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There Is a Great Difference Between Speculation and Investment--Reading Aesop Investing.

Obituary.

In the passing of Mr. J. V. Brinkman from this world to the world of the future we have lost a worthy member of society, one who will be greatly missed, and over whose departure there is universal sorrow. A friend said, "For she was a mother in Israel." In this phrase is contained all that can be said of any one. Mrs. Brinkman was a mother among mothers. Coming to this community in the early days, amid the trials and hardships incident to pioneer life she reared her family, and at all times was ready and gave the time necessary to assist some other mother in her trouble. Of a sweet, kindly disposition, she was universally regarded as the ideal mother. Around her centered the large family, ever ready to do and say what she wished. Ever ready to assist her in her numerous unostentatious charitable undertakings. Many times a little help has come to those in need through the simple charity of this departed one, and none ever knew. Her's was the ideal life. "Doings unto others as she would be done by." Her life in this community is a worthy one to emulate. And as she was placed to rest beside her late husband, our people paid the last sad respects to the father and mother of a household whose name is held in the highest esteem and is linked with the moral, social, and business life of the community for all time to come. May they sleep in their sweet eternal sleep which we are taught is the reward of all those who live faithful lives. May their acts, and their works, and their teachings live after them in the hearts and minds of their children and their neighbors, and may we at all times continue to remember Mr. and Mrs. Brinkman as noble examples of what we should be.

Mrs. Brinkman's maiden name was Susan Lebold. She was born near Mineral City, O., in December, 1842, was married to J. V. Brinkman in 1863, and in 1874 removed to Great Bend, having resided here continuously since. To the union were born ten children, one son preceded the parents to the other shore. Those living are, Mrs. Fred Zutavern, Mrs. Nic Smith, J. Geo. Brinkman, Charles V. Brinkman, Mrs. G. L. Chapman, Miss Lillian Brinkman, Mrs. A. E. Taylor, Mrs. Milo White and Louis Brinkman. All are residents of Great Bend except Mrs. White, whose home is in Fremont, Mich. Deceased is also survived by three brothers Samuel, William and John Lebold of Bolivar, O., and one sister, Mrs. Theo. Lentz of Mineral City O. Mr. Brinkman died in June 1905.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Subeyland from the Congregational church Sunday afternoon, preceded by a private service at the late home. A large concourse paid their last respect to the departed one, and the floral offerings were the most elaborate ever witnessed at a funeral in this city. The employees of the Walnut Creek Milling Co. attended the funeral in a body.

Twentieth Century.

The Twentieth Century Club met with Mrs. Geo. Turner Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Lyman Dodge as leader. Special guests of the club were Mrs. D. Turner, Mrs. Dr. Hoge, and Mrs. Rice of Pittsburgh. A splendid luncheon was served and all present enjoyed a delightful session. The club has taken up the study of "Kansas." They will hold their next session with Mrs. Ed Chapman in two weeks.

Says Cone of Stafford, formerly a Great Bend resident visited friends here Sunday.

Men's Indian Fighters.

We wonder how many are here that joined the Indian fighters that were enlisted in 1877 to fight Indians and protect the then frontier. Our recollection is that Captain John F. Lewis was authorized to raise two companies of state troops to look after the border and to intercept any straggling bands of Indians who at that time were making some trouble. The first meeting that we remember was in the court house in this city. The next meeting of our company was at the home of our captain, James Dawson, of South Bend township. There were about sixty of us present and a great deal of talk was indulged in and what seems especially at this time to be several foolish ideas expressed.

One man wanted everybody to go to Great Bend and throw up defenses around the town, another wanted to know whether he was to capture or kill the Indians and still another one wanted to know if our folks would get pensions if we were killed. The officers finally lined the bunch up and we were marched and counter marched and some loud talk indulged in. In fact the company assumed such a war like attitude that all the dogs, chickens and cats were scared out of the neighborhood. We imagine that what few old soldiers that were with us had a good deal of fun out of the meeting. The Indians by some means found out about us and surrendered to about the first officer they met rather than meet our company, and as the state failed to arm the company we disbanded. One circumstance connected with this is very vivid in our mind. A boy about eleven years old and looked like O W Dawson cried because he could not join the army.

W. R. Bunting

Big Farm Residence Destroyed by Fire.

Abilene, April 28:--The large farm house of C. H. Luttrell, west of town, was totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Luttrell was not at home and Mrs. Luttrell and the children were on the way to a neighbors when fire was discovered issuing from the house. No help was near, and the loss is a total one, only a few things being saved from the ground floor.

The house was erected some years ago by Dr. M. Kirsch, who sold it about two years ago to Mr. Luttrell, who greatly enlarged and beautified it, making it one of the finest residences in the county. He took possession about a year ago, coming here from Kansas City.

Insurance to the amount of \$9,700 was carried on the residence and \$4,000 on the household goods, which but partially covers the loss, the house was valued at 14,000 and contents at 7,000.

Note--Mr. Luttrell is a former Great Bend boy, and is a brother of Mrs. R. A. Charles of this city.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our thanks to the many friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness during the illness of our beloved wife, daughter and sister.

Rhila Brown.

Mrs. H. H. Papp.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown.

Eddie Wagner returned from a visit with relatives at Ellinwood Monday evening.

Miss Julia Miller was surprised Tuesday evening by a number of her friends calling on her for a social call and informing her that the occasion of the call was on account of her birthday. The evening was spent in social conversation and was enjoyed by all. The guests on leaving wished Miss Julia many happy returns of the day.

Why Not Revise.

The Minnesota republican state convention adopted a platform in which it declares: "We reaffirm the principle of protection of American labor and industries, but we believe the time has come when there should be a revision of the tariff schedules by a republican congress." If "the time has come when there should be a revision of the tariff schedules by a republican congress" why does the republican congress, now in session, fail to act? Is it difficult for the ordinary man to understand that the people can not expect a revision in the public interest from a political party that derives its campaign funds from tariff beneficiaries?--Commoner

Ed Williams of Pawnee Rock was a visitor Monday afternoon.

Misses Minta and Minnie Jones and Edgar Disney were Hoisington folks here Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Hartman and daughter, Blanche of Hoisington visited with Mrs. G. W. Nijmicks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing left for their home at Garden City Sunday evening after a brief visit here with relatives.

Will Gunn came in from Weber Saturday evening for a visit with his brother, Charles Gunn and family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Dale of near Stafford are visiting with Frank Shaffer and family and B. S. Dale and family this week.

Mrs. A. E. Rowell left for Lawton, Oklahoma Monday evening to look after her ranch property near there. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Emmerson accompanied her for a visit and a look at the country.

Mr. V. H. Wagner of Alden, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dannebohm of Ellinwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wagner of Ellinwood were up Sunday for a visit to Chris Wagner, who is still confined to his room with a severe case of rheumatism.

We are requested to announce that the order in regard to cleaning up alleys means that they shall be kept clean and that all kinds of rubbish must be kept on the premises or hauled away and nothing is allowed to be thrown in the alleys.

Pete Grause of Rush county was arrested Sunday near Timken by deputy sheriff Wat O'Connell. Pete is charged with selling liquor at Olmitz and made his get away from Olmitz at the time of the last raid there and went to Kansas City, came back to Rush county and is now in jail here.

Chas. H. Schultz and family of Huntington, Indiana were here Saturday on their way home after visiting Ed Schultz and other relatives and friends of Homestead. Mr. Schultz at one time lived several years in Winhita county and knows all about the homesteaders life including the fuel.

J C Weathers closed a deal with Dan Asher for the nw quarter of 30-20-13 Saturday, the price paid was \$8000. This makes Mr. and Mrs. Weathers landholders here to the extent of 800 acres. The farm purchased is the Billy Hood homestead on which the Hood school house is located and is one of the old land marks.

Thomas Ely returned from Onawatomie Tuesday accompanying the body of his son, Charles Elmer Ely was born in Grant township, Barton county, May 2, 1882 and died at Onawatomie Kansas April 26, 1908 at 6 o'clock a. m. Funeral services were held at the home residence in this city Wednesday, April 23, 1908 at 2 o'clock p. m. conducted by Rev. R. L. Sells of the M. E. church.

Council Meeting.

Council met in special session at 7:30 p. m. to call with Mayor Moses in the chair. Councilmen present Honnig, Johnson, Moses, Smith, Giles, Miller Banting and Merritt.

Councilman elect Merritt was duly sworn into office.

Communication from the Western Water Supply and Traction Company refusing to accept proposition of the council in regard to extension of water franchise was read as follows:

To the honorable Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your proposition that the undersigned Company accept a ten year water works franchise with the hydrant rental and rates for domestic consumers reduced 20 per cent from the rental and rates now in force we beg to advise you that we are unable to accept this proposition.

This refusal to acquiesce with your suggestion is not due to any disinclination on your part to comply with the city's desire, but is due to the fact that the income from the rates offered would be insufficient to enable us to operate the plant and render the city efficient service, and we believe that you will agree with us that this is the primary object for consideration in entering a new contract for fire service.

For the calendar year ending December 31, 1907, the net income of the Company was \$2864.06 or 8 per cent on investment of \$35,500. As we pay taxes on an assessment of \$45,000, our earnings should equal at least \$36,000 per annum and therefore the earnings on the basis of the present rates are manifestly inadequate, to say nothing of the reduced income from the rate you propose.

Estimated on the basis of your earnings for 1907, the rates you propose would have made our net earnings but \$1474.51 which equals 8 per cent on investment of \$18,443.1. These figures speak for themselves and demonstrate the unfairness of such a proposition to say nothing of our ability to give you adequate fire service.

We also wish to advise you that we are unable to accept the ten year renewal grant as you suggest. In order to successfully finance our property in Great Bend on the basis of a renewal franchise, the franchise should run at least twenty years. We are however, entirely willing to give the city the privilege of purchasing the property at stated intervals in the event it wishes to undertake municipal ownership at the expiration of ten years or any other period.

We shall be glad to receive any further proposition you may desire to make to us and assure you we will give the same our careful consideration and will be entirely willing to acquiesce in any request the city may make which we are able to concede.

Respectfully submitted,
Western Water Supply & Traction Company.

By Jno. S. Rountree,
Its Representative.

Councilmen W. F. Honnen then offered the following resolution which on roll call was unanimously adopted.

Whereas:

The Mayor and Councilmen of the city of Great Bend have exhausted all efforts to procure an agreement with the Great Bend Water Works Company for an extension of the franchise of said Company at reasonable rates and

Whereas:

Said Mayor and Councilmen have made what they consider a reasonable proposition to said Company which has been refused

and the said Company declining to make any proposition. Now therefore be it

Resolved

By the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Great Bend, Kansas, that it is the sense of his body that the said City of Great Bend should erect a city water works plant to be owned and operated by said city and respectfully request the citizens and tax payers of said city to express their sentiment by petitions for that purpose.

Resolved

That a copy of these resolutions be given to the Commercial Club. Council adjourned.

F. A. Moses, City Clerk.

Ben Giles left for Greenburg Monday evening to look after his land interests in Kiowa county. Mr. Giles has quite a tract of good farm land there.

Light frost and a little freezing is reported from various persons as having occurred last night but not of sufficient strength to have done any damage.

S. A. Troxell of Dayton, Ohio stopped off on his return from California and Oregon and is visiting his brother in law, E. L. Wood and family.

Mrs. O. L. Moore of Abilene returned from Pawnee Rock Tuesday evening and is spending the day with her cousin C. S. Wilson and wife.

The ball game between our eighth grade and Pawnee Rock high school played at Pawnee Rock Saturday resulted in a score of 9 to 11 in favor of the Rock.

Jim Wilson has resigned as baggage man at the Santa Fe and Chas. Howard has taken the place. Mr. Howard is a railroad man of experience. Mr. Wilson returned to Sterling.

Henry Zimmer was the winner of the large glass punch bowl at Spang's last Saturday with No. 8211. The holder of ticket No. 7730 lost out by not being present at the drawing. We did not learn who held the ticket that was first out.

We have received a copy of the transactions of the Kansas Historical Society for the years 1906 and 1907, in which is included the minutes of the fortieth annual meeting. A copy can be secured by addressing the secretary, Walter Wellhouse, at Topeka.

John P. Morgan formerly clerk at the Hotel Briggs in this city is here from Garden City for a visit with E. C. Briggs and many other friends. Mr. Morgan is clerk of the leading hotel at Garden City and doing fine. We as well as the host of friends here are always glad to meet Mr. Morgan.

The Holly Whist Club met with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Peters Monday evening. An enjoyable evening was spent playing whist. Refreshments of the very best were served. The guests of the club were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hemker, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nuttleman and Miss Edna Bartels.

Sergeant Samuel Wewarka of the general recruiting service was here Tuesday looking over the city with a view to establishing an office here. The sergeant informed us that there were several other towns in view but this city would probably be chosen. The office at Garden will probably be closed and Sergeant Bertell sent here.

Farmers should bear in mind that we have received our line of McCormick repairs and that they should be sure to get in plenty of time, so as not to be left at the post the last minute. Also remember that repairs, like other things have advanced in price.

L. S. Wilson.

Mrs. Riley Brown Dead.

Mrs. Riley Brown passed away at her home in the fourth ward at nine o'clock Thursday after a very short illness. The death of Mrs. Brown is a very sad one. Before her marriage she was Miss Ethel Pavey, and with her family has been a resident of this city for about twenty years. Her father was always in very poor health, and as she was the oldest child, the family having but two, the entire support of the family for a number of years devolved upon her. She was employed for years as a compositor in the newspaper offices of this city, and at one time also in the telephone office. She was little past 23 years of age. She had been married about eighteen months, and leaves her husband, a five day old child, mother and sister to mourn her untimely death. The funeral services were held Saturday at 2 o'clock from the Christian church, of which denomination she was a faithful member. She has had many things to contend with in her lifetime, but always stood her trials well, and was ever ready to do that which she thought was for the right. We deeply regret her death, and join her many friends in extending to the bereaved ones our sympathy.

Complimentary to House Guests.

One of the most delightful functions of the spring season was the 1 o'clock luncheon Thursday given by Mrs. L. C. Staples and Misses Nellie and Kate Lee, complimentary to their house guests, Mrs. E. R. Moses and daughter, Miss Grace Moses of Great Bend. The hostesses were assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Fred Able and Misses Grace Wellington and Maude Prescott.

The spacious Lee home, 600 South Santa Fe avenue, was further beautified with flowers and greens. In the dining room, where 22 covers were laid the daintily appointed luncheon table had for its center piece a mass of sweet peas and tulips in variegated shades and the same flowers were used in clusters about the room.

Cards supplemented the luncheon, the guests remaining for the afternoon. Mrs. Moses and Miss Moses expect to visit at the Lee home for several days.

It will be remembered that the engagement of Miss Moses and Mr. Charles Lee was recently announced. She is a charming young woman, a finished musician, with great beauty of mind as well as person, and the guests of Thursday were delighted to meet her.--The Salina Daily Union.

Storage Prices on Coal.

Owing to the fact that the companies are shipping at reduced prices, I desire to give to my customers the benefit. Therefore storage prices are now on and will remain in effect until the 15th of August.

S. A. Newcombe

Strayed--Dark bay horse pony, white star in forehead. Elmer Odell, R. F. D. No. 6 Great Bend or Moses Mill.

The Democrats in Congress cannot pass reform legislation without republican votes, but they are plainly showing the country the hypocrisy of the republicans in pretending to be for reform.

Reliable gasoline stoves are constructed according to the safety requirements of the National Underwriters and are on their list of "Permitted stoves." See the Reliable at the Great Bend Hdwe & Imp'l Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Batchman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Batchman and family of south of the river were in the city Tuesday afternoon. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Batchman and Miss Eva Batchman of St. John who are visiting relatives and friends in south Bend and north Stafford.