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There is a Time for all Things. Now is the Time we should have good Wheat Weather

## INVESTIGATING LOCATIONS

### The Board of Control Makes An Official Visit To Great Bend.

H. C. Bowman, Sherman Elliott and C. D. Shukers, constituting the state board of control of the charitable institutions, made an official visit to this city on Tuesday of this week, inspecting sights which have been offered them upon which to locate the new state hospital, for which the last legislature made an appropriation of a hundred thousand dollars to begin with. They were accompanied by Frank Jarrel, publicity agent of the Santa Fe, and H. A. Tice, division superintendent of the Santa Fe. They arrived on the morning train from the east, and were met at the station by a committee composed of business and professional men, with automobiles. They were shown all over our little city, and we are pleased to say that they were very favorably impressed with what they saw, and expressed themselves as delighted with the city. The party stopped at the home of Fred Zutavern for an inspection of his lawn and garden, and each one was decorated with a rose.

They were taken to the Commercial club rooms and the various proposed sites fully explained to them, the entire situation being gone over. Each member of the board made a map and took other data concerning the sites, so as to be prepared when they came to make their decision on the matter.

After dinner at the Briggs hotel they were taken in automobiles and shown the various tracts of land. This took up a large part of the afternoon. On their return to the city another stop was made at the home of Mr. Zutavern. It was the intention to have visited all the business houses, but as they were compelled to leave on the early train for the west this was impossible. Another session was held and various matters concerning the institution discussed. Then a visit to the light plant, the Walnut Creek mill, and the Moses mill, and it was time for their train.

They expressed themselves as greatly impressed with the conditions as they found them here, and saw a couple of tracts of land which in their opinion would be hard to beat. They desire to secure a section. The hospital is to be managed on the farm cottage plan, and as many of the patients as possible are to be worked. They do this at all institutions, in order to lessen the cost of maintenance to the state.

To illustrate what the institution would mean to our city, we will give a few facts given us by one of the members of the board. The state hospital at Topeka and the one at Oswatimie are full. There is a patient in this county now waiting for a chance to get in for treatment. At the rate that the institutions have been filling up, in twelve or fifteen years from the time the new one would be ready for occupancy, it would contain about 1500 patients, which requires a maintenance fund of about \$125,000 per annum. It would require about three hundred attendants, carrying a payroll of about \$75,000. Of this latter amount, practically every cent would be disbursed in our midst by the attendants, for their own expenses. Of the first amount, notwithstanding that heavy goods, and goods of which great quantities are used would be purchased on bids, about one-third would be spent locally, for such articles and supplies as are needed in small quantities, and must be had quick. This, seems to us, would be a great addition to the business of our community, and one that should be secured. In addition to this would be the revenue to the city from a constant stream of visiting relatives of the unfortunate, which would amount to a good many hundred dollars per year. The location of this institution in our city would mean vastly more to the community than our people realize. Even the articles purchased on bids could be sold by our dealers, provided they bid low enough.

In selecting a location it is the

idea of the board to select one in a community where the productive value of the soil is large, and crops can be successfully grown. Also, where the best railroad facilities can be obtained. They have visited Pratt, and after leaving here went to Larned, Spearville, Scott City and La Crosse. At a later date they will visit various towns in the sixth congressional district. We believe, all things considered, that Great Bend is the best possible location. Few statistics and points of information were prepared and submitted to the board. Every effort possible was made by the committee in charge of the day's program for the pleasurable entertainment of the guests, and to give them every possible bit of information that could be of use to them. The brief referred to above is as follows:

Great Bend is located on two lines of transcontinental railways, the Santa Fe and the Missouri Pacific, which traverse the entire state from east to west, and which, with their many miles of branch lines all scheduled to make close and good connections, give the city a net work of rails covering the entire state. These roads serve the city with fourteen passenger trains, giving our city at least one hundred per cent better accommodations for receiving passengers than is that of any other city asking for the location of this institution.

Draw a circle one hundred mile around Great Bend and you will find the following counties to be entirely within that circle: Graham, Rooks, Osborne, Mitchell, Dickinson, Marion, Sedgewick, Harvey, Harper, Kingman, Reno, Rice, McPherson, Ellsworth, Saline, Lincoln, Ottawa, Russell, Ellis, Trego, Ford, Lane, Hodgeman, Ness, Pawnee, Rush, Edwards, Stafford, Kiowa, Pratt, Comanche, Barber and Barton, having a population as taken from the government reports for 1910 of 477,126 as against 361,320 in 1900, and a valuation on the 'ax rolls for 1910 of, in round numbers, \$934,000,000.

This same circle will touch parts of the following counties: Jewell, Smith, Phillips, Norton, Republic, Sheridan, Cloud, Clay, Geary, Morris, Chase, Butler, Sumner, Gove, Scott, Finney, Gray, Meade, and Clark, whose population is 231,600, and whose valuation is \$431,000,000. The population of these counties in 1900 was 209,047.

These two lists of counties have about 41 per cent of the population of the state, and practically 50 per cent of the taxable valuation of the state. More than 50 per cent of the increase in population in the state in the last decade is to be found in these counties.

In addition to these counties, can be given the following, which lie south and west of a line drawn straight from Great Bend in either of these directions, and are therefore in territory belonging to this city, and not to any of the northern applicants for the hospital: Haskell, Seward, Wichita, Kearney, Grant, Stevens, Greeley, Hamilton, Stanton and Morton, with a population of 20,898, as against 7,165 for ten years ago, a percentage of increase of a fraction less than 200 per cent. The valuation of these counties is \$35,000,000.

We have not the figures at hand as the increase in valuation in ten years. Again, owing to the change in assessment regulations this would be hard to give. But, the circle above mentioned, and the additional counties, give us a territory of 62 counties out of the 105 in the state. It touches all but the 1st, 2nd and 3rd congressional districts.

In the 7th congressional district are to be found two state institutions, the reformatory at Hutchinson, and the soldiers home at Dodge City. In the 6th district we have the Bickerdike home at Ellsworth, the branch normal at Hayes, the Agricultural college station at Hayes, the girls reformatory at Beloit, and the forestry station at Ogallah. A total of five institutions, to the 7th district's two.

A glance at population and valuation figures will show that the

## Lanterman - Ames

Two popular young folks from the east side were quietly married Sunday afternoon in this city at the home of Mrs. Josie Patrick, aunt of the groom. The happy couple were W. R. Ames of Logan township, and Miss Lena Lanterman of Lakin township. Mr. Ames is the son of Dave Ames, for many years an east side settler. He has been a successful school teacher in this county for the past five years, and is an excellent young man. Miss Lanterman is the daughter August Lanterman, also an old timer. She is a popular young lady. After a brief honeymoon the young folks will go on a farm down near Chase. The Democrat joins their many friends in wishing them much happiness and success.

counties surrounding Great Bend immediately, and those to the west and south of this city, have made the greatest advance in the past ten years. This a growing territory, and one that will be making demands on the state in the very near future for accommodations at all state institutions. We take it that the matter of transportation expense to the various counties of the state is considerable of an item in delivering patents to the hospitals, and we firmly believe that the location of the new institution at Great Bend will reduce that expense to a minimum.

## Horses Killed By Lightning.

While driving in from the country Friday evening after attending the funeral of his mother, Clem Humphrey had the misfortune to have his team killed instantly by a bolt of lightning. With him in the carriage were his son Kenneth, Dot and Fanny Lowrey of Great Bend, Clara Watkins and Chas. Mills of Galesburg, Illinois.

None of the occupants of the buggy were injured. The horses valued at about \$350.00 both fell dead the instant the flash of lightning came. Clem says it all happened so quick that they had no time to be scared. He says the horses were covered with fire when they fell. It happened just as they were turning into his father's place in the northeast part of town.—Hoisington Dispatch.

## Savoy Bound Over.

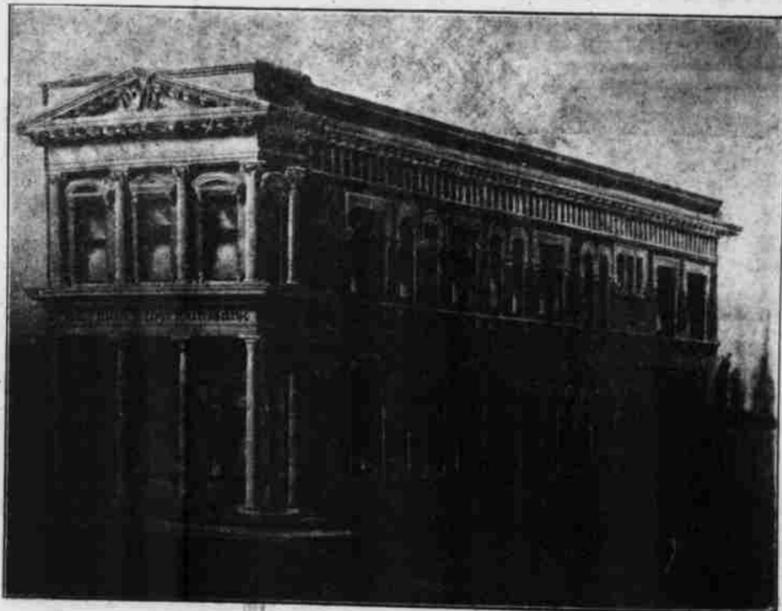
The case of State vs. Savoy was tried in Judge Mace's court yesterday morning. Savoy was charged with assault with intent to kill, the prosecuting witness being John Nicolet. Savoy and Nicolet with others, whose names we failed to learn, got into some trouble at Seward Monday morning and witnesses on the stand testified that Savoy hit Nicolet on the head with a single-tree. The defendant was bound over for a trial in the district court.—St. John News.

## Sleeping Children

There seems to be an epidemic of children going to sleep in the picture shows. Monday evening Oscar Johnson's six years old son while attending a show with some other children dropped asleep, and was not missed until Oscar called the roll about bed time. The show had been closed and every one gone, but the proprietor happened along about that time, and although no one knew the child was in there, they suspicioned it, and sure enough he was. Sleeping nicely. On Tuesday evening, Mr. Aldrich went down the aisle to see if the same thing might not be happening, and sure enough there was Mr. Hornbeck's boy, sound asleep.

## Bishop Hennessy Here

Bishop Hennessy was in the city Monday on his annual visit to the Catholic Congregation. High mass was celebrated by the local pastor Father Hull, Bishop Hennessy delivered a short sermon, during the course of which he reminded the congregation that it was time for them to better themselves and erect a new and modern church building. One that would be in keeping with the progress of our city and surrounding country, and also the improvements the members of the congregation have been making for their own comfort and convenience. The bishop went from here to Ellinwood.



The New German American Bank Building

## Calhoun-Grubb

Of all the quiet wedding stunts that has been pulled off in this locality in a long time, the premium one was that which occurred on Tuesday evening the 16th, when Mrs. Hazel Calhoun, daughter of D. P. Meachem, and Lou Grubb, a popular young man connected with the Shady repair shops, eluded their friends and slipped out to Judge Hall's house where they were made man and wife. Nothing was known to any one whatever until Tuesday evening of this week, when a few friends were called in at the Meachem home, ostensibly to be present at the wedding, only to be coolly informed that the happy young folks had been married for a week. Just what other members of the family said about that time we do not know, but this is certain, that not only the members of the family, but the many friends, both old and young of the contracting parties, unite in wishing them all joy and prosperity in their wedded life, and in this wish the Democrat force joins. We have sort of a friendly interest in the bride, as she has been an employe of this shop a share of the time each month for some time back, and we certainly wish her well.

Mrs. Henry Obenhaus of Comanche township is rapidly recovering from an operation which she underwent at the hospital last week.

## Into New Quarters

One of the happiest bunches of business men in town Saturday morning were the officials and employes of the German-American bank, because they were then located in their new quarters, which are the handsomest banking rooms in any city even twice as large as Great Bend.

No expense has been saved by the Wolf's in erecting this building. The floor of the lobby is of Tennessee marble. The lower half of the counter and the casings on the windows of Italian marble. The wood work and furniture is all mahogany and oak. The banking room is large and well lighted. It is equipped with a very large guaranteed burglar proof safe, two vaults, one for the bank use and one for customers. Over the vaults are a private writing room, also an open one. In the rear of the banking is a directors room, a private consultation room, a private writing room and a lavatory, all handsomely equipped. The entire building is heated with hot water. This institution is certainly well equipped, appointed, and is rapidly building up an excellent line of business.

## Marriage Licenses

Rudolph L. Hampel, Otis, Bertha L. Schreiber, Ransom. Joseph Stos, Otis, Josie Laner, Olmitz, Wm. Oberle, Bushton, Barbara Kirmer, Claffin, A. C. Mullin, Great Bend, Ella Ducean, Great Bend.

## For Decoration Day.

Headquarters Pap Thomas Post, No. 52, Dept. of Kansas, Great Bend, Kan., May 22, 1911. General Orders No. 1.

I have to announce that the time is again upon us to commemorate the noble services of our deceased comrades in arms with the startling remembrance that this is the 50th anniversary of the commencement of the great civil war, when we with the thousands of our comrades who have passed to that unknown shore rushed to arms in our glad and vigorous youth, heeding not the warnings of trials, exposure, danger or death but with a resolve in our hearts that the royal monster that eats bread in the sweat of other men's faces should not repeat his history on American soil, and in our success in the great cause of permanently establishing a democracy as a home for all liberty loving people, a cause more worthy than that of any other won on any or many battle fields, we deem deserving of the most solemn commemoration.

Those of us that remain are few in comparison to those who sleep beneath the ground that echoes with our solemn tread. Ere long this sacred duty of strewing flowers will fall to other hands to perform.

If other eyes grow dull, and other hearts grow cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us, there

fore let us do it faithfully while we can.

Therefore it is ordered that the Comrades of Pap Thomas Post, No. 52, shall meet at their Post Hall at 2 o'clock p. m., Sunday, May 28th, 1911, for the purpose of attending Divine Service at the Congregational church in this city at 2:30 o'clock, to be officiated by the Rev. H. J. Cockerell, assisted by the other pastors of this city.

Members of Pap Thomas Circle, ladies of the G. A. R., Fort Zarah Camp of the Son of veterans and Soldiers of the Spanish American war are requested to meet us at the Post Hall to participate with us, and all patriotic citizens are earnestly invited to join in these services.

## Program for May 30th, 1911, in our decoration services at the graves of the departed comrades.

Comrades will assemble at Post Hall at 9:30, with auxiliaries present.

All citizens and school children are respectfully requested to gather flowers for decorating purposes and bring them in wreaths or bouquets to the Post Hall at 9 o'clock sharp, which will be cared for by the Quartermaster.

At 9:30 a. m., procession will form and proceed to the cemeteries where the usual ceremonies of the order will be conducted.

At 2 p. m., at Post Room where the parade will be formed in the following order, viz:

Great Bend Band, Chief of Police, Mayor and Council, Fire Department, Children of the Public Schools under the direction of their teachers, Sons of Veterans, Ladies of the Grand Army and Grand Army of the Republic, which will proceed in procession under command of the Officer of the day to the City Park, or to the Court House in case of inclement weather.

## Program of Services

Song by the Public Schools, Tenting on the Old Camp Ground, accompanied by the Great Bend Band.

## INVOCATION

Reading of Orders by the Adjutant of Pap Thomas Post. Song—Columbia, Gem of the Ocean, by the entire assemblage.

Reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, by S. M. Kellam, Address, by the Hon. Edward B. Moses.

Song—America, by the entire audience.

Closing with the BENEDICTION

By command of AMOS JOHNSON, Post Commander Pap Thomas Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

IRA D. BROUGHER, Adjutant of the Post.

## Dawson-White

Miss Ruth Dawson of the south side and Will White of this city slipped one over on their friends Monday evening, by being tied up in the matrimonial knot, the ceremony occurring at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Arthur Hayes, Rev. Alford performing the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of T. W. Dawson. She was born and raised in this county, and numbers her scores of acquaintances as her bosom friends. Mr. White is the son of Dr. White, one of the oldest citizens in our community. He is a man of good habits, well liked by all, and a hustler. The Democrat extends congratulations.

## John Shafer to Move

After eleven years of continuous and faithful service in the employ of the E. R. Moses Lumber Co., John Shafer has resigned his position and expects soon to locate on his farm in Ford county. John has been a faithful and hard working employe of the big institution. By attending strictly to business and practicing a reasonable economy he has become the owner of two pieces of city property here besides the farm above mentioned. The people of Great Bend will regret to have John, and his estimable family, leave the city.