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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

MILITARE VEREIN.

One of the pleasantest occasions for this season of the year was the regular monthly, as well as the yearly meeting of the Deutscher Militare Verein, which was held at Ellswood on Saturday of last week. In addition to the regular proceedings a Christmas tree was properly decorated and produced for the benefit of the young folks. After the dinner had been properly served by the wives of the members of the order, the young folks were for a few minutes excluded from the hall. Then they were admitted, and beheld a beautifully decorated Christmas tree with something for each child.

One of the features of the meeting was the presentation to Fred Zulaew of this city, of a gold badge, the emblem of the order, with the proper inscriptions. The assembly had been called to order by the president, but the treasurer, Bernhard Krampe, was called upon to make the presentation speech, which he did in a few well chosen words. Mr. Zulaew was for once overcome, and could not find words to express his appreciation, but did succeed finally in a way that pleased all. Coming as it does, from a band of loyal, liberty loving American citizens, the badge is greatly appreciated by the wearer who has for years been one of the foremost German-Americans in Kansas.

PIPE ORGAN DEDICATION.

The handsome new pipe organ which was recently installed in the Congregational church by the members of the Brinkman family as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Brinkman, is to be dedicated Wednesday afternoon, December 27. Dr. Wenton, of Muncie, Ind., will give the musical program assisted by Mr. Chas. Townsley and members of the Congregational choir and Rev. Brahm assisted by the other pastors of the city will have charge of the dedicatory exercises.

Mrs. E. C. Cole left Saturday for Coffeyville to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Eldon Lowe. Mr. Cole will go down in time to eat Christmas dinner.

Mrs. G. P. Amerine of near town and Miss Linnie Amerine of Chicago, returned Monday evening from Haviland after a visit with relatives who formerly lived in this county. Miss Linnie will visit relatives here for a week or two.

Mrs. Oscar Reigel who has been visiting her father, Thomas Gilmore, and family for a week or two left Tuesday for Bucklin, her home. Jesse Weathers, a nephew, of South Liberty township accompanied her home and will visit his uncle Oscar, Jesse and George Reigel and families.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Schottenberg and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wills and sons of Trumbull county, Ohio, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bortz for a week or two. Mr. Wills and family left Tuesday for his home. Mr. and Mrs. Schottenberg will remain here for a week or two. Mrs. Schottenberg and Mrs. Bortz are sisters.

The relatives of Mrs. J. F. Tilton gave her a surprise party Thursday night of last week, in honor of her 79th birthday. They gathered at the home about 6 o'clock bringing good things to eat with them and the surprise was a complete one in every way. Mrs. Tilton's daughter, Mrs. H. E. Dean, who has been here for some time, visiting, will return home Monday. Mrs. Tilton will leave a few days later for Kansas City for an extended visit with the Deans.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES.

Under the above heading the Tribune of this city, in an issue last week, assumes editorially, to defend the position of Judge Martin, the republican candidate for congress (by grace of a small minority of the republican voters of this district.) Not content with arbitrarily placing Mr. Martin with the progressive element of his party (where he does not belong, and where the Tribune editor knows he does not now and never did belong) that paper in its glaringly misleading editorial gets down into the mire of gutter politics by throwing slurs and innuendo at Mr. Neeley, the democratic candidate. The Tribune is the first paper we have noticed to resort to such methods in this campaign. The democratic press, the independent press and the progressive republican press have confined their editorials to the legitimate issues before the people—the questions in which the voters are interested—and it is to be very much regretted that a Barton county paper was the first to resort to mud slinging in what had, up to this time, been a very decent campaign for principles between gentlemen and their supporters.

Regarding the character of the two candidates and their reputation for those elements which go to endorse men to the people who know them best, I would refer the Tribune editor to the vote cast for Mr. Neeley, for the same position to which he now aspires, in Reno, his home county, last November, when he carried that county over the late Judge Madison by 273 majority, when that county is normally republican by about 600—the vote at the same election being 3,520 for the republican candidate for Secretary of State, and 2,907 for the democratic candidate for the same office, a republican majority of 613. That does not look as though there was anything the matter with Neeley where he is known best. And to show further how Mr. Neeley's own people are going to conduct themselves at the coming election, the sporting men of Hutchinson (an element that figures from information at hand, and not from party prejudice) are offering odds that Mr. Neeley will carry Reno county this year by a greatly increased majority.

Another matter touched upon by the Tribune needs correction. It states that the democrats "are posing Judge Martin as a regular to the insurgent element, and as an insurgent to the regular." We defy the Tribune to show a single instance where a democrat—or any other sane man who has followed the campaign from its inception before the primaries—has claimed that Martin is now or ever has been anything but a stand-patter at heart. The eleventh hour plea for help by his stand-patter supporters is so obviously insincere, in the face of his past record, that it will fool no one. The progressive democrats, progressive republicans, and deep thinking independent voters will consider one main issue when they go to cast their votes on June 9, and that is: Which man can we best trust to look after the interests of the great Seventh Kansas district, Mr. Neeley, who is now and always has been in the fight for the people as opposed to the "interests," and who, if elected will work with an overwhelming majority in the lower house of congress, or Mr. Martin, the unquestioned candidate of the old, stand-pat element of the republican party, who stands for Taftism, for Cameron, for the Payne-Aldrich methods of tariff revision upwards and for all the obsolete and bygone fallacies against which the masses of voters are today arraigned.

CHARLES HARN.

Charles Harn, formerly of this city, and more lately a grain buyer in Clarlin and Pawnee Rock and who received a stroke of paralysis a few days ago in Pawnee Rock, died Tuesday. Mr. Harn was a member of the Knights Templar of this city and that order had charge of the services which were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Masonic lodge rooms.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kipp, who for a while were residents of this city while Mr. Kipp was connected with this office, will regret to learn that their little daughter, born December 6, remained with them for a few days only. The family reside in Denver.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

State of Kansas, County of Barton, SS.

Office of the County Clerk,—

December 11, 1911.

Pursuant to law, the Board of County Commissioners met in an adjourned session Monday, December 11, 1911. Present: Frank Wood, Chairman; Mat Dick and P. E. Murphy, commissioners; M. Dailey, Sheriff; R. C. Russell, county attorney; C. F. Younkin, county clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills as filed in the office of the county clerk were approved and allowed:

SCALPS.	
Henry Meyers, 11 coyote scalps	11.00
Tom Heister, 3 coyote scalps	3.00
A. M. Saylor, 58 gopher scalps	2.90
Earl French, 1 coyote scalp	1.00
Total amt for scalps	17.90
JURORS FOR NOVEMBER TERM.	
D. C. Johnson	3.10
Pe'er Heina	4.10
Max Mater	13.20
Frank Bloomer	17.40
Frank Kraft	19.00
A. J. Held	13.60
R. W. Hinderliter	15.00
E. O. Jordan	15.40
Joe Laudick	18.80
Wm Polkin	18.00
E. K. Waggonman	13.40
John Connor	12.80
Peter B. Kimpier	13.40
Guy Russell	13.80
C. E. Bushnell	13.40
P. C. Bruck	18.40
Frank Steinert	18.40
Frank McFadden	12.00
M. J. Mead	10.80
Herbert Schwartz	15.00
George Murdy	15.20
Total amt paid Jurors	294.20
A. L. Miller, city clerk, coal coal furnished Kertz, Nollen in Billwood city	14.94
Thos Jones, board for Guy Furnish, in Holsington	5.00
J. W. Ledbetter, all'ce for Mrs. Bennett and family	15.00
Schaefer & Kelleher, meat for Mrs. Barnet	5.65
Stenzel & Milberger, mdse for K'lan Tchauner	8.20
Lundblade & Nystrom, groceries for Gilbert, Green, Hofstetter	10.60
McNown & Hayes, meat for Mrs. Burch	1.30
Turner Bros., Holsington mdse for Miller at Holsington	8.15
Stevenson & Pope, auto hire for Mrs. Cross from Clarlin to Great Bend	7.00
A. W. Hornbeck, corn chop furnished J. W. Kimble pauper	.65
Mrs. Park Noe, all'ce for December, 1911	20.00
Crecent Grocery Co., groceries for Burch, Shields, Barnet	21.11
J. A. Watson Merc. Co., mdse for Mrs. D. E. Cross, Clarlin	6.52
Boston Store, groceries for Godfrey, Morant, Gilbert, Brown	9.87
Mrs. Anna Schaefer, milk for Mrs. Barnet	2.40
Chas. Hall, Mayor, railroad ticket and meal for pauper in Holsington	6.45
N. L. Duchesne, milk for Mrs. Burch	3.00
C. D. Spangh, groceries for Mrs. Barnet for November	7.93
Degen Merc Co., groceries for John P'ns, Holsington	6.45
Holsington Mill & Elevator Co., coal for John P'ns	8.00
Patton & Pankhauser, coal for the sheriff	7.75
Patton & Pankhauser, coal for Gilbert, Green, Burch Lewis Godfrey, Morant	20.00
Roy Cornelius, pg. Com. proceedings and Co. Trens 3rd Quarterly report	61.93
Ira D. Brougher, for Farmers' Institute	50.00
Jan. Clayton, J. P., state vs. H. W. Bunzel	4.25
A. A. Wemmergren, constable state vs. H. W. Bunzel	1.90
Jan. Clayton, J. P., state vs. Jose Lopez	4.15
M. Dailey, Sheriff state vs. Jose Lopez	5.25
Price Bondurant, state vs Jose Lopez witness	1.50
W. E. Holker, J. P. state vs R. T. Cummings	3.30
Jan. F. Cox, deputy sheriff state vs R. T. Cummings	4.45
W. E. Holker, J. P. State vs. Jack Osterick	3.65

J. C. Ready, deputy sheriff state vs Jack Osterick	1.50
S. S. Shattuck, deputy sheriff state vs Jack Osterick	2.95
W. E. Holler, J. P., state vs Elmer Hedges	3.30
Jan. F. Cox, deputy sheriff state vs Elmer Hedges	4.45
W. E. Holler, J. P., state vs Roy E. Copeland	3.00
Jan. F. Cox, deputy sheriff state vs Roy E. Copeland	4.45
W. E. Holler, J. P., State vs. Frank Jackson	3.00
Jan. F. Cox, deputy sheriff State vs Frank Jackson	4.45
James O'Connell, J. P., state vs J. H. Mosely	3.75
M. Dailey, sheriff, state vs J. H. Mosely	2.25
A. H. Baker, J. P., state vs Wm. Boright	4.70
S. S. Shattuck, constable state vs. Wm Boright	2.75
Watt O'Connell liquor inquiry	4.75
M. Dailey, liquor inquiry	3.25
J. W. Briscoe, liquor inquiry, witness	.75
Ira Heister, liquor inquiry, witness	.75
Ned Porter, liquor inquiry witness	.75
Chas. H. Hoyle, liquor inquiry constable	3.20
W. E. Holler, J. P., issuing subpoena liquor inquiry	2.40
S. M. Kellam, state vs Reese Smith	19.05
M. Dailey, state vs Reese Smith	10.50
James Clayton, state vs Reese Smith	6.75
J. W. Briscoe, Jr., witness State vs Reese Smith J. P. court	.75
Sam Pratt, witness State vs Reese Smith, J. P. court	.75
Leifer Cox witness State vs Reese Smith J. P. court	.75
Chas Lampe witness state vs Reese Smith, J. P. court	.75
Will Hauling, witness state vs Reese Smith J. P. court	.75
Sam Kellam, witness state vs Reese Smith, J. P. court	.75
Mrs. Sam Pratt, witness state vs Reese Smith, Dist. court	1.50
Sam Pratt witness state vs. Reese Smith Dist court	1.50
F. M. Hammond, witness state vs Reese Smith dist court	1.50
J. E. Harris, witness state vs Reese Smith, dist court	1.50
J. W. Briscoe, Jr., witness state vs Reese Smith Dist court	1.50
Ned Porter witness state vs Reese Smith dist court	1.50
Camper Dahleren mdse for Mellan in Homes'ead twp Geo O. Hunt & Co., mdse for Willie Speck	15.55
W. P. Peder, job work (Dailey & Epperson)	2.50
Geo. W. Thutcher transient officer 4 weeks in November & postage	8.24
J. E. DeLoche, janitor for November	40.00
M. Dailey, transportation of C. B. Thompson to asylum	33.60
Eyer Bros., cess pool labor for two-thirds of month of November and expense of repairing pump	35.33
J. E. Crowder, cess pool labor C. H. & Jail from Nov 21 to Dec. 12	33.34
M. Dailey, transportation of Henry Sturgeon to Industrial School	14.70
M. Dailey, transportation of Earl Evans to Reformatory at Hutchinson	12.94
A. Schwager, two days in November as county assessor and postage	11.25
Hutchinson Ptg. Co., supplies for county	91.60
Tribune Publishing Co., job work and auto hire to the Dundee bridge	16.00
Hoover Bros. Kansas City Mo. oiled dust clothes	2.00
Best White, hauling dirt on Dundee bridge	14.00
J. Geo. Brinkman, house rent for Mrs. Barnet 20 months Fairbanks, Morse & Co. 12 50 lb. Test Weights for the county	30.00
S. M. Kellam, stamps	2.00
M. J. Keenan, testing Dundee bridge with engine	13.00
Bailey & Hanel, electrical work	1.21
Edwards & Fair 100 lbs. 60d nails for county	2.40

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WHY A MORTGAGE CANNOT BE TAXED.

E. P. Elmore, of Kiowa, Kan. offers some views on the question of mortgage taxation, in which he urges the taxation of all mortgages instead of the exemption of any. He would have the Eastern man holding a Kansas mortgage made to pay the tax on the amount of the mortgage, deducting the face of the mortgage from the valuation of the farm, thus distributing the tax equitably between the owner and the mortgagee. To reach the holder of the mortgage, he would have the tax a lien for the unpaid tax against the mortgage, or, as he puts it, let the county sell the mortgage, as it does other personal or real property.

Mr. Elmore's position seems reasonable on the surface, but he overlooks very essential facts.

Existing mortgages held outside of Kansas cannot be taxed except by new legislation. Now Mr. Elmore is an intelligent man and he will see at once that such a law cannot apply to contracts made before the law. It is unconstitutional in state and nation to pass ex post facto laws, or laws which are retroactive. The existing mortgages then, cannot be taxed.

If the legislature passes a law subjecting future mortgages to taxation in the manner suggested by Mr. Elmore, who would advance the money? It requires little sagacity to understand that no eastern man, or outsider would loan money on a mortgage to present rates of interest the rate of taxation, and as that varies, generally increasing, the rate would be much higher than now. But as a matter of fact, it would kill the mortgage industry both in and out of the state. Money would never seek investment under such a law.

Sometimes by changing the point of view and looking at it from the other fellow's side, we get a broader view. Suppose Mr. Elmore has \$1,000 which his neighbor would borrow, giving a mortgage on a quarter section of Barber county alfalfa land. (That is better security than a government bond.)

The neighbor offers 6 per cent interest. Mr. Elmore is about to close the deal and take the mortgage when the assessor reminds him that the mortgage will be subject to one and half per cent tax. Mr. Elmore figures quickly and finds that he will not buy four and a half per cent for his money while the city of Kiowa will sell him a five per cent untaxed bond.

He will tell the neighbor that he must have a seven and a half per cent note. A New York man hearing the conversation, eagerly takes the mortgage at six per cent because the assessor cannot reach him.

If he borrowed from Mr. Elmore, paying the seven and a half per cent, would not the owner of the land pay the tax?

The lender always has and always will make the terms of the loan and the borrower must meet them.

Mr. Elmore may persist in taking only the land owner's or the borrower's side. Then let him seek the loan from a neighbor who has \$1,000 to loan, the neighbor knowing that he must pay the tax on the mortgage, and then Mr. Elmore will find that it will cost him seven and a half per cent instead of six unless the New Yorker is at hand to rescue him.

Study it as you will, the tax must be paid by the borrower and not the lender. You are permitting the home man to loan his surplus to his neighbor on the same terms that the outsider enjoys.

WRESTLING MATCH AT ELLINWOOD.

Curt Howe and George Trump were here from Ellinwood Tuesday distributing advertising matter for the Roller-Rogers wrestling match, which is to be held in the K. of C. opera house at Ellinwood Friday evening. Both of these wrestlers have excellent records, have been matched against some of the biggest in the game, and were connected with the training camps of the big fellows who recently wrestled in Chicago, Gotch and Hackenschmidt. This is a rare opportunity for those who admire this sport to witness a first class bout, and the promoters certainly should receive a patronage on this occasion that will show the appreciation of those who delight in sports for the opportunity to see a good match.

Mrs. B. F. Higgins is visiting her parents at Collins, Mo.

JUSTICE-GILES.

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Giles, "The Pines," was the scene of a pretty wedding last evening at five o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Ethel Giles, was married to Mr. Elmer H. Justice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Justice, of Okemdale. It was a green and white wedding, and the ceremony was performed in the living room, under an evergreen arch erected at one end. A large white bell hung from the center of the arch, and smaller bells from the sides. The Rev. A. Toothaker of the Congregational church of this city read the service. The only attendant was the small sister of the bride, little Margaret Giles, who preceded the bride and groom to the ceremony room. A cousin, Mr. Norman Giles, sang Bond's "I Love You Truly," and a sister, Mrs. Alice Immettschuh, played the processional. The wedding gown was a beautiful one of soft silk, with handsomely embroidered bands of applique and silk fringe for trimming. After the service, and the congratulations, punch was served to the guests by little Gertrude Giles, another sister of the bride, and Edith Justice, the groom's sister. Later in the evening an old-fashioned wedding supper of five courses was served. It was a reminder of the charming tales of colonial days, or plantation days, with turkey as the main course. The big dining table bore a beautiful centerpiece of narcissus and amilax, and a floral bell was suspended above it. The traditional bride's cake with the useful symbols was cut after the supper, and the ring went to Miss Maude Barr, while Miss Nellie Carter found the dime. The assisting girls were Miss Mary Manning, Miss Eleanor Martin, Miss Edith Justice, Miss Nina Nowlin and Miss Helen Giles. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harry Round of Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Justice will live on their farm near Hutchinson, and will carry to their new home many lovely and valuable gifts.—Hutchinson Gazette.

The Democrat joins the many friends of the bride, a Barton county girl, and for some years a resident of this city, in extending congratulations.

WALL STREET NOT IN CONTROL.

The Stanley Steel Investigating Committee will continue its probe of the steel trust, the efforts of Wall street to bring the inquiry to a halt having failed.

It being obvious that the House will not heed the command of special privilege to stop the inquiry, it is doubtful now whether the proposition of forcing the investigating committee to abandon its inquiry will come up on the floor of the House. But if the attempt is made it is certain that the House will stand by the committee and order it to proceed with the hearings.

This marks a new order of things. In the past, the steel trust has been able to have bills sidetracked, delayed, and finally chloroformed in committees of the House. All this is today impossible.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

R. E. Ledgerwood, Holsington
Audrey Ella Disney, Holsington.
F. P. Alford, Pratt
Sophia E. Gundersmann, Pratt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weathers and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Weathers are in Texas.

YOU ARE READING THIS AD.—OTHERS WILL READ YOURS

MOST everybody reads the ads. in this paper. They furnish as much news to the man in town and on the farm as the personals, and other more. Peter Smith's wife wants a new hat. Smith sees by the paper that Jones is selling hats at so much. Johnson's store ad. is missing from the paper—Johnson's trying a non-advertising policy.

**RESULT—Jones gets Smith's money
Smith's wife gets her hat.**

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Catching Mrs. Jones

If Mrs. Jones buys her coffee at Smith's each week—
If the coffee in your store is better than Smith's and cheaper—
Why, TELL MRS. JONES!
Don't dash wildly across the street to tell her, though; she'd laugh at you. Insert a sane, forceful advertisement in this paper about your coffee.

We'll catch her eye by making your ad. attractive. Then all that is left for you to do is to take in the money for the coffee Mrs. Jones buys.

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