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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Public:

On January 15, 1896, I retire from active management of the **St. Louis Store**. On that date **Mr. Ed. S. Marx**, who for so long has been in my employ, will assume the management. The name of the store will be changed to the

## CYCLONE,

and business will be conducted on a **STRICTLY CASH BASIS**. All accounts due this firm must be settled by the 15th, or they will be placed for collection. All accounts against this firm will be paid upon presentation. I thank my many friends for their patronage, and hope you will accord the new management the same. I know they will try and merit the same. Yours respectfully,

**R. CARO.**

## YOU MAY NOT CARE

to talk about what you are to have for dinner just after you have finished breakfast—

## BUT YOUR WIFE DOES!

She has to think of it, and it is your duty to have her make out the list and then leave it at

## CHAS. LUNDBLADES,

and don't forget those little household necessities in the **DRUG DEPARTMENT**. How about Hardware, too?

"I WISH you wouldn't be asking me for money all the time," growled Mr. Titefist.

"I am not," sweetly replied his wife, "part of the time I am spending what you give me and getting those delicious family groceries that you relish so keenly at Griffith's."

All housewives realize that

## Theo. Griffith

ALWAYS HAS  
**THE BEST IN THE GROCERY LINE.**

OLDEST BANK IN CENTRAL KANSAS.

## THE J. V. BRINKMAN COMPANY BANK.

ESTABLISHED IN 1874. COUNTY DEPOSITORY.

CAPITAL, \$50,000.00. SURPLUS, \$15,000.00.

J. V. BRINKMAN, President. LOUIS ZUTAVERN, Cashier. J. G. BRINKMAN, Vice Pres't. CHAS. V. BRINKMAN, Asst. Cash.

Interest Paid on Time Deposits

### A REAL NICE TIME.



COULD we have done so, we would have last week mentioned one of the most delightful society events of the season, but we went to press too early to do the subject justice. In fact, it was without question one of the most enjoyable and pleasant events in the history of the social life of Great Bend. Despite the fact that leap year had just been ushered in on frosty wings, about seventy of our prominent citizens conceived the idea of entertaining the ladies in particular and all the friends who cared to come at A. O. U. W. hall on New Year's night. Although the ladies were there in legion they were "not in it" a little bit at any stage. The men insisted on serving all that was good to eat with their own dainty hands and surely no one found fault with the cuisine. There were card tables for all who cared and other games galore; there was dancing and excellent music, and all went merrily as a marriage bell.

Following is a list of the gentlemen who received enmasse:

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| J. V. Brinkman.   | C. S. Allison.      |
| Erick C. Cole.    | E. W. Moses.        |
| Wm. Osmond.       | Nick Smith.         |
| A. C. Fair.       | Chas. V. Brinkman.  |
| T. J. Ross.       | Ed Allison.         |
| W. E. Stoke.      | W. E. Carr.         |
| G. L. Zutavern.   | Wm. Kelly.          |
| J. M. Donley.     | G. H. Halme.        |
| Chat Donley.      | Wm. Honnen.         |
| S. J. Shaw.       | C. G. Morrison.     |
| F. V. Russell.    | George Turner.      |
| Theo Griffith.    | Willis Bolinger.    |
| C. O. Swartz.     | H. E. Dean.         |
| Ed S. Marx.       | Charles Lundblade.  |
| H. Caro.          | R. A. Charles.      |
| H. S. Born.       | R. P. Typer.        |
| D. J. Coughlin.   | F. Lightfoot.       |
| W. M. Gunnell.    | Ralph Bailey.       |
| F. B. Patterson.  | J. A. Rehn.         |
| Ira D. Brougher.  | W. B. Cornell.      |
| A. S. Allen.      | G. W. Nimocks, Jr.  |
| F. D. Wilson.     | Wm. Hossack.        |
| J. Geo. Brinkman. | W. B. Grimes.       |
| Louis Zutavern.   | M. Gillmore.        |
| J. A. Towlesley.  | A. H. Connett.      |
| G. L. Chapman.    | O. R. Kackley.      |
| G. M. Moss.       | Otis Bolinger.      |
| A. R. Moss.       | I. N. Withide.      |
| C. A. Hooper.     | Will Feger.         |
| W. D. Gould.      | S. A. Newcombe.     |
| Fred Zutavern.    | C. F. Dissenbacher. |
| Geo. Greene, Jr.  | O. W. Dawson.       |
| W. P. Feder.      | Ed. Tyler.          |
| R. B. Warren.     | M. B. Pitts.        |

A hack drivers war is on.

Ora Dawson is attending court at Lyons.

Will Reece of Newton came in on Monday.

J. J. Thorne of Kipsley was in this city Saturday.

J. H. Daniels and Ernest Smith were down from Pawnee Rock Monday.

Misses Blanche and Retta Nimocks entertained friends Friday evening.

All the teachers are again on duty, seemingly much refreshed by the vacation.

Miss Grace Whitworth returned to Dodge City Saturday, after visit with the Misses Humphrey.

G. W. Moore has had some Kaffir corn ground and declares that it makes very wholesome bread.

Mrs. E. J. Cooney left yesterday for Chicago, after a three months visit with her daughter, Mrs. John O'Brian.

John Schaeffer is compelled to go on crutches, as a result of a sprained knee. For a man of John's active temperament, this is irksome.

Webster Langham had the misfortune to badly mash two of the fingers of his left hand in one of our job presses last Friday, and is taking a lay off.

Roy Putnam is now manipulating the silent messengers of thought at this office. Roy is so swift that we expect him to generate enough steam to run three presses.

There is talk of a popular subscription to get the college boys a hair cut. While times are hard, a barber could no doubt be found who would clip them for half the wool.

This is the week of prayer at the churches.

Marcus Friend, Jr., is up from Oklahoma on a visit.

E. L. Hotchkiss and family Sundayed in Ellinwood.

B. I. Dawson visited Ellinwood Saturday on business.

Zack Bardwell has gone into the blacksmithing business for himself.

Mrs. W. W. Culver attended the Hallet-Crockett wedding at Hutchinson.

Clay and Ed Moses returned Friday from a visit to their brothers at Pueblo.

The Claffin Leader man advertises a piano for sale. That hog must have corn.

Ed Sheets of Eflingham, Kan., is a guest of his cousin, W. A. Dann, this week.

Miss Matilda Burgdorf, one of the DEMOCRAT'S Heizer friends, was a caller Saturday.

Agitate the building of a new jail. No telling how soon you may be an occupant of that awful stinkhole.

M. F. Compton, a railroad conductor in the east part of the state, was home to visit with his family, west of town, during the holidays.

Mrs. Harry Trenin of Kansas City is undergoing medical treatment at the home of Mrs. Teske in this city, and is in a precarious condition.

The Santa Fe railroad treasurer has sent a check for the full amount of its taxes to every county treasurer in the counties the road runs through.

Among the list of Kansas teachers to whom state certificates have been granted we notice that of Prof. J. A. Brady of this city—an honor justly bestowed.

Kansas City Mail: Miss Cora A. Taylor of Great Bend has been appointed to be a teacher in the Grand River Indian school at Standing Rock agency, North Dakota.

The new Crane readers went into use in the schools Monday. Longer hours are also in force, school convening fifteen minutes earlier after noon and holding until 4:30 o'clock.

Barton county's jail is a disgrace to any civilized community. Not a ray of sunshine ever penetrates its interior, and it smells to heaven. In the name of common decency it must go!

Prof. J. A. Brady of the city High school spent the holiday season visiting with friends at Siloam Springs, Ark. He reports having had a splendid time, although that country was almost all under water at the time.

Mrs. Fannie E. Crockett, who will be remembered as a guest of Rev. Dr. Hall and family during their residence here, was married at Hutchinson on New Years day to J. P. Hallet of St. Louis, Dr. Hall officiating.

Let Barton county build a jail and sheriff's residence in our commodious park. The present home of the sheriff is not at all a desirable place of residence, while the jail is no fit place for any human being, no matter how depraved.

It is rumored that a certain church in a certain town not a thousand miles from Great Bend did not hold prayer meeting last Thursday night because the janitor refused to unlock the door or give up the keys until he was paid wages due.

John Mahli and Otto Dick, charged with administering a forcible hair cut to Eli Bishop on Friday of last week, got off with paying \$2 costs. Laying æstheticism aside, young Bishop did need a haircut, but the barbering industry must be protected.

A dance was held at the hall in the Hulme building last Friday night and was largely attended by the young folks of the city. A misunderstanding between the promoters of the dance and Will Honnen occurred, Honnen going up to collect hall rent. Police Judge Gunnell on Saturday fined Honnen to the extent of \$27.

### TIMES ARE BETTER.



HERE is just complaint of hard times the past few years but there are some reliable indications that business even in this country is improving. Our merchants, especially those who used liberally of printer's ink and who made a regular business effort to get trade—report a much better run of trade than this time last year. The postoffice is also a good barometer by which to judge of the state of trade. On enquiring of the postmaster at Great Bend we learn that the stamp sales for the last three months of 1894 were \$1,146.95, and for the corresponding three months of 1895 \$1,266.51—an increase in the three months stamp sales of \$119.56. A like increase is shown in the money order business for the same period. During October, November and December of 1894 there were issued 1,187 money orders, amount \$2,628.17; paid 987, \$4,827.92. For the same period in 1895: Issued 1,265, \$3,552.75; paid 1,034, \$5,445.55; an increase of 78 orders issued and increase in value of \$924.54, while there were 45 more orders paid at an increase of \$617.63. The preceding three months business for 1895 will show a proportionate increase over the same period for 1894. These figures are undeniable proof that our people are in better condition than they were a twelve-months ago, and the DEMOCRAT'S prediction is that, with the good crop season that every indication points to for 1896, and the natural revival of business that always follows a period of depression—beginning in the east and gradually moving over the west—the people of this state and county will once again enjoy all the pleasures of prosperity as a reward for their indomitable perseverance and industry.

Miss Ida Conversé is in Nickerson.

Will Rush is convalescing after a seige of typhoid fever.

Miss Alice Reynolds returned to her school at Clay Center Monday.

The county officers elect will take their offices on Monday, January 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Shanafelt united with the Methodist church on Sunday last.

Jim Srouf left Monday evening for Leavenworth, where he has entered the Keeley institute for treatment.

Dan Coughlin has been transferred from the clothing department to the dry goods counters of the New York Store.

Mrs. George O'Brian returned home to Nickerson Monday, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morgan.

The recent market quotation which reported that hogs had declined was probably a mistake. We never knew a hog to decline anything except to take a paper out of the postoffice when he owed for a year or two's subscription.

Cimarron Jacksonian: Lodges of the Mystic Britherood were organized at Great Bend and Ellinwood with "dutch lunches" at the close of the entertainment. The Mystic Britherood is said to be a "dutch lunch" affair anyway.

Several of the old employes of the Santa Fe Ry who were let out during the strike, have received word that after January 1st they will be put on the road again to work. This only applies to those who did not make themselves to conspicuous during the strike.

Medicine Lodge Cresset: Mrs. J. B. Gano and Jerry and Mildred went to Great Bend on Friday last to visit relations and friends. Mr. Gano went to Kansas City on Monday and will return by way of Great Bend and bring them home about to-morrow. Hon. Jerry Simpson was mustered into Eldred Post, No. 174, G. A. B. of this city, at the regular meeting last Saturday evening.