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## OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Monthly Bills Allowed by Board and  
Other Matters of Interest.

On account of the board of county commissioners not finishing their deliberations until last evening, it is impossible to give the complete report of the session in the paper this week, but the same will appear in next week's issue.

The regular bills were allowed and warrants were ordered drawn to the several amounts.

In the matter of the construction of cement walks diagonally through the north side of the park, the commissioners agreed to pay half of the expense and the contract was let to Charles Lawhorn for a 6 foot walk at a price of 7.71 cents per running foot.

State Engineer W. S. Gearhart and C. H. Busch of Wichita, president of the construction company having the contract for the erection of the river bridge at this place, met with the commissioners in regard to the bridge work. The commissioners made a trip of inspection to the bridge and reported that the work is being done in a satisfactory manner, but as rapid progress is not being made as they thought advisable. Unless the work is pushed a little faster, cold weather will set in before the work is finished, and the commissioners do not intend that any cement or concrete work shall be done after that time for it would be impossible to turn out work that would be satisfactory or give good service, and they requested that more men be put on the work so that the work could be hastened.

The case of Willie Huffman, the sixteen year old boy who was brought to the hospital here last winter from north of Redwing and cared for several weeks by the county commissioners, was again brought to their attention and it was decided to pay his mother, Mrs. Louisa Norrell, \$10 per month for his care, this amount being satisfactory to her. The boy is feeble minded, but on account of the crowded condition of the state hospital at Winfield, could not be taken there at this time.

The bond of A. Schwager, county treasurer elect, in the sum of \$25,000 was approved by the board and duly accepted.

Charles Radenberg, trustee of Independent township, and George Rogers, appeared before the board in the interest of Mrs. McDermott, of Claffin. At the time of giving in her property statement the first of March Mrs. McDermott gave in an amount something like \$2,000 for an estate for which she is guardian, but in a very short time afterward invested the amount in land, which was also taxed, thus making her pay a double taxation, but according to the law the commissioners could take no action toward refunding her the money.

A sister of Mrs. Sam Deighton, of the west part of town, appeared before the board in regard to securing a pension from the county under the disability law passed by the legislature some years ago. The lady makes her home with the Deighton family and has been blind and totally helpless for years, and under the law would be entitled to a pension of \$50 per month if she had been a resident of this county for ten years, but as she has lived here only about seven years no action could be taken by the board.

A committee waited on the board in regard to establishing a county road through the county east and west, and also to take up the matter in regard to straightening the road at the creek east of town. Just what will be done in regard to the county road is hard to determine at the present time although the board is generally in favor of the idea. However, they do not intend to be hasty in saddling a big debt annually on the county and will take their time in laying out these roads, although the chances are that the road as now proposed will be designated as a county road, providing the townships through which it passes will fix it up in the proper shape so that it can be ac-

cepted as such by the commissioners. The route as proposed runs from the east Barton county line through Ellinwood and to Great Bend on the regular Ellinwood road. It leaves this city running west of 10th street for two miles, then south to the Sam Gwinn corner, from there four miles to the corner of R. C. McMullen's farm, south to the railroad track and follows the track up to Pawnee Rock. This route is undoubtedly one of the best roads that could have been selected, as the entire road is already in good shape and can be kept that way with a very little expense, but it is probable that a number of farmers living along the Santa Fe between here and Dundee will have some objections to make on the subject, and can show reasons why the road all along the track from here to the Rock should be designated. The commissioners will look over the ground carefully before making any decision and will place the road where they think it will be the most benefit to the most people, and at the same time not be a route that will cost the tax payers too much to keep up in good shape.

In the matter of straightening out the road at the creek east of town and putting in a new bridge, the petitioners in this behalf were represented by Mayor Luse as spokesman, who explained the matter thoroughly to the board and offered that if the county would make the cut for the new channel and put in the bridge that the work of making both the fills would be donated the county by those pushing the project. The commissioners came back with a statement that if those desiring the change would make both the cut and the fills that the board would put them in a modern concrete bridge and have the road changed, and as a matter now stands the proposition still rests but will probably be accepted and the change will be made. To put in a first class concrete bridge at this point will cost the county close to \$5,000 and the commissioners feel that this is all they would be justified in doing in the matter.

Several other matters of minor importance were brought up and discussed by the board, and an adjournment was taken until their next regular meeting the first Monday in October, at which time the creek bridge proposition will be definitely settled.

## THE STATE FAIR.

There are those who are wondering just what effect the continued unfavorable weather for crops will have upon the state fair. Anything to occur in the future must be judged to a large degree from experience of the past and observations of similar events under similar conditions elsewhere. In 1901 at a meeting of the Board, held on the 25th day of July, conditions appeared so unfavorable that a motion was made to not hold a fair that year. After a short discussion the motion was lost unanimously. The Board went ahead with the result that was most gratifying to the management, the people and to the exhibitors. Similar instances in numbers might be cited here and elsewhere. But it is largely as the old adage says "The darkest hour is just before the dawn." When conditions arise in anyone's affairs business or otherwise, which temporarily enshroud the future in doubt, it is most likely a time near the turn toward happier and brighter things. Nothing comes to him who halts, hesitates or stops. The men of power who do things do not stop. They go ahead. The history of all successful enterprises leads to but one conclusion, and that is, to proceed, meet difficulties, overcome them and go ahead. The exhibitors at The Kansas State Fair are made up of this class of successful men. Unpropitious weather conditions prevailing for a month or two only causes them to redouble their efforts. The result is, the exhibitors will be at The Kansas State Fair. The great tractor engine display and demonstration will occur. Those breeders having fitted show herds of horses, cattle, sheep and swine are making their entries and engaging their stalls and pens. Those having trained horses for speed or the horse show are not even hesitating as to whether or not they will exhibit. Of course they will. The same way with the visitor to the fair. He cannot afford to drop out a year. Kansas men are not made up of men who are quitters. The consequence is the visitors will be here and as usual the fair will be a grand success with many new and attractive features.

This weather will change pretty soon. The earth and all living things will be refreshed and the Kansan will forget. Let others tell their exaggerated stories and let those believe who have an over supply of credulity. Kansas will be wet down the fall plowing and seeding will go on, and prosperity, as usual, will shed its benign influences throughout the sunflower kingdom of Kansas.  
A. L. SPONSLER, Sec'y.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kummer have returned to Dodge City after a visit of a few days with Great Bend friends. Mr. Kummer was injured while at work in the Santa Fe yards at Dodge a few weeks ago, but is about all right again now.

Mrs. Robert Jones and daughters, of Cherryvale, stopped off here Wednesday for a visit with their cousin, Arthur Curry and family, of north of town. They are on their way home after spending the summer in Colorado.

John Komarek was a business visitor from Dartmouth on Wednesday. He brought with him several bushels of fine apples which he raised on his farm there and which he readily disposed of to the Great Bend merchants.

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Dave Speck, a former resident of this county but now living at Hutchinson where he owns a fine farm a few miles out of that city, came up this week for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Walter Gregg, and other relatives and old friends and to look after business matters.

Dr. Hardy McGreevey came up from Alva, Okla., last week for a visit of a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McGreevey and his sister, Mrs. H. L. Woodburn, of south of town, and his many old time Barton county friends.

Miss Ethel Cartmell and Miss Lottie Martin, both of England, who are here for a visit with Miss Cartmell's sister, Mrs. Cutler, of near Raymond, and also with a brother here and one in Kansas City, were here last week the guests for a few days at the home of Miss Lillian Brinkman.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton McGreevey and children were in the city last week on their way to their home in Kansas City, after spending a few weeks touring Colorado in their auto, and stopped off here for a visit of a few days with Mr. McGreevey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McGreevey.

Miss Grace Waugh came in from Topeka Tuesday evening and is the guest of Miss Pearl Emley here. She will assist Miss Emley in her pipe organ recital at the M. E. church this evening and will give a number of readings.

Trustee John Doherty, Dr. G. O. Splers and Joe Schermy were here from Ellinwood Wednesday to meet the county commissioners in regard to the proposed county road from east to west and to help boost for the proposition of straightening out the road at the creek east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman and son stopped off here the first of the week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dittenbacher of the south side, while on their way to their home in Kansas City, after an outing of several weeks in Colorado. Mrs. Coleman is a sister of Mrs. Dittenbacher.

Miss Clara Buckland, who has been spending the summer in Colorado, arrived Wednesday morning for a short visit with relatives and friends here while on her way to Hutchinson to resume her duties as one of the instructors in the schools of that city.

Clarence Quigley, Frank McCormick, Miss Mae Seiber and Miss Bertha Scott, of this city, and the Misses Beulah Butler and Anna Teten of Albert, returned from Salina Sunday where they had been attending a week's session of the Epworth League Institute.

Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Clifton, Kansas, and grand-daughter, Miss Mary Johnson, of Topeka, came in Wednesday from a visit in Canon City, Colo., and Stafford county, for a visit of a few days here with Mrs. E. A. Hammond and family and other relatives.

Charley Lawhorn was down from Pawnee Rock this week on business with the city and county commissioners. He has secured the contract for laying the new cement walks in the north part of the park and will commence work in about ten days or two weeks.

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# DAIRY FACTS

## REPORT ON DAIRY BUSINESS

Increase in Number of Cows Almost Same as Increase in Population—Interesting Figures.

The United States census report shows 11,795,770 dairy cows in 1910, as compared with 18,108,666 in 1900, an increase in ten years of 3,687,104, or 20.4 per cent. The number of people in the United States increased 21 per cent in the same period.

The total number of pounds of butter made in 1909 was 1,619,415,263, 1899 it was 1,461,752,802, an increase of 8.6 per cent. There was an increase of 48.7 per cent in butter made in the creameries, and a decrease of 7.2 per cent in butter made on farms; 61.4 per cent of the butter was made on the farms in 1909, as against 71.8 per cent in 1899.

The cheese industry shows a similar increase in total make, being 320,533,181 pounds in 1909, as against 298,344,642 pounds in 1899, an increase of 7.4 per cent; of this only 2.9 per cent was made on farms in 1909 and 5.5 per cent in 1899. There was a reduction of 42.6 per cent in the amount of cheese made on farms in the ten years and an increase of 10.3 per cent in the amount made in factories.

It will be noted that the increased population was almost in the same ratio as the increase in number of dairy cows. Each dairy cow supplied milk, butter, cheese, ice cream, etc., for 4.1 persons in 1909 and 1899.

It would appear that any shortage of dairy products must come about because the American people are consuming more than they did ten years ago, and this undoubtedly is true.

## SHUN THE TUBERCULOSIS COW

Satisfactorily Shown That Man is Susceptible to Infection From the Dairy Animals.

(By M. H. REYNOLDS, Veterinarian, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.)

Three things have become quite plain in the course of a world-wide study of the relation between human and bovine tuberculosis. (1) That tuberculosis is a common disease among cattle. (2) That there are constant opportunities for transfer of any possible infection from cattle to people. (3) That man is at least susceptible to bovine infection.

There can be no reasonable question now that the most serious source of human tuberculosis, particularly for older children and adults, is the advanced case of human tuberculosis in the home. It has been satisfactorily shown, however, that man is at least susceptible to tuberculosis infection from cattle and that tuberculosis among young children, due to germs from cows, is sufficiently common and serious to make it necessary to recognize the tuberculous cow as an important element of danger.

## HANDY MILK-BOTTLE CARRIER

Tiresome Task of Handling Receptacles by Rim Obviated by Use of Handle as Illustrated.

Carrying a milk bottle by the rim is tiresome work for the fingers, so I constructed a handle, as shown in the sketch, from a piece of wire. The carrier can be easily placed in the pocket, writes Lawrence B. Robbins



A Milk-Bottle Carrier.

of Harwich, Mass., in the Popular Mechanician.

The part fitting under the rim of the bottle neck is bent to form two semi-circles, one hooking permanently at A, while the other is hooked at B after it is sprung around the neck of the bottle.

## CAUSE OF MILK BITTERNESS

Two Classes and Two Sources, One When Freshly Drawn and Other Comes From Long Standing.

There are two classes and two sources of bitter milk. The first, according to the Ontario Agricultural college, has a bitter taste when freshly drawn. The second develops the bitterness only after standing some time, and increases in intensity. This is due to the growth of bacteria. When fresh milk is bitter it may be due to feeding of Sweden, cabbages, or the eating of certain herbs.

Again, certain cows develop a bitterness in their milk when far in the lactation period, and this usually occurs when the cow is receiving dry feed. When this occurs the grain ration should be reduced so that the cow will be receiving no more than is really needed for her production. It is said two or three doses of Epom salts at intervals of three days is effective in some cases in removing this condition.

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Mrs. Peter Webber, of LaCrosse, was brought to the hospital here this week and on Wednesday underwent an operation and is reported as getting along in fine shape now. She was accompanied by her husband and two sons, George C. Webber, register of deeds of Rush county, and Henry Webber, who farms near LaCrosse. The boys returned to their homes this morning but the husband will remain here for several days.

Louis Omer was in the city this week for a visit with relatives and friends while on his way to Bethany, Mo., where he will have charge of a large gents clothing and furnishings establishment, his firm having closed out their store at Kinaley where he has been in charge for the last few years.

R. C. McMullen of this city has rented his farm in Buffalo township to Mr. Kirkpatrick, and with his family will remove, the 15th of this month to Stafford, Kansas, where they will make their future home and where a son, R. J., is engaged in the practice of law and where Mr. McMullen has secured a situation. Bob has been a resident of Barton county for the past thirty-five years, and his many friends here regret his leaving but wish for him and his family an abundance of prosperity in their new location.

Father Rice, the new priest in charge of the Catholic parish at Claffin, and Frank Bloomer were over from that place Wednesday looking after some business matters and for a short visit with friends here.

# Mr. Farmer...



1913 seems to be an off year with the Kansas people. While it is true that our wheat crop was light, and our corn crop was lighter, we still have faith in Kansas, so we have made up our minds that for the year 1913 we will divide our profits with you in standing our share of the losses by selling you at our places of business in both Great Bend and Seward

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