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Attention Taxpayers.

The City Council on Monday evening last, voted to grant to the Hays City Electric Light Company an exclusive contract to do all the pumping of city water for one year. Those voting in the affirmative: Klug, Stedman, Fields, King and Jacobs; W. H. Early voting in the negative. This action was taken over the protest of the Mayor as we have now under consideration a plan for the city to do all its pumping. This contract, if carried out, proposes to give the Light Company five cents per one thousand gallons for all water pumped, the maximum to be \$2000.00 for the year and should the water pumped reach \$2000.00 before the end of the year, the balance to be pumped without compensation. The company proposes to furnish wires, poles, transformers and all equipment to connect the pump with their plant, to repair pumps and motors and read and repair all meters, in fact to read their own as well as all other meters. The City however to furnish pump, motor and meter repairs (note repairs), and all labor for digging ditches and making extensions to the present water system. They also agree, very accommodatingly to furnish the Water Commissioner at no additional expense, a prerogative vested entirely in the Mayor and Council. In other words they expect to exercise full control of the business of the city in the matter of its water supply. The city is also expected to install a motor-driven pump for its large well at the pump house, the light company to keep the engines in good repair, to be used in emergency only and to furnish oil and labor necessary to operate them. I would invite the public to inspect the large oil engine at the pump house and then decide whether a servant receiving a salary of \$125.00 per month has done his full duty by the city. Rust, decay and general neglect has been the order but it is not expected that a man neglect his own business for that of the city. Out of a salary of \$125.00 per month the commissioner last year employed a young man to operate the pump at times at a nominal salary of about \$40. per month, leaving a neat personal gain to himself. Approximately 25 water meters are out of commission and have been for months with no effort to repair them, therefore the city collects only a minimum rate of 50 cents whereas the charge should be much more if meters were in proper condition and I estimate a monthly loss to the city of \$20.00 to \$25.00 by reason of this neglect. As commissioner it was also his duty to pump the septic sewer tank but this also has been neglected. Under the proposed agreement the city will pay for pumping 30,000 gallons of water per day for flushing the sewers for which it receives no return. The city owns two as good engines as may be found in any up-to-date water plant and just why they should be allowed to go to decay is difficult to understand when it has been paying a man an adequate salary to give it attention. Only recently the city voted upon a proposition to take over the Light Plant and now it is sought to have it surrender to private enterprise the only utility it possesses. If the city is expected to install a motor-driven pump and all motor and meter repairs it might go a little farther and install its entire equipment necessary to do all the pumping and thereby derive all the benefits. The city water plant could no doubt, with proper management be made to pay not only operating expenses but a good portion of the interest on its bonds as, with the recent extensions, the list of water consumers will be largely increased. It is not a question whether this or that man is named as water commissioner, any competent man who will devote all his time to the interests of the city, should be considered and it should be made an obligation that he devote all his time to the business of the city. You are therefore urged to come out to the meeting of the City Council on Monday evening next and give expression to your views upon this question so vital to the interests of the City.

H. W. OSHANT,
Mayor.

Different Eyes



require different kinds of glasses. The eyes may be the same, but the optical requirements will still differ widely. Our business is to adjust correctly Eyeglasses or Spectacles to suit the peculiarities of individual vision. We have built up a reputation for doing this unerringly, and our patrons include young and old of both sexes.

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The Ben Greet Woodland PLAYERS

Ft. Hays Normal School

THURSDAY, MAY 27th

Matinee at 3 p. m. - Twelfth Night
Evening at 8:30 - Taming of the Shrew

Tickets on sale at Markwell's Book Store. In case of wind or rain performance will be given in Normal Auditorium.

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Senior Class Play of Fort Hays Normal

Presented by members of the Senior Class under the direction of Prof. E. B. Matthew,

MORMAL AUDITORIUM

Tuesday Evening, May 25th

8:30 P. M.

Reserved Seats at Markwells'
Admission 50c Students 35c

THE GENEALOGY OF THE DOLLAR BEGINS WITH THE PENNY.

If you would produce the dollar, foster the penny. The bank is the only business that asks you to save your money. All other lines want you to spend it. Start to-day with a few dollars and get a new pass book and watch it grow.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
HAYS, KANSAS

The Sack Bros. have purchased the Ike Crenshaw 160 acre farm south of Yocemento. Consideration \$3,000.

The Nine Keys to Bald-Knob will unlock the gates of fun. Normal auditorium, May 25. Admission 50 cents.

The U. P. fast trains will be put on again May 30th. These trains are to have steel equipment throughout.

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Miller Bros. sold the Joe Eberly farm near Munjor, last Saturday, for \$8,500. Also sold the Jacob Dinkel farm to Alex Pfannenstiel.

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St. Fidelis' Picnic at Victoria.
There will be a picnic at Victoria on Monday, May 24, 1915. Everybody invited to come and have a good time.

Ice Cream Social.
The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society will serve home made ice cream and cake at the church, on Saturday evening, May 22nd. Everybody invited.

Wanted.—A registered druggist to locate in good growing town; large territory, thickly settled. Some fixtures for sale—about \$300. worth.—Dr. C. C. Bennett, Sponsorship of Physician, Bazine, Kansas m22w4

NOTICE.
Residents of Hays who wish to employ Normal students, either young men or young women, for any sort of work at any time during the summer term, will please report to one of the undersigned members of the Students Employment Committee.—R. L. Parker, T. M. Wood, I. H. Van Cleave.

Notice to Water Consumers.
During the progress of installing the new pipe-line it becomes necessary to shut off certain lines of the water supply for the purpose of connecting a valve, and may result in some inconvenience. This, however, cannot be avoided, but instructions have been given to push the work as speedily as is possible. Therefore, if the public should find the water supply cut off it will be for only a short time, and will not be due to a shortage of water in the supply tank.

W. H. OSHANT, Mayor.

G. A. R. PROGRAM.

Memorial Day, May 29th.
9:00 a. m. Meet at Hall.
9:30 a. m. Line of march formed, headed by Hays Military Band.
On arriving at cemetery, the Ritual Services will be rendered and graves decorated.
2:00 p. m.
Memorial Services at the Hall.
Music by the Band.
Invocation by Rev. Hale.
Song.
Address of Welcome by Post Commander.
Reading of Gettysburg Address.
Song, "The Star Spangled Banner," by Miss Allen.
Roll of Honor.
Address by Rev. Bernard Kelley.
America.

Mayor's Proclamation.
Whereas, Saturday the 29th day of May, 1915, has been designated as the annual Memorial Day by the National Grand Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and has also been recommended by the State Encampment recently held at Hutchinson, Kansas, and

Whereas, The proclamation of the Governor of the State of Kansas names Monday, May 31st, as Memorial Day, therefore, I, H. W. Oshant, Mayor of the City of Hays, do hereby proclaim Saturday May 29th as the day to be generally observed as memorial day as designated by the National G. A. R. and recommend that all labor be suspended on that day and the people unite in all of the exercises in paying tribute to the memory of our departed heroes. I further recommend that all business be suspended between the hours of two and four o'clock of that day during the exercises at the G. A. R. Hall.

Given under my hand this 19th day of May 1915.

H. W. Oshant,
Mayor.

For Sale.
A 2-row weeder. Who wants it? Inquire of Henry Knoche.

Ben Greet Woodland Players on Normal campus, Thursday, May 27th. Matinee and night performances.

3 rooms for rent, cheap. Furnished or unfurnished. Good well and garden spot.
Mrs. Froelick. m8t2.

Miss Cackley left for Bellville, Tuesday.

Dr. Hemm left Tuesday night for Chicago.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nulton, Monday.

Fred Stubbs was over from his Saline ranch, Wednesday.

Paul Dresse is having an addition built to his residence.

Alois Ruder and one of the Dechant girls were married Wednesday.

If you buy it at J. T. Morrison, the Jeweler's, it will be satisfactory.

Sweet potato plants at Matthews'.

Mr. Weillert purchased a half section of land in Ness county last week.

A son of Andrew Goetz was married to a Miss Frank the first of the week.

All kinds of Watch and Jewelry repairing at J. T. Morrison, the Jeweler's.

Joe Irwin and wife and Robert Hal and wife are visiting friends in Colorado.

Go to Morrison, the Jeweler, for your Graduation Gifts.

It is rumored that John Roth has been appointed marshal of Victoria.

Sweet potato plants at Matthews'.

Dr. Haas' mother, who has been visiting him for about a week, returned Friday to her home in Kansas City.

Sweet potato plants at Matthews'.

Sterling Silver Tableware at J. T. Morrison, the Jeweler's.

Two freight cars ran off the track near the mill, Thursday. The wrecking train came down from Ellis, Friday, and lifted them back in position.

It will be sure to please if you get it at J. T. Morrison, the Jeweler's.

Sweet potato plants at Matthews'.

Fine Silverplated Tableware for Wedding Presents at J. T. Morrison, the Jeweler's.

It is reported that the State bank at Victoria, has been changed to a National bank.

Azel Cochran returned Wednesday from a visit to the Cochran cattle ranch near Denver.

Mrs. Geo. Philip, Jr., and Miss Grass returned Saturday from their trip to Kansas City and Topeka.

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Experienced saleswomen wanted, must speak German, permanent situation, good wages.
Wollman's Department Store, LaCrosse, Kans.

Come in and look over our stock of Fine Jewelry, Cut Glass, Hand Painted China and Silverware at J. T. Morrison, the Jeweler's.

Another girl wanted at the Hogg restaurant, German preferred.

Will Madden was in Logan county Tuesday, looking after a bunch of cattle the Maddens are pasturing out there. He reports that about three inches of snow fell while he was there, and the air was chilly and cold.

Ralph Stout visited his father, Frank, and other relatives here Saturday and over Sunday. Ralph is making good in the passenger department of the Santa Fe railroad Company at Topeka. He has been with the company for about three years.

It is understood there will be no preaching services in any of the churches during next Sunday. But Sunday School and Young Peoples' meetings will be held at the usual hour. All people are invited to the Grand Army Hall for the union Memorial services at 11:00, and in the evening to the Normal auditorium for the baccalaureate sermon.