

BAXTER SPRINGS NEWS.

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NO WATER WORKS.

The sixty days within which Messrs. Frizell & Co. were to have begun the construction of the water works plant contracted for by the city council on Nov. 13 last expired Monday, and no move has been made that we know of toward putting in the works. Several weeks ago two persons supposed to be the engineer and a contractor were here and looked over the ground. Their stay was very brief and but few persons talked with them or even knew they were here outside of Mayor Harvey. They were evidently stopped short in their plans—if they really intended carrying out their contract with the city—from the fact that Mr. Willard informed them that he was the owner of the water power, and that any arrangement for the use of it would have to be made through him. This, of course, is a question that is in dispute and is almost daily working a detriment to the city's interests in ways similar to the above, and will continue to do so until it is finally and forever settled.

Upon hearing Mr. Willard's statement the gentlemen went to Mr. Harvey, and not getting to them, a satisfactory explanation of the matter, they departed and wrote Mr. Smith, city attorney, with regard to it, as has been published. The question being yet unsettled we presume the company considered that a sufficient excuse for not pushing the matter.

As a matter of fact we doubt very much if a majority of the people of our city desire water works put in now even at the low price secured by the council, but, if they should, and desired to force the contract, the same means used would doubtless stop its progress, as it has been the means of stopping several other enterprises which would no doubt have been started here had the water power matter been in the shape it ought to be. This question of the control of the power should be settled at once and must be settled before any progress can be made in the way of getting manufacturing using power established at Baxter Springs.

MR. SMITH OUSTED.

After the regular order of business had been attended to by our city council on Tuesday evening the deferred resolution declaring the office of city attorney vacant was taken up to be disposed of. None of the friends of Mr. Smith who had at the previous meeting interceded and got the resolution laid over in the hope of effecting a compromise were present, nor was Mr. Smith present. In the absence of any definite knowledge that the injunction against the switch money had been withdrawn or stopped or that other parts of the proposed compromise had been attended to as understood, the council forced the passage of the resolution under a strenuous objection by the mayor and Mr. Gregg. The petitions mentioned in our report of the proceedings elsewhere were totally disregarded and laid on the table.

This action probably disposes of Mr. Smith so far as his connection with the council in the capacity of city attorney is concerned, but it does not end the matter so far as the people and the points at issue are concerned. Unless we are very much mistaken the friends of Mr. Smith and the cause he represents will not sit down quietly, as did his honor the mayor on Tuesday evening in response to a remark from a councilman, and let the council have full sway to do as it pleases in the matter.

In both chairmanships and representations on the standing committees in congress Kansas leads such states as Maine, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri and California. There are twenty states without chairmans at all. Our seven congressmen are connected with fifteen committees. This averages two places to each member.

Globe: The Washington, D. C., Press says that there is room for a million people on the unoccupied ground in that city. There are several Kansas towns that can make the same claim. Bring on something original.

Kansas City Globe: The Farmers' Alliance of Brown county, Kansas, has resolved that the salaries of the county officials are too high and will demand that all received in excess of \$1500 a year shall be paid into the county treasury. The Farmers' Alliance should know that a pledge to do a thing of that kind would render any man ineligible to an office. Courts are agreed that any promise of that kind is in the nature of a bribe, and if proceedings were had against anyone who was elected after he had pledged himself to pay back any part of the salary allowed him by law he could not hold the office. The proper remedy is by legislative enactment, if relief is desired, and only in that way can the mischief, if mischief it is, be prevented.

Globe: The supreme court of Kansas passed upon the question as to the right of persons in Kansas to sell liquor in "unbroken packages" on Saturday and held that the state could prohibit such sales. It is the same question, or virtually the same, as that now pending in the supreme court of the United States, and which will probably be decided by that court soon. The supreme court of Iowa passed upon the same question, and upheld the law, holding that such restriction did not interfere with the provisions of the constitution in reference to commerce between the states. It is the decision of the United States court that is awaited with the greatest interest, as that will finally dispose of the matter.

The example of the old man in Pennsylvania, who wrote his funeral sermon before he committed suicide, is one to be commended. It is safe to say that a man knows all the good he has ever done in the world, and that upon an occasion of that kind he will mention everything. This will be a great relief to the ministers, who frequently find it necessary to tax their imagination to the utmost to find even one good thing that a man has done when they are called upon to officiate at the funeral.

It has struck a Kansas exchange that in view of the hard times it is very strange that a woman will burn \$15 worth of coal during the winter to keep alive 50 cents worth of scraggy geraniums. That is a question in domestic economy that a man's brain is not capable of grasping. The women seem to understand it, though, if one may judge by the regularity with which they keep up the fires.

Senator Ingalls the other day learned that the office of recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia has paid \$40,000 in fees to Mr. Trotter, its colored incumbent who has just resigned at the request of the president, in the past two years and ten months. This is one case where "a public office is a private snap" and a bill is pending to make it a salaried position.

During the year 1889 there were 98 persons hanged in the United States by "due process of law" and 175 were swung into eternity at the hands of men who did not consider it necessary to go through the form of law in order to determine the guilt of the accused. Of the latter 139 were lynched in the southern states and 95 of these were negroes.

Hon. Martin Mohler has been re-elected to the office of secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture. He has done excellent work as secretary of the board, his reports are reliable, his estimates careful and accurate, and it is generally conceded that his work has very materially advanced the agricultural interests of the state.

Globe: A Kansas exchange declares that it takes four pounds of steer to buy one pound of beef and 180 pounds of wheat to purchase fifty pounds of flour. If the statement is true then the difficulty should be remedied, and Kansas is big enough to straighten a matter of that kind out without assistance.

Mrs. Noland, the widowed mother of State Treasurer Noland of Missouri, died of pneumonia at Joplin last Friday. The venerable lady had reached the remarkable age of 80 years and had enjoyed excellent health.

While Stanley was hunting for Emin in Africa he got the same salary as the president of the United States, but he didn't have as much to eat.

The following law, passed by the last Kansas legislature and now in force, is one with whose provisions all should be acquainted:

If any union soldier or sailor of the late war who has been honorably discharged therefrom, or his wife, widow, or children under the age of fourteen years, shall become destitute, they or either of them, shall receive aid at their home or place of residence through the township trustee or the overseer of the poor in the city or county in which they reside, and in no case shall be allowed to become inmates of any city or county poorhouse in this state.

The state immigration convention held at Wichita this week formulated plans by which each county should send two delegates to the eastern states to work up emigration. The executive committee discussed the financial part of the program and resolved that each county be assessed according to population for the maintenance of the central bureau.

The Kansas City Gazette says of John Peter St. John, that he is a cold buckwheat cake, a sky rocket on its downward trip, a percussion cap after the duck is killed, a piece of soap after a hard week's washing in a coal miner's family. George Martin don't like St. John a bit.

During the year 1889 embezzlers and defaulters made out of the government corporations and private firms in the United States, \$8,562,763. Of the army who did this, Alfred Post, freight claim agent of Chicago, carried off the largest pile, getting away with an even million.

Gerouimo and his band of Apache Indians now confined in Mt. Vernon barracks, Ala., are in a bad state of health and dying off fast owing to confinement. It is expected they will be liberated and allowed to try civilization in some more healthy climate.

Edward Atkinson has examined the statistics and says that the annual production of eggs in this country equals in money value the total production of iron. If the hens could read they would no doubt feel proud of their achievements.

Miss Alice Sanger, President Harrison's type-writer, writes shorthand from dictation at the rate of 200 words a minute and is said to spell perfectly. The fact that she has no one with whom she can flirt accounts for her proficiency, perhaps.

The farmers of Kansas as yet can see no reason to think that the wheat crop of the state will be any less this year than it was last. A much larger acreage has been sown and it is in far better condition than the crop was a year ago.

Walker Blaine, the oldest living son of James G. and Mrs. Blaine, aged 34, died in Washington, D. C., Wednesday evening from acute pneumonia resulting from an attack of la grippe.

Congressman Perkins is being complimented highly upon his work as chairman of the committee on Indian affairs.

It is reported a valuable mine of lead has been found in Arkansas.

THE CORN CROP IN KANSAS.

How it is Developing Muscle and Energy Among the Huskers.

The following press news dispatch from Hiawatha, which we find in the Kansas City Globe of the 12th, gives some interesting facts about the last crop of the "Sunflower State":

Kansas may be depended upon as a world beater in anything in her line. If she makes a failure it is the greatest on record—very few of them are charged to her. If she makes a success it is one of the wonders of the world. This year she raised more corn than there is a paying market for. It was gathered from the cornfields so quickly that the local buyers had no place to put it, for many freight trains could not carry it away, though they were and are kept hauling night and day. The great cribs, new and old, are filled to bursting, the ground is covered and the coal house is full, and as the farmer puts a fifteen inch corn log on the fire it suggests to him fast corn shucking.

John Spencer of Augusta bet \$5 that he could shuck more corn in nine hours than Herman Kelley could, but he didn't. When time was called he had 118 bushels to his credit, while Kelley had 129. The corn was hauled to town and weighed by the official weighmaster.

Four brothers, who live near Wichita, and have plenty of money, wish to bet that they can husk and stib over

400 bushels of corn a day on any farm in Kansas.

Wallace Turner of Effingham recently bet \$25 to \$5 that he could husk fifteen bushels of corn in an hour. At the end of that time he had husked sixteen bushels and fifty-six pounds, with a time allowance of four minutes for unavoidable delay caused by an unruly team.

Nellie and Hattie Cook, aged 14 and 16, daughters of Lyman Cook of Smith county, husked 1000 bushels of corn for their father this fall, for which he paid them \$25, having agreed to pay them 2 1/2 cents a bushel for all they felt disposed to husk.

George Rork of Baker, just to see what he could do, husked 150 bushels and 35 pounds in nine hours and a half, taking forty-five minutes for dinner, or making the best known record, eight hours and forty-five minutes. Rork is but 18 years old.

Felix Holt of Netawaka husked an average of over 100 bushels of corn a day for twenty days.

William Marker of Hiawatha husked 3,300 bushels of corn in one month, or twenty-six days. This work has never been beaten in the known world and Mr. Marker's friends would like to see the kind of a husking pin the man uses who even thinks he can beat it.

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Before Ed. Hodgkins, Justice of the peace of the city of Baxter Springs, Kansas.
Louis Seasongood, Alfred Seasongood, Jacob Mendenon, H. S. Livingston and Philip Seasongood, partners as Seasongood, Mendenon & Co., plaintiffs, vs. R. A. Love, defendant.
Said defendant is hereby notified that on the 28th day of December, 1889, an order of attachment for the sum of \$54.00 and the probable costs of suit, not exceeding \$50, was issued by the above named Justice of the peace against his goods in the above entitled action and that said cause will be heard on the 31st day of January, 1890, at 9 o'clock a. m.
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Attest: Ed. HODGKINS, Justice of the peace.

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