

**SAYS WHEAT IS HURT**

G. W. Staats Thinks Damage Is Severe in Liberty.

G. W. Staats who lives near Woodbine was in the city. He says the wheat in southeast Dickinson is hurt perhaps as much as 30 per cent. He says the plant in many places is dead and some fields have more than 30 per cent thus injured. He thinks most of the damage came before the recent storm.

**DIED ON THEIR JOURNEY.**

Claude Smith, Former Abilene Boy, Taken Suddenly.

A letter received here tells of the sudden death of Claude Smith, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Smith, former residents here, their only child. The family had been on an eastern trip and were visiting in Iowa on their way home when the son became ill and died after a brief sickness. The body will be taken to Emporia for burial. Mr. Smith is a Santa Fe engineer. Many friends will extend sympathy to the stricken parents.

**CENSUS TAKERS ARE SCARCE.**

Several Districts in This County Unprovided.

"Most of the Kansas papers are printing notices to the effect that people who want jobs as census takers should apply to the postmaster for blank applications," says the Emporia Gazette. "The job will last about fifteen days and the pay is no great inducement, and the work is intensely disagreeable, consisting of asking a series of impertinent questions and of being kicked out of a farm house and chased by dogs. But it is a political job, and a lot of people will want it, so that they can spend the rest of their lives telling how they served their country in a time of stress and peril. Their work will be done in April, just when the farmers will be searching frantically for able bodied men and offering big wages. There will be a great scarcity of farm help this spring, because most of the patriots will be going from house to house, block of paper in hand, asking folks whether their uncles wore false teeth, and whether their grandmothers chewed tobacco." This is a fine bit of talk but the facts are that several districts in this county are begging for census takers. Only one applicant is reported for each of a number of others. The examination is Feb. 5 at the Abilene postoffice and all who want a chance should hurry.

**Want to Test the Matter.**

Some of the automobile crowd is raising a fund to carry to the supreme court the case of Miller vs. Jenness in which Jenness was sued for damages because of a collision between his car and Miller's team. The district court gave Miller \$400 damages. It is believed that the case will settle some of the rights of the road and motorists want to see it decided by the higher court.

**SHIFTING SOIL.**

Real Estate Transfers Reported by J. E. Keel, Abstractor.

W. A. Matteson and wife to Joseph E. Blake, lots 56, 58, Fifth street, S. and A. add Abilene, \$2250.  
John Miermeister et al to Walter A. Orr and 4-5 interest in that part of sec. 34-15-2, lying south of R. of W. of M. P. and extending 450 feet east from west line of said sec. 34-15-2, \$400.  
Henry W. Nottorf, guardian to Walter A. Orr, part of sec. 34-15-2 lying south of right of way of M. P. and extending 450 feet east from west line of said sec. 34-15-2, Dickinson county to W. A. Cunningham, lot 7, blk 9 Henquett's add Hope, \$27.18.  
George Meeker and wife to Justice H. Chase, lots 12, 13 blk 26, K. & H. add Abilene, \$1320.  
Helen M. Cook to Sidney G. Cook tract 157x75 feet north of Main st. beginning 100 feet west of its intersection of Second street, also lots 6, 8, blk 4, Harrington, \$1.  
Byron K. Sanford to Jerry E. Sullivan, lot 98 and east 9 feet 96, Main street, Solomon, \$1800.  
James W. Hammond and wife to Sarah C. Noel s. 1/2 sec 34-14-4 except C. H. I. & P. right of way, \$4150.  
Elmer Martin and wife to J. F. Feigley sec 34-12-3, \$4800.  
J. H. Young, sheriff to Wm. H. Galch s. 1/2 s. 1/2 sec 34-14-4 and s. 1/2 s. 1/2 21-14-4, \$19200.

**N. S. WOOLVERTON AUCTIONEER**

Particulars Specialty, Auctioneering, Real Estate, etc. Office in room No. 112 on address Abilene, Kansas. Call on me at 112 on address Abilene.

**MISCELLANEOUS REFLECTIONS**

—Marriage licenses: Melo E. Haldeman and Goldah McMahn, Abilene.

—Three cigar dealers have been arrested at Lawrence for selling cigarettes and cigaret paper.

—Earl Billie, one of the best automobile experts in central Kansas, has taken a position in Prendergast's garage.

—Letters from Kansas City say Herbert Schiveley is yet very ill with typhoid fever and his recovery is not assured.

—Secretary C. A. Morton is sending out to the fair association stockholders a financial statement for the past year.

—Geo. Thornberg, who has been in the coal business for several years and sold out to his partner, will go to farming.

—Frank Parent writes from Los Angeles to the Reflector that he is having the time of his life. He may locate there.

—Mrs. J. C. Gafford, wife of the state accountant and long a prominent resident of Minneapolis, died yesterday at Topeka.

—Announcements of candidates for county offices are appearing in most of the papers. "The early bird catches the worm" seems to be the motto.

—Mrs. John Thorne fell down stairs this morning breaking her right forearm by the fall. She is suffering much pain but getting along well.

—James R. Garver had sale bills printed at the Reflector for a dispersion sale of dairy herd on Feb. 14. He will also sell some Poland Chinas and young horses.

—Joe Blake has purchased the old Brillhart place of W. A. Matteson, now occupied by S. Shearer, corner Fifth and Walnut and will occupy it. Consideration \$2250.

—Wm. Bandlow of Dayton will have a public sale Feb. 15, and was in town today getting his bills printed. Of course the Reflector is doing the job. He will move to Colorado.

—Rabe Bros. have sold their meat market to a firm in Plalaville and the fixtures have been shipped. The vacated room has been rented by Minick & Taylor who will use it for their buggy and implement sales-room.

—Chapman Gazette: Beginning next week, Ira Whitehair assumes the foremanship of the Eagle-Journal at St. Marys. Mr. Whitehair has had charge of the Advertiser here and has shown the measure of ability along all lines of print shop work.

—J. R. Mercer, state live stock sanitary commissioner, issued a quarantine against dogs for all of Riley county today. Much stock has died from rabies in that county recently. No dogs are to be allowed to run loose in the county unless muzzled. Officers are instructed to kill on sight all unmuzzled dogs. The quarantine is to continue thirty days.

—Emporia Gazette: Claud Smith, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Smith of Gladbrook, Iowa, died yesterday. The body will be brought to Emporia for interment, and is expected to arrive on train 113 tomorrow. The young man was 26 years old. The Smiths formerly lived at Elddale, and have many friends in that community and in Emporia.

—Farmers Dragging Roads. William Wolf, treasurer of Newbern township, was in the city. "Roads are getting good until you reach town," said he. "The farmers drag the roads and the town folks don't and we have good roads when the city has poor ones."

—Salina Man Fell Down. Charles Hutchings defeated Joe Brekenstine, the Salina skater, at the rink last night in a contest of five races. The Salina man fell and could not regain even a good second position. Loyd Reese won the obstacle race. A large crowd was present. Next races Tuesday evening, Feb. 2.

—Wedded in Texas. Miss May Murphy formerly of Abilene and a daughter of William Murphy, now of Kansas City, was married last week at Ft. Worth, Texas to Leo G. Foster, a senior in the Ft. Worth medical college. They will reside in Ft. Worth.

—Will Entertain Glee Club. A good time is in store for the University Glee club when it comes here Monday evening. The alumni of K. U. will entertain the party in the afternoon and the young crowd is arranging a reception for them in the evening at K. P. hall.

**ABOUT PEOPLE.**

Floyd Hull was up from Hope. G. E. Scherer was up from Chapman.

Miss Elsie Sholl returned from Salina. Mrs. E. Hult of Detroit is visiting friends.

J. W. Sheets of Navarre was an Abilene visitor. Miss May Meyer of Chapman is visiting friends.

W. A. Cunningham was up from Hope on business. C. M. Meull was in from Dillon and called on the Reflector.

Mrs. N. J. Nichols of Detroit is the guest of Mrs. H. W. Holce. J. W. Brubaker of Hope was transacting business in Abilene today.

C. H. Graham and W. H. Sheets were in from Navarre on business. Peter Fagan, one of Detroit's leading citizens, was a Reflector caller.

Mrs. and Mrs. John Murphy came up from Chapman to visit relatives. Misses Emilie and Mary Sieder were up from Enterprise visiting with friends.

Miss Floy Carpenter of Solomon stopped over to visit friends on her way to Woodbine. W. A. Mourer was in from South Dickinson and made these headquarters a friendly call.

E. F. Linde was in from Enterprise having bills printed for a sale by Mrs. P. E. Calene. Mrs. C. A. Scherer of Chapman went to Hurley, Texas, called by the illness of a relative.

Miss Amy Hene returned to her home at Enterprise after visiting her aunt, Mrs. Charles Kubach. Mrs. James Ross and daughter Miss Lettie Ross of Salina, is visiting Mrs. Mustard on West Third.

Mrs. M. J. Hutchins returned from Waconda Springs where she has been spending several weeks. C. A. Shank, who has moved back from Colorado to a fine farm near Navarre, was a caller on the Reflector.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Southworth and Miss Elsie Southworth leave tomorrow for Los Angeles to spend several months. Mrs. W. J. Rowe is out at Dillon taking care of Mr. Rowe's parents who are both ill. Billy is keeping "bachelor's hall" and don't like it.

Prof. W. O. Steen was down from Solomon. It looks as if he would have a clear field for the Republican nomination for county superintendent.

Miss Elizabeth Woolvorton, of Abilene is expected to arrive tonight to visit her sister, Mrs. E. E. Winsler, of South Santa Fe avenue—Salina Journal.

Miss Blanche Edwards is home from a visit at McAllister, Ok. She was the guest of Mrs. L. A. Reed and daughters who are all well and doing finely.

Charles F. Rusch of Woodbine's house he was interviewing Probate Judge Anderson on matrimonial matters in the city taking out his naturalization papers. While at the courtiers.

Rev. F. J. Crawford returned from Cedar Vale where he closed a very good meeting, resulting in twenty or more persons professing faith in Christ. He expects to be in a meeting at Randall commencing next Sunday.

A. H. Forney is home from Excelsior Springs. E. H. Forney who intended coming home suffered another rheumatic attack in Kansas City and returned to the springs. Mrs. Forney and children will be home tonight.

**GROUND HOG STAYS OUT.**

No Shadow for Him and Hence an Early Spring.

The ground hog if he came out of his hole today did not see any shadow. He is supposed to stay out now and spring according to the theory of the G. H. will be early.

**Gave Bride a Shower.**

On Thursday afternoon, January 27th, girl friends of Miss Pearl Staats pleasantly surprised her at her home at Lyons. The first part of the afternoon was spent in playing games. Then they showered Pearl with bundles. It literally rained bundles for a few seconds. After the shower was over Pearl unwrapped the bundles and found everything very useful. It was an afternoon long to be remembered by all present and the guests wishing Miss Staats all the future may hold success in the her new bundles.

**She Wants a Divorce.**

Cora May Dennison has sued Edgar Dennison for divorce on grounds of gross neglect and cruelty. Moore & Humphrey are her attorneys.

**Won't Meet at Salina.**

The state meeting of real estate men which was to have been held at Salina February 22-24 has been called off, and the meeting will be held at Topeka, on March 3-10, for the purpose of organizing a state real estate dealers' association.

**Extraordinary Sale of All Shoes and Overshoes at CASE'S**



For a short period we will give some extra heavy reductions on positively every pair of Shoes and Overshoes in the Shoe department.

\$4 Shoes for \$3.30  
\$3.50 Shoes for \$2.85  
\$2.50 Shoes for \$1.98  
\$2 Shoes for \$1.69  
\$1.50 Shoes for \$1.20  
and so on

**Don't Miss This**

**Case's**

Shoe Department

**New Telephone List.**

The following new telephones have been installed on our Abilene Exchange. Paste this list in your directory and call by number:  
327 Abilene Fruit and Candy Co.  
X 42 Allman, F. S., residence.  
1150 Allen, Kelley, residence.  
L 30 Beam, A., residence.  
1264 Beam, A., farm.  
1257 Barber, Wm. H., residence.  
630 Bebb, John, residence.  
L 22 Clapp Warren, residence.  
J 31 Caid, Ed., residence.  
1066 Cooley Howard, residence.  
644 Cramer, Roy, residence.  
R 37 Dobkins, J. E., residence.  
679 Duffy, J. D., restaurant.  
X 43 Davis, E. F., residence.  
684 Eve Ready Mfg. Co.  
683 Engle, Noah H., residence.  
1060 Flanagan Slaughter House.  
1265 Carten, Geo., residence.  
283 Gemmill, R. B., residence.  
153 Hogan, Dick, residence.  
674 Himmelburger, G. W., residence.  
1209 Hughes, L. E., residence.  
J 27 Holman, Wm., residence.  
X 37 Hampton, Sammie, residence.  
R 28 Johnson, Lowell H., residence.  
J 23 Knoll, H. P., residence.  
1028 Lantz, W. B., residence.  
J 17 Legg, G. M., residence.  
R 24 Leonard, Harry, residence.  
411 Lucier Tailor Shop.  
J 45 Langston, W. T., residence.  
671 McCardle, J., residence.  
45 McCardle Livery Barn.  
204 Morrison & Son, meat market.  
J 52 Morrison, W. H., residence.  
681 Murphy & Penton, real estate.  
L 37 Middleton, Ralph, residence.  
L 33 McCarthy, Mrs. G., residence.  
L 32 McCulley, P. W., residence.  
1067 McSwiney, E. P., residence.  
253 Nicolay, M., residence.  
1272 Potter, L. L., residence.  
675 Prendergast, T. V., garage.  
1110 Ross, Pearl, residence.  
R 11 Roemer, John, residence.  
J 41 Redden, J. F., residence.  
J 20 Sweitzer, O., residence.  
689 Sifer, C. H., office.  
L 25 Siebert, A., residence.  
682 Sheldon, A. T., residence.  
673 Teeters, W. H., Mer. Co.  
1129 Winstler, J. E., residence.  
1021 Zeigler, Elmer, residence.

**AMONG THE CLUBS.**

The Columbian club was pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. G. W. Hurd assisted by Mrs. Arthur Hurd. There was a large attendance and the program which was devoted to domestic science was interesting.

Mrs. C. C. Goddard, president of the State Federation, will be here Friday and will be the guest of honor of the Columbian club at an evening meeting at the home of Mrs. F. A. Wilcox and will make an address. The ladies' literary clubs of Abilene will hold a reception for Mrs. Goddard in the Library rooms Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. The presidents of the four clubs will give informal talks of welcome to which Mrs. Goddard will respond. Each member is invited to bring a guest. Members of the library association are also invited.

The Ladies' Literary League had its annual open meeting at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Alexander last evening, the members and a large number of guests attending. An interesting program was given. Mrs. O. L. Moore welcomed the company with pleasing greetings. Then came a piano duet by Mrs. Julia Short and Miss Maggie May Prendergast and a vocal solo by Mrs. Short, T. H. Malott brought his "fiducie" and pleased the company with some old fashioned music that was much appreciated. Dr. H. P. Mera gave some clever and amusing impersonations. Mrs. Short, Misses Prendergast, Seeds, Hall, Messrs. Malott, Mera, McInerney, Covert sang a Spring Song, the music being written by Mrs. Short. Miss Ruth Harger played a violin solo, Miss Freda Marsh a piano solo and Miss Giles and Mrs. Howard gave a vocal duet. All the numbers were much enjoyed and heartily applauded. Refreshments were served.

**WILL MEASURE EVEN KANSAS EARTHQUAKES.**

An instrument to measure the vibrations of the earth is to be mounted at the University of Kansas. The importance of the observations thus taken is likely to be scientific rather than practical. At times of great earthquake disturbances the records from widely separated stations assist in an understanding of the phenomenon. Such records, continued through a period of years, will lead to a better knowledge of the causes and occurrence of earthquakes. The seismograph for the University has been shipped from Germany and on account of its delicacy will not be unpacked until it reaches Lawrence. A customs house officer from Kansas City will be present at the unpacking.

**SETTLED THE ESTATE.**

Stewart Heirs Get Money as Will Provided.

The J. Stewart estate was finally settled today when District Clerk Rowe distributed \$11,200 which was paid into court by J. R. Vanvoorst as purchase price of the Stewart farm. Some of the heirs contested the will but the court upheld it. By the court's order Mrs. Stewart was paid \$6875, Arthur Stewart \$5370, Robert Stewart \$5, William Stewart \$5, Mrs. Loyd \$200, Mrs. M. J. Davis \$6.

**Advertised Mail.**

For week ending Jan. 21, 1910: Letters: Harley Bever, Ella Beck, Joe Craig, Danusia Sr., Reed Davis, R. Egge, Miss Edna Grafton, Sam Green, E. C. Heck, Miss Knapp, G. A. Robinson (2), Miss Mary Saley, W. B. Stone.

**Cards: Mrs. Henry Buchanon,**

Morgan Bale, A. P. Campbell, Mrs. Clara Carrier, Miss May Gloss, Miss Helen Smith, G. M. Hill, Vernon J. Johnson, Mrs. L. V. Johnson, Homer King, L. S. Kent, Mike Kinsley, R. Lackey, W. D. Luke, Miss Hazel Logan, Mrs. J. Chester Leach, Dr. J. L. Leach, F. B. Lemming, C. Maner, Elliott Richards, M. J. Shoemaker Mrs. Wm Heeds

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**PUBLICATION NOTICE.**

In the District Court of Dickinson County, State of Kansas.  
CORA MAY DENNISON, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
EDGAR G. DENNISON, Defendant.  
To Edgar G. Dennison: You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the above-named plaintiff, Cora May Dennison, in the District Court of Dickinson county, Kansas, and that the said plaintiff, Cora May Dennison, did, on the first day of February, 1910, file in the office of the Clerk of said District Court her duly verified petition praying for judgment against you that she may be absolutely divorced from you on the grounds of fraud, gross neglect of duty and extreme cruelty, and the said petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you according to the prayer thereof unless you answer the same on or before the 15th day of March, 1910.

You are hereby further notified that depositions of sundry witnesses to be used as evidence in the said entitled cause on behalf of the said plaintiff, will be taken at the office of A. L. Emery, attorney at law, in the city of Watonga, in the county of Blaine, in the state of Oklahoma, on Wednesday, the 23d day of March 1910, between 2 o'clock A. M. and 6 o'clock P. M., and that the taking of the same will be adjourned from day to day between the same hours until said depositions are completed.  
CORA MAY DENNISON, Plaintiff.  
Moore & Humphrey, Attorneys. 21

F. E. SOMMERS  
GEO. THORNBURG,  
Abilene, Kan., Jan. 29, 1910.