prosperous Year For WaKeeney but It Has Finished Its Course

If the closing of each year in the history of WaKeeney could record as many improvements for the city as the year 1920 can claim it would not be long until this would be the most thriving and prosperous city in western Kansas. The beginning of the year made no promises regarding what might and what might not take place during the twelve months which were to follow and, indeed, the first six months of the year are not remembered for the progress which was made during them. The scarcity of laborers and the high cost of building material stood in the way of progress. The last six months of the year show signs of a release from these obstructions and much progress has been made. Almost a building "boom" has been the result.

The advance was commenced in the east part of the city with the building of the new home for Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Shriner. To that part of the city can be accredited not only the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shriner but the bungalow for Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ridgway, the bungalow and barn for Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sellers, the improvements made on the homes of Mrs. Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, J. E. Barclay and Walter Baker. As one advances to the west he sees the new home of C. M. Hutchison and the improvements made in the cottage owned by Peter DeBoer. There are also the new bungalows nearly completed by A. J. Ellermeyer and Dr. U. S. Miller further to the west, and the improvements made by Swan Lofstead, the house and barn by G. L. Barger, and the improved or practically new residence erected by Mrs. I. T. Purcell. The basement and foundation have also been put in for a new bungalow to be erected by F. D. Wonnor along with numerous small improvements which have been made by many.

In the business district the first to have been erected was the new garage building by F. W. Staatz which is sixty by eighty feet, equipped with water and lights and furnace heat, built with cement blocks. Also the garage building being erected by H. S. Givler and which would have been completed had the weather permitted. It is fifty by one hundred feet, cement blocks and will be modernly equipped in every way with furnace, water, lights and power. The Hardman Lumber Co. buildings and yard were destroyed by fire on the 20th of September. They were old frame buildings. The yard is being rebuilt as rapidly as labor and the weather will permit but wood is not being used. The walls of the buildings are being made of tiling and finished with stucco. The stock is being replaced and when the new yard is completed it will be a great improvement over the former yard and a credit to any city many times larger than WaKeeney.

WaKeeney has also shown her enterprise in a municipal way. Bonds were voted in the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a new electric light plant. The contract has been let and the erection of the building is in progress. The weather is hindering the work but in time this city will have a strictly modern steam light plant which will furnish all the light and power necessary for several years to come. Further enterprise and progress was made when the people of WaKeeney and school district No. 1 voted to issue bonds for fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a new building for the use of the eight grades of the common school. The members of the school board have made a choice of a building which will be modern in every detail, fire proof with all the latest conveniences for school work. The new building will be erected next year.

Truly 1920 has been a good year for WaKeeney and as it turns and

passes away into the past we fell like catching it by the arm, slapping it on the back and saying, "Good bye, old boy, you've been mighty good to us and we are glad you were here."

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

On the evening of Sunday, December 17th, the Christmas music rendered by our choir was listened to by a congregation that filled the auditorium and used some seats in the Sunday school room. The musical program was a rich treat to all who heard it. On Thursday evening the children's program was enjoyed by a crowded house.

Next Sunday, January 2nd, two important events will occur within our brief morning worship. The first will be the election of officers. For thirty six years Mr. R. C. Wilson was superintendent of our Sunday School. His successor will be chosen in the most democratic method by the whole school. Let us ask God to direct us in our selection, and then let us give our faithful support to the one chosen.

The second event will be the Communion of the Lord's Supper which will be administered in the preaching service.

On Sunday morning, January 9th, the congregation are asked to ratify and amend our order of worship.

For several years this church has held a ninety minute service. Sunday School opening at 10 a. m. and closing at 10:50, the preaching service beginning at 10:50 and closing at 11:30 a. m. The purpose is that adults may be induced to attend the Sunday School and the children and young people may be induced to remain to church. This purpose has been quite well achieved. It ought to be, the elimination of the intermission between the two services saves much time and by strict economy of the ninety minutes both Sunday School and preaching services are efficient, dignified and orderly and so short that any healthy person can stay through both.

The session of the church wishes the congregation to consider and vote on this matter and then faithfully support their plan.

## STAR AND MASONS INSTALL

The joint installation of the officers of the Eastern Star and Masonic lodge held Monday evening was one of the biggest events in the two orders. Nearly two hundred people were present. The banquet was served at 6:30 and consisted of two courses, the first course being a general good feed and the last course being ice cream and cake. The evening was very pleasantly spent and the best of feeling prevailed. The last year has been a prosperous one, especially for the Masonic lodge and indications are very good for a continuance during the coming year.

## TREGO CO. CO-OP. ASSOCIATION STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Will be held at the court house in WaKeeney Saturday, January 8th, 1921 at 10:00 a. m. Interest checks will be given out at 10:30 a. m. and a local will be organized at WaKeeney.

In the afternoon officers will be elected for the year and such other business transacted as should come before this meeting.

W. C. P. Rhoades, Secretary.

## METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School.....9:45 a. m.  
Preaching.....11 a. m.  
Epworth League.....6:45 p. m.  
Preaching.....7:30 p. m.  
Grant Mann, Pastor.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Services New Years Day in the German language 10:30 a. m.

Services Sunday in the English language at 10:30 a. m.

## DECIDES TO WALK AGAIN

"I would like to join that Optimist club at the stock yards," said Sol. A. Magundy, today as he gathered up a lot of bundles and began to square away to take the street car to the Union station after getting his account sales slip and doing some Christmas shopping.

"I read the Christmas week slogan in the Telegram yesterday, and it made a hit with me. I can remember when we did a lot of walking out on the farm, and I farmed in Ohio and Illinois before I came to Kansas. We had no riding plows in those days, and no riding cultivators. I have hopped clods many and many a day and I sure feel that the fellow that coined that 'Any kind of walking beats riding in a hearse,' hits the nail on the head.

"We plodded along behind the plow, the harrow, and from one hill of corn to another in corn cutting time, and we walked along a certain road to land owning and improvements on that land. We walked mortgages to death. Of course some of the fellows got run over by mortgages, but some fellows would get run over by a hearse as far as that is concerned.

"The trouble is," continued Sol, "that we have been riding on a high horse, and now we have got to get down and walk awhile which will make some of us think that we are getting along slowly, but it is a state of comparison that we are complaining of. Those who have not been riding on a high horse have been exceeding the speed limit in an automobile.

"Why, us farmers have been helping make gasoline the only thing that people can not get enough of and the only thing that people will buy right now, pay spot cash for and not complain about the price. We have helped make the picture show companies so rich that the film companies have been successful in having their stocks listed on the New York stock exchange, and then we complain because gasoline and movies are getting the ready money that ought to go to purchasing beef steak and pork chops. We serve the automobile first and last because we imagine we have to have it.

"I also read that article on the burden of interest charges that a beef steer must carry. Now this is all true, but it is going to take a lot less money to operate on in handling cattle and hogs than it did when we were riding on a high horse. I figure that it will take just about one half as much money to operate with, and this applies to cattle and hogs and feed for them, in the cases where a man has to buy his feeds. Now if we can raise corn and other feeds next season for just one-half of what it cost us this year, why, we will be all right. I figure that our interest charges will be cut in half, in bulk, under the conditions that prevail, now that we have decided to get down and walk awhile. The actual rates may not decline soon, although they may and probably will decline eventually, but we will not need nearly so much money from now on, and we could not get it if we wanted it.

"I like your idea of having the government debt funded. I think that future generations would not be so keen to rush to war on any pretext if they knew something of what a war would cost them in money.

"I am an optimist, for I am an old man and have had lots of troubles, but more than one-half of them never happened. I want to see things left alone for a while. We used to have a

saying back in Ohio Choke a cold and starve a fever and often contracted fever from trying to choke a cold. I think that congress should set tight in the boat, and not pay any attention to a lot of this hysterical clamor that is going up from a lot of people that profess to speak for the farmer. I remember a sort of quack doctor that we had in our community when I was a boy. He was called in by a family to treat a fellow who had baffled primitive medical skill. The quack looked him over and shook his head and looked sad. The members wanted to know what was the matter with the patient. The quack gave some complicated name for the result of his hasty diagnosis, and said that he could not cure the malady he named. But, he said, 'I can throw the old man into fits and I am—on fits, I believe that we should stand pat and assume a poker face. Things will come out all right. They always have and I feel just like that Optimist club fellow 'Any kind of walking beats riding in a hearse.'—Drovers Telegram.

## KANSAS CITY MARKET REPORT

December 29, 1920.

Though receipts of cattle today were not heavy the market showed considerable weakness. Cows and heifers were steady and steers were slow and lower, in most cases down 25 cents. The decline in Chicago in the past two days caused the weakness here. With other markets sharply lower, hog prices here were quoted off 10 cents. Lambs opened strong and later weakened. Sheep were steady.

## Today's Receipts

Receipts today were 8500 cattle, 9,000 hogs and 10,000 sheep compared with 6000 cattle, 9000 hogs and 10,000 sheep a week ago, and 9100 cattle, 12,250 hogs and 5900 sheep a year ago.

## Beef Cattle

Trade in beef cattle today was dull. Killers held rather small orders and reports from more eastern markets indicated a further decline with demand small. In most cases steers here were 25 cents lower, exceptions more. Cows and heifers were about steady. Demand for veal calves was small. Most of the fed steers sold at \$8.50 to \$10.00. A few up to \$11.25. The bulk of the fat cows sold at \$5.50 to \$6.50 and heifers \$6.00 to \$8.50. Veal calves sold up to \$10.50.

## Stockers and Feeders

Though only a moderate supply of thin cattle was offered trade was dull with prices down 25 to 35 cents. A good many countrymen are holding back until after the first of the year before buying feeders. This week will end the holiday period and permit a more even movement of live stock after the first of the year.

## Hogs

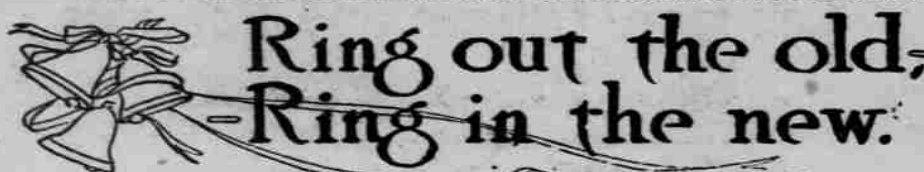
Because of sharp declines at other markets packers here reduced prices on hogs 10 cents. Some choice pigs sold at \$10.25 and light weights up to \$10.00. The packers top was \$9.95, and the bulk of the hogs sold at \$9.65 to \$9.90. Receipts were moderate. Indications are that there will be a liberal movement of hogs after the first of the year.

## Sheep and Lambs

At the outset some Western fed lambs at \$11.25 to \$11.50 were quoted stronger, but before much trading was done the market ceased off and late sales were 25 cents lower. Sheep held steady. Demand for stock and feeding grades was limited.

Charles M. Pipkin,  
Market Correspondent.

Pure home made lard at Baker's.



1921! The dawn of better days—the beginning of better times for all people.

May the new year bring you sunshine and happiness, a return of prosperity!

For the favors accorded us in the strenuous year just ended, our grateful thanks—for the year commencing, a practical demonstration of our appreciation of your valued patronage.

**W. W. GIBSON**

Wa-Keeney,

Kansas.

## Garden Theatre Program

Commencing Jan. 1, 1921, show nights Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1  
Wm. S. Hart in "Branding Broadway," western

Tuesday, Jan. 4—Virginia Hammond in "Miss Crusoe"

PRICES—Tuesday 10 and 20c; Friday and Saturday, 10 and 25c; includes war tax

COMING—January 6-7-8, Norcross Bros. Stock Company

**MARGARET SWIGGETT**

Bonded Abstracter

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Wa-Keeney, Kansas

FARM LOANS

(Register of Deeds of Trego County Eight Consecutive Years)