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LAW POINTS AFFECTING SCHOOLS.

Opinions of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The teacher is entitled to pay for legal holiday.

Pupils must conform to the course of study prescribed and program of exercises.

A child comes under the truancy law the day after he is eight years old and passes out from under the law the day after he is fifteen years of age.

Teachers must obey the law in the matter of making their monthly reports under the truancy law regardless of the fact that it may displease some parent. The law is plain on the matter, and no teacher should fear to do his duty. If they do their duty under the law they will have the respect of law abiding citizens, and who cares for the censure of law breakers? I think it a wise course to use discretion in all cases, but when it comes to face an absolute duty, there is but one thing to do, and that is to perform that duty without fear or favor.

There still lingers in the minds of some the idea that a pupil has only to go to school four months out of the year, but this is a mistake as the new law provides that the pupil must go to school regularly every day that there is school in his district. Every parent that keeps a pupil out of school to work unless the parent is dependent upon the child for support is liable to a fine of from five to twenty five dollars. The parent who keeps his twelve year old boy or girl out of school for commercial purposes is an enemy to his country, our country's hope is an intelligent citizenship. Educate the child that he may be a self supporting member of society. Help him to become an independent and not a dependent.

Teachers' Association Program.
MORNING SESSION.

Roll Call—
Short Book Review—"Innocents Abroad" (Twain) Mamie Lorang "Saracinesca" (Francis Marion Crawford) Sylvia Smith
Round Table—Chapters 7 to 12 inclusive of American Writers of Today. Led by Helen Minnis
AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:00.

Music. Ellinwood High School
Third and Fourth Grade Reading, Kathleen Grant
Eighth Year Civics. J. C. Wright
Current Events. Heiko Bunger
Oral Work—Grades one to four.

Julia Miller
Music. Ellinwood High School
Round Table—Question on chapters 9 to 19 inclusive of "White's Art of Teaching" Led by M C Martin
Entertainment Committee:—M. C. Martin, Mrs. Nettie Warwick, Kathleen Grant, Helen Minnis, Julia Miller.

Postmaster John Typer Dead.

Another of the early settlers of Barton county, and one who has been closely connected with the history of this city from its first settlement. John Typer, postmaster at Hoisington, died on Wednesday afternoon, the 13th, at an advanced age. The funeral will be held at the house in Hoisington at 1:30 p. m. today, the 15th, under auspices of Pap Thomas Post G. A. R.

We hope to give an extended notice in the next week's issue of the DEMOCRAT. It is desired that as many of the Post members as possible attend.

For Sale.

A well improved farm, located six miles north of Ellinwood. For particulars call on or address, J. P. BELLINGHAUSEN, Ellinwood, Kans.

The DEMOCRAT office is in receipt of an elegant "California Calendar," magnificently illuminated with California scenes and golden poppies. It came through the kindness of Wilmot McClimans, who is in business at Bakersfield.

The sign on Jim Clarke's office door has been tampered with since he put it up so that he will not recognize it when he returns. It now says that he has gone to Tennessee after some mountain dew. In Tennessee mountain dew is not wet like water.

Anyone wishing to improve his place and not having ready money, I am willing to arrange, to furnish the trees and plant them for you.
AUGUST GARLING.

Clarence Morrison and Don Jordan left for California the first of the week.

Hoisington has an all night electric light service.

Concerning the Opera House.

A special meeting of the city council was held on Friday, the 8th, to hear the report of a committee to investigate the condition of the Great Bend opera house. Following is the official record of the action taken:

"The Fire Committee made a verbal report that the city has no control; that the Statute, Chapter 83 A, covered the case and that this state law has not been complied with in any respect and that the hall is unsafe. The committee recommend that the hall be closed until the owner complies with the Statute. On motion the following was adopted:

"Resolved, that the owner of the Willner Opera House be requested to comply with the State law, also make a door or exit on the west side of the gallery and an iron or wood stairway running down to the wooden stairs and that the wooden stairs be replaced by iron or wood stairs, that the stairs from the gallery be not less than four feet wide, from the auditorium not less than five feet wide and the lower section of stairs not less than 6 feet wide, all to be protected with strong railing at least 6 feet high opposite the exits and four feet high the balance of the way."

As to the safety of the structure outside of the escapes and preventatives, Manager Lewis informs us that the mayor and councilmen made a thorough examination of the building, from basement to roof, and gave it as their opinion that the building is strongly and safely constructed, and that there is no danger of it falling down or collapsing.

Nothing concerning this however appears in the official report.

New Bank Officers.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the J. V. Brinkman Co. Bank the following officers were elected: J. V. Brinkman, Pres.; J. Geo. Brinkman, V. P.; Arthur E. Taylor, Cashier and F. W. Brinkman, Ass't Cashier.

The new officers are not new to our community, and it is with pleasure that we note the advancement of Mr. Taylor who for several years was connected with the bank here but for the past two years and a half he has been cashier of the Brinkman-Brack State Bank at Olmitz. Mr. Taylor will not assume his new duties at present as the person who is to take his place at Olmitz has not yet been selected.

The new ass't cashier, Frank W. Brinkman has been with the bank four years and has proven himself worthy of the new position.

These are both young men who have grown up in this part of the state and we should be proud of their advancement which they have merited.

The Progress Club.

The Progress Club met with Mrs. R. H. Moses on Monday, Jan 11th. The program was exceedingly interesting presenting Chaucer and readings from the Canterbury Tales.

From the Conquest to Chaucer—Mrs. Russell.

Review of Canterbury Tales, with Readings—Mrs. E. R. Moses.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Leland.

Roll call—Quotations from Chaucer.

Mrs. Moses served delicious refreshments to her guests at the close of the program.

Here is a Big Bargain.

320 acres of good land 3 miles northeast from St. John, Stafford county, Kansas. Improvements, 4 room house, stable for 14 horses, granary for 2500 bushels of wheat, crib for 400 bushels corn, 2 wind mills, 3 wells, fish pond and 10 acres of good orchard, 195 acres in cultivation, 125 acres in pasture. On the place are 100 acres of growing wheat which all goes with the place if sold soon. This land is all fenced. Write for prices.

DAWSON & ZUTAVERN,
Financial Agents,
Great Bend, Kas.

The city registration is not starting off with any particular rush. At noon Wednesday there had been only 56 males and 2 females registered.

The J. V. Brinkman Company Bank enters upon its 31st year during 1904, having been established in 1874. The bank has steadily advanced from its establishment until to-day it stands as one of the oldest and largest banks in the state. The deposits of this bank have been one third of the total deposits of all the banks in this county, the county having the largest deposits per capita in the state.

Congregational Church Election.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church was held last week at the church. Reports from the committees showed all bills paid in full, and a balance of \$40.00 in the treasury. The following officers were elected for the year:

Pastor, W. L. Sutherland; Deacons, R. H. Moses, J. F. Tilton, I. Reynolds and Joseph McMullen; Trustees, Mr. Willis Bolinger, G. N. Moses, J. G. Slentz, Mrs. Shaw, and Mrs. R. A. Charles; Treasurer, Mr. Ferger; Clerk, J. H. Jennison;

Visiting committees—first ward, Miss Dighton and Mrs. Langham; second ward, Mrs. Townsley and Mr. G. N. Moses; third ward, Miss Reynolds and Miss Rush; fourth ward, Mrs. E. L. Gilson and Mrs. Slinn.

Reception committee, R. H. Moses and Geo. Brinkman.
Ushers, A. G. Langham, Frank Moses, Will Townsley and Chas. Simmons.

Music committee, Lillian Brinkman, Vida Morrison and Mrs. Geo. Brinkman.

Collectors, M. B. Fitts and John S. Slinn.

Sunday school officers were elected as follows: Supt., R. H. Moses; assistant Supt., W. L. Sutherland; Secretary, Frank Moses; assistant sec. Adam Krause; Treasure, Lelia Giddings; Choristers, Ella McMullen and Susan Roberts.

We have just three of the 1904 Hicks almanacs left. 25c each.

G. L. Chapman, of the First National Bank, visited Claffin over Sunday.

Frank C. Seeber was up from Albert, Friday, and made the printer a call.

Mrs. L. P. Frey, of west of town, visited with a sister at Halstead last week.

Mrs. Walter Tyndall, of Hoisington, was seriously ill the past ten days.

Ex-night marshal Randall was able to be out on the streets a little, the latter part of last week.

George Dale, of the 3rd ward, went down into old Missouri last week, on a visit with relatives.

FOR SALE—Car of Oil Meal, by the 100 or by the ton. Best feed to be had.

W. F. KLEIN & CO

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eberhart, of the east end of the county, entertained a large number of friends and neighbors on the 3rd inst.

We received a letter Saturday, addressed: "The Two Bills, Great Bend, Kansas." It reached the spot alrighty.

Eli Carson, manager of the Jos. Cummings Produce Co. station at Great Bend, returned last week from Topeka where he spent his holiday vacation.

Have you thought any more about that scheme to build an auditorium at Great Bend? It can be done if our people go at it in the proper manner.

Calls for our "double header" New Year greeting have nearly exhausted the supply of extras we provided. We did not know our "faces" were so "taking."

Jacob Sessler, of the east part of the county, was a caller Friday to tell us he had "lost out" on the DEMOCRAT for a couple of weeks, and to get the back numbers.

Axel Wemmergren went to Kansas City last Friday night to look after his valuable fowls in the poultry show He carried off the honors on Silver Penciled Wyandottes.

Andrew J. Deckert, of near Pawnee Rock, called last Friday to see the DEMOCRAT print shop. He says wheat is in good condition, with apparently enough moisture yet in the ground to keep it growing.

An alarm of fire called out the department to the Willner building, Thursday morning. The fire started from some rags and paper piled around a tin flue in the Shepard photo gallery, and was put out before the hose carts or chemical engine reached it. Another case of criminal negligence in the old Willner shack. A flue was built up into the room about as high as a man's head, and a tin or galvanized iron pipe put on top of it to lead the smoke on up somewhere. The boys with tin chemical made their initial run, and were first on the ground.

The Annuity Union.

A Fraternal Beneficiary Association chartered and incorporated under the laws of the state of Kansas, with headquarters at Topeka, organized a local union at Claffin, last Thursday evening with 15 present and as many more applications. The following officers were elected and installed: Prés., Ora L. Evans; V. P., Mrs. Fannie Dowse; S. V. P., Dr. H. W. Jury; Sec., Lewis A. Janzen; Treas., Mrs. Dr. Curtis; Chaplain, Gerry Limbocker; Marshal, D. Lorenz; Guard, G. V. Davidson; Sentinel, Chas H. Ward. The organization will be completed next Thursday evening when the balance of the officers will be elected and a drill team organized. Claffin is one of the best little business towns in Kansas, her people are pleasant to be with, they are friendly and intelligent, they know a good thing when they see it, which accounts for the splendid success with which the Annuity Union is meeting in her midst. We are glad to note this, for this association is worthy of your patronage. Its officers are good business men, its plan is correct and its protection the best, and does not conflict with with any other organization, its government is purely representative. Claffin will have a Union of which she may well be proud and the organizers Mr. and Mrs. Law will return to their field of labor, happy, because they have met with success and that they have many warm friends at Claffin.

A Wolf Hunt.

On Wednesday, Jan. 20th, there will be a wolf chase, south of the river, as follows:

South line, form at county line—Elmer Dale, Capt.

West line, form on North and south road by the Taylor school house—Louie Woodburn, Capt.

North line, form at the Arkansas river—D. C. Luse, Capt.

East line, form at east St. John road—Oscar Norris, Capt.

Lines start at 10 a. m., round up at 1 p. m. on the Nick Smith farm, Sec. 24, west of the Ira Brougner timber claim. Everybody invited to participate, and obey the rules and captains.

Winners at Kansas City.

On the seven birds sent by Great Bend specialists to the Kansas City Poultry Show, four were prize winners. Axel Wemmergren won 1st prize on cockerel, and 1st and 2nd on pullet, on his Silver Penciled Wyandottes. F. L. Marsh won 1st prize on White Wyandotte cockerel. Our boys are proud of the valuable prestige this gives their fowls.

H. F. Sutton of St. John was in the city on business Wednesday.

Lyman Dodge is building a new residence on north Main street.

D. A. Banta attended court in Ness county Monday and Tuesday.

Conrad Qchs and wife were down from Wheatland township Tuesday.

We are glad for a good batch of live, readable news from Galatia this week.

Nordica at Lindsborg, Kans., Feb. 4. For tickets see Mr. J. Razor, Mo. P. Agent.

Mrs. Will Custer, who has been seriously ill for several days, shows some improvement.

Rev. H. T. Davis of Albert, is enjoying a visit from his mother, of Nickerson.

Henry Kendall has resigned his position at Lundblade & Bolinger's and is temporarily employed at the hotel.

Mrs. S. H. Gwinn went up to Greeley county, Wednesday, to visit a few days with George Kincaid's folks.

Tully Seward, one of the trusted employees of the First National bank has been on the sick list the past week.

Henry J. Campbell and P. W. Paxson, two of Albert's standbys, visited down in the Oklahoma country this week.

Will Kopke, a brother of Fred, came in from Michigan a few days ago and is employed in the grocery department of Lundblade & Bolinger.

Nordica, queen of song, gives a concert at Bethany college, Lindsborg, Kansas, Feb. 4. Excursion from Great Bend over Mo. P., \$2.25 round trip.

C. A. Swartz of this city was in Topeka Wednesday attending the anti-machine meeting. He was made a member of the campaign committee for the 7th district.

FIRST NATIONAL OF GREAT BEND BANK

COUNTY DEPOSITORY

DIRECTORS

J. S. WINGET W. M. CHATTEN Ed L. CHAPMAN,
HENRY MEHRHOFF G. L. CHAPMAN.

Statement of the Condition at Close of Business, January 8, 1904

| RESOURCES. | LIABILITIES. |
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| Loans and Discounts \$159,451.58 | Capital Stock - - - \$50,000.00 |
| U. S. Bonds - - - 12,500.00 | Surplus - - - - - 7,500.00 |
| Premiums on Bonds - - - 800.00 | Undivided Profits - - - 1,221.70 |
| Real Estate - - - - - 10,660.00 | Dividends Unpaid - - - 1,700.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures - 1,500.00 | Circulation - - - - - 12,500.00 |
| Due From U. S. Treasury 825.00 | Deposits - - - - - 303,921.99 |
| Over Drafts - - - - - 675.31 | |
| Cash and Sight Exchange 190,631.80 | |
| \$376,843.69 | \$376,843.69 |

I certify the above statement to be correct. Ed L. CHAPMAN, Cashier.

WE thank our friends and customers for their patronage and pleasant business relations during the past fifteen years, and it will be our endeavor to merit a continuance of the same which we most cordially solicit.

We are prepared to make first-class loans on personal, chattel or real estate security at a reasonable rate. We cash checks and drafts drawn on all parts of the world.

We give prompt attention to collections and make our charges reasonable. We carry ample insurance against burglary and daylight robbery.

Letter From Olmitz.

It seems that our local correspondent has big eyes and long ears for every little thing that interests or not interests our town people and our country neighbors; but he has over-seen and over-heard the grand school children Christmas entertainment, which was given in Brack's hall and was conducted by the School Sisters.

The commodious hall was over crowded, and many people, who came several miles distance to enjoy that evening with the little ones, were disappointed because there was not room enough for them in the hall.

All the little ones did so well that everybody present excepting perhaps the writer of "Olmitz Notelets" were more than surprised. There were speeches, songs, addresses, dialogues, school playing etc. on the program, and all the children did exceptionally well, which filled the hearts of their parents with just pride. As I hear the writer of "Olmitz Notelets" was also present, but in his last writing in the DEMOCRAT he silently passed it. Very probably he didn't want to praise and he couldn't abuse. Is it malice or bigotry?

The little ones and their friends herewith express their thanks to Mr. P. Brack who allowed them the use of his hall and to Olmitz Cornet band, who furnished fine music for that occasion, which was highly appreciated by the children as well as by the grown people. The children also give their thanks to all those who during and after the entertainment through their good will and words of praise or any other way encourage them in their studies.

Geo. Brown, who runs a rooming house on lower Main street, and who has gained quite a reputation as a booze fighter and wife beater, got on another one of his tantrums on Friday evening of last week. He tried to resist marshal Wilson when the latter went to arrest him, with the result that he lit out in the middle of the street. Police court fines seem not to have the desired effect of straightening out his kinks, and he was this time turned over to the county authorities. His trial was held in Jennison's court Tuesday and he was given 80 days at the "Bunting Palace Hotel" in the 1st ward. 30 minutes in which to get out of town would have been a better punishment. There are some things that don't go, and the offense with which he was charged is one of them.

Regular services at Presbyterian church on next Sunday. On Sunday evening, Rev. Jolly will preach on Subject, "Strong and Weak points of Dowieism." This subject will be treated from a psychological as well as a Biblical standpoint. A cordial invitation extended to every one.

Mrs. C. D. Montgomery and son were down from North Independent township, Tuesday, and called on the DEMOCRAT.

Athenian Club.

The Athenian Club met at the home of Mrs. Swartz, Monday, January 11, with Mrs. Cox as leader. After a business session the following program was rendered:

Hans Sachs, The Cobbler poet, Mrs. L. Grimes.

A class study of the lesson (chapters 50-56) war of Austrian succession was conducted by the leader, Mrs. Cox.

German legends, Mrs. Minnie Cole
Early German Art, Mrs. L. Zutavern.

The Club adjourned to meet January 18, with Mrs. Gertrude Moses, Mrs. Swartz Leader. Each member is requested to bring a favorite quotation written, to be used in a quotation book.

The Oriole Club.

The patrons of the Oriole Club should understand that they are being presented with a rare attraction in the Walter George English Concert Singers. The nominal charge for reserved seats will not pay half the actual cost of bringing this large company of artists to the city. The Oriole Club are paying a handsome price for this number to make good with abundant measure, pressed down and running over, the course of entertainments promised their patrons and they trust these efforts will be rewarded with a splendid and appreciative audience.

At Methodist church Monday evening, January 18th.

Miss Alice Reynolds and Miss Agnes Unruh have been granted instructors certificates by the State Board of Education.

The annual meetings of the stockholders of the People's State Bank of Hoisington, and the Pawnee Rock State Bank were held last week.

Henry Waeldin, late of Brooklyn, N. Y., is a new assistant with the Great Bend Implement Co. Mr. Waeldin has been here but a few weeks, but has gained in flesh, and likes the country tip top.

Hemker & Nuttleman, the new firm which succeeds Miller & Hemker in the Hardware business, invites all old friends, and the public generally, to call and see them at the old stand. They are going to sell you the right goods at the right prices.

The deposits of the three banks of this city on the 8th inst., were as follows: J. V. Brinkman Co. Bank, \$417,500. First National \$303,921. and the Citizens National \$155,266. A total for the three of \$876,687. Pretty good, isn't it?

The attention of our readers is called to the especially fine showing made by the First National Bank, of Great Bend, in the statement published in this issue of the DEMOCRAT. Their deposits have increased nearly \$20,000 since the last quarterly statement was made. Something unusual for this time of year.