

# Easter Greetings!

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## The Athenians Entertain Other Ladies Clubs.

Each year the two ladies clubs of this city, the Progress and Athenian, entertain at an open meeting for the other clubs. On Washington's birthday the ladies of the Progress Club entertained, giving a colonial reception. The colonial scheme was carried out in a thorough manner and the reception was a complete success.

The Athenians entertained Friday at the home of Mrs. Fred Zutavern and their reception was in the nature of a St. Patrick's day celebration. Everything about the reception was a complete surprise the Athenians not allowing a whisper about the affair to escape and the visitors while not knowing what to expect knew that it would be something novel and agreeably surprising and they were not disappointed in the least.

As the guests entered the door they were confronted with a large sign on green card board on which the Irish words of welcome, "Erin Go Bragh," appeared. The members of the Athenian club were dressed in white and green and a reception committee met the guests at the door. One of the main features of the entertainment was a blarney stone placed on the stair railing which the ladies kissed. Many of those who performed this beautiful feat were surprised at the surpassing loveliness of the stone as they looked at it. (It was a small mirror). The main feature of the afternoon's entertainment was the distribution of favors. The guests were given small packages from a large basket and on opening the same were informed as to the part they had in the entertainment. The favors consisted of Irish pipes, Irish hats, green snake bracelets and other little articles of a like nature ordered from the east for the occasion. In these favors each guest found instructions to perform some sort of act. Many had uncompleted limericks to fill out, riddles to answer, others had to make speeches or play selections on the piano, sing an Irish song or something of that nature. The one highlight of the afternoon was the agility and ability displayed by the lady who was not to be ordered to dance an Irish jig.

The house was beautifully decorated in green and white, with fringes of green pipes and shamrocks scattered everywhere. Following the entertainment of the afternoon delicious refreshments were served, consisting of pressed chicken, lettuce, sandwiches, potato chips, Irish jelly, Dub cake and coffee. One very pretty corotation was a beautiful handkerchief and hand made linen tablecloth and napkins to match, belonging to Mrs. Zutavern.

The affair will long be remembered all present as one of the most original and pleasant parties of the season. Great Bend, and the Athenians displayed their ability as hostesses in most charming manner.

## The Elks.

This week witnessed the culmination of the strenuous efforts put forth by the membership of Great Bend No. 1127, B. P. O. E., when handsome and well appointed was dedicated with all due solemnity on such occasions. Eckerson and his little ones in the organized less than eighteen

months ago with a charter membership of 64, after a hard fight to secure a dispensation, the lodge has grown by leaps and bounds until today it has 417 members, many more on the list of those whose applications have already been received, and one of the finest, if not as large as some, club houses in the state, erected and furnished at an expense of about \$20,000.

On Wednesday afternoon the home was thrown open to the public, all were given an opportunity to inspect the building, punch was served, caranations were presented to the ladies, and all were made to feel at home. In the evening there was held another reception for the Elks and their ladies only, also a concert by the Troubadours, from eight to nine, after which those who desired to dance were taken to the hall in the library building, while others were entertained at the home in various ways. Delicious refreshments were served.

On Thursday Elks only were in the push. The visitors to the city were entertained in various ways, among them being an auto ride about the city. In the evening the dedication exercises were held, followed by a banquet in the Moses hall. Dr. R. H. Meade, the new exalted ruler was toastmaster. Set speeches were delivered by Dr. Burdick, of K. U., Judge Lobdell, of Larned, and R. C. Russell and Ed Chapman of this city. Important talks were made by others. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all, and the new home of the order was christened in due style.

The home consists of two stories and basement. The latter will be used for a card and billiard room. On the first floor is a kitchen, dining room, lobby, toilet rooms, ladies parlor and library. On the second floor is located the lodge room and necessary ante rooms. The furnishings are fine in every respect, the decorations are beautiful, and nothing more can be desired by the heart of Elkdome in this vicinity, but a continuation of the prosperity and harmony that has prevailed since the institution of the order.

Too much credit can not be given to the retired exalted ruler, R. C. Russell, and his excellent corps of officers, for the manner in which the lodge has grown.

## Eckerson.

One of the sad deaths that frequently occur in a community, occurred in our city last Sunday afternoon, when Mrs. L. A. Eckerson was called upon by the Ruler of all things, to leave her husband and a family of eight children, to take up her abode in the other world. Deceased had been attacked by the measles, and while everything that could be done for her, it seemed that it was destined for her to go. The oldest of the children is 16, the youngest about one year. Deceased was born in Ohio in 1865. Her maiden name was Ingersol, being a sister of Mrs. James Downey and Leland Ingersol, of this city. She came to this county in the eighties. Al Eckerson, who is unfortunate in being slightly crippled, has always, from the time his people settled in this county many years ago, been a good clean christian man. Miss Ingersol and Mr. Eckerson were married in 1889, and after some years residence in this county removed to Oklahoma where Mr. Eckerson took a claim, which he was unfortunate enough to lose. A few years ago they returned to this city, since which time Mr. Eckerson and the boys have turned their hand at any honest work they could secure, being at this time the distributors of the Kansas City Star and Times in this city. Mr. Eckerson is one of those men against whom fate seems to have a grudge. He has always been honest and hard working, yet it was with difficulty that he kept his family together. It seems hard that a mother be taken away from a family of children in such cases, but yet it is decreed that when we are called we must go. The sympathy, not only as expressed in mere figures of speech, but in a more substantial way, of the good people of this city and community, go out to Mr. Eckerson and his little ones in the added trial of their lives. They may

rest assured that those who lead a true life in this world, will be provided for in the next, and that their various paths through life will be closely watched by their angel mother, awaiting them in the other world, for the reunion of all at some time in the future.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Colegrove, father and mother of our esteemed citizen, Herman Colegrove, are new residents of the city.

Ernest Kelly was brought down from the north side last week. He has been very sick and was brought here for treatment.

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Messiah Week at Lindsborg. During the week 19 miscellaneous concerts and recitals will be given. The soloists secured are artists of more than ordinary national reputation.

In addition practically all of the 19 teachers employed in the Music Department will take part. Thus, together with the Oratorio Chorus, the Orchestra, Band, Male Chorus, and Chapel Choir there is presented a solid web of melody, the like of which has never before been attempted in the West.

That the music lovers of Kansas who journey to Lindsborg year after year, will be more pleased than ever is evident. The Chorus, with more select voices than ever, together with soloists of national fame, insures a treat long to be remembered and appreciated.

Those who do not possess a musical training have been richly remembered as may be seen by the variety that this year's program presents. The large chorus also appeals to everybody regardless of musical training. No matter who you are or what your business may be, you will feel with the thousands of others that you are a better man or a better woman for having attended.

Only a few days ago a magazine on the Pacific coast gave the Messiah Festival a three page mention. The largest daily papers of the East have often given space for its description—space which money could not buy. If this Kansas festival is of such national interest, isn't it worth your while to attend? Think it over. Plan to go on the excursion Sunday, March Great Bend at 10:20 a. m.

What the Messiah Festival means to the people of Lindsborg is apparent through the great activity among the citizens this week. Homes and yards are being placed in a most inviting condition. There is scarcely a household that does not expect a visit from friends. It is the time when former Lindsborg people return.

The Lure of the Garden. The lure of the garden will soon entrance those to whom the voice of spring calls with a power that can not be resisted. One has many times put away the most enticing seed-catalogs without looking inside their covers for fear of being led into buying the tempting array of "largest tomatoes," "everbearing peas," "self supporting lima beans," and "all season spinach."

If one can escape the charm of the succulent vegetable one is attacked by the irresistible desire to buy the seed of the orchid sweet peas, marvelous giant pansies, and moon-peas that grow to the moon in twenty-eight days after planting.

But it is no use to put the catalogs away, because the wind will whisper to you that it is sad because there are no pansies growing in your garden. The glad face of the sun will be shadowed because there are no sweet peas for it to color. The moon will sigh and look pale and say, "How can I send moonlight to mortal if you plant no moonvines for the beams to come down to earth by?" And then you begin to weaken, because without moonlight where would young men and maidens find inspiration for loving each other, and the mornings would be lonely without the welcome of dewy pansy-faces. Then you are lost—the lure of the garden has won you. And in remorse for having tried to escape the sweet pain of planting seeds to see them sprout, and come up tender and green, and then faint and fade and die in the Western Kansas winds, you fling your husband's hard earned shekels into the lap of the seedsman.

Then you have a perfect orgy of happiness, digging, raking, smelling the odors of burning leaves and the fragrances of your mother earth, and hearing the soft whisper of the winds of spring promising fair bloom for summer. It is no use philosophizing about the failures or counting the cost with those who love the out of doors. The earth calls and they must answer.—Kinsley Graphic.

Mrs. Fred Graham and children left last week for Kansas City to visit Mr. Graham, who is still under treatment.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hopkins, six miles northwest of town, occurred one of the prettiest home weddings on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, when Miss Hattie Britendine and Mr. Charles Lynn were united in marriage by Probate Judge Hall.

About fifty relatives and friends of the young people were present, and at the appointed hour Miss Grace Miller took her place at the organ and played Mendelssohn's wedding march, to the strains of which, the young couple, unattended, entered the parlor and took their place.

The bride was attired in a beautiful gown of cream French batiste, while the groom's suit was a brown.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hopkins, and has grown to womanhood in this vicinity, and is very popular among the people of the neighborhood.

The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lynn of Raymond, and is well and favorably known there.

The young couple left Monday for Raymond and will go to housekeeping on a farm three miles south of that place.

Girl Wanted. To do general housework. Mrs. Leo Wilczek, 2300 Broadway. It.

Good Roads or No Mail. There are several ways of obtaining good roads. The rural route carriers of Atchison county have adopted one way. The other day Mrs. Harry Horner, carrier on rural route No. 2, notified the farmers on that route that she would refuse to deliver mail to them until the roads over which she has to travel were placed in good order, and those farmers are dragging the roads, not caring to be deprived of daily mail service.

Men of Worth. The only men of worth to a town or community are those who forget their own selfish ends long enough and are liberal enough in their ideas to encourage every public and private enterprise; who are ready with brain and purse to push every project calculated to build up the town and enhance its importance. The enterprise and push of a community is the foundation of its permanent success. A town may as well prepare for its funeral as to become indifferent to the enterprise in its midst. Men who come to a town to make it their future home, who can't see far enough before them to see that money placed judiciously in a public enterprise of their own town will be a hundred fold in the appreciation of their property, are to be pitied.—Powhattan Bee.

Women Students Brighter Than Men? The list of failures or "flunks" in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Kansas has turned the Dean and heads of departments into human question marks. The surprising fact is that among the members of the freshmen class who technically severed their connection with the University by failing in more than one-third of their work, there are five times as many men as women, though the class is made up about equally of men and women. This fact gives rise to the questions, "Are the women better students than the men? Are the courses for the women easier than those for the men? Are the men lazier than the women? Are outside attractions stronger for the men than the women?" Nearly all of the freshmen who have failed in more than one-third of their work have been allowed six weeks of grace in which to show their ability to do better.

Sig Jacoby was down from Olmitz Sunday.

John Moran has returned from a trip to Bazine.

Hon. W. H. Rice, of Holsington, was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Berscheidt were visitors in Ellinwood, Sunday.

U. B. McGreevey is preparing to build a new barn on his farm out south.

D. T. Dennis was up from Hutchinson to attend the dedication of the Elks home.

Oliver Batman, of the south side, was in this week and renewed his Democrat subscription, also one for his brother in Indiana.

Write to Parker Land Co., Buckland, Kansas, for prices on land from Buckland to Liberal, Kansas.

Bleber & Timken, of Kinsley, Kansas, have some of their attractive land bargains to show in this issue.

Among the distinguished out of town guests at the Elks blowout this week were Chalk Beeson and wife of Dodge City.

The new Moses building on the corner of Main and 12th is being pushed forward rapidly. It is going to be a fine block.

We are in receipt of a postal card from Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Damm, who are sojourning in Germany. They say they are having a fine time, and send their best wishes to all friends.

Fred Schrepel of Comanche township was in the city on Thursday of last week. Mr. Schrepel has not been in good health for some time but hopes to improve with the coming of settled and good weather.

J. W. Drake and his son-in-law, Clyde Allen, were down from the north side last Saturday after a percheron colt they had purchased from Tobias Unruh, which is certainly a dandy piece of horseflesh. At ten months he weighed 1120 pounds.

Phillip Brack was down from Otis last Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wilcons were down from Galatia Thursday. Mrs. Wilcons' brother, Charles Gustin, who has been quite ill, is reported as being much better.

H. T. Allison has been quite ill with pneumonia fever.

W. J. Loughridge was down from Pawnee Rock Sunday.

John Base, of Dundee, has started on a long trip to the Pacific coast.

Mrs. A. E. Rowell and Miss Marcia Purcell have returned to their home at Lawton.

Jay Mercer, the Pawnee Rock telephone man, was in the city Saturday evening.

Frank Porter left Tuesday evening with a bunch of prospective land buyers for Wyoming.

Dirks, the photographer, is preparing to move his studio to the Brinkman-Hise building.

Mrs. Joe Rasely has returned from an extended visit in the old home back in Pennsylvania.

C. L. Gunn has gone to a business trip combined with a visit to his family at Corpus Christi.

Bert Bowman, a former Great Bend lad, came in from Chicago Tuesday evening. After attending the Elks dedication exercises here he will go to Larned to visit his parents, who now reside there.

Andrew Selbert, of the west side, was called to Galva this week by a serious accident to a brother-in-law.

Rev. and Mrs. Schnacke were in the city the past week. Rev. Schnacke filled the pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday.

J. B. Morris, of Scott City, a son-in-law of Sam Delighton, of this city, has been nominated and confirmed as postmaster of his home town.

Mrs. E. P. Smith returned last week from Council Grove, where she had been called on account of the illness of her father, who is now much better.

John Barth, years ago an employee of the E. R. Moses Mercantile Co., later with them as their manager at Clifton, was in the city Monday visiting old friends.

Miss Mona Yoo, who has been visiting with relatives, the S. G. Yeos on the south side and teaching in this county, has closed her school work and returned to her home in Kansas City.

W. P. Rubart has returned from Illinois.

Frank Phillips was down from Holsington Thursday.



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