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You Have But One More Week For Christmas Shopping--The Ads in This Issue Show The Leaders.

The Sewer Question.

A fairly well attended meeting of the citizens was held at the court house last Saturday evening to discuss the sewer question and to hear the report of the engineers who made the survey of the city and estimated the cost.

Porter Young was elected chairman and E. L. Chapman, secretary. The report of the survey was presented. From it we take the following: It is the intention to divide the city into three sewer districts. The cost of installing the trunk lines for carrying off the sewage must be borne by the city at large. This will cost about \$30,000. Then the cost of installing the sewer in the respective districts would have to be borne by the districts, as they saw fit to install the system. We are unable to give detailed information this week, owing to the holiday rush, but will carefully go over the report of the engineers and attempt to give more information in the near future. The matter was discussed pro and con, and Dr. Meade presented a very able article bearing on the necessity for a sewer.

Walter Mathewson was up from Wichita this week visiting home folks.

Tobias McGill and daughter have returned from their trip to Iowa points.

Bert Faucher and O. E. Ball, were over from Claffin Saturday evening.

Mrs. Will Harris visited with Hutchinson folks for several days last week.

Ray Hulme and Miss Stoner, visited friends in Dodge City last week.

John Ashley came up from Neodesha a few days ago for a little visit.

C. E. Holmes has added two new show cases to his already well equipped store.

Sherman Mosbarger and wife were down from Pawnee Rock for a visit with the McGills Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marte Swift entertained Mrs. Swift's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lambert of Hutchinson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kennedy of St. Louis are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Laidlaw.

Mrs. Albert Weiss has returned from Kansas City where she was called by the serious illness of Mrs. Chas. Leschesky, who is considerably improved.

The following article was taken from the Virginia (111) Enquirer and is concerning the marriage of Mr. John Devlin to Miss Mary Finn. "Wedding ceremonies were celebrated on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Luke's Catholic church, uniting in marriage two of Virginia and Cass county's most worthy and popular young people. The contracting parties consisting of Miss Mary Finn of this city and Mr. John Devlin of Philadelphia. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. Father Stewart of Dubuque, Iowa, who is a cousin of the groom. Among those who attended from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McNally, Mrs. John Finn and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Finn of Hoisington, Kansas." The bride is well and favorably known around Hoisington, having several times visited relatives and friends in this vicinity."

Geo. Givens of Salina was in town Thursday on business.

Frank Bloomer, trustee of Independent township, and Julius Brockel, the Red Wing merchant, came down Thursday in the former's auto.

An Elegant Line

That is what you will say if you will visit the rooms of the Great Bend Furniture Co., especially after inspecting the large display of rockers, davenport, settees, couches, etc., to be found there. Everything that will go to make the home comfortable has been provided by this enterprising firm, and is ready for you. The Cox's are building up one of the largest furniture establishments in central Kansas and are doing so by selling goods of the "quality kind."

Ward Harris of Salina visited friends here Wednesday.

A. R. Friedeman was in Kinsley this week on business.

Reg. Russell and Henry Cooke went to Kinsley Tuesday after hogs.

Cooney Hartman went to Larned Wednesday to look after his corn crop.

Ed Ewalt came in from Missouri Wednesday morning where he has been on a several weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sams have returned to Alva, Okla., after a very pleasant visit here with the Sams family.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wilcoxon of Galatia visited Wednesday with two cars of cattle and one of Mrs. Sam Foster.

Geo. Mock of Hoisington was in town Wednesday and left for Abrahm. He was called by the serious illness of his mother.

Edward Fothergill is the new marble cutter in the employ of the W. J. Sams Monument Co. He and his wife arrived the first of the week.

F. T. Belt of Topeka, an old timer of Barton county, was in the city Wednesday and made this office a social call. Mr. and Mrs. Belt have come out to spend a few weeks with their daughter at Pawnee Rock.

Albert Hartman of Great Bend, Kas., considers this one of the most prosperous years in the history of Barton county for farmers. With a fair wheat crop this year and a better corn crop than most sections of the country produce, and with a fine outlook for the wheat crop next year he thinks no one can find fault. "Our corn is making around 40 bus. to the acre," said Mr. Hartman. "All over my neighborhood can be seen heaps of corn in piles. Platforms are built up from the ground, and the corn is piled on them. In this way it will keep from rotting. While it is not under cover it will not spoil in any kind of weather. It may rain on it and snow on it, but still it will keep. That is one of the great advantages we have in that climate. It saves the farmer a great deal of expense, as we do not have to provide a roof or covering of any kind for the corn. No corn is being shipped out. Farmers are simply holding it. We have no lack of moisture, and weather just right, it is making a fine growth. For some time farmers have been pasturing the wheat fields, which is a great advantage as it makes a fine feed for stock, and saves other feed, such as alfalfa. Barton county leads in wheat raising. And we are not very slow on corn and alfalfa, the other leading crops the farmer depends upon."—Drovers' Telegram.

This is the time of year when straight reading matter is crowded out by the Christmas ads, which in themselves are good and profitable subjects to peruse. This week is the last chance of the weekly publisher for Christmas ads, so next week we will be able to serve our readers better.

New Lodge Officers

Great Bend Lodge No. 15, A. F. and A. M. held its annual communication Friday evening, December 11, 1908 and elected and installed the following officers:

Worshipful Master—Mayer Eppstein.

Senior Warden—Charles Lundblade.

Junior Warden—George W. Nimock.

Secretary—William Torrey.

Treasurer—Louis Zutavern.

Senior Deacon—Frank F. Baily.

Junior Deacon—Woodward L. Lyda.

Senior Steward—Wm. R. Klindedent.

Junior Steward—Donald A. Weltmer.

Tiler—Geo. W. Thatcher.

Trustees—E. C. Cole, F. V. Russell, A. H. Connett, R. Merten, G. N. Moses.

Finance Committee—C. Lundblade, G. W. Nimocks, F. F. Baily.

The Royal Neighbors at their last meeting elected the following:

Oracle—Mrs. B. Plankhorn.

Vice Oracle—Mrs. Henry Miller.

Recorder—Miss Edna Miller.

Chancellor—Mrs. Lillie Harter.

Receiver—Mrs. E. Hemker.

L. S.—Mrs. Sam Comfort.

O. S.—Mrs. D. C. Glissman.

Manager—Mrs. Geo. Peck.

The Degree of Honor lodge has elected the following:

P. C. of H.—Mrs. Ora Smith.

C. of H.—Mrs. Hattie Luse.

C. of C.—Mrs. L. Converse.

L. of H.—Mrs. Lizzie Allison.

Usher—Mrs. J. Slinn.

Recorder—Flora Smith.

Financier—Mrs. Bessie Berscheidt.

I. W.—Mrs. Ellen Smith.

O. W.—Mrs. Anna Triplett.

Trustee—N. J. Berscheidt.

Med. Ex.—Mrs. Morrison and Button.

Receiver—Jas. Slinn.

Representative—Mrs. Bessie Berscheidt.

Alternate—Mrs. Ora Smith.

At the regular meeting of the Rebekah Lodge No. 57 on December 4, the following officers were elected:

N. G.—Mrs. Frank Kramer.

V. G.—Maple Moore.

F. Sec.—Mrs. D. C. Luse.

Treas.—Maude Luse.

—Edna Robe.

At the meeting December 15, the Noble Grand appointed the following officers:

R. S.—Miss Lula Moore.

L. S.—Mrs. Millie Laidlaw.

Con.—Miss Hazel Marsh.

Warden—Mrs. Sylvia Brown.

Chaplain—Mrs. Ed Tyler.

I. Guard—Mrs. Eunice Brown.

O. Guard—Miss Daisy Allison.

R. A. S.—Mrs. Sarah Moore.

L. A. S.—Mrs. Emma Robe.

Vice Grand elected as supporters, Mrs. Martha Moore—R. S. Mrs. Nell Livingston—L. S.

At the next meeting night, January 5, 1909, there will be installation of the officers and a big supper will be served.

Woodlawn lodge, No. 87, K. P. has elected the following:

—E. E. Eppstein.

V. C.—A. E. Smith.

M. E.—G. L. Chapman.

K. of R. S.—Edwin Tyler.

Prelate—S. A. Newcombe.

M. A.—Thos Ely.

I. G.—H. H. Duncan.

O. G.—H. J. Meyers.

Claffin is certainly on the boom. There are lots of new houses going up and the past week has shown a good increase in population. Among those who have taken up their abode in this vicinity are:

A boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Dondlinger, Friday of last week.

A boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Heger, Sunday.

A boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hardesty, Monday.

A girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moran, east of town, on Monday.

The Waste Matter of The World Feeds the World.

The sewage of a city will feed that city, let it be a city of a 1,000, or of 1,000,000 inhabitants. That would make no difference. The wastage of one man will, if applied to the soil, give him all the bread, meat, vegetables, fruits, clothes, shoes, shelter, health and exercise, that he needs, and much more in the way of luxuries, and leave the land in a better condition after he dies than it was before he got it. His offspring would have something to thank him for. This is true economy.

C. HARTMAN
Great Bend, Kas.
(Asiatic and European papers please copy. No sense in having a famine).

The Wednesday evening whist club was entertained this week by Miss Maud Luse and Mr. Ralph Wharton, at the Luse home. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cox and Mrs. G. W. Moore were guests of the club. A delightful evening was indulged in.

We have heard of people returning to Great Bend from other towns of seeing things, etc., but it remained for Amos Johnson, returning from Ellinwood by auto, to see a deer and chase it. But if Amos says it was a deer, a deer it was.

The good roads agitation is a good thing, and we hope to see it continued. However, the city council might set a good example in this direction by building a walk on at least the west side of the square, so when the people upon which this city depends, come to town in bad weather they will not be compelled to wade in the mud to reach the sidewalk.

Dr. Truhart of Sterling was in the city Wednesday on business. He gave the sewer proposition a boost by saying that Sterling was going to install a plant and that the town needed it. If Sterling needs a sewer, Great Bend, twice the size of Sterling, certainly needs one. In fact there is not much dispute on that point.

The body of a man who was killed by a Missouri Pacific train near Independence, Kas., last Friday morning, has been identified as that of George R. Spiers, a prominent real estate dealer of Kinsley, and father of Dr. G. A. Spiers at Ellinwood. The latter, judging from the description of the man thought that it was his father and journeyed to Independence and identified the remains. It is thought that he was temporarily mentally unbalanced, as he left home without any reason, and without saying anything concerning the trip.

Mrs. D. Himrod left Monday night for Illinois to spend the holidays with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hurling, of Edmond, Okla., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Imel this week.

Have You Seen It?

If not, you must see it. We mean the big Santa Claus emporium at Hoopers. You may think you have seen the largest stock of Christmas goods in town, but unless you have seen Hoopers this year you are mistaken. Never was there such a lay-out, not even by Hooper, who always leads.

The entire upstairs of the north room is in use this year, with shelves all around, and down the center, high and wide, and every inch of space is utilized in displaying the stock. It is impossible to tell you about all the beautiful pieces of china, hand painted, decorated, plain, all kinds and sorts. It is a veritable bower of beauty, and the same may be said of his vast stock down stairs. All this is for you, to select your Christmas gifts from, and if you will read Hooper's big page ad in this issue, you certainly will make it a point to get to his establishment.

Editorial

After an effort of two years, Abe Ruff, the San Francisco briber has at last been found guilty of bribery.

In Salina the political pot is already commencing to boil. Two candidates for the council are circulating their petitions.

The idea has become traditional in Kansas that muddy roads belonged to Indiana, Illinois and Ohio, until the present year, which has been set down in the records of the weather bureau as the "wettest season" for that state. Now Kansas understands that it only requires rain, upon its neglected dirt roads to make them as intolerable as the old mud roads used to be "back yonder." The "wettest season," therefore, promises more to the state than a mere "bumper" crop. It has created a demand for good roads—roads that will be just as comfortable and accessible in wet seasons as in dry seasons.

According to figures compiled by the New York Times, the vote for William H. Taft, in the recent election was 7,659,688, as compared with 7,623,486, for Roosevelt in 1904. The Democratic vote is given as 6,450,690, as against 5,077,971 four years ago. According to the table the Socialist vote was less this year than in 1904, the respective figures being 401,506 and 402,288. Fewer votes were cast for the prohibition candidates, the count standing 228,014, as compared with 258,535 in the last presidential year.

That Topeka furniture dealer who has laid in a stock of desks and chairs for representative hall, in case the members wish to buy them, couldn't show his goods to better advantage, than to put his said desks and chairs in place before the "boys" come in. The risk has been run in buying. Just as well finish the job.

From the temper of the people as expressed through the columns of the Great Bend newspapers, something will happen soon if the Santa Fe does not put up a new station in that town. While they're about it the Great Bend-ers might start an agitation for a union depot to serve as a station for all the railroads which is believed, will eventually run through that place.—State Journal.

Who was president when Clay, Johnson, Webster and Hayne were the history makers of the nation? Fifty years from now, the same question will be asked. Who was president when Bryan, LaFollette and Folk were making the history of the early part of the twentieth century?—4—Cincinnati Times.

Some people are very persistent in finding a job for Bryan. If they will let Bryan alone, he will get along all right.

Carr Taylor, assistant attorney general for Reno county, made business pick up for the joint-ists last Saturday evening by arresting fifteen of them. Elmer Webber, formerly of Great Bend, and Ira Rohlfing, formerly of Ellinwood, were in the bunch.

T. T. Kelly, exstate treasurer, received a hard blow at the hands of the district court of Shawnee County Saturday afternoon. In the case of the state against Kelly and his bondsmen, the Title & Guaranty & Trust company, to recover \$139,000 of state funds lost through the failure of the First National Bank of Topeka, the court sustained the state's demurrer to the defense put forward by Kelly.

The Ellinwood Leader and the Cimarron Jacksonian both got out excellent trade editions last week, with colored covers.

Richards-Hanel

John Hanel, of this city, and Miss Etta Richards, of Burlington were married Wednesday morning at 11 a. m. at the bride's home. John is manager of the electric light plant and is a gentlemanly hard working, ambitious young man. For several years he has been an employee of the light plant and was promoted a few months ago to the position of manager.

Mrs. Hanel is a sister to Jack Richards of this city, and is well-known, having visited here three years ago and it was at this time she met Mr. Hanel.

They will go to housekeeping in the Ovid Butler property in the third ward. The best wishes of this community are those of the young married couple.

Glorious Christmas Time

All the stores in town have all kinds of toys, as well as articles, useful, ornamental and otherwise, for the big Christmas rush the coming week. The windows are all elegantly decorated, the holly wreaths hang in the windows of the private houses, and the true spirit of the glorious Christmas time seem to pervade everywhere and to have taken possession of our people. And why not? Is this not the season of the year when all mankind should rejoice? We celebrate the coming of Him who pointed the people the right road to travel, in order that they may have peace, plenty and prosperity here upon earth, and a heavenly home in the hereafter.

Another Child Burned

Bernard, the little year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richards, was severely burned Saturday evening. He was left alone downstairs, and securing a light piece of wood, he stuck it into the stove, and after it ignited, pulled it out and the fire caught his clothing. This made him cry out, which brought his mother down from an upstairs room, and she smothered the flames but not until the little fellow was severely burned about the chest, throat, and arms. Medical aid was quickly summoned, and everything possible done to relieve the little fellow. As we go to press he is doing as well as can be expected, and his chances for recovery are excellent. Again we say, too much care cannot be exercised in the home that contains small children.

Mrs. A. L. Peugh was a visitor from Hoisington Thursday afternoon.

John Jones and Jess Norton were down from the city of Hoisington Thursday.

Mrs. W. S. McDougal and daughter Miss Goldie were down from Pawnee Rock Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Schneider were down from Olmitz Thursday on a Christmas shopping trip.

Wanted—Furnished room, warm and comfortable, with bath close in to business; reasonable. Mr. C. Kinzie, Democrat office.

Al Johnston of the north side of Stafford county was in the city Thursday and left that evening for western Kansas looking for some bargains in land.

Mrs. Effie McCurdy of Larned, was in the city Thursday visiting with Mrs. D. C. Luse. Mrs. McCurdy is the President of the state assembly of the Rebekahs.

The Bon Ton

This is the name of a neat little confectionary, fruit store and soda fountain opened in the room formerly occupied by the "Old Bome" by Don Weltmer. It has a neat fountain, an excellent supply of candies, of all kinds, nuts, post cards, hand painted china, cigars, etc., and is ready to serve your wants in that line. Miss Nina Stoke is assisting at the establishment.