

CITY IS BEATEN.

Water Company Gets Judgment for \$13,338.55.

City Must Pay Extra for South Topeka Hydrants.

MAY NOT APPEAL CASE. Likely That Council Will Decide to Settle.

Case Has Been Pending for Seven Years.

Judge J. C. Pollock has rendered judgment for \$13,338.55 and costs against the city of Topeka in the water hydrant rental case commenced seven years ago, and involving the city's liability for rental on 16 fire plugs located in South Topeka.

It is not likely that the city will carry the case up to the United States court of appeals, though this will have to be determined by the city council.

In 1897, Elias Sumnerfield, who was then receiver for the water company, filed suit to collect the rentals on 16 fire hydrants which had been accumulating since 1893.

The city of Topeka refused to pay the claim on the ground that the water company's franchise provided that all fire hydrants in excess of 300 in the city of Topeka should be free of charge.

In other words, the city of Topeka will have to carry out the South Topeka 30-year contract with the water company for 18 fire hydrants.

The water company figured up the rentals, and then computed compound interest every six months. From that time the company has filed supplemental petitions to bring the bill up to date.

He allowed straight interest at 6 per cent. He also ruled that the company could not collect for the half of 1904 and the first half of 1901, because the suit was not filed until 1897, and the 1901 and 1902 claims were therefore barred by the statute of limitations.

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He is Likely to Be Selected to Inspect Waterworks.

Edward W. Bemis, superintendent of the Cleveland, Ohio, waterworks and formerly a professor at the Kansas State Agricultural college, is very likely to be selected by the city council as the hydraulic engineer to inspect the Topeka water plant and see if it is in good condition.

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TOPEKA MAN RESIGNS AS AUDITOR OF G. C. & A. T. & S. F.

It was announced here that C. J. Webb, auditor of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad, one of the Santa Fe's hold-overs, has left the service of the road.

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Mr. Wayne, Ind., Feb. 20.—Pennsylvania passenger No. 6 leaving Chicago about midnight was wrecked today at Hobart, Ind. in a head-on collision with a freight train.

MR. HOCH HERE. Doesn't Know Whether He Will Make More Speeches.

E. W. Hoch is in Topeka today on his way home from Coffeyville, where he spoke last night. He seems to be coming up in good shape under his campaign.

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BETS ARE POSTED.

Local Political Situation Has Reached That Stage.

This has been an exciting day in local politics. It is really the first day that it has been impossible to walk half a block without being approached by ward workers.

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The fight on County Attorney Hungate has not developed to any extent and every one admits that his nomination is a foregone conclusion and it is simply a question of making it.

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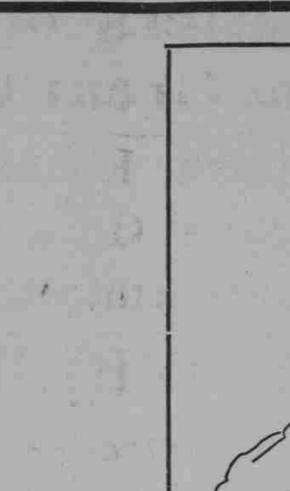
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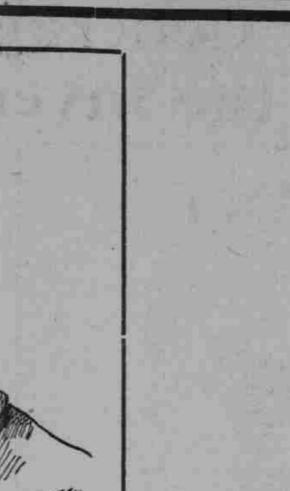
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J. B. BETTS

Candidate for State Senator From Shawnee County.

Subject to Republican Primaries, February 27th, 1904.

Mr. Betts has lived in Shawnee county for the past thirty years. Like many others was a heavy loser in the big flood, but has stood loyally by North Topeka and its interests and still lives there. He has served his ward as Councilman for two years, and the North representative district in the legislature for four years. Builder of Parkhurst-Davis block recently destroyed by fire, and as a contractor has erected many of the largest buildings in Kansas.

COLOSSAL FIGURES.

Meaning of Vast Sums in Life Insurance Statement.

The published statements of banks, trust companies and industrial concerns command the attention of persons interested in them as investors or depositors; the annual statements of great life insurance companies are read by the mass of the people with all the interest that attaches to the more important news of the day.

The Metropolitan Life puts forth a statement of its business in 1903, presenting an array of figures that shows impressively the intimate relations between this institution and the whole people.

Every day in the year 359 claims were paid; every day in the year more than 5,000 new policies were written. At the end of every day in the year the company's assets were more than \$50,000,000 greater than in the morning.

Going back twenty years we have curious figures that tell of almost incredible growth. The company's income for the year 1883 was a little over \$3,000,000; for 1893 a little over \$15,000,000; for 1903 over \$49,000,000.

The Metropolitan Life received from premiums and other sources during 1903 over \$6,500,000 more than in 1902. Considering the relative condition of the financial markets in these two years, the increase is all the more surprising.

Nothing could show more plainly what life insurance really stands for in the minds of the people. It is not regarded as a speculative venture, but a sure promise of security; a safe shelter when financial storm-clouds threaten general wreck.

A concern like the Metropolitan Life Insurance company is, of course, a business organization, but it is one in which all of its policy holders are bona fide partners.

PANIC IN PARIS.

Rumors of a General War Agitate the Bourse.

Paris, Feb. 20.—Wild excitement prevailed on the bourse today as the result of startling, contradictory reports concerning possible world complications growing out of the war.

The financial authorities claimed that not since 1852 has a scene occurred on the bourse like that of today. Almost from the opening the leading securities began to fall.

Spanish rentes were specially affected by the great confusion which prevailed over the fears of international complications.

This stage was aggravated toward the closing hour, and the excitement, which amounted to a panic, was redoubled.

The private rate of discount was 2-7-16 per cent.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Peck will be held from her home near Kilmer at 11 a. m. Sunday.

The funeral of Edgar E. Coleman will be held from the Third Presbyterian church at 3:30 o'clock Sunday.

Blanche Appleton, aged 3 years, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Appleton, died at the home near Dover this morning of pneumonia.

Mrs. Nancy T. Adams, wife of C. D. Adams, of Tecumseh, died Friday at her home after a severe illness from grip.

The funeral of John Smiley, who died Friday at his home at 67 Quincy street, will be held from the St. John A. M. E. church at 2 p. m. Sunday.

The funeral of Mrs. Rachel Trump, who died Thursday, will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday from the home of her daughter at 213 East Tenth avenue.

LOCAL MENTION.

J. T. Davis has purchased the Geo. A. Clauser home, 1012 Polk street, from the Strauss agency. Mr. Clauser is living in Kansas City.

PRIMER UP TO DATE.

Oh see the horse. What a funny horse it is.

