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ATTEMPTED MURDER.

A Vicious Assault on one of Our Oldest Citizens. Wife and Son-in-law Under Arrest.

One of the most dastardly attempts on the life of a peaceable, hardworking man occurred in Great Bend, Thursday evening last, the 16th. The circumstances, as near as we can learn them are:

George Golt, who has been a resident of Great Bend since the early seventies, has, for a number of years run a shoemakers' shop on Forest avenue, just east of Jim Savage's news stand. His wife has, for the past year or more, conducted dressmaking rooms in the Willner building opposite. About 8:30, Thursday evening Mrs. Golt went to George and asked him to accompany her to deliver some work at Mrs. C. Franke's, which is one block north and some west of the Golt home. The two went to the place, delivered the work, and started home going west along the street on the north of the Diefenbacher place. They were walking along near the hedge, Mrs. Golt 12 to 15 feet ahead of George, when a man sprang out and struck Golt a terrific blow on the head. Golt is crippled in the lower limbs and walks with a cane. He defended himself as best he could, receiving several blows on the head and one which broke the bones in one hand. His wife ran to a neighbor and gave the alarm. After George was down his assailant probably thinking his work well done ran away. He left the weapon, a piece of gas pipe, and his hat on the scene. Parties found these things and took them to the Golt home that night. Fortunately the assaulted man's skull was not fractured, and he is recovering from his injuries.

Officers being called an investigation was made, and on the strength of evidence obtained Golt's son-in-law, named Fischer, was put under arrest the next morning, and now lies in jail without bonds. On Tuesday of this week Mrs. Golt was arrested also as an accomplice. She gave bonds in the sum of \$2000 for her appearance. The preliminary hearing before a justice will be held Monday, the 27th.

There are said to be many circumstances which point to the parties arrested as the guilty ones. The hat of the assailant disappeared after being taken to the Golt home; the intimacy of Mrs. Golt and Fischer; the account each gives of their actions, and many other circumstances make it look very ugly for them.

A SMOOTH ARTICLE.

An Old Man Borrows Money on Land, Showing Papers that Were Evidently Forgeries.

One of the smoothest confidence games it has been our fortune to ever come across, was practiced on some of our best business men recently, and has just come to light. On or about March 21st, an elderly man, probably about fifty years of age, representing himself to be an old soldier, having on the usual blue suit of clothes worn by the old soldier, and having a wooden leg, presented himself at the office of a certain business man in this city, who occasionally loans money, and asked for the loan of \$800 on the south west quarter of section four, eighteen, thirteen, which the records show to be owned by one Chas. K. Grimes, residing at Sanger, California. The land has been farmed for some time past by Henry Hull, who, however, was expected to give it up, as a son-in-law of Mr. Grimes, residing, we are told, in Ellsworth County, expected to move on the farm. This gentleman gave his name as John A. Corbin, and said he had recently purchased the land, that he had paid \$4000 for the same, and wanted this loan for the purpose of making some improvements in the dwelling and other buildings, and that he expected to soon move on the same. The man from whom the loan had been requested, went to a mutual friend in this city, who has been making some loans for an eastern man, and asked if the money could be secured. After some little correspondence, the proper amount was received, and Mr. Corbin presented himself ready to close up the deal. The records in the Register's office showed, that the land belonged to Mr. Chas. K. Grimes, and that he held a final receipt from the government for same. Mr. Corbin, for the purpose of completing the title, produced a patent issued by the government to Mr. Grimes, and it is without a doubt, the original instrument, had the same recorded, and also showed a deed from Chas. K. Grimes and Martha Grimes, his wife, residents of Tulare county, California, duly made and executed before C. A. Barr, notary public in and for Ellsworth county,

which was also recorded, and then produced the necessary mortgage also executed before the same notary public, which on the face of things, being evidently absolutely correct, and having been duly recorded and abstracted, the loan was completed, and Mr. Corbin received his money, and departed. A few days after he had gone, the man who had conducted the negotiations, saw a slight error in the acknowledgment of the mortgage, and wrote to the notary public at Ellsworth, concerning the same. After waiting a sufficient time, and not receiving an answer, and wanting matters closed up at once, the man at this end attempted to converse with the man at Ellsworth, over the toll line, but was informed by the Ellsworth office, that no such person resided in the city or county, and furthermore, that there was undelivered letter in the postoffice for the same party. This, of course, started an investigation, and a message addressed to the secretary of state brought the information that no notarial commission had ever been issued to any man by the name C. A. Barr, in Ellsworth county.

A letter addressed to Ira E. Lloyd, an attorney at Ellsworth, brought the further information, that no such man as Barr, or Corbin, had ever been residents of the county, and giving it as his opinion that a smooth confidence game had been worked. This latter information was entirely unnecessary, as our own people had come to the same conclusion. The trick all through was worked very smooth, the con man having all the facts concerning the land and the owner down pat, and having what was beyond a doubt, the original patent issued to Mr. Grimes, and having the acknowledgment made by a notary, showing seal of an Ellsworth county notary, as well as expiration of commission, and all, was certainly the work of a cute article of humanity. The early discovery of the fraud may assist the officers in bringing the gentleman to time, as a reward of \$100 has been offered. Had there not been a slight defect in the mortgage acknowledgment, the fraud would not have been discovered for an indefinite length of time, and the guilty cuss would probably not have been brought to time. This is about the first time a real good trick has been worked on any of our people, and there is absolutely no blame to be attached to any one, as everything was evidently straight. It is to be hoped the man will be caught, and given his just deserts.

Special Council Meeting.

Pursuant to the following call, a special council meeting was held at the council room at 9:30 a. m., April 22, 1903.

Great Bend, Kas., April 22, 1903. A special meeting of the city council is hereby called to meet at the council room at 9:30 a. m., April 22, 1903, for the purpose of considering the question of an appropriation for a site for the county jail.

MARTIN WEIRAUCH, Mayor. Council was called to order at the appointed time and place by Mayor Weirauch, with the following councilmen present, Kendall, Miller 1st ward, Slentz, Rediger and Newcombe, Absent, Smith, Dale, and Miller, 4th ward. The object of the meeting was, on request of the mayor, stated by Mr. Kendall, being the same as set forth in the call. A number of citizens were present and with the council discussed the question, but it being the opinion of the city attorney, that the city had no authority to legally appropriate any money for the purpose stated, the council took no action, and on motion the meeting adjourned.

An informal meeting of the citizens present was then held, and a committee consisting of Mayor Weirauch, city attorney Russell, W. T. Kendall, E. R. Moses and Wm. Osmond, was then selected to call on the commissioners to see what arrangement could be made with them towards the purchase of a site. After some considerable discussion entered into by the committee, commissioners and other citizens present, it was finally agreed to purchase the four lots on the north-west corner of block 92, the county to pay the sum of \$550 towards the price, the city to pay the remainder, and see that the county secured a good and sufficient deed, and that the title be absolutely clear. This was agreed to, and the committee have since been working industriously to complete their end of the deal and to raise the amount of money needed.

LATER—The corner just east of the court house, where Bolinger's barn stands, has been agreed upon, the county paying part of the purchase price (\$1500) and the citizens the balance, and it is thought that the matter of location is now settled for good.

District Court.

At an adjourned session of the district court, held on the 20th, the following cases were disposed of:

Motion for new trial for Bud Sellers, Mrs. Gracey, and Mrs. Bundenthal, convicted at the regular term, was overruled insofar as it related to Sellers, who was then sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, while the hearing of the others was continued to the June term.

Motion for new trial for George O'Brien, convicted at the regular term, was overruled, and defendant sentenced to six years in the penitentiary.

Application of Velma Armstrong for divorce from S. M. Armstrong granted, and plaintiff given the custody of children, and given the household goods. No defense was made.

Application of Belle Fraser for divorce from Jas. C. Fraser was granted, and the custody of children given the plaintiff. No defense was made.

The civil suit of Nathan Greensfelder vs. G. H. Hulme, was settled out of court and dismissed.

In the matter of the suit in partition in the Karl Herter estate, the report of the commissioners was approved and sale ordered in accordance with decree. The selection of John C. Herter of the south half of the south-east quarter 17, 20, 11, at the appraised value was approved, and is therefore exempted from sale.

Fair Warning.

Notice is hereby given that beginning with the first day of May, 1903, every possible effort will be put forth by the municipal authorities of Great Bend for the rigid enforcement of the prohibitory laws of the city and state. Any and all persons found guilty of violating any of the provisions of said laws will be prosecuted to the limit. Boot-leggers and jointists will find no quarter and nothing will be left undone to stop the illicit traffic. Owners of property used for this purpose will take warning lest heavy fines and large cost bills be assessed against their premises. The law is strong and far reaching and its fullest powers will be invoked against all offenders and against all property prostituted to the unlawful business. Owing to the policy heretofore recognized in the city, those who may have been in the business and now absolutely quit and stay quit will not be molested, but if any such persist in their efforts to evade the law they will be prosecuted for any and all offenses past and present that may be proven against them within the limit of the law. Any person detected in swearing falsely will be prosecuted for perjury.

MARTIN WEIRAUCH, Mayor.

Base Ball.

An informal meeting was held in Osmond & Cole's office last Friday evening for the purpose of stirring up a little base ball enthusiasm for the coming season. A board of managers was selected, consisting of Charlie Allison, Wm. Osmond, Geo. Greene Jr., Dan Banta, Will Bunting, Ed Chapman, Ed Marx and Gus Schaeffer. The object is to arrange for the organization of a first class amateur base ball club, one that the people will take an interest in and one that we can put up against the teams of the state and not be ashamed of. Something like the old time invincible Shamrocks. An effort will be made towards getting a diamond in the fair grounds, opposite the grand stand. We believe the people of the city should encourage the move, as there should be something more doing here in the summer than working and drinking pop. Let us give the boys a boost, thereby adding to our own pleasure, besides it will help to advertise the town.

Peter Meyers and wife and two children go this week to Port Washington, Wisconsin, to visit for a month or more with Mrs. Meyers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Becker. The latter couple will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on May 9, and the day will be made the occasion for a reunion of the various members of the family.

The first bulletin issued by the State Board of Agriculture gives the following information: Acres wheat sown in Kansas 6,020,000. Average condition at present 97.8 per cent. Condition in Barton county 98 per cent.

D. J. Lewis and Engineer J. E. Boisels were over from Hoisington, Tuesday, figuring with some of the contractors on the proposed school building for Hoisington.

It is a fresh new stock every week in the millinery line at Lundblade & Bolinger's.

Buy your new hat in the millinery department at Lundblade & Bolinger's

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

The marriage license business seems to be picking up. Let her go.

Miss Gertrude Meek is back at her post of duty at the New York Store, after a tussle with the measles.

Peter Becker, Port Washington, Wis. is a new subscriber to the DEMOCRAT.

J. K. Younkin has closed his term of school in district 103, and is taking a much needed rest.

Full line of the new, ladies' low shoes "up to date" at Lundblade & Bolinger's.

Instead of going down town for it you can go down cellar—after next Friday.

Supper at the G. A. R. hall, Saturday night of this week, by the Ladies Circle.

There will be an Epworth League Social Friday, April 24, at the home of Blanche Nimocks. Ice cream and cake will be served.

Mrs. Lottie Duffy left on Tuesday for her future home in Kansas City. The good wishes of a large number of friends go with her.

See dates for Chas F. Clynne meetings, elsewhere in this paper. Everybody who can should hear this eloquent young orator.

The J. I. C. representatives sold threshing rigs last week to Geo. Ewalt of this point, and Ernest Bittner of Olmitz.

Walter Bushnell was down from Dubuque Monday, and among other good things he did, was to renew on the DEMOCRAT.

From all parts of the county we hear the most favorable reports regarding the growing wheat. Prospects thus far are for a bumper crop.

We this week install another job press in the DEMOCRAT office, to enable us to meet the demands for our work.

Wonder when "Col. Jeltz" moved from Topeka to Buffalo township, and began writing Buffalo items for the Item.

How about sprinkling Forest avenue this summer? It is now in pretty fair condition, but will not remain so long if permitted to blow full of holes and sand piles alternately.

Editor O. E. O'Brien of the Clafin Clarion was in the city Monday, on business, while Editor W. E. Stoke, of the DEMOCRAT was in Clafin on business the same date.

All members of the A. O. U. W. should remember that assessment No. 3, for 1903, and dues for second quarter, are payable on or before the 28th of this month.

D. W. Baker, an employee of one of the mills who lives in the southwest part of town, was on Monday the 20th inst, presented with a pair of twin boys—regulation, 9 pound, Kansas democrat babies, by his wife. Mother and boys doing well, and Dave on the road to recovery.

The trees in the park have received a much needed trimming last week, and some of the dead ones in the south part taken out. Our park is certainly one to be admired, and we trust will be kept in as good condition, or better, the coming summer, that it has been.

The April meeting of the Double Seven Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Fitts, Thursday evening of this week, with all members present, and Commissioner W. B. Pickerill as critic. Just what report he will carry over to Clafin we do not know; but don't believe he will say anybody went away hungry.

You have heard of the man who had the "white elephant." Well, C. L. Worman of the 4th ward has one—a swarm of bees who last year took up their home between the planking and plastering of his house. He thought it funny last year, but this year he don't know how to get rid of them. Why not bore a hole through the plastering, tap the honey and draw off as wanted?

Clafin had a temporary pest house last week—a cookshack set out in the warmest corner of the new cemetery. Saturday they had one "expose" confined therein; but that night he became tired of his graveyard company and came to town, reporting to the marshal that his temporary quarters had blown over. As he would have been released on Monday, on time limit anyhow, he was told to go home. Shortly after, the pest house was seen to be on fire, and was burned down.

A Shriwise was over from Hoisington Tuesday.

Al Spencer was over from Hoisington last Wednesday.

Geo. Heim was up from Ellinwood Wednesday.

Ben Giles has been up the road on business the past week.

Roy DeMotte, having completed his contract with the Valerius Drug Co., at Hoisington, is at home.

Ed Schmelzer, the best looking solicitor the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, has, is in the city.

Geo. Bicknel was in from Albion township Wednesday, reporting wheat prospects O. K.

James Armstrong, one of the business men of Galatia, was in the city several days this week.

FOR SALE—2 horses, wagon and harness, \$125. Four blocks south, 2 west or square. C. J. MOMEYER.

There will be First Communion services at the Catholic church next Sunday.

T. C. Cork of Hoisington, has added his name to our subscription list.

The first commencement and exhibition of St. Mary's school will be held in the Opera House May 28, 1903.

Harry Mecklem left Tuesday evening for Colorado and other points, expecting to be gone an indefinite length of time.

F. A. Barrows, of Galatia, called Wednesday to see the DEMOCRAT printing plant and to order the paper to his address.

You can get any and all kinds of printing done at the DEMOCRAT office. Nothing so good but we can furnish it.

T. C. Morrison, of Hoisington, received some of the degrees in the Commandery Tuesday evening, and is now a full fledged Knight Templar.

The cashier's desk in the New York Store has been moved back to its former location, on the south side of the dry goods room.

J. W. Drake and Louis Shaffer of the north side, were two friends of the DEMOCRAT to call Tuesday and renew for another year.

A splendid showing of new spring suits and the prices are right at Lundblade & Bolinger's; remember we guarantee our C. & W. clothing.

Wedding stationery, either printed or copper plate, as well as calling cards, announcements, etc., furnished by this office.

Dr. Dunn, who was injured by a fall while trimming trees some weeks ago, is still confined to his home, and has had some bad spells the past week.

Had you ever thought of the convenience of taking your produce to a store where you can do ALL of your trading. Take it to Lundblade & Bolinger's.

The new city administration will be asked to see if those "cattle yards" cannot be removed from Forest Avenue before the hot weather comes and the fomentation process begins.

A district Sunday School convention was held at Pawnee Rock last Sunday, the 19th. On account of bad weather there was not a large crowd present, but the exercises are said to have been pleasing, and the meeting productive of good.

Lyman Dodge and wife left for Moline last Sunday morning, to attend the wedding of H. G. Farris, which took place on the 20th. Mr. Farris was formerly an employe of the Hooper Drug Co., in this city, and is well known by our young people.

STRAYED—From Mike Dailey's Barn Monday night, one black horse mule, 3 years old, weight about 1150 to 1200; 16 hands high, in good flesh, wire scar in front of left hock running up and down. A liberal reward will be paid for information or return to Mike Dailey's Blue Front Livery Barn, Great Bend.

DIED—At about 8 p. m., Tuesday April 21st, at the home 14 miles south-west of Great Bend, little Thelma, the 7 year old daughter of C. E. and Maggie Gates, of scarlet fever. The father, C. E. Gates, has been down with the fever for the past 4 weeks. Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday afternoon and the remains interred in the Pleasant Ridge cemetery. Another child, little Chester, is very sick, also.

EDUCATIONAL

CONDUCTED BY SUPT. C. R. ALDRICH

Questions For Examinations.

The following limits have been determined by the State Board of Education for the basis of questions for examinations during the next year, beginning with the examinations following the Normal Institutes:

LITERATURE.

Dickens. Christmas Carols
Tennyson. Enoch Arden
Scott, Lady of the Lake, Ivanhoe
Macaulay. Lays of Ancient Rome
Wordsworth. Michael, etc.

ALGEBRA.

Simple operations leading to and including equations of one unknown quantity.

KANSAS HISTORY.

The Salient Points Only.
GENERAL HISTORY.

English History: Henry VII., to George III., inclusive.

Miss Shedd is preparing an outline of Literature that is designed especially to meet the needs of normal students and others who expect to take the next teacher's examination.

The County and City Superintendent's convention the Seventh District will be held in Hutchinson on May 9th. A fare and a third on the certificate plan has been granted.

Pupils Who Passed.

The following is a list of the Eighth Grade pupils who passed the first series of the Common School Examination:

Anna Wood, Blanche Hammond, Sarah Hammond, Alma Steuri, Etta Whitman, Charles Archer, James McCaffrey, Perley Boshell, Edna Miller, Alberta Brining, Gertrude Grizzell, Ceola E. Smith, Wilbur Ames, Winifred Hartshorn, Nellie Langford, Tom Spring, Clara Wolf, Lulu Grossardt, Karl Schmidt, Minnie Komarck, Edwin Petz, Austin Lowry, Herman Praeger, Mae E. Tullis.

The Dundee Meeting.

The educational meeting at Dundee last Saturday evening was a success in every particular. The school house, which is the largest one room building in the county, was simply packed to overflowing. The audience was appreciative and the very best of order prevailed.

The program was an especially good one and nearly all who had a place on it were there and did their part. Of the members worthy of special mention was the flag drill by ten little girls. Miss Capicola Williams responded to an encore in her reading. Miss Williams is well trained in the art of expression and can not fail to please an audience. Marion Zimmer in his paper, "The Advantages of an Education," advanced the thought that, the improved methods of business and the keenness of competition in all lines demands that the men of today be prepared to meet these conditions. The schools must give this preparation, and the schooling which was adequate for our father's needs will not meet the requirements of the young people of today.

The treat of the evening was the music by Epperson's Military Band, notwithstanding the inconvenience of a long drive eleven of the members were out and perhaps they never played better or to a more appreciative audience. Meetings of this kind are undoubtedly a benefit to all who take a part in them.

Notice.

Great Bend, Kans., April 25, 1903. Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Great Bend Water Supply Company that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at the office of the First National Bank, Great Bend, Kansas, May 18, 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m.

W. C. SUTTLE, Secretary.

The Bishop of Salina, the Right Rev'd. S. M. Griswold D. D., will visit St. John's Episcopal church, Great Bend, Tuesday April 28th. Service will be at 8 o'clock p. m. There will also be Holy Communion next morning (Wednesday) at 7:45 a. m.

Geo. Thatcher, Jr., has been taking lessons in taxidermy. His first efforts were a couple of small birds. He set them up in the parlor and the work was so perfect that the old cat, thinking a good dinner awaited her, made a sneak and captured the birds.

The W. O. W. have invitations out for a grand ball, to be given at the old opera hall on the evening of the 29th. The best of music will be furnished, and good order will prevail.