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SHORTAGE OF HARVEST HANDS.

In spite of, or possibly better to say, because of the great shortage in the wheat crop in this county and all over the wheat belt of the state west of Hutchinson, the shortage of help has been a serious matter for the past week. Word had gone out that the crop is a failure, which is true in a way, but it is also a fact that practically all the acreage is being gone over and that in many instances a fairly good crop is being harvested. Naturally, on hearing that the crop in this territory is a fizzle, the men who are coming this way to get a job in harvest shift to places from which the reports are more encouraging. Most of the farmers in the Great Bend vicinity appear now to be reasonably well supplied with help. Many of them are working with a short crew for economy's sake and some of them because they have not been able to obtain the desired assistance. Wages have been forced up to \$3.00 per day on account of the shortage of men which is as much or more than the going price in good crop years and is a hardship on the farmer in a year such as this when some of the crop really will not pay for cutting. At Ellinwood the question was a really serious one, as the crop there is generally heavy enough to require the services of a full crew to handle it and the rush to the depot there Saturday and Sunday for men reminded one of the by-gone days of big crops. The farmers of that locality "took a tumble" to the fact on Saturday that the community needed about 200 men to fill out the crews, also that most everyone wanted to begin cutting on Monday. The Commercial Club of that place got busy and sent a representative east on the Santa Fe to gather up a bunch of men. He was successful in landing about 75 men from Saturday night to Monday morning, all of whom were snapped up by the waiting farmers before they got off the depot platform. More came Monday and by the middle of the week most of the farmers were well supplied with men. It is a curious fact that in this entire territory no one seemed to realize the need of men or the scarcity thereof until within a couple of days before harvest was upon us.

ANNUAL RECITALS.

Mrs. Poole and Miss Poole announce their annual recitals, by students in their music classes, for next Monday and Tuesday evenings, in Library Hall. These recitals have been given regularly for a number of years and have come to be a regular part of the musical life of a large number of young people in this community. The public is cordially invited to attend. The program begins promptly at 8:15.

POINTS MADE CLEAR.

County Clerk Younkin got a letter from the state auditor, making clear some points in regard to school land filings. The letter follows: "Dear Mr. Younkin: Answering your letter of the 21st, beg to say that the supreme court recently held that the one year provision within which settlers on school land must purchase the same began to run from the time of the appraisal of the land. In other words, the court's holding was that a person could not be held to have refused to purchase until the same had been properly appraised. "Under this ruling the settler in the case cited by you has lost none of his rights to the land. In my opinion the board of county commissioners can either take up at this time the matter of the confirmation of the appraisers heretofore appointed by the county superintendent under the law as it then existed, or he board may properly proceed with the appointment of these appraisers or other appraisers as it so decides. "I note that many of the settlers on the school lands are unable to give the required bond, and you desire to know whether in my opinion such settlers can re-file or whether the land can be treated as subject to settlement by other persons. I do not believe that a settler who was unable to give the required bond could proceed to re-settle on the land. I can see no advantage to the settler in such procedure nor do I believe it would be a legal procedure if it did in any wise advantage the settler. The settler being already on the land would obtain no advantage by moving off of it and then re-settling, and if the requirement for the bond within the time specified is held to be a jurisdictional matter, failure to give the bond within that time deprives the settler of any right which he may have acquired to the land. Very truly yours, W. E. DAVIS, State Auditor.

MISSOURI PACIFIC CHANGES TIME.

A change was made in the time of the Missouri Pacific trains this week. The morning train leaves Great Bend now at 6:30 and in the evening at 7:45. Each train returns about 10:30 morning and evening. The morning train connects at Hoisington with the east bound passenger and also waits for the local from the west which brings passengers to Hoisington and Great Bend from the west. The evening train connects with No. 3, west bound and No. 6 and No. 2, east bound evening trains. The service is much handier and through the extra wait in the morning many may go to Hoisington in the morning and have plenty of time to transact any business desired.

MISSOURI PACIFIC OFFICIALS HERE.

The private car of A. J. Alexander, Superintendent of the Colorado Division of the Missouri Pacific system, was in the local yards yesterday while Mr. Alexander, together with E. A. Sites, transmitter for this division, and L. W. Johnson, of Hoisington, roadmaster, spent the day as the guests of Agent McInnis and the city. They were entertained while here by an auto ride over the city and expressed themselves as highly pleased with what they saw. They are on a tour of inspection.

BASE BALL.

Since our last issue the team has had its ups and downs. In the home series they took three straight from Junction City, but were only able to grab one from the speedy Clay Center bunch. Monday night the team left for Junction City and what Junction did to the poor Millers was a plenty. They not only got revenge for the three games they lost here, but made the boys eat every bit of it, taking them in the first game 14 to 1 and no one was able to make a real excuse for being alive, anyway. Wednesday Junction City won the game 4 to 0. The Millers have been playing some fast ball in the past few games and losing a few games should not discourage the fans in the least, for the team has shown what they can do and will land in the first division as soon as they get their stride.

EASTERN STAR HOLDS RECEPTION.

A particularly enjoyable social event of recent occurrence was the reception given Tuesday evening. The affair was in charge of the Eastern Star, who had invited the Masons and their ladies to meet Miss Cora Richards, a former Great Bend girl, who is soon to assume her duties as assistant matron at the state Masonic Home at Wichita. A short program was given. The guest of honor, Miss Richards, who is exceptionally talented in music, rendered three solos which were greatly appreciated by those present. Mrs. Helen Moses gave some excellent readings and addresses were made by Reverend Westwood and W. R. Klindienst. Ice cream and cake were served in the banquet room and a general good time was had by all.

Eye To Asylum.

Sheriff Brown returned on Sunday evening from Topeka where he had been to place Jake Eyer, recently adjudged insane, in the asylum at that place.

Prof. Rankin, of Hoisington, has gone to Boston and will take up special work at Harvard during the summer.

FRANCIS MONLEY'S BROTHER IS DROWNED.

The Wellington papers of Monday give the following account of the drowning of Leslie Monley, the 17 year old brother of Francis Monley, prescription clerk for the Hooper Drug Co., of this city: "With three other boys, Leslie was swimming in the water of State creek dam and got in over his head. There was a number of people on the bank who saw the boy go down as he stepped in deep water and heard his cry for help, but they thought he was fooling them. When two of the boys swimming dived in the hole to get the body they realized the danger and a cry for assistance went out. Ralph Brumley, a former Great Bender, heard the cry and rushed to the assistance of the drowning boy, but was too spent to lift the body. Another bystander by that time reached the spot and diving in, brought up the body of the seventeen year old boy. Cochran went down after the body and brought it up quite easily and with the help of Mr. Brumley brought it to the bank on the west side. This was about five minutes past four o'clock and resuscitation work was commenced at once while some one had presence of mind enough to run over to the power house and call for a physician. Dr. Emerson responded at once but it was too late. The life had passed out before the rescue had been made. After the doctor was satisfied that he could do nothing to revive him, he placed the body in his car and with the father of the deceased and Marshal Shawver to assist, took it to the Monley home on east Third street. The hole where the drowning occurred is about twenty feet east of the west bank and about seven feet south of the stone wall of the dam and is all of twelve to fourteen feet deep. City Superintendent Stone said yesterday after the tragedy that the bottom all along the south edge of the shelf had been bored out by the falling water from the top of the dam and was any where from twelve to twenty feet deep. Leslie was a second year student at the county high school and well liked by both the faculty and students. He was quiet and industrious and was especially good in the wood working department. This is a sad blow to the Monley family who, it seemed, had enough of suffering and sorrow. It has been only seven years since Ambrose was killed while switching in the yards here. Besides the bereaved parents, are left the three sisters, Gertrude, Agnes of this place, and Mrs. Theresa Simpson of Danville and the two brothers, Leo of Wellington and Francis of Great Bend, to mourn the tragic loss. The funeral will be held at the local Catholic church tomorrow morning at nine o'clock by the Rev. Father Herley, assisted by the former pastor, the Rev. James Hayes, of Augusta. The services are open to the public. Interment will be made in the Prairie Lawn cemetery.

MARY L. PUMROY.

A particularly sad incident of recent occurrence was the death of Mrs. Mary L. Pumroy, which occurred June 20, at the Gus Bordewick home. Deceased was a stranger in this vicinity, having come into the county from eastern Kansas in company with her husband who had hired out to Mr. Bordewick to help in harvest. Her mother and a daughter of about 16 years were also with her. Death was caused by tuberculosis and occurred very suddenly in the wagon in which the family had been traveling. The body was brought to this city and after being prepared for burial was shipped to Lawrence, Kansas for interment. The bereaved relatives have the sincere sympathy of a large number of newly found friends in this, their day of sorrow.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued this week as noted below: June 21--William C. Reed, age 39, Albert; Truia Cooper, age 31, Winfield; married by probate judge. June 21--Ernest Eppstein, age 22, Great Bend; Elizabeth Wesley, age over 18, Hutchinson. June 20--Fred R. Stanley, age 22, Ethel A. Duling, age 21, both of Hoisington.

MEXICAN IN THE TOILS.

P. Piemental, a Mexican laborer, who has for some time been employed in the railroad yards at this place, was arrested Monday morning at the Santa Fe depot. The accused has long been suspected of fracturing the prohibitory law and this suspicion was borne out by the fact that the officers found a half barrel of beer and a dozen quarts of whiskey on the premises occupied by the family. The real cause of the arrest at this time, however, was the allegation by the wife of the offender that he had for some time past sustained relations of an immoral nature with his step-daughter, a girl 13 years of age. Piemental, on being taken before Judge Clayton for trial, denied all the allegations against him by the wife and step-daughter, and on account of the fact that the evidence against him in the more serious charge was at this time insufficient to convict, was not tried. He was, however, found guilty of breaking the prohibitory law and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100, together with a jail sentence of 30 days, which will detain him long enough for an investigation to be made in the other matter, which will be pushed to the limit if the necessary evidence to warrant a prosecution of the case can be secured.

FEDER VISITS GREAT BEND.

W. P. Feder, secretary of the State Board of Utilities, together with Meyer Hurley, member of the board and W. G. Grice, stenographer for same, were here Friday in connection with the Redwing depot matter. Mr. Hurley and Mr. Grice spent some time in riding over the city in company with members of the city commission and expressed themselves as being surprised at finding so up-to-date a town as we have. Chairman Martin was not with them on account of the fact that he had just been called to Washington for a conference over matters which come under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Utilities in the state where such boards have been established. Messrs. Grice and Hurley left for Topeka Friday evening, while Feder was left to look after some unfinished business and returned to Topeka Saturday evening.

SECURED STATE CERTIFICATES

A significant fact in connection with the efficiency of the High School at this place is that of five applicants at this place who took the recent examination for state teacher's certificates, all were successful in passing with good averages. This examination is a thorough one and covers ten subjects. The questions are furnished by the state board and the manuscripts forwarded to them to be corrected and graded. The certificates are good for two years and under certain conditions regarding supplemental reading, attendance at Normal, etc., are subject to renewal without examination. Those taking the examination and to whom certificates have just been issued are the Misses Muriel Hooper, Bessie Noll, Enid Watkins, Nellie Foster and Maude Murphy.

WILLIAMS

Rebecca Williams, colored, wife of L. D. Williams, of the south side, died at the family home June 23, of apoplexy, at the age of 59 years, 7 months and 22 days. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 24, and interment was made in Woodlawn cemetery.

The bereaved family is one of the most popular and highly respected colored families of the county and have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

REDWING WANTS DEPOT.

The little village on the Missouri Pacific between Hoisington and Clarlin--Redwing by name--has been struggling with the railroad company for some time in an effort to have a depot built and better service given them by the rail road, and apparently their efforts are about to be rewarded.

The matter was placed before the state Board of Utilities and a hearing was had at Redwing on Friday. Before leaving for home information was given here that while the matter was not definitely decided, there seemed to be sufficient business at the place to justify some kind of accommodations in the way of a depot, and that same would probably be established.

THE BARTON COUNTY FAIR.

Bigger And Better Than Ever Before.

The Barton County Fair Association is beginning its preparations for the big fair to be held October 7, 8, 9 and 10. The 1913 fair promises to surpass anything of the kind ever held in Barton county and it is up to the people to help boost this enterprise. It gives the farmers an opportunity to compete with their neighbors for the highest honor in stock raising, vegetables, fruits and all the farm products and the merchants to display their stocks of goods. It is the best institution to bring together the farmer and the city man and get better acquainted.

Already preparations are being made by the committee for the premiums. The committee now at work is as follows: Chas. Lischesky, W. E. Moses and Fred Zutavern, who are soliciting prizes from the businessmen.

This year there are to be four days of the fair and Secretary Bowersox, in telling about the plans said that two things of special interest should be brought to the attention of everybody. One is that a new system of entry keeping and prize awarding has been installed so that on the last day of the fair every prize can be awarded without delay. That is something that has never occurred before and means a lot of satisfaction to those making exhibits to settle everything when they are ready to take their exhibits home.

The fair book this year is to contain no display advertising but every merchant contributing a prize for the various displays will have the firm name displayed in black face type under the article for which the prize is offered. The premium book is to be compact and neat and will not be a burden on the merchants of the county.

Advertising has been ordered for the fair and in a short time will be scattered over this section of the state.

There are to be three days of horse racing, which will include two harness races each day.

The big attraction is to be the flying machine, which will be operated the last two days of the fair, the weather permitting. Mr. Longren, who made the successful flights last year, has been re-engaged this year and he will use a much larger bi-plane this time. There is something of a big nature to disclose about the flight this year and is promised to be one of the best things ever pulled off in this country.

One of the feature races of the meet and which has made a big success where ever tried will be a motorcycle elimination race. As many motorcyclists as care to enter can enter the race and each will be given a different place about the track to start from, all starting at a given signal. Whenever any rider is passed by another rider, he is eliminated from the race and must get off the track. The race may last ten minutes and might last an hour, depending upon the speed and driving ability of the riders. It was a big hit recently on a Wichita track.

Plans for new buildings have not yet been thoroughly perfected.

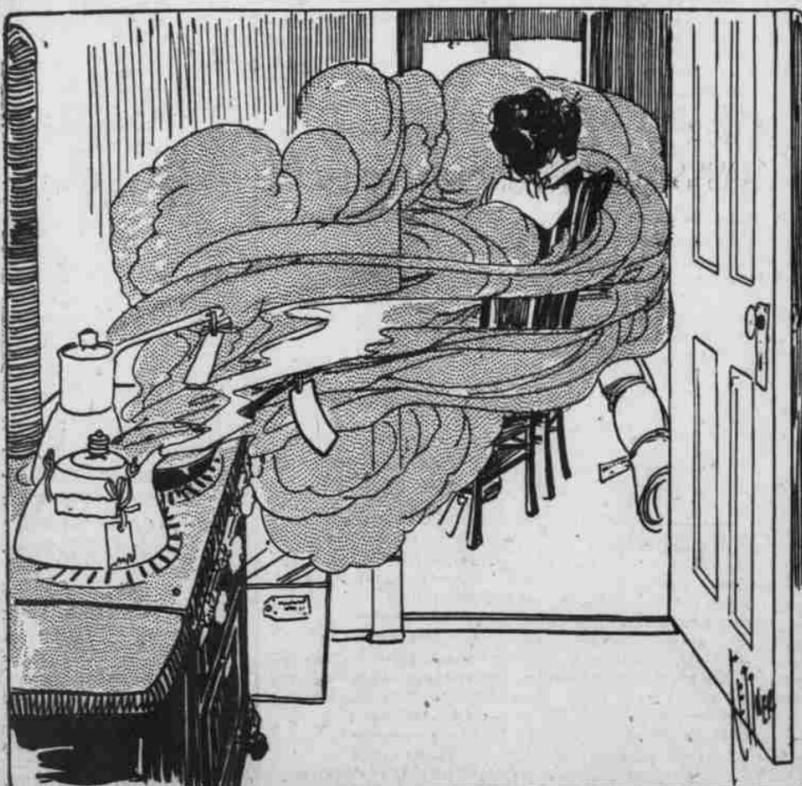
Wednesday, the 8th, will be Great Bend day. Thursday is Barton county schools day. Friday is motor day. At the conclusion of the races all the motor cars will have a track for a parade and it may be possible that moving picture films will be taken of the stock display, the motor parade and the fair in general.

Farmers and stockmen are requested to keep in mind the fact that their exhibits are wanted and that it will be worth while to make them. The boys should remember that they can interest themselves in the corn and stock judging contests and the girls in the sewing and cooking contests. The ladies are requested to make a big exhibit of fancy work.

With an eight town circuit arranged for the fall fairs in Western Kansas, a large field of horses is expected here this fall and the races will be fast and hotly contested. The track will be put in the best possible condition and those who love good horse racing will be sure to get their fill at this meet.

Boost for the fair and you will be boosting Barton county. Don't let an opportunity go by without saying a good word for the big fair and we will have the biggest crowd fair week ever seen in Great Bend.

JUNE BRIDE--YESTERDAY



CLAYTON