

TILE, BRICK AND SEWER PIPES

Gentleman Representing Large New York and Kansas City Capital Looked the Field Over.

A gentleman was here all day Wednesday looking over the Allen county gas field. He interviewed men posted on the subject and had quite a talk with F. V. Crouch. It seems that he kept his identity and his business a secret for some reason, but there is reason to believe that he is the representative of large brick and sewer pipe manufacturers who are planning to get in the gas belt so as to maintain competition with the Dickey Company, which has announced its intention of building a plant where fuel is cheap.

The Fort Scott Tribune had this to say of him in Wednesday's issue: "Wm. F. Beckley, representing large capital interests in Kansas City and New York, was here today looking for a location and he is most favorably impressed with the facilities and natural resources to be found here and although he has not made a formal proposition to the city he intends to as soon as he completes his circuit of a number of other towns in the west.

"Mr. Beckley came down from Kansas City yesterday with a letter of introduction from C. A. Brocketa, of the Brocketa cement company here to C. H. Gardiner, superintendent of the cement plant and Mr. Gardiner showed him the various stratas of clay that is available here. The formation at the Missouri Pacific cut was closely inspected by Mr. Beckley and he was well pleased with the quality. He also visited the point where Mr. Lotterer got his clay for his brick plant. The company that proposes to establish such a plant will manufacture all kinds of sewer tiling and in connection will operate a modern brick plant. Mr. Beckley called upon Mayor Goodlander this afternoon before going to Iola and informed him that the natural resources here were fine and that he was very much encouraged by the shipping facilities. The representative further stated that the two plants would be operated on a very large scale as it was the intention to supply a large percentage of sewer pipe in Kansas City as well as other surrounding cities. He says there is a large opening for sewer pipe in New Mexico and Texas where the proposed company intends to ship much of the product."

The Ore-Spelter Warfare.

From the Joplin News-Herald

The ore producers in the pool are of the opinion that they have won their fight. At last night's regular weekly meeting it was decided to stand pat as usual.

The attitude of the buyers is not known at this time but is believed that the smelters will pay the price demanded for ore rather than demoralize their own business.

A Joplinite who has just returned from a tour of the gas districts reports that the smelters are shipping spelter in large quantities and that the recent reduction in freight rates has caused the sudden rush of shipments. It is known that the smelters have very little stocks of metal on hand and so long as the reduction in freight rates remain in force and the demand for the manufactured article keeps up at present prices the talk of shutting down furnaces is not believed to be intended seriously.

Local ore producers appear jubilant and they say they are contending for a principle that is bound to win and not to dictate what the smelters shall pay for the ore.

George E. Nicholson, who owns a coal smelter at Nevada, Mo., and a gas smelter at Iola, Kan., says:

"The fate of the Nevada smelters is at present uncertain. If the present price of ore continues the smelters may be shut down in the near future. If, however, the price drops we will continue to run.

"One block of the Nicholson smelters at Iola is down but will be started about April 25. The block was badly in need of repairs and we took advantage of the rise in the price of ore to repair it.

"Iola smelter men in general are doing this and blocks of almost every plant are shut down temporarily."

It will be seen by Mr. Nicholson's statement that his block of furnaces will be restarted next week and that all others cut out will soon be restarted. It is argued by the producers that great good will result from this temporary shutting down of the smelters in stimulating both ore and metal prices.

Her Son's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"A neighbor ran in with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy when my son was suffering with severe cramps and was given up as beyond hope by my regular physician, who stands high in his profession. After administering three doses of it, my son regained consciousness and recovered entirely within twenty-four hours," says Mrs. Mary Haller, of Crawford, Va. This remedy is for sale by W. L. Crabb & Co., Campbell & Burrell.

Fair Commission at Chanute.

The Chanute Tribune says the world's fair commissioners had fits over that town. They had never seen such wonderful things. (This is probably true.) They were shown through the mammoth mantle factory which employs probably forty people and turns out a car load of stuff every once in a while. Then, says the Tribune, "they were taken through a brick plant and other points of interest." They undoubtedly got stuck on those "points." A gas well was opened up for them "in the heart of the greatest oil field an Almighty Creator was ever able to create." The commission stood with thumbs in their ears and their minds full of wonder. One of them assured the Tribune that "they told us at Iola you had oil wells, but while they opened a number of their gushers, they showed us nothing like this." They saw but one well here; one that is in constant use not one that has been capped all the time. The REGISTER knows Iola men who will drop gold eagles into this Iola well, confident that they will never even enter the pipe. An Iola man dropped a cinder into one of Chanute's new gas wells, and the light cinder never stopped going down. Then the commission was taken out to the heart of the oil belt. Some 14,000 wells were opened up and each one spouted streams as big around as a barrel and so high that the top penetrated the heaven and spotted the sun. But to cap the climax the strangers were shown the new smelter. At Iola, says the Tribune, "they were shown some smelters." Not the real thing, just an imitation. At Chanute they were taken to the biggest smelter in the west, the construction of which is dated for early in the year 1904, which if it operates long enough and grows big enough will compare favorably with one of half a dozen different Iola institutions. The commission was astonished at the site. The dazzling view was so painful that they had to keep their hands over their eyes while looking at it. The commission wanted to end the trip right at Chanute. Why seek further? Here could be secured a bottle of oil from the biggest field, etc.; a brick from the branch plant of the Coffeyville Brick Company; a box of mantles; and a sack of gas; pictures of the town where a smelter will be built. Why secure anything else? Put those things in the Kansas building at St. Louis and the peoples of the earth would crowd in and stand in speechless awe. The rest of the big show might as well go out of business. It does look like the commission was wasting the people's money to seek farther, but that pig-headed organization actually did proceed to the next town.

Base Ball Outlook Good.

The base ball talk is taking on definite form and it begins to look as if Iola will surely be in the league. Mr. Nichols cannot be here for several days yet, but the talk and planning is active. One scheme is to choose a local board of three men, Mr. Crouch, and the manager of the team to look after the team. Citizens will then subscribe some \$500 and get the team going and the profits, if any, will be held by the local management for next year's club or for distribution among the donors of the first money. A local ball franchise may become valuable and with Mr. Crouch pushing the affair as a help to his ear line it looks to a good many people as if the club ought to pay all the way round and risk and burden be slight on any individual.

Pension For Bill Conley.

Back in war times W. J. Conley of this town was well acquainted with Eugene Ware, the new pension commissioner. This fact was referred to by Mr. Ware in a letter which was received today by Mr. Will Thompson in reply to a congratulatory note. Mr. Ware said: "My mail is enormous and I must make this short, but give my best regards to Bill Conley and tell him that he is entitled to a pension because I remember distinctly that he was struck by a 'high-ball' down at Ozark, Missouri."

And Conley's version of the story is still more interesting.

Boys Swiped Some Oars.

There are few things you can do to a man to make him madder than to steal the oars from his boat. After he tramps a mile to take row a he simply explodes when he finds the oars gone. Lewis Atchbach had a boat on the river the oars being chained fast. Some boys broke the chain and took the oars home, where they painted them, expecting to sell them. But they were seen by Judge Gard, who is a fisherman and was interested in the boat and oars.

This morning a bunch of small boys were badly scared in Judge Potter's court. They were Fred Funkhouser, Arthur Kennedy and Bert Morrison but they couldn't get away. The county attorney showed that they were guilty and lectured them. Judge Potter lectured them and then fined them \$10 apiece, but granted a stay of execution during their good behavior.

150 head of sheep in lots to suit purchaser. Also some young milch cows and some springers. C. P. Smith, two miles north of Canby.

WILL COCKERILL EXPAND

Believed to Have in Mind an Enlargement of His Smelter by Purchase or by Construction.

Mr. A. B. Cockerill is here from Missouri looking after his smelter at Gas City and after the Prime-Western smelter at the same point in which he owns a third interest and over which he has been chosen manager.

An interesting thing about his visit, however, is the recording of a mortgage which he has given in favor of the Germania Trust Company for \$25,000. He has given his Gas City works, interest in fourteen acres of land and some gas territory as security. Mr. Cockerill is known to be in good circumstances and the idea is not to be entertained that he raised the money for any other reason than to reinvest it at once. He could do this in two ways, by extending the size of his present smelter in Gas City or by buying out his partners in the Prime-Western works. Mr. Cockerill is recognized all over the country as one of the shrewdest business men in the smelting business and one of the best posted. He has the cordial good will of every man who ever worked for him and the confidence of zinc and smeltermen.

So it will be good news if he has really determined to expand in the Allen county gas belt, and everybody hopes that that is what he intends to do.

Society Was in Evidence

Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thos. Jones, at 304 west Madison avenue, a very enjoyable reception was tendered their friends by Mrs. Jones, assisted by Mrs. J. D. Whitman, Mrs. Archibald Jones and Miss Jones. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion and refreshments were served during the afternoon. It was one of the most fashionable and delightful social events of the season.

Not all the names of the guests could be learned, but among the guests were the following:

- Mesdames Enochs, Col. Lanyon, L. B. Butt, W. J. Evans, Jane Evans, L. L. Northrup, F. A. Northrup, D. P. Northrup, Oscar Foust, H. H. Funk, G. A. Bowls, B. E. Jones, Otto Proelss, F. J. Horton, W. F. Rossman, W. M. Hartman, W. C. Teats, G. A. Fry, J. A. Wheeler, W. F. Fitzgerald, S. E. Vincent, F. E. Smith, J. F. DeLap, W. K. Edgar, Henry Eyer, J. Rosenberg, Agnes Scott, S. E. Post, F. A. Currow, F. H. Goudy, B. F. Robinson, G. H. Miller, J. C. Lee, C. T. Stone, R. L. L. Cockerill, C. B. Spencer, F. B. Smith, H. Boucher, C. V. Petraeus, Carrie Millard, H. C. Culbertson, L. I. Drake, Robert Aspinall, Hughey, J. E. Montgomery, Chas. Harris, S. M. Cooper, D. Ewart, Harry McNeil, D. Ayres, A. W. Beck, Fred Nelson, C. M. Richards, A. J. Fulton, L. H. Wishard, Rissman, D. M. Dumbauld, L. F. Palmer, N. Shaffer, H. Tholen, R. Ziesing, W. E. Edwards, E. W. Myler, W. M. Bickford, J. G. Mittlebach, and Dr. McMillen.

Chas. McCrum for Secretary

According to a story in the Topeka Herald Chas. McCrum of this city, is in a new slate for a managing board for the Democratic party of Kansas, he to occupy the place of secretary in place of Bill Pepperill. The Herald story is as follows:

"The wing of the Democratic party in Kansas of which Jim Orr, Jim Fike and Bill Sapp are the inspiring geniuses has planned to control the new state committee. It intends to make Hugh P. Farrelly of Chanute chairman to succeed J. Mack Love who has held the job since 1896. The scheme also includes the election of Charles McCrum of Iola to be secretary, succeeding W. H. L. Pepperill who has been in the office since a time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. The faction of the party which follows the lead of National Committeeman J. G. Johnson will support Love and Pepperill for reelection.

"The Orr-Fike-Sapp crowd which never had any use for Bryan, Populism or free silver probably could not obtain control of the party machinery without help. It, therefore, takes into full fellowship some of the less objectionable fusionists, and there is a possibility that the movement will succeed."

All of which is interesting, only Major McCrum lives in Garnett.

Good for Rheumatism.

Last fall I was taken with a very severe attack of muscular rheumatism which caused me great pain and annoyance. After trying several prescriptions and rheumatic cures I decided to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm which I had seen advertised in the South Jerseyman. After two applications of this Remedy I was much better, and after using one bottle was completely cured.—SALLIE HARRIS, Salem, N. J. For sale by W. L. Crabb & Co., Campbell & Burrell.

Katy has 25 Year Lease

Quite a voluminous document has been filed with the county recorder by the Katy railroad company, being the deed of transfer by which they acquire title to the Ft. Scott, Iola & Western. The document has \$113 of revenue stamps on it although the terms of sale are recorded as "in consideration of one dollar and other valuable considerations." This simply means a transfer of stock from the road builders to the buyers.

There were 2700 shares of stock issued by the original road and it was all held by Ft. Scott people. B. P. McDonald held 2,660 shares, C. C. Nelson 10, C. W. Goodlander 10, W. P. Dillard 10 and C. F. Drake 10.

In the deed it is also stated that the lease of the Missouri Pacific tracks between Iola and Piqua is transferred. This lease is for twenty-five years and doubtless provides that the Katy will not seek local freight or passenger business between the two points. If the Katy should desire to build its own line at any time of course the lease could be terminated.

Already the road is picking up business here. For points on the Katy system this new Iola line makes excellent connections and traveling men have already recognized this fact. If a road from Omaha to Emporia is built, as now planned, new life will be injected into the Parsons-Junction City branch of the Katy and then the Iola line would get a larger service.

Here is the Topeka Capital's report of the deal:

"The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway company yesterday filed an amendment to its charter with the Secretary of State increasing its capital stock \$270,000, or from \$65,280,300 to \$65,550,300. The avowed purpose of the company is to secure control of the Fort Scott, Iowa & Western railroad by trading its stock for stock in the latter company. The Fort Scott, Iowa & Western railroad is a line which is projected from Fort Scott to Emporia. It has been built as far as the gas fields in Allen county and will give the M. K. & T. an entry into that territory. If the road is constructed through to Emporia, which is considered doubtful by many, it will give the M. K. & T. a much shorter route from the northern part of the state to Kansas City as all train now have to go by the way of Parsons."

Things You Ought to Know

From the Topeka Herald's dictionary of Kansas political terms:

Mortalbathing—(From the Latin mort, meaning "death," and alba, "to figure.") Death on figures. (Some authorities give albaugh as a contraction of "all bosh," but this probably arises from a misconception of the true meaning of the word.)

Ladies' Free Night—A theatrical dodge, which also catches the politicians, especially during the legislature. Example: On ladies' free nights Frank Grimes occupies a box on the south side of the theater and talk-across to a friend on the north side.

Sprinter—In politics this refers to a man who can't run. Example: Thomas Benton Murdock is a sprinter.

The Buzz-Saw(n)—An article which unthanking politicians use to monkey with.

Dark Horse (n)—A candidate sprung at the last moment to break deadlock. A dark horse often proves to be a jackass.

Graft (n)—A scheme, plan, dodge or trick to separate people from their money without their knowledge. It is operated extensively in the Kansas legislature.

Statement (n)—A typewritten document, the object of which is to get the writer's name in the newspapers.

Fish-commissioner (n)—An office with a good salary attachment and no work.

Railroad-commissioner (n)—See fish-commissioner.

One More Building Enjoined.

One more injunction has been issued by the probate court to prevent the use of a building for the sale of liquor. This temporary restraining order was issued against the building north of the court house in which Jim Allen operated.

Some surprise has been expressed that injunctions were not issued against other buildings, but as a matter of fact such injunctions now exist against most if not all the others. The injunction does not prevent the building's being used for a joint, but if the jointist is convicted and cannot or does not pay the attorney fee and costs of the prosecution the building is liable for the amount.

Nichols Bankruptcy Rehearing

Mr. C. E. Corey, of Ft. Scott, referee in bankruptcy, came over this morning and held a session of his court at the Thompson Hotel this morning. The case in question was that of O. B. Nichols who became financially involved and went into voluntary bankruptcy. He wished to hold onto the hotel building near the Pacific depot and the trustee said he might. Mr. Corey ruled that he could not exempt the hotel and then Judge Hook of the Federal Court ruled that the case be reheard and further evidence taken. It was this matter which caused the session in Iola today.

OXFORDS OXFORDS
Colonial Slippers
Lace Button Slippers
Strap Sandals
Roman Sandals
Sandal Boots with 5 to 8 Straps
Shoes left to be repaired will receive our strict attention.
The Palace SHOE STORE

TO BE RENOVATED

White House to be Overhauled and Refurnished.

Washington, April 16—For the first time since President Arthur's administration, the old White House is to have a thorough renovation on artistic lines. Mrs. Roosevelt has had her attention called to the building and to the need of new furnishings and adornments to make the place suitable for the entertainment of large parties. So heavy has grown the list of favored guests in the Roosevelt household that they have found it necessary to have recourse to the famous East room as a dining room, which, by the way, was a part of the original design of the house. One feature of the plan of renovation is to turn this great East room into a state dining room, involving a transformation of the decorations to those of the colonial style, with open fireplaces. The present old-fashioned flooring will give place to a new parquet floor of hard polished woods, and an enormous rug specially designed to suit the decorative scheme of the room will be woven in one piece, so that the room may be easily turned into a charming ball room.

The White House dining service is a strange conglomeration of antique and modern glass, silver and porcelain, and so many pieces have disappeared that it is no longer sufficient either in quality or in number of pieces to serve large dinner parties. The new service which is wanted will be of Sevres porcelain.

The present state dining room will be used for small dinner parties. It also will be redecorated, the present yellow color scheme being obnoxious to the family.

NOT GUILTY AT OTTAWA

The Jury in the Booth Murder Case Have Reported.

Ottawa, Kas., April 16—The jury in the case of the state of Kansas against Marie Stanley went out this morning at 9 o'clock. At 4:30 o'clock the verdict was brought in. It was not guilty.

James Booth, an old man, was killed in North Ottawa between 7 o'clock the evening of January 10 and 10 o'clock the next morning, when the body was found, head downward in the well at the home of Mrs. Mary McCoy. Mrs. McCoy lived with her four children, one of whom was Marie Stanley, 17 years old. Warrants were issued for Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Stanley and Elizabeth Browning, a younger sister. Mrs. Stanley was not found and it was learned that she had left the city January 10 on an early train. She was arrested that night in a Topeka hotel. Booth's pockets had been rifled and his head had been crushed with an ax. The bloody ax was found near the McCoy well and Booth's watch was found in Mrs. Stanley's room. Blood was found on the kitchen floor of the McCoy home and on a skirt in Mrs. Stanley's grip. The case was called for trial April 7, when Mrs. McCoy and Miss Browning were dismissed. Two days were required to complete the jury. No direct testimony was introduced to prove Mrs. Stanley's guilt, but circumstantial evidence was produced that made a strong case against the girl. The jury was composed entirely of farmers.

ARMY DESTROYED

The Imperialist Chinese Troops Overwhelmed by Rebels

Hong Kong, April 16.—A courier who arrived at Canton yesterday reported that more than 2,000 imperialist soldiers, sent by Marshal Su against the rebels, were ambushed in a narrow defile. All were killed or captured.

The situation in the rebellious districts of Southern China is increasing alarmingly. The viceroy of Canton has telegraphed to Peking urging

immediate reinforcements. The lack of news from General Ma and Marshal Su is taken to indicate that the rebels have surrounded the imperial troops and cut off communication with them. This is not a boxer outbreak, but an uprising against the present dynasty. The missionaries are not threatened directly by the rebels, but are in danger on account of the conditions that exist.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—An official dispatch received here from Port Arthur, dated April 12, announces that serious fighting has occurred in the vicinity of the boundary of the provinces of Mukden and Kiran, Manchuria, between Russian frontier guards and Chinese robbers who had been raiding railroad stations. The Russians surrounded 800 Chinese at Kiangtung-tai and only thirty of them escaped. The Russian losses were very small.

OUTLAWS ARE IN A FORT

Three Armed Italians are Defying the Officers.

Trinidad, Col., April 16.—In the hills near here three Italians, wanted by the local officers on charges of assault to kill and selling liquor without a license, have erected a fort with large logs and blocks of stone in which they have taken refuge from the law. They are armed with rifles and revolvers and say they will not be taken alive.

Two of the men recently held at bay fifty men in a quarry, while they assaulted and beat the foreman, John Lamm, who had discharged them for drunkenness. The third, Joseph Mott, was arrested last week on a charge of selling liquor without a license. He was released on bond furnished by a local saloon keeper, but failed to be present when his case was called in court. The police say they believe Mott is the leader of an organized gang of "bootleggers." The men in the fort are being kept in food, it is believed, by outsiders. A posse will be organized today and sent out to take the men.

AMERICA MUST HELP PAY

One-half the British War Tax on Breadstuffs, Ours.

Washington, April 16—"It is a reasonable estimate that the United States will pay one-half the British tax levied on breadstuffs," said the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Wilson yesterday. "It has been a question for almost endless discussion to determine where the burden of such tax rests, and I do not presume to settle it off-hand by any expression on this English financial policy. Without reviving that old debate, it may be set down as commercially true that the growers of wheat in the United States will have to share this burden with the English taxpayers. The Boer war is being driven home to us in a most practical way."

HENDERSON IN THE WAY

Blocking the Oklahoma Statehood Bill in Congress.

Washington, April 16.—Friends of the statehood bill have become convinced that Speaker Henderson has evolved a clever scheme to keep Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona out of the union. For the third time, friends of statehood appealed to the speaker this morning to name a day for considering the statehood bill. They received no satisfaction. Some time ago the speaker informed Mr. Knox, chairman of the committee, that a day would be fixed by the committee on rules. But the day has never come. Friends of the bill now are inclined to think that the speaker's object is to force the statehood advocates to antagonize other legislative interests.

WANTED: Country produce, eggs and butter. J. E. Stanley, Iola.