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Everything Neat, Clean, Comfortable. Courteous Treatment.

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Millinery!

The newest and latest styles can be found at the emporium of MRS. W. STARK, as she on New York and Chicago, and is ever ready to please the most fastidious. Prices to suit all.

Masquerade ball at city hall Tuesday night, Feb. 22.

Miss Mina Lane of Kansas City is visiting Mrs. R. H. Sande.

Washington's birthday next Tuesday. Masquerade ball at city hall at night.

Dode Meads has enclosed his residence property with a handsome picket fence.

A. D. C. Harvey has completed a large barn at his home place east of the springs park.

Deputy Sheriff James Chew came down from Columbus Sunday evening to visit his friends.

For the best chili on earth go to Will Bryant's lunch counter in Mrs. Meyerding's bakery and restaurant.

W. E. Brooks has just completed a dwelling on his farm on the Territory line twelve miles west of this city.

F. M. Congdon bought four beautiful lots at the auction sale last Tuesday and will build a nice residence thereon.

MARRIED—at the Frisco hotel in Columbus on Monday, Feb. 14, Chas. Needham to Cora Grover, both of Baxter Springs.

FOR SALE.—Four hens and three roosters, full blood Silver Laced Wyandotte. Inquire of R. A. Cochran Quapaw School.

J. R. Harmon lost his best horse Tuesday of hydrophobia. The animal was bitten several days ago by a strange dog.

Arthur Carney, Miss Lillian Hornor, Earl Dent and Miss Mabel Hanback attended a ball in Galena Wednesday night.

Lyman Coleman is going to soon build a residence on his lots in Griswold & Hawks addition, which he purchased Tuesday.

Mrs. J. M. English returned to her home in Blendeville last Sunday evening after a very pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. L. L. Dunham.

Township officers will please remember that the NEWS office prints township blanks of all kinds on short notice and on very reasonable terms.

Attention is called to the adv. of C. G. Carroll & Co., which appears in this issue. They have opened a tailoring establishment in the Beck building over Price's drug store.

Geo. Herold, John Gill and about a dozen other fellows came over from Galena early Tuesday morning. They had a big pack of hounds with them and departed for the territory on a wolf hunt.

Ballard's Snow Lintiment is the most penetrating liniment in the world. It cures pain and inflammation of all kinds quicker than any other known remedy. Price 50c. Every bottle guaranteed. W. E. Price.

If you want a pair of boots to last four years, melt and mix four ounces of mutton tallow; apply the mixture while warm, and rub it in well; then put the boots in some closet and—go barefooted.

NEW SPRING GOODS. We are receiving hundreds of dollars worth of new spring goods every day. J. M. COOPER.

Read the adv., "Public Sale of 100 Valuable Town Lots," which appears in this issue. Griswold & Hawkes addition is one of the prettiest parts of town. These lots will probably be sold cheap and the title will be perfect.

A Valentine party was given by Miss May Partch Monday evening and a most pleasant time was enjoyed by all present. Among those present were: Misses May Snyder, Maude Sullivan, Mabel and Floss Gardner, Callie Hampton, Viola Mason, Myra McBride, Rosa Dunham, May and Gertrude Partch, Minnie Kelly and Messrs. Pearl Button, Arthur and Carl Hileman, Bud Hunt, Jess Maddux, Jim Kent Jerry Tindall, Elmer Wallace and Bert Dunham.

The Republican says Mayor Norton's motion to lay the resolution on the table was carried; also his motion to adjourn was carried. Fifty men say these statements are not true. Norton's motion to lay on the table was lost also to adjourn by a big majority. Norton's effort to stampede the meeting was a complete failure. When he saw his defeat he marched out of the hall with not to exceed twenty followers. Mr. Willard is a Norton man, but as chairman of the meeting he declared both resolutions lost and he remained in the chair till the close of the meeting. Mr. Newhouse was elected secretary of the meeting and should have made an honest report, but most of our readers understand the peculiar circumstances existing between Norton and the Republican and the poor fellow should not be blamed too severely for his actions, and there are others in the same financial condition, but we trust a few more years of republican prosperity may enable them to throw off the yoke.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

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A SURE CURE FOR HARD TIMES AND THE BLUES. 23 DOSES! TAKE THEM ALL.

- 18 lbs. granulated sugar.....\$1.00
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- 10 lbs. best flake hominy......25
- 9 lbs. best oat flake......25
- 6 lbs. fresh new prunes......25
- 3 packages mince meat......25
- 4 lbs. good coffee......25
- Best 15c baking powder......10
- Best 10c baking powder......05
- 11 lbs. best navy beans......25
- Dry salt meat, per pound......05 1/2
- Smoked meat, per pound......07 1/2
- 4 lbs. lard......25
- Star Tobacco, per lb......35
- Sledge Tobacco......25
- Standard Navy Tobacco......25
- Best Twist Tobacco, per lb......30
- 100 lbs. bran......65
- 100 lbs. corn chop......35
- Corn, per bushel......25
- Hay, per bale......15

Also Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Hats, Pants, Gloves and Overalls at unheard of low prices for

SPOT CASH at Baldwin's L w Price Cash House Baxter Springs, Kansas.

UNIVERSITY CENTER.

The class met in the library room last Tuesday night. After the business of the evening was transacted, Mrs. Sadie Harvey was called upon to give a concise review of the work on Assyrian and Babylonian literature, which she did in a masterly manner.

The Center was then introduced into the ancient states of Media and Persia to examine a history and a literature of great merit, perhaps only excelled in form by ancient Greece. They found that two empires existed before Persia proper rose above the horizon, and that it was the conquering sword of Cyrus and the organizing hand of Darius that extended over the little state of Persia, which was no larger than New England when Cyrus began his conquests to the greatest empire in the history of the world, excepting the Roman empire under the Caesars.

They divided her literature into three general divisions: first, old Iranian literature, extending from the Sixth century B. C. to the first centuries A. D., including the Avesta or bible of Zoroaster and the Rock Inscriptions of a line of Persian kings; second, Middle Persian Literature, running from the third to the tenth century; third, New Persian Literature extending from the tenth century to the present.

The class found that the Avesta was but a fragment of a once great literature comprising 21 books. While the present contains about 83,000 words, the original contained over 345,000 words, the present only one-fourth as large as the original. They found that many parts of the Avesta was composed in rhythm, resembling Longfellow's Hiawatha.

The most interesting part of the lesson was the inscriptions upon the rocks, especially the one Darius caused to be chiseled upon the granite face of Mount Behistan in Persia. It tells of the battles he had fought and the victories he had won, the rebellions he had crushed and the triumphs he had achieved in organizing his far reaching empire. This inscription is written in three languages four hundred feet from the base upon a perpendicular rock on the side of the mountain. It was Major Rawlinson, in 1835, who first succeeded in scaling the rock and making a copy of that wonderful record. Then again in 1848 he visited the spot and made the perilous ascent and completed and corrected his former work. It was a translation of this work by Mr. E. Norris that the Center used.

The class will complete this very interesting work in Persian literature next Monday night. We change time for one night on account of the various celebrations on Tuesday night.

FILO SILK.

J. M. Cooper has all the shades of Filo silk; also Art Linens.

Mr. F. C. Helbig, a prominent druggist of Lynchburg, Va., says: "One of our citizens was cured of rheumatism of two years standing, by one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This liniment is famous for its cures of rheumatism; thousands have been relieved with the prompt relief which it affords. For sale by W. E. Price."

WANTED.—A competent white girl to do general housework and cook. Apply to Mrs. Alex. McDonald.

MASS MEETING.

The Taxpayers of Baxter Springs Turn Out and Discuss the Attorney Bill.

The Sentiment Almost Unanimous That the Bill is too High—Many Think the Mayor is not Entitled to More Than His Actual Expenses.

An Effort on the Part of the Mayor and a Few Followers to Adjourn the Meeting Was Promptly Voted Down.

A large number of the leading taxpayers of the city met in the city hall Friday night to discuss the Norton and Perry attorney bill of \$4,500 now pending before the city council.

A. Willard was chosen as chairman and Frank Newhouse and C. F. Noble secretaries.

Samuel H. Smith was called upon to explain the object of the meeting, which he did in brief; said he always understood Norton was acting as mayor of the city and never heard he was employed as an attorney. If he was legally employed as an attorney he should receive some compensation. If not so employed he should receive none; said he did not believe there had been a legal meeting of the council in six months, and was positive the meeting held when the fees were allowed was wholly illegal; thought \$2,000 would be an ample fee for both Perry and Norton, but would concede \$2,500.

C. W. Daniels seemed to have made a mistake in the character of the meeting and devoted most of his time to politics. In substance he said: "I would call your attention to the last report of Dun's commercial agency showing an increase of 50 per cent in the clearings over any subsequent year. I would call your attention to the fact that wheat is higher than it has been in ten years; that we have more corn than ever before; there are more men at work and they are receiving better wages; that we have more drug stores and more general prosperity than we ever had during democratic rule. I believe this is wholly due to the grand old Republican party which saved the nation in time of war and again in time of bankruptcy.

"The statistics show an increase in the population of Cherokee county for the past three years ranging from 3,000 to 4,500. We have the best county in Kansas—There will be more city lots sold and more new houses built in Baxter Springs in 1898 than in any previous year. The future is bright for our city and we as citizens should all stand together for the best interests of the town and not try to pull one another down. Let us discuss our affairs harmoniously as business men and patriotic citizens.

"It is proper the citizens should meet at this time and discuss questions of importance in which they are all interested. We have a right to discuss and criticize the actions of our officials. When the time comes that an American free born citizen shall be barred from criticizing the public acts of the city council, or Mayor Norton, or Governor Leedy, or Webb McCall, I shall pack my grip for Missouri."

Mr. Daniels said he had taken a financial interest in every bunco humbug and gold brick scheme that ever came to Baxter from the mill dam to the dam apple sars factory and had a right to say something of city affairs. He said he supposed Mr. Norton was acting in the suit in the capacity of mayor or committee from the council as all other mayors had done before without charge except necessary expenses, but if the mayor had been employed as an attorney he was entitled to a fee, but even then we should have a right to "dicker" with him and get our work done as cheaply as possible. He asked Mr. Norton to apologize for classing him with the ex-mayors and boodlers of Baxter Springs, which he did. Mr. Daniels closed by urging all to vote the Republican ticket and insure their ultimate salvation in the world to come.

Prof. Noble spoke very earnestly as to the necessity of everybody thinking for themselves. He said there were too many who allowed other people to think for them. In his canvass of the town he saw 30 people and only one but thought the fee bill too large. Now there were several who were permitting others to think for them, and they think, or rather let some one else think for them, that the bill is too low.

R. J. Hiner. "There can be no good come out of such a meeting as this. I thought the bill was too high and think so yet, but we don't want another law suit. We elected this council, and the time to think is when we select our men to fill such places. When I was in the council we did a good many illegal things and squandered a good deal of the city funds by request of the citizens in just such a meeting as this."

A. Willard said such meetings are not profitable; thought Norton

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should have had the \$3,000 fee and Perry the \$1,500; also said many of the Baxter merchants passed by his mill and bought flour in Lowell, when in fact his flour was better than the Lowell flour.

J. J. Fribley. "I think the bill higher than we can afford to pay. This case was settled out of court and without the aid or assistance of the attorneys on our side. If the railroad attorneys had thought for one minute they could have collected more than \$10,000 they would never have compromised. If a man owed me a just debt of \$100 would I compromise it for \$25 and that is just what these men did do. They accepted less than two per cent of their claim. Now as there was not to exceed \$10,000 involved, the fee is entirely too high and out of all reason."

A. Willard. "Every attorney in this county will swear that this bill is not too high."

W. S. Norton spoke at length as to how he came to be employed in the case; how he took Perry in with him and how they played hide and seek with the railroad company for 18 months; how he advanced money for witnesses; said he was opposed to compromise, but Daniels, Beck, Cooper and others were anxious to get the suit settled as this was killing the town, but he still objected. Finally, in order to keep out of court, and for fear of an appeal to supreme court which the attorneys and friends of compromise declared might last several years, he submitted to the compromise.

The mayor said he had done more than any other man in this case living or dead, and did not think his bill excessive; said he gave the bill to the council and told them to talk with the business men about town; waited four months and they took no action; said most of his expenses had been paid him; said he never asked a man to vote for him until the last election. In his closing remarks the mayor took occasion to utter something that sounded very much like a threat. "If they don't allow it perhaps somebody else will."

Samuel H. Smith offered the following resolution: Resolved that a committee of five persons be appointed to appear before the city council at their next meeting and request them to rescind their action in the late rail road bond case, and that the council appoint a committee of two persons to negotiate with the attorneys for the smallest fees obtainable and report the result of their negotiation at a meeting of the council and that the citizens be given notice of the time of said council meeting. Committee: J. M. Cooper, C. L. Smith, W. H. Hornor, C. W. Daniels and E. O. Noble.

Mr. Norton said he was in favor of such a committee except the name of C. L. Smith who he said had accused the council of taking bribes. Mr. Willard's name was substituted for C. L. Smith. The mayor moved to lay resolution on the table. Lost. He then moved to adjourn. Lost. He then left the hall followed by a few who were not in sympathy with the meeting. The question was then put by the chairman and carried unanimously. Adjourned.

CHAS. F. NOBLE, Secretary.

Above is, we believe, a fair report of the meeting. Several causes, sickness in our family and a previous engagement, prevented us from attending this meeting, but we want to say right here that we never accused any member of the council of being bribed, and the man who says we did says what is not true. However, we are very glad Mayor Norton objected to our serving on the committee. We consider Mayor Norton's objection a very good recommendation.

Saved His Life. S. F. Fritz, of 677 Sedgwick St. Chicago, says: "I had a severe cough which settled on my lungs. I tried a number of advertised remedies and also placed myself under treatment of several physicians, with no benefit. I was recommended to try Foley's Honey and Tar. With little expectation of getting relief, I purchased a bottle. I was enabled to sleep, spitting of blood ceased, and by the time I had taken the second bottle I was entirely well. It saved my life." Sold by J. G. Polster.

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ICE CREAM, wholesale and retail. CAKES MADE TO ORDER. Tobacco, Cigars and Cold Drinks.

MRS. T. MEYERDING.

BAXTER POST, No. 123, G. A. R. At a meeting of Baxter Post, No. 123, Department of Kansas, G. A. R., Feb. 5, the following officers were duly installed for the ensuing year: J. P. Hartley, Commandant. Morris Michener, S. V. W. J. Baldwin, J. V. B. F. Crowell, Adjutant. J. W. Dunham, Q. M. A. Willard, Surgeon. Morris Doty, Chaplain. G. Nichols, O. D. H. Dixon, O. G. W. P. Johns, S. M. Robt. Hiner, Q. S. A. Willard, Rept. to Dept. Encampment.

J. P. Hartley, Alternate. The election of the Post was held under adverse conditions. Inspection showed that the charter point had nearly been reached. The per capita rested on but 14 members, the treasury empty, bills unrequited, and unable to render the assistance required by comrades, and that the obligation for our present comfortable quarters, held for the last two years by the kindly forbearance of a friendly order, must now be met or we must seek lesser quarters.

Under these conditions the duties of office were accepted with misgiving. Comrade Hartley, conscious of the situation on assuming the duties of office stated in substance, that with the assistance of the officers and members he would make a strenuous effort to place the Post on a higher plane and meet its obligation; that the regulations, rigidly construed, would govern the Post; that the causes and policy that contributed to its present condition would be duly considered and objectionable features removed; that the frost of past differences must thaw before the camp fire, and that all measures must tend to the advancement of the Post.

He must be made to feel that by his assistance the honor and integrity of the Post and its auxiliaries may be alone maintained in its holy mission and stand as a tower of strength to him in the hour of his sorest need; a staff to him in his weary march to the close of life; and when the vidett of the granite hills has cast its guardian shadow over his last resting place, will stand sponsor to the faithful companion of his tottering years until she sleeps by his side.

The ambulance is in the rear, music in front, the long roll has sounded, close up the line; the command is forward. The Post meets Saturday, Feb. 19. Every comrade is invited; all are expected. B. F. CROWELL, Adj.

REMEMBER

That 25 cents out of each dollar paid on subscription to the NEWS up to March 15 will be given to the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church.

During the month between March 15 and April 15 the same donation will be made to the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church.

The Most Fatal Disease. It is not generally known that more adults die of kidney trouble than any other disease. When the first symptoms of this disease appear no time should be lost in taking Foley's Kidney Cure, which is guaranteed or money refunded. For sale by J. G. Polster.

NOT ANSWERED YET. The problems published in these columns last week, and which appear again this week, have not yet been solved. Figure them out and get the NEWS one year free of charge.

SPREADING OUT. J. J. Fribley has rented J. J. Osborn's store room on Military street and will use for a wagon and carriage repository.

Glod Tidings to Asthma Sufferers. Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief to all cases. Sold by J. G. Polster.