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Our Aims; Accuracy; Promptness, and All the County News of the Week.

C. NORTON DECEASED.

In the death of Charles Norton Barton county loses one of her earlier citizens, and one who will be greatly missed by those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance—and their names are legion.

Deceased was born at Litchfield, Connecticut, August 3, 1826, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Effie Chappel, in Pueblo, Colo., on January 27, 1904, at the age of 77 years, 5 months and 24 days. He was married on Sept. 2, 1849, in New York, to Miss Delila L. Vandorn. To them were born ten children, four of whom, Frank and Morrell Norton of the north part of this county, Mrs. Lida Marx of Great Bend, and Mrs. Effie Chappel of Pueblo, Col., still survive him. His wife died and was buried in the Great Bend cemetery about 18 years ago, and the remains of the faithful husband now rest by her side.

The first 25 years of Mr. Norton's busy life were spent in New York; he then came west to Ohio, and resided in that state for 25 years. In 1879 he came with his family to Kansas and has made his home in Great Bend, conducting a hotel business on south Main street for a number of years. His life was always a busy one; his friendship strong; his heart warm towards his fellow men, and although



suffering a great deal with disease for the last few years, he was uncomplaining and cheerful. Of late years he has made his home most of the time with his daughter, Mrs. E. S. Marx, and the writer being a near neighbor has had the pleasure of a close acquaintance with him. The world is better that he was spared to his friends until a ripe age.

The floral tributes to his memory were beautiful and profuse, but better and more lasting are the memories of his kind words, cordial smiles and warm hand clasp.

The bereaved sons and daughters have the deep sympathy of a large circle of friends.

March Jurors.

The following have been drawn as jurymen for the March term of the district court, Barton county:

- Homestead township—C. A. Duling, R. M. French and J. R. Logan.
- Lakin—Wm. Roth, Charles Rose and Albert Steckel.
- Cleveland—Henry Oeser and Gus Frees.
- Beaver—Madison Toadvine.
- Walnut—J. W. Lowery.
- Comanche—Henry Buschman and Charles Wolfe.
- Great Bend—D. A. Weltmer, A. M. Collins, J. B. Chapman, J. A. Purviance, L. J. Barker, I. N. Willhide Ovid Butler, John Durkin and M. L. Crow.
- Clarence—C. L. Archer, Herman Dirks and Wm. Gagelman.
- Wheatland—A. D. Avery and Phillip Ochs.
- Eureka—J. B. Trester.
- Fairview—A. H. Jennison.
- Cheyenne—Geo. Klein and Alois Birzer.
- Independent—Herman Bieser, E. H. Hill and Ed H. Norris.
- South Bend—D. P. Robertson.
- Buffalo—W. F. Ruhe.
- Logan—Tom Gray.
- Grant—Robert Hlaverty.

Progress Club.

Club met with Mrs. F. Vernon Russell, on Monday the 1st inst. The following program was given: Anne Boleyn, Mrs. Sutherland, Queen Elizabeth, Mrs. Zutavern; Cecil (Lord Burleigh) Mrs. Stoke; "O Rare Ben Johnson" Mrs. Townsley Totell's and other poetic miscellany Mrs. Torrey. Quotations from Ben Johnson. Club will meet next week with Mrs. Sutherland.

Wallace will make you the best photos you have ever had.

City Council Proceedings.

Council met in regular session on Monday night, the 1st, with the mayor and six councilmen present.

The minutes of the previous meetings, January 4th and 8th, were adopted.

The Finance committee reported the following bills and warrants authorized, and allowed:

Louis Zutavern, stone	\$ 70 00
Louis Zutavern, street work	59 11
Louis Zutavern, coms.	3 75
Fire Exting. Mfg. Co., bal.	3 63
W A Rush, stone	13 59
F H Hitchcock, salary	20 00
C A Swartz, salary	12 50
J W Cox, sprinkler	25 00
Crane Co, police docket	10 00
W Torrey, fees	12 88
F D Wilson, salary	75 65
E Price, street	24 00
C Lucas,	25 00
Lundblade & Bolinger, oil	1 50
O A Martin, culverts	151 50
Hose Co., Shepard fire	14 00
C S Allison, coal	4 50
W F Honnen, lamp	1 00
John W Mering, drayage	3 25
Grimes Light & Power Co	60 00
R B Bruce, work	50
S A Newcombe, coal	2 70
T P Fair, lumber	14 40
R A Charles, cement	1 00
A Aitken	84 00
H E Dean	3 34
Total	\$702 80

The newly elected officers and members of the fire company were on motion, approved.

Report of money collected and expended by citizens of the south part of the city, for house for chemical engine, received. Amount \$370.

Ordinance No. 252, being an ordinance for the construction of a brick, stone or cement sidewalk along the east side of Morphy street, beginning at southeast corner of block 134, thence north along blocks 134, 131, 110 to northeast corner block 110, was taken up, read and laid over.

Petition presented for a sidewalk east side of block 120 and a crossing to the East school building, signed by Wm. Rubart and 11 others. Referred to Improvement Committee. Petition presented for sidewalk beginning at southeast corner block 115 running north on east side of block 115, commencing northwest corner of block 116, running north on west side of blocks 101 and 92 to the southwest corner block 77. Referred to Improvement Committee.

The matter of buying fire hose came up and bids from various manufacturing companies were received; on motion the matter was referred to a committee consisting of H. E. Dean, J. Rediger and fire chief W. E. Stoke to report to next meeting of the council either special or regular.

The committee who conferred with the Water Supply Co. report, recommended that the matter of purchase be canvassed for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the citizens. Report accepted and committee discharged.

Moved that the Telephone Co. be notified to remove their old poles from Broadway and Main street. Carried. Moved that Mr. Welch on south Main street be notified to move his barn from the alley and Mr. Dailey be notified to remove his barn from Iakin street. Carried. Council adjourned, W. TORREY, City Clerk.

La Crosse Marshal Killed.

On Monday night, the 1st. A. J. Talbot, city marshal of La Crosse, was killed by F. T. Applington, a merchant. Applington had been drinking and Talbot put him under arrest in the doorway of his store. Applington shot Talbot twice, one bullet going through the heart.

Applington then shut himself in his store, but on the arrival of the sheriff surrendered himself. There was a great deal of excitement, but any talk of mob violence was soon quieted.

Business Opening.

Wanted—at Hudson, Stafford Co., Kansas, a good general store—dry goods, groceries, hardware, etc. Splendid opening; good country around the town. The right man can make good money. Call on or write THE DEMOCRAT.

Tuesday was "Groundhog" day. Clear and bright, with "shadders" galore. Six weeks more of winter? Well what's it to you—if the winter is no worse than the last six weeks have been.

Don't forget to get your seats reserved at Allens Drug Store on Tuesday morning for the entertainment Monday evening Feb. 15h.

COAL—Yes, all you want, at S. A. Newcombe's.



JOSEPH ALLEN ROOT

Sov. Com. Woodmen of the World, and founder of all Woodcraft, will speak in the Opera House on Friday evening February 5th. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. No admission.

Gas or Oil, or Both.

The committee appointed by the Commercial Club last summer to investigate the gas and oil proposition, have been quietly investigating the question, assisted by a few others who have been very much interested in pushing the matter. The committee reported to a special meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday which was well attended, and which was very enthusiastically in favor of starting down to see what there is underneath. Prof. Young and others who have lately been in the eastern part of the state, say that while we will have to go down much farther here than in the east, our chances to make a strike are good. Wherever the experts said nothing would be found, have been found the best producing wells. A number of farmers are very anxious to help in starting the proposition. If we found either gas or oil, it would revolutionize the fuel and light question, and be the making of the town. Some people think it a useless waste of time and money to prospect. Were every untried project proposed in the past which has met with similar opposition, abandoned on account of it, we would be in an elegant fix now, wouldn't we?

Those who do not care to put any money into the venture, will confer a favor on themselves and others, permitting others to do so. Don't stop the wheels of progress.

The Commercial Club has subscribed for \$150 worth of stock, and authorized the committee to proceed to organize a corporation to do business. Another meeting will be held soon.

There will be a box supper at district 28 on Thursday night Feb. 11th, benefit of church. Those preferring to do so bring their own boxes, but if any come without, there will be boxes already prepared for them.

Mrs. Ella Drum, of Waverly, Kansas, came up this week on a visit to her brother, Bert F. Lewis of Buffalo township, and her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Purviance of Great Bend.

Robert Smith, Santa Fe engineer, has been entertaining his brother, David C. Smith and wife, of Schenectady, N. Y., the past week.

Mrs. Anna Parker, of the 2d ward, entertained a few friends last Saturday evening, in honor of her niece, Miss Mabel Hays.

Misses Ella Volmer and Lelia Giddings are taking a few weeks' vacation and visiting with friends in the eastern part of the state.

Will Brown, the tinner, formerly of this city, was up from Oklahoma last Monday, on his way to Kansas City.

Miss Mayme Baldwin, of Hutchinson, has been here this week on a visit with Mrs. Frank Porter.

P. Coopridger has bought Tom Michael's interest in the butcher business.

Paul Andreae, of Hudson, was transacting business in Great Bend, Monday.

Frank File is confined to the house with a bad case of measles.

Municipal Ownership.

W. J. Bryan did not spend all his time wining and dining, while in Europe. He came home enthusiastic for municipal ownership of public utilities.

In Glasgow Mr. Bryan found the municipal gas cheap and good. At certain hours of the day laboring men ride from one end of the city to the other in special cars for 1 cent. There are model tenements where the rent of \$36 a year includes taxes and water.

London is awakening on the lines of Glasgow.

Nottingham sells gas for 50c per 1,000 feet, and the net profits of the works last year was \$120,500. The city took possession of the tramways, raised wages, shortened hours, and derives nearly \$100,000 a year profit from the lines.

Birmingham furnishes water and light to the people and will take charge of the street railroads. So it is with Belfast.

Americans can sneer all they please at these European innovations. They can quote the fact that labor gets more in America than in any other land on the globe. That does not alter the fact that citizens are entitled to still more.

The people of Europe who are behind these municipal enterprises are hard headed business men in most instances. They are as keen for profit as a Yankee can be. They have discovered that the things that are closely associated with the general public can best be operated by and for the public; that when private gain is eliminated the effect is at once beneficial. Municipal ownership works no general hardships on the rich, and results in justice to the poor. It is a success in Europe. Mr. Bryan sees it. A thousand others have given the same testimony. The best evidence of its success is its legitimate and logical success. It is spreading from St. Petersburg to crowded London.

Some day it will come to America to stay, and the people will wonder why they tolerated a condition that made of a few men millionaires, gave to the public so little and charged them so much for it.

Back in Business.

It is now Sams & Brooker proprietors of the Great Bend Marble Yards, Mr. C. R. Brooker having this week purchased a half interest with Mr. W. J. Sams. For many years Mr. Brooker conducted a marble yard in this city, and has a large acquaintance among our people who will be glad to see him in the business again. Mr. Sams has enjoyed a splendid business during the years that he has been here, and the joining of these two well known gentlemen ought to make a most successful firm. The DEMOCRAT wishes them long life and prosperity. They have also purchased the marble business from A. C. Baxter and consolidated it with the Sams' yards.

Maccaroni Wheat.

I have good Maccaroni seed wheat for sale at \$1.25 per bushel f. o. b. Santa Fe at Rush Center, Kansas. Sack free with 2 bushels. W. A. McELHINEY, Rush Center, Kan.

Defeat of Governor Bailey.

"The people will justify a generous support of all the great interests of our state, but they will condemn any profligate waste of the public money."

The above is a closing paragraph of Gov. Bailey's message to the last legislature. Little did he think when he penned those few words that for a betrayal of the trust reposed in the legislation, and a failure to heed a warning sounded by him, he would fail of a second nomination by his own party for the great office upon which he had just entered. Nominated on the first ballot at the Wichita convention, against a formidable field, elected by the overwhelming majority of 40,000, against a candidate whose campaign cry was just taxation, and economy, he entered the office of governor with a bright future. Surrounded by men who had made him, he took their advice and counseled with them. Why should he have done otherwise? A bitter senatorial fight was in progress, also a bitter fight over the best plum in the state, state printer. Upon the organization of the house depended much in the result of these contests. Neither county represented by the two leading candidates for speaker had supported the governor at Wichita, and he was under no obligations to either. One made a miserably poor speaker of the former house, the other had some strength which was needed by the governor and his supporters to help them in helping those who had stood by him at Wichita, and he went that way. Long was elected senator, and after all what did Governor Bailey owe Curtis or Stanley? Clark was elected state printer, and what did Governor Bailey owe Hoch? Had the latter been elected state printer, would he now be crying for reform in that office? Would he now be a candidate for governor? The legislature, heeding not the governor's admonition, spent money extravagantly. The state senate in the hands of the enemies of the governor had 148 employees for 40 members. The house, a majority of whom were friendly to the governor had something over 200. In both branches of the legislature were men like Senator Miller, Stubbs of Lawrence, Dqley of Waubaunsee, Findlay of Rice, and many others who were lined up with the boss busters in the recent fight on the governor, and all are alike to blame for the extravagance. None of them called a halt. Some of them had bills in for large appropriations which were voted down. They helped spend the money the tax payers are now putting up, and now they are throwing the entire blame on Bailey. On the state board of equalization is Tom Kelley who with the assistance of secretary of state, Burrow, cut the valuations in their respective counties raised it everywhere else except on the railroads. The same Tom Kelley who put up \$1,000 for shortages in his accounts as county clerk of Miami county. And now poor Bill Bailey, because he stood by men who stood by him, must go back to his farm, with the knowledge that his own party did not think him fit for a second term, his enemies using their own shortcomings to drive him out of the state house.

This is a republican row, and we have no chips in the game. We are not particularly stuck on Bailey, and certainly not on Cy Leland and his crowd, but it does not seem right to turn Bailey down for renomination when every boss buster is as guilty as the governor and his crowd, and then on top of that renominate Tom Kelley for state treasurer, and pass resolutions endorsing Burton.

Frank Wood brought in and sold a load of alfalfa seed the first of the week, the check for which made him feel good all over. The load contained 76 bushels, bringing him \$518. Pretty good haul for one load. A few loads like this and Frank could give his friends \$20 gold pieces for souvenirs. Who says alfalfa don't pay.

Regular services at Presbyterian church on Sunday. On Sunday morning will be the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Sunday evening Rev. Jolly will preach on subject: "Politics." A cordial invitation extended to everyone.

Sam Cory, a Santa Fe engineer of this city, and Miss Eva Freed were married at the home of the groom's parents, in Hutchinson on last Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. Geo. Brinkman gives an afternoon reception this—Friday— evening, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Dr. McPherson.

The Saddest Good-Byes.

To say "good-bye" to a cherished friend or loved one always costs a quiver of lip and a flutter of heart. The solemn, pathetic words seem to shrink from utterance, and the lips are reluctant to let them go. When the words have been spoken, the hand grasped released, and your moistened eyes follow the disappearing form into the dim distance, an indescribable feeling of loneliness creeps into the heart and broods over your spirit. But are there not unuttered good-byes of the soul sadder, far, than any of these oral expressions of parting? Does not the soul sometimes feel that a dear one is slipping away and disappearing in the gloom of indifference? You notice the changed manner, the coldness, the slights, the preference for others—perhaps you magnify these evidences that you and your friend are drifting apart, but they are all too real, anyhow—and from the depths of your soul there wells up an involuntary, unuttered good-bye which nearly breaks your heart. The vase has been broken, the flowers are withered, and the perfume is gone. Yes, the saddest good-byes are those which are never uttered, but are only whispered to one's self in the sacred chambers of the soul.—Marion Record.



JOHN WESLEY KAISER

State Manager of W. O. W. of Kansas, who will assist in the public meetings Friday night.

Joseph Kackley Deceased.

Joseph Kackley, father of Homer V. Kackley of Heizer, died last week at his old home, near Capon Bridge, W. Va., and at his request was buried there beside the remains of his parents. The funeral ceremonies were very impressive. On Saturday, Jan. 23d at the home of the Calverts, songs and prayer were delivered. The pall-bearers were selected from members of Co. F. of the old regiment of deceased, under command of Asby's Black Horse Cavalry of Virginia, No. 7. Each of the pall-bearers rode a horse of jet black, and each man was over six feet tall, and the funeral procession was one of uniqueness, simplicity and pomp.

Deceased was aged 63 years, 5 months and 19 days. He went into the Black Horse Cavalry in 1861, and was released in 1865. He was a prisoner at Elmira, N. Y., for 18 months. After the close of the Rebellion he lived in Virginia for a year or more, then removed to Kentucky. Later he went to Iowa where he married his first wife, the mother of Claude, Orville and Homer (the three sons well known here.) In 1877 he came to Kansas, locating in Republic county. The town of Kackley, that county, was named for him; and on the day of his funeral the entire town of Kackley suspended business during the funeral hours.

Mr. Kackley was a thorough gentleman, courteous and open hearted. Mr. F. M. Russell, and a number of old Union soldiers who were up against the famous Black Horse Cavalry of Va., remember him well.

Slowly yet surely the mould of the grave covers the last of the Blue and the Grey and evens up the hopes and ambitions of the brave men on both sides of that terrible struggle in the early 60's. Peace to the ashes of all, and peace to the sons and daughters in whose memories the good deeds of the departed will ever remain.

At Coyle, Oklahoma, on Jan. 31st, Benj. Higbee, youngest son of Polk Higbee, accidentally shot himself, and the last word from there states that death was expected at any minute. Mrs. Warren Miller, of Burdette, left for that point on Monday, the 1st. The Buffalo township friends hope that the result of the accident will not be as bad as indicated.