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Make Your Dollars Do Double Duty By Buying At The Big Stock Moving Sale Now On At Hooper's.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

What was looked forward to as a happy visit was suddenly turned into a time of sorrow at the home of Mrs. Meek on Wednesday of this week, when her sister, Miss Laura V. Plowman, of Nevada, Mo., passed away after an illness of only a few hours. Miss Plowman, who had not seen Mrs. Meek for twenty-three years, arrived on Tuesday evening apparently in the best of health. She enjoyed a good night's rest, but complained of feeling badly while eating breakfast. Soon after she attempted to pass from one room to another, when she fell in an unconscious condition, and died in a few hours. Death was no doubt due to an attack of apoplexy.

Miss Plowman was fifty-two years old. She has as relatives two sisters only, Mrs. Meek, of this city, and Mrs. Wm. Henry, who lives in Pennsylvania. At the time of going to press, definite arrangements for the funeral had not been made, awaiting advice from the sister in the east. When held, the funeral will be at the home of Lester Cox.

It is indeed one of the tragedies of life, when a pleasant and happy time had been planned by those who have not been together for so long a time, to have the hand of death so suddenly seize one of the parties interested, and the sympathy of the many friends of Mrs. Meek goes out to her and her family on this occasion.

Bert Barnard was over from Hoisington Sunday to spend the day with relatives and friends and to take in the polo game.

Dr. Homer Robison and wife were here from Ellinwood Sunday evening for a short visit with relatives and friends.

Wm. Tinnemeyer, of northeast of town, was quite seriously injured Sunday evening by being kicked by a horse. He had gone into the stall beside the horse and the animal became startled and started to kick, and in the mix-up Mr. Tinnemeyer sustained three broken ribs and a number of bad bruises which will keep him confined to his bed for some time. He is getting along nicely and his many friends hope that he will continue to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Kern were in from the west side Tuesday morning on a little shopping trip and visit. Lambert finished threshing some time ago and had an agreeable surprise in that his wheat turned out much better than he expected, one field making better than 30 bushels per acre. He is busy getting his ground plowed for another crop but says it is pretty dry out that way and that they will have to stop plowing unless a good rain comes soon.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

There are some things that a person cannot do. For instance, if petitions are signed and filed naming candidate for office the nomination of which is made by primary election, the candidate cannot withdraw, as there is no provision in the law. His name has to go on the ballot and be voted on. This is the fix that Burt Brown, of Lawrence, finds himself in. Now, the facts are that Brown would like to be Secretary of State, and there is no reason why he should not be. He was the candidate two years ago, and made a fine campaign, but like all the other Democrats on the state ticket except Governor and Senator, he did not get enough votes. Notwithstanding the great popularity of his opponent, Chas. Sessions, he made a fine showing. Brown's name appears on the ballot for the nomination. Realizing the expense incident to conducting an aggressive campaign for the nomination, and if successful in the primary for the election, Brown asked to have his name taken off the ballot, as he is not financially able to make the campaign that seems necessary, but he could not have it so. Brown should be nominated. He has been a consistent and working Democrat for years. He was unsuccessful in getting recognition from either the state or national administration because there were not places enough to go around. He should be nominated without opposition, but that is out of the question. His opponent is J. W. Schlisser, of Sheridan county. Mr. Schlisser has served for four years in the legislature, is a man of some means, and is at present one of the deputies in the live stock department. He is a good man, but we believe he should stand aside in favor of Brown, whose nomination we ask our friends to assist in making.

Mrs. Louise Brewer came up from Ellinwood Tuesday morning for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence O'Neal.

Miss Ella McMullen left yesterday morning for a few months visit with relatives and friends at the old home of the family near Pittsburgh, Pa., and other points in that vicinity. She will stop enroute for a visit of a few days with her niece Mrs. Geo. E. Lee, at Watega, Ills.

Robert Bean, of this city, received a message yesterday morning from his sister, who lives near Parsons, in Cherokee county, informing him of the death of her husband which had occurred the day previous, but on account of the condition of his health Mr. Bean was unable to leave to attend the funeral, which was held on Thursday.



For U. S. Senator
HON. GEO. A. NEELEY
He Has Made Good

DAVID HOWELL DEAD

David Howell, who has been in very poor health for some months passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Jones, near Heizer, yesterday morning about 11 o'clock, and at the time of going to press no arrangements had been made for the funeral. Mr. Howell was one of the old and highly respected citizens of the county, and his many friends will sincerely grieve to hear of his death. A complete obituary will appear later.

John Evans and Walter Schumacher were over from Claflin on a business trip yesterday.

Clinton, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby DuBois, underwent an operation at the hospital last Monday, and the reports are that the little fellow is getting along in fine shape.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schumacher were up from Radium Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schumacher were also here from Claflin that day for a visit.

Charley Kyle, one of the real estate and good boosters of La-Crosse, was in the city Monday on his way home after a business trip to Hutchinson. Mr. Kyle is one of the active Democrats of Rush county and says that Neeley is going to get more votes up in his county in the race for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator than all of the other candidates combined, and that Senator Shouse is going to receive a very large per cent of the vote for the nomination for Congressman. He is of the opinion that if Billard becomes a candidate for Governor it will be a big help to Governor Hodges up that way as he will get many votes that would otherwise go to Capper.

ROTTEN DEMOCRACY.

If there is anything that is disgusting, it is to see a publication that pretends to stand for the principals of any certain political party, and then to all the time be quietly slipping the stiletto under the ribs of that party. From a reading of the Hutchinson Gazette we believe that it is one of that kind of publications. The Gazette has been boosted by western Kansas Democrats in every conceivable manner that it could be boosted ever since it has been running as a Democratic paper. A number of prominent men have at various times gone down into their pockets to make up a financial deficiency and keep the publication going, and now they are being rewarded by seeing the Gazette, under its present management, assuming a hostile attitude toward the state administration, and toward the men who made it possible for the present management to have a good plant and business to begin with when he assumed charge. Not only that, but it is not doing fair by its own people. For instance, they are making an unwarranted fight on George Neeley, living right in their own city, in his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for U. S. senator, and are boosting a man who, while he is a good Democrat, but whose nomination would not be the best that could be made, and in many other ways are showing that they are not nearly as good Democrats as they would have their readers believe. And through a series of political letters written by a disgruntled individual in Topeka, is giving a resume of the conditions in the state relating to the Democratic party and are absurd, and that are written merely as a means of raising a little coin. Of course, the Gazette can and will do as it pleases. It can take the Capper publications' stories of the Hodges administration for truth if it wants to; but that is not our idea of the game. The Gazette should either be for the administration or else it should stop posing as a Democratic sheet soliciting Democratic support. We do not insist on party regularity if there is a just and reasonable cause for doing the other thing, but in this instance there is not such a condition, and cannot be. If the Gazette is out for the coin, then let the Democrats so consider it, and its readers will not be misled. We shall expect some of the Republican papers to take a shot at Democratic harmony after reading this article, but if so it is only for the purpose of relieving their overburdened feelings on the unharmonious condition of their own party. What we would like to see is the Gazette assume the position in this campaign that it should take, or else come out open and above board against the administration. It has no right to demand Democratic support and patronage and help, and then use the knife to stab its party in the back like a hired assassin gets its victim.

HODGES AFTER

CAPPER AGAIN.

Governor Hodges has written another letter to Arthur Capper. The Republican State Central Committee tried to three-card-monte the Governor into a debate, which had the effect of his answering by issuing a challenge in his speech at Beloit to Mr. Capper or any one else. This was not accepted, so the Governor issued a challenge to Mr. Capper direct, which Mr. Capper has sidestepped, but makes a feint at wanting to give space in his paper to anyone who feels himself aggrieved, hence the Governor has now written a challenge to Mr. Capper for a joint newspaper discussion, to be carried on through the Capper publications. Wonder if Capper will accept. We are betting he won't. The Governor's letter is as follows:

Topeka, Kas., July 16, 1914.
Mr. Arthur Capper,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:—

My attention has been directed to a newspaper statement made by you, in reply to my recent letter challenging you to meet me in a series of joint debates, in which debates I proposed that you be at liberty to attack the present state administration from any angle you see fit. As I understand your reply, you have declined to engage in the proposed debates for the reason that you are not a public speaker.

I do not care to take advantage of you, Mr. Capper. Instead, I seek only to acquaint as many of the voters as may be possible administration of the state's business affairs during the official term of the present executive.

You say that you are not equipped to discuss these things from the platform. You may not be a public speaker, but in view of your newspaper training, you can hardly plead that you are not a writer. Joint newspaper discussions, under rules by which the parties thereto are given equal space and opportunity, are not a new thing. It should therefore be easy for us to arrange terms for such discussions through the columns of your own publications. I will be glad to engage in such discussions with you, the conditions to be arranged by a committee of three, one member to be selected by you, one by the writer, and the third by the two we have selected.

You say that you are not equipped to engage in a joint debate. You have also said that the columns of your publications are open to those concerning whom mis-statements have been published. However, I have not been able to secure correction of many mis-leading and false statements that have been published in your those acting for you, have systematic administration. You, and columns concerning the present

LAST OF THE SEASON.

The patrons of the Kansas State League in this vicinity will have the opportunity to witness, but a few more games this season, as the team is now home for the last time before the close of the season. A three game series was opened with Hutchinson yesterday, after which Emporia comes for three games and then Salina for a like number, and the season will be over as far as Great Bend is concerned for this year, and probably also for some years to come, as the chances are that the town will have no salaried team next year, as the sport is considered by many to be more of a luxury than the town can well afford.

A double header is to be played today, the first game starting at 2:15 and there will also be double headers Sunday and Monday. The games, except on the days of the double headers, will be called at 3:30. The Great Bend team seem to have the cellar championship cinched, but at that they are playing good ball, and the patrons of the game will see some fine exhibitions. You'll miss the old ball team when they are gone, and you had better take in as many of these games as you can. Give the team a good boost by attending and try and help them crawl out of last place.

matically, falsely, and unfairly criticised the administration to a newspaper audience to which I have not had the opportunity to make direct reply. In proposing a series of joint debates, I sought only to meet you on absolutely even terms before audiences of voters. In the proposal I now make, I only seek to meet you on even terms before the reading public.

If your statement that your columns are open to those who have been misrepresented in your publications was made in good faith it seems to me that you should accept this proposal.

If you decline to accept the proposal, it seems to me fair to conclude that you, a candidate for Governor, consider it the privilege of a publisher to withhold from your readers, information that does not serve your own purposes.

In conclusion, let me assure you, as was done in the letter challenging you in a joint debate, that if you accept the proposal herein made, it will not be the policy of the writer to quibble concerning either appropriations or expenditures. For the purposes of these discussions the statements of the state auditor and state treasurer, both Republicans, will be accepted as to what their books show, when properly verified under oath.

Yours very truly,
GEORGE H. HODGES.

DISCOVERED!



Cliff Gardner was down from Albert Tuesday on a business trip and for a visit with his many Great Bend friends.

Roscoe Ekert, of Kiowa, Kansas, has accepted a position with the Hooper Drug Co., and has taken charge of the soda fountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Savage came up from Hutchinson Monday morning for a visit with their many Great Bend friends and to look after their business interests here. Mr. Savage, who is now personally conducting his two motion picture shows in Hutchinson, reports that the people of that city have been very liberal in their patronage and that both places of business are doing well.

Bal Groseclose, for many years a resident of this city, being in the employ of G. H. Hulme in his mercantile business, came in from the east Sunday and will probably remain here for some time. Bal has been visiting at the old home in Virginia for several months past and looks as though the world had been agreeing with him down on the old plantation for he is considerably heavier than when he left Great Bend about a year ago.

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