

Grand May Opening

SATURDAY, MAY 13,

To which the readers of this paper and their friends are invited.

Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, says about his store: "Until we show our collection of merchandise at the opening of each season, the retailing of the season has not fairly begun. You know this, and it's trite to tell it." What Mr. Wanamaker is to Philadelphia, Mr. Polster is to Baxter. Knowing this you wait. Your patience deserves to be rewarded. A STOCK MAGNIFICENT and PRICES UNMATCHED will be shown.

Enter the grand entrance on Military street and behold! Our doors will be thrown open to the public at 7 o'clock a. m., and will keep "open house" until 6 p. m., when the portals will be closed for final arrangements for the

Grand Promenade Concert and Reception.

At 7 o'clock p. m. our doors will be opened to receive the masses of friends, patrons and citizens. Amidst the strains of an excellent orchestra, whose services will be engaged for your enjoyment, the public will be guided through the splendor of our establishment. Musical concerts from 1 till 6 and 7 till 10 o'clock

Remember, this is an event of unusual splendor, and you cannot afford to miss it.

A beautiful and costly souvenir will be presented to every lady caller during the evening concert.

JNO. T. POLSTER.

FINEST FISHING IN THE WEST.

The accompanying picture represents a string of fifty-one game fish caught with hook and line by J. M. Cooper and W. E. Price at the Baxter Springs mill dam inside of six and a half hours. Forty-nine of these fish were jack salmon equal in taste and flavor to brook trout, and superior to almost any fish found in fresh water. Spring river, where these fish were caught, is the most beautiful river in the West. Rising in the Ozark mountains, it is fed throughout its entire length by springs of pure water, and the fish caught in this river are good all the year round.

The river was stocked with two million young salmon a few years since and in consequence the fishing this year has been unprecedented. Thousands of salmon have been taken out and yet the supply seems to be as abundant as ever.

Sportsmen who enjoy this sort of amusement are invited to come to Baxter Springs and enjoy the privileges we offer. Live minnows, fishing tackle and everything necessary can be obtained at any time, and good sport can be guaranteed when the river is at a proper stage.



While the resolutions committee were busy, Major Harding entertained the balance of the audience with a short speech. He said he had a conference with S. H. H. Clark, general manager of the Missouri Pacific at that time, about building the line a long time ago and after securing Mr. Clark's endorsement of the project he went to New York to confer with Jay Gould. Mr. Gould, he said, placed money in his hands to have a survey made from Carthage to Bagnall and also told him to see what could be done about building the line from Joplin to Chetopa. A survey was made after which Mr. Harding returned to New York and submitted maps and profiles to Mr. Gould, who then authorized Judge Dillon to make contract for building the line. About that time a panic took place in the money market of Wall street and the maps and profiles were placed in the pigeon holes of a desk and are there yet. Mr. Harding said he had reason to know at this time that the Missouri Pacific company would not build this road yet, but that it would let other capitalists do so. He said he had the utmost faith that the company would cause the road to be built if it was approached in the right way. He said that it was a very inviting line for capitalists to invest money in. He said he is president of the Carthage and Bagnall road, but as he does not own the road he is only a "little dog under the wagon."

THE MISSOURI PACIFIC.

The meeting advertised to take place at the city hall on Thursday to take steps looking toward the securing of the extension of the Missouri Pacific from Joplin to Chetopa was well attended. The following delegates were present:

Joplin—S. C. Henderson, W. H. Picher, P. J. Pfenning, Ed. Zelleken, Col. H. H. Gregg.

Carthage—Dr. A. H. Caffee, I. F. Garner, Major H. H. Harding.

Chetopa—Col. J. B. Cook, J. W. Columbia, E. W. Clark, Mayor A. B. Temple, J. J. Rambo, A. D. Neal and W. G. Hoover.

Galena—A. M. McPherson, E. St. Geo. Noble, J. K. Williams, Mose Robeson, James Pond.

Melrose—M. C. Cheyne, G. W. Bigman, L. C. Taylor, J. T. Jarrett, Geo. N. Huggins.

Lowell—J. H. Morgan and Walter Von Wedell.

Keelville was represented by Dad Wahl, "the laughing drummer."

The Galena, Melrose, Chetopa, Lowell and Keelville delegations came in carriages, while the Carthage and Joplin delegations came in on the morning train. The delegates were driven to the dam, to the Indian territory, to the medical springs, Camp Logan and other points of interest, after which they repaired to dinner. After dinner the entire party assembled at the city hall, where the meeting was held.

President Daniels of the Board of Trade called the meeting to order and stated its object. Col. H. H. Gregg of Joplin was chosen chairman of the meeting and made a neat speech expressing thanks for the honor conferred upon him. Chas. L. Smith was chosen secretary.

Col. Gregg then made a very timely speech in which he said that the Missouri Pacific is needed very much through the section of country it is desired it should be built, and it is high time it was built. He believed that resolutions should be passed declaring that the road is needed and that a copy of the resolutions should be presented to the officials of the Missouri Pacific.

Mr. Schmuck expressed the opinion that a committee should be appointed to go to St. Louis to confer with the officials of the road and lay the subject before them in all its different phases.

Mr. Daniels then made a timely talk in which he said he thought a permanent organization should be effected to work on the stock men and wholesale men of St. Louis and induce them to co-operate with the organization in its efforts to secure the extension of the road, and if possible induce the officials of the road to visit this section and go over the proposed route and see what is needed. Mr. Daniels read a letter from the Webb City club regretting that its delegates could not be present and assuring the meeting that the Webb City club was heartily

in favor of the extension. The letter requested that the Webb City club be informed of the action of the meeting.

Mr. Schmuck moved that a committee on resolutions be appointed and Chairman Gregg appointed the following: C. W. Daniels, A. M. McPherson, J. B. Cook, Geo. W. Bigman, S. C. Henderson, A. H. Caffee, J. H. Morgan.

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Mr. Hornor said that if we want aid we must go where the aid is. He believed that the way to get in touch with the officials of the road is to effect an organization in each town along the proposed route and work together with the same object in view; that we must go to headquarters, Geo. Gould himself. The committee on resolutions then reported and offered the following:

RESOLVED, That this organization be made permanent, or until such time as the railway extensions demanded are obtained; that there be a permanent president and secretary and vice presidents in each town or city along the line.

RESOLVED, That a committee be selected at this meeting to visit St. Louis and after securing the co-operation of the business men, stock dealers and manufacturers of St. Louis, present our demands to the officials of the Missouri Pacific railway.

RESOLVED, That said delegation be instructed to urge the railroad officials and the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce to visit the towns and cities along the proposed lines and thoroughly investigate the advantages that will accrue to them through the extensions asked for.

RESOLVED, That we recommend Col. H. H. Gregg of Joplin, Mo., as permanent president of this organization.

On motion the resolutions were adopted.

C. W. Daniels was elected permanent secretary, and the following gentlemen were elected vice presidents: E. St. Geo. Noble, Galena, Kan.; Dr. A. H. Caffee, Carthage, Mo.; Col. J. B. Cook, Chetopa, Kan.; M. C. Cheyne, Melrose, Kan.; W. H. Picher, Joplin, Mo.; Col. Alexander Warner, Baxter Springs, Kan.; W. E. Morgan, Lowell, Kan.; Col. A. A. Hulet, Webb City, Mo.; W. A. Daugherty, Carterville, Mo.

The following resolution was then read and adopted:

RESOLVED, That each locality be requested to send one or more delegates to St. Louis at such time as the president shall select, the expenses of delegates to be paid by the localities they represent.

RESOLVED, That there be a meeting of delegates from each locality on call of the president.

On motion the meeting adjourned. We haven't much to say about this thing, but will use the old homely expression that "in union there is strength" and believe if we work together we can secure the road. We will have more to say in the very near future.

EMPIRE DRILL.

Following is the program for the Empire drill, to be given at the city hall on Friday evening, May 12, for the benefit of the M. E. church:

Overture.....	Orchestra
Recitation.....	Mrs. W. E. Price
Recitation.....	Erma McElhinney
Piano Solo.....	Mrs. E. B. Corne
Piano Solo.....	Mrs. W. A. McElhinney
Piano Solo.....	Mrs. F. W. Wardwell
Recitation.....	Jessie Edwards
Piano Duet.....	Edw. and Flora Polster
Empire Drill by 17 ladies.....	Orchestra
Music.....	by six little girls
Good-night.....	by six little girls

The people of this vicinity are now receiving free copies of different papers through the kindness of Mr. F. H. Hoose of the P. O. Book Store, who also would be pleased to receive your subscription should you desire to subscribe.

R. O. Thomas, one of the most energetic and prosperous farmers of Cherokee county, is just completing a large two-story residence on his farm on the territory line about four miles southwest of this city. Mr. Thomas is evidently very well satisfied with this part of the country.

The wholesale men of Joplin are enthusiastic over the prospect of the electric road being built to Baxter Springs. Their reason for being enthusiastic is at once apparent. Baxter Springs would at once begin to grow in population and business and as a natural consequence more goods would be needed to supply the demand. The assertion that people would go to Joplin to buy their goods is without a particle of foundation. Baxter merchants can and will sell goods as cheap as do the merchants of Joplin.

IF YOU have Baxter Springs property of any description to sell give me a list right away. I am advertising our real estate and bringing in customers every day. I want some property to show to customers, and I charge only a small commission for selling. I show property to customers free of charge, and no sale no pay. Send in description and price if you wish to sell.

C. W. DANIELS,
The Real Estate Man.

HALF RATES FOR THIS YEAR ONLY.

The following named horses and jacks will make the season of 1893 at the half rate prices given below:

GRATZ, \$12.00 to insure with foal, formerly \$25.
FENALON, \$12.00 to insure with foal, formerly \$25.
ABDALLAH, \$8.00 to insure with foal, formerly \$15.
INDIAN CHIEF, the fine all purpose horse, at \$5 to insure with foal.
SPAIN, the fine imported jack, at \$10 to insure with foal.
WINK WILLIS, the fine Kentucky jack, at \$8 to insure with foal.

The public is cordially invited to call and see my stock and examine pedigrees. NO BUSINESS DONE ON SUNDAY. Mares cared for free of charge until served.

W. W. SCOTT.

Kentucky Stock Barn, North Main Street, one block east of Springs Park.

DECORATION ARRANGEMENTS.

The committee on arrangements for Decoration Day met Saturday evening, April 22, J. P. Hartley chairman, J. P. Gage secretary, A. G. Hanback, W. S. Green and H. L. Scaggs all being present.

The post approved the acts of the committee meeting of April 17, with amendment to add all soldiers' wives and daughters to committee on flowers, and resolved that the minutes of committee on arrangements for Decoration Day be published in full in both Baxter papers; also resolved that the memorial sermon be held at Camp Logan at 11 a. m. on Sunday, May 28, and that the committee invite Rev. M. E. Bramhall to deliver the memorial sermon. Also to extend an invitation to all other ministers in the city to be present. Resolved that the decoration services be held at Camp Logan, if the weather will permit, at 1 p. m. sharp on May 30, but in case of bad weather at the city hall.

The following committees were appointed:

On invitation—A. G. Hanback, Col. A. Warner, W. S. Norton, with power to invite neighboring cities and posts.

On printing—J. P. Gage, T. C. Weaver, J. W. Dunham.

Instrumental music—J. P. Hartley.

On vocal music—Mrs. J. J. Fribley.

On decoration and preparation of grounds—W. S. Green, J. W. Dunham.

On finance—W. S. Norton, Col. A. Warner, J. J. Fribley, J. M. Cooper.

On reception—W. S. Norton, Col. A. Warner, C. W. Daniels.

Resolved, that there be a firing squad in charge of J. P. Hartley.

Resolved, that the decorating of the graves be done by little girls in charge of Mrs. W. S. Norton, with power to invite necessary assistance.

Resolved, that bills be printed and distributed at home and to neighboring cities.

The following committee on flowers was appointed:

Mrs. J. J. Fribley	Mrs. A. G. Hanback
Mrs. T. W. Smith	Mrs. W. S. Norton
Mrs. R. P. McGregor	Mrs. Alexander Warner
Mrs. Wm. March	Mrs. C. W. Daniels
Mrs. Bess Daniels	Mrs. C. M. Clark
Miss Maud Mitchelson	Mrs. L. Hibbs
Mrs. Laura Smith	Mrs. W. S. Green
Mrs. J. P. Gage	Mrs. J. M. Cooper
Miss Effie Miller	Mrs. J. W. Dunham
Miss Olie Roe	Mrs. W. H. Allen
Mrs. J. E. Erwin	Mrs. Laura Price
Mrs. J. H. Garrett	Miss M. E. Scaggs
Miss Rebecca Hartley	Mrs. S. J. Kelly
Miss Mary McGregor	Mrs. B. S. Warner
Miss Eldred Holmes	Miss Ora Nell
Mrs. J. B. Tucker	Miss Kate Martin
Mrs. A. E. Sands	Mrs. Fred L. Erwin

and all soldiers' wives and daughters that may not be mentioned in this list
By order of committee.
J. P. HARTLEY, Chairman.
J. P. GAGE, Secretary.

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