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THE COUNTY'S BIRTHDAY

Thirty-Two Years Ago Monday This County Was Organized.

WHEREAS: It appears from the records in the office of the Secretary of State that a census of Barton County has been taken according to law, properly sworn to by three resident freeholders of said county, showing population of over six hundred (600) inhabitants, citizens of the United States; and whereas, more than forty inhabitants, freeholders in Barton county, have petitioned for the appointment of three Special County Commissioners and one Special County Clerk, and have selected the town of Great Bend in said county as the temporary County Seat, now

THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I, James M. Harvey, have appointed and commissioned the Special County Commissioners and Clerk asked for in that petition, and do hereby designate the town of Great Bend the temporary County Seat of Barton County.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State. Done at Topeka this 16th day of May, A. D. 1872.

By the Governor,
JAMES M. HARVEY.

W. N. SMALLWOOD,
Secretary of State.

[SEAL] Filed May 23d, 1872.

The above is a correct copy of the order of the governor organizing Barton County and making Great Bend a county seat, just 32 years ago.

Municipal Ownership.

The following letter was taken from the Hoisington Dispatch, and in view of the water works agitation we have been having will be of interest to our people:

Mr. J. Q. Ragan,
Hoisington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:—We use about twenty-five tons of slack coal each month. We pay our first engineer \$60 per month and our second engineer \$50 per month.

Water rent, first twenty-five feet \$5, second twenty-five feet \$1.50, and third four cents a foot.

Plant cost \$42,000. We use the Dean system direct pressure. Pumps never stop. Railroad takes about 500,000 gallons a month at 5 cents a thousand gallons.

Forty-five water plugs. About seven miles of mains.

Good bonds can be floated at 4 1/2 per cent.

We get about \$3,000 for water rent. This does not include what the fire plugs would cost if the plant was owned by individuals.

Hard to tell just how much insurance has been reduced, but it is quite a good per cent.

We have fine water system. In the way of saving property it has paid for itself more than once.

Yours truly,
S. S. Dix, City Clerk.

A Pleasant Afternoon.

That is what about twenty ladies enjoyed at the hospitable little home of Mrs. Ellen Coughlin in the third ward Thursday afternoon. It was not a young peoples' party, neither an elderly ladies' party, but just a party for a few of the many friends of Mrs. Coughlin, and all present enjoyed themselves to the limit. The rooms were nicely arranged to accommodate the guests, and refreshments consisting of salad, sandwiches, olives, ice cream, cake, coffee, nabesons, and wafers were served, to which all did ample justice. The guests were Mesdames Grizzelle, J. V. Brinkman, McGreevey, Maloney, Reynolds, Odell, Strothman, Young, Buckland, Stoke, Walker, Frank Gunn, G. N. Moses, Wilhide, Tilton, Hooper, Dan Coughlin, Feder, and McMullen and Miss Reynolds.

A. B. Riddle returned last week from his visit to Pennsylvania, and while modesty may forbid him giving utterance to the expression, we believe he is really glad to get back to Great Bend. He had a very pleasant time while away. Mrs. Riddle and son Edward will not return until some time in the latter part of the summer.

Birthday Party.

About twenty-five of the friends of Steve Tonkin of the south side assisted him in celebrating his 63rd birthday, Sunday, May 15th, at the family home. Those who attended from town were the Misses Stella Allison, Pearl and Lula Moore, Mable Langham, Daisy Allison, Lizzie McMullen, and George Winstead. A big dinner was served and the afternoon spent very pleasantly by those present. Mr. Tonkin is one of our old time settlers and is now enjoying life to the fullest extent. His happy guests wished him many more birthdays.

Cap Lewis was at Dodge city on business Thursday.

Chas. Pressl and Nic Berscheidt were in Ellinwood Sunday.

Ben Giles returned Saturday evening from his trip to Illinois.

Guy Johnson is down from Latned visiting the family of Geo. W. Moore.

Mrs. H. E. Turck of Ellinwood is visiting her numerous friends in the city.

Hemker & Nuttleman are having their implement houses repainted this week.

Geo. Clarke came up from Macksville Saturday for a short visit with home folks.

The Troillett building on Forest avenue, is resplendent in a newly painted front.

John Case and Frank Nordman of the northwest visited at Ellinwood last Saturday.

A. M. Sipes had the misfortune to have his left hand badly bruised by a barn door Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Hannah Burson left Saturday evening for Los Angeles, California, on a visit of a few weeks.

Frank Marsh has received an inquiry from Canada for a setting of eggs from his thoroughbreds.

T. W. Woodward and family came up from Macksville Saturday evening for a visit with home folks.

Doc. Gray and family were over from Hoisington Saturday evening, to witness the performance of "Sapho".

H. E. Turk was up from Ellinwood Sunday, visiting the family of O. W. Dawson, and his other numerous friends.

Guy Lee is at the helm as local reporter for the Tribune, while the Townsley boys are taking in the Worlds Fair.

Howard Difenbacher has been promoted to the position of passenger conductor, on the C. & A. Howard's many friends here will be glad to learn of his promotion.

H. J. Meyer, who has been with the Great Bend Creamery for the past seven years, this week moves onto the farm with his father-in-law, Otto Brant, of Eureka township.

Herman Stroble came in from St. Louis Sunday evening, where he has been taking in the fair. He will visit his parents a few days, and then return to his home in Colorado.

Jacob Held, a nephew of Henry Held of northeast of town, arrived from Wisconsin Friday evening, the 13th, and will likely remain here for the summer, and maybe for good.

Wm. Feger, Geo. H. Moore, Frank Marsh, and Ovid Butler drove to Ellinwood Sunday, and in company with Dr. Raffington visited Walter Koch of Comanche township.

Heizer Lodge, No. 515, A. O. U. W., stood seventh in the list of ten showing the greatest numerical gain in members for the month of April, and they are not through yet. They are going some, and are getting a first rate class of risk.

Jake Base and Andrew Siebert returned from the Pacific coast Thursday morning, after having traveled over nearly all the state of California. They say they saw a great many nice communities, but they are still residents of Kansas.

The second case of small pox developed at Hoisington Saturday, and was placed under quarantine. The victim is a man who was employed at the old Hume restaurant as cook, and he was rooming at the Carson rooming house. The first case has been released from quarantine.

Up in Rush county there lives the widow of a Workman, who had some necessary repair work to be done on her fences and out buildings, so the members of the lodge at Rush Center, to which her husband had belonged, got together one day last week and did the work. That is fraternalism for you.

Sam Cooper, a well known young man in this county, was shot and killed one day last week. Cooper was employed by the Rock Island out of Herrington, as a brakeman, and in attempting to run a negro bum off the train, the bum drew a gun and fired, the shot killing Cooper. We are not able to get the full details of the affair.

ELLINWOOD.

From the Leader.
T. J. Conroy came in from Wisconsin last week on a visit to his brother, John Conroy.

D. S. Warwick is now secretary and manager for the Millers' Grain Co. with headquarters at Ellinwood.

Wm. Rose of Sterling, a brother of Mrs. Will Steckel, committed suicide by shooting at Sterling last Friday night. It was a very sad affair.

Aug. Hahn brought in a sample of his May wheat this week which was nicely headed out and will be ready to harvest before the first of June.

Mrs. P. Doherty and the three youngest children came up from Bryon, Okla., Sunday night to join Mr. Doherty and make their future home in Ellinwood. Wheat is well jointed and is making a remarkable growth. The prospects now for another big crop are excellent and our farmers are feeling fine as silk.

A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Komarek, west of town, tendered them a surprise party last Wednesday evening. A most pleasant time is reported.

Great Bend is figuring on a 4th of July celebration. Ellinwood will do what she can for a county seat observance of the glorious holiday, as the harvest here will make it impossible for us to make any elaborated observation of the day here. It's Great Bend's turn anyway and if she wants Ellinwood to help now is the time to, for we may want to do a little celebrating ourselves next year.

The city council transacted quite a volume of business at its monthly meeting Monday night. Among other matters the marshal was in structured to collect all of the dog tax at once. A. Auchstetter was appointed assistant marshal for day duty during the summer months and instructed to see that violations of the ordinance prohibiting stock from running at large or being picketed along the public walks and highways of the city be looked after. 610 acres all in grass 3 1/2 miles of Belpre Edwards county. Fenced, well and wind mill. Land smooth and fairly level. I control this land and will quote price on application. J. F. Urson, Larned, Kas.

HOISINGTON.

From the Dispatch.
J. L. Seagondollar has the addition to his house nearly completed.

Mrs. G. P. Eitel has been visiting friends near Colorado Springs and returned Monday night.

Miss Nellie Usher returned from a three week's visit at Goodland and Colorado Springs Saturday night.

Pat O'Donnell opened up his drug store the first of the week. Wallie Soutner is clerking in the store and Dr. Myers is the pharmacist.

Mrs. T. C. Cork and children were made quite sick Friday by eating canned meat. Prompt medical assistance placed them out of danger.

G. H. Shaw was given a pleasant surprise by 27 of his friends Monday afternoon it being his 25th birthday. All present spent an enjoyable afternoon.

Engineer Will Dennison and wife left Sunday evening for California where Mr. Dennison goes as a delegate to a meeting of the B. of L. E. They will return in five weeks and visit along the way.

Harry Prindle came back from Woodward county, Oklahoma, last Saturday and went out to Ford county where he will try to locate some land. He says the farm he picked on in Oklahoma is 50 miles from a railroad and if he can secure a farm in western Kansas he will not locate in Oklahoma.

William Wantland died the 8th, Sunday afternoon of a cancer on the face from which he has been suffering for about a year. The funeral was held Monday, conducted by Rev. Cornelius and the body was interred in the Hoisington cemetery. He was a brother of C. M. and Dug Wantland and was 44 years of age.

Extensive improvements have been made at the hospital, including an up to date operating room with all necessary appliances. The hospital folks are having all they can handle most of the time and have been considering an addition to the building. This is an institution we should be proud of and one that will be a great deal of benefit to the city.

This county has enjoyed a week of wheat-growing weather, cool and wet.

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