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## Have You Made Your Will?

It is a strange fact that many persons who devote the energies of a life time to acquiring property often give little thought to what will become of it upon their death. Property is never without an owner. If a person makes valid disposition of his property by will, upon his death the law directs who will receive it. Any distribution which is made statute must necessarily be fixed and certain, and cannot take into account the particular conditions and necessities which exist in any family condition. Too much cannot be said about the necessity of attending to this very important matter at once. After you have made your will, deposit it in our modern fire-proof deposit vault.

**Citizens State Bank**  
HAYS, KANSAS

Tom Tourtillotte and wife came up from Gorham, Monday, called here by the death of his brother Steve.

Mrs. Froelich, an aged woman nearly ninety years of age, died Monday night.

Miss Agnew was chosen a member of the Kansas Committee of the Y. W. C. A. at a meeting recently held in Denver.

Mrs. John Lennon who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Harry L. Felten, for some time, left Tuesday morning, for Virginia, to join her husband who is stationed there as a Captain in the U. S. Army.

Miss Bell, a field worker for the Y. W. C. A., spent Saturday in Hays. The following women were chosen as committee for an educational campaign for the Y. W. C. A.: Mrs. Geo. Philip, Chairman. Miss Florence Speer, Finance. Mrs. G. J. Brenner, Publicity. Mrs. R. L. Parker, Women's Organization. Miss LoRee Cave, Alumnae. Miss Ruth Fliesbach, Business Woman.

**Fair Price Committee Meets**  
The Fair Price Committee appointed for Ellis County by order of Ed. T. Hackney, Fair Price Commissioner for the State of Kansas, met at the Ellis County Court House, at Hays, Kansas, Saturday, November 15th, 1919.

A permanent organization was effected with John O'Loughlin, Chairman of the committee, and Elizabeth Condit, Secretary. Motion was made and carried that complaints made concerning alleged unfair charges may be made in writing and delivered to any member of the committee for action at the first meeting following receipt of same. Motion made, seconded and carried that the committee adjourn to meet November 24th, at 1 o'clock p. m. at the same place.

**THE LASTING GIFT**  
YOUR PHOTOGRAPH  
MARKEL

## How Much Do You Save?

The results of a year's work is what counts. If a man earns \$10,000.00 a year and spends it all, he does not make as much as the man who earns \$6,000.00 and has \$2,000.00 deposited in our Bank at the end of the year.

Save your money by depositing it in our Bank and let it STAY there. This is the sure way to get ahead. Open an account with us and try it. The Old Reliable

**First National Bank**  
HAYS KANSAS

Christmas Greeting cards, plain or engraved, at Markwell's

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**Situation Wanted**—By a married man, on a farm either by the month or year. For information call at the Free Press Office.

Chas. Kirkman came up from Topeka, Tuesday, for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. M. G. Kirkman and son Kenneth, returned home from Kansas City, Tuesday afternoon.

D. P. Sims made a business trip to Wichita, last week, returning home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones spent last Sunday in Russell, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Strecker.

Mrs. Glenn Tillotson and little daughter, Dolores, arrived home Monday morning, from Payette, Idaho, where they have been visiting relatives the past two months.

Ernest R. King of the Golden Belt Creamery Company, left Tuesday night, for Salina and Manhattan. He will also attend the convention of Western Ice men to be held in Kansas City, November 20, 21 and 22.

A few lines from Walter T. Stedman who moved to Omaha, Nebraska, recently, after over twenty years residence in Hays, says: "We are getting along fine here and like it real well, but we miss our old friends."

R. E. Baldwin, a relative of G. W. Meyer and family, came over from Nekoma, Tuesday. He had learned of Monday's fire and came over to look after his daughter who is attending school here.

Mrs. A. L. Clark who has been visiting her brother at Chanute, Kansas, and sister at Olsburg, returned home Monday evening. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Brown, who has been visiting at the same place the past five months, returned home with her.

T. G. Reed & Sons have rented the Reeder store building next to their present location. A door will be cut through the partition connecting the two rooms. The Reeder building will be used for their exclusive grocery by them will be used for the meat business and the room now occupied market.

The Golden Belt Garage has sold four new cars recently. A 1920 Buick Six all service top to Jake Brull. The Bird Land Co. a new Dodge equipped with an all service top. Jacob Miller, who lives south of Toulon, a Dodge touring car, and also to Cornell Stecklein a new Dodge touring car.

The mayor and other city officials of Abilene, Kansas, were here this week, to ascertain what Hays was going to do in regard to moving, the oil plants out of the city. They have a line up in regard to the Standard Oil Company, and two others—situated in the center of the business district. The Hays horror has awakened them to their danger.

Nick Arnold who was killed Monday, in the tank explosion, has been in the employ of the Golden Belt Garage for about two years; was a good steady workman and was well liked by his employer. He had been married about a year. Nick had four brothers who were overseas and all returned safely. His life was insured for \$1,000.

Alex Schueler, proprietor of the Golden Belt Garage, is making some necessary interior improvements at the garage. He is having a partition put in the south side, part of which will be used as a sales room for automobile supplies and accessories.

There will also be an office room on the south next to the window, and opposite on the south side a small room will be used for tire vulcanizing. The large room on the west which has been used as a supply room, will be reserved as a storage room for automobiles which are being repaired.

The Windsor Hotel people have recently renamed their popular hostelry. A large electric sign on the front of the building reads "Hotel Mulroy."

The sign is a dandy and fully represents the spirit of progress that pervades the air in Hays, the gem city of Western Kansas. We are also informed that several others of the business men have ordered similar signs and that the city will soon place a large electric arch across Chestnut street which will tell the world that "It Pays to Live in Hays."

"If the plans of the Non-partisan League Leaders do not miscarry, a Socialist will soon preside over every school room in Dakota, teaching the children from recognized Socialistic text books."—Kingman Journal. The Union Labor propaganda is at work in Kansas trying the same scheme. It was in evidence at State Teachers' Associations.—Hill City Republican.

### OBITUARY

**Mrs. Laura Stanfield Miller**  
Mrs. Laura Stanfield Miller was born in Mt. Air Township, Osborne County, Kansas, September 3, 1885, and died at Hays, Kansas, November 17, 1919, one of the victims of the terrible fire that occurred that day.

She was married in February 1908, to Louis E. Miller in Osborne county, near Alton, soon moving to Natoma. In March, 1915, they moved to Hays.

She was a birth-right member of the Friends' church and remained a faithful member till her death. There being no church of that denomination in Hays, she and her family attended the Methodist church.

Besides her husband she leaves five children, Doyle aged 10, Louis aged 8, Lillian aged 6, Esther aged 4, and Donald aged 2. The two youngest were burned in the same accident and lie suffering in the hospital at the time of the funeral. She leaves one sister and four brothers, all of Alton. Her mother died last June, and her father a year ago. All of Mr. Miller's relatives were present except one sister.

After a brief service at the home in Hays, the body was taken to Mt. Air, her old home near Alton, for burial, Rev. J. W. Snapp, pastor of the Methodist church at Hays, conducting the service. The whole community extends sympathy to the bereaved family and mourn the loss of this Christian wife and mother.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the numerous friends of Hays who so unselfishly came to our help in time of need and who showed such sympathy and kindness to us in the loss of our dear one by caring for the little children left motherless and by doing so many things to help us in our great bereavement.—Louis E. Miller and relatives.

### Philip Sargent

Philip Sargent was born October 22, 1865, in England, and died Nov. 17, 1919, at Hays, Kansas, a victim of the fearful fire which occurred on that day, eight being killed and many injured.

Mr. Sargent came to America when 15 years of age, coming first to Douglas county, Kansas, and to Saline county in the 70's. Here he took a homestead in the southeast part of the county.

He married Miss Ada Vondy in 1892, who survives him. Four children were born to them, of whom two are living. Robert, who was in his country service and is now farming near Arnold, and Katie who is teaching near Ellsworth.

Mr. Sargent was a teacher, having taught for two years after his marriage. In 1909 at Christmas time, he moved with his family to Hays. In early manhood he was converted and joined the Methodist church. The day before his death, at a great union Sunday service, he with scores of his Christian brothers and sisters, had given his pastor his signature to a covenant of renewed consecration.

In the face of the tragedy which has visited this family of our church, words are too weak to express the sympathy and brotherly sorrow felt by the whole community.

The funeral service was conducted at the Methodist church by his pastor, Rev. J. W. Snapp, on Tuesday, Nov. 18, and burial was made in Hays cemetery.

### Stephen H. Tourtillotte

Stephen H. Tourtillotte was born in Lee County, Illinois, October 18, 1875. Died November 17, 1919, aged 44 years and one month. He came to Kansas with his parents about 31 years ago, settling in Hays. His young manhood's life was spent in our midst. January 1, 1911, he was married to Anna Dolezal, also of Hays.

Monday morning he left home for work, and with his usual energy at the call of duty, entered into the work of trying to save the property around the burning tanks. He was one of the victims of the explosion. He was carried to the hospital where all was done that love and skill could do, but he left this world of sorrow at 1:15 that afternoon.

Stephen was a member of the First Baptist church of Hays, and was always faithful and true. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." He is survived by his wife, four children, his father, and four brothers and their families.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist church, Rev. H. Mac D. Thompson, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating, assisted by Rev. Wiest. The Workman Lodge of which he was a member, attended in a body, as did also the Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army. The Sons of Veterans, of which organization he was a member, acted as pall bearers.

The sympathy of the entire community is with the bereaved family of Mr. Tourtillotte.

### The High School With Dr. Eklund

One of the greatest sermons a Hays audience has been privileged to listen to, was delivered Wednesday evening, by Dr. Eklund, to the young people. It was "High School" evening and the opera house was decorated with their colors. Probably seventy-five members of the school were present and a goodly number of Normal students. Each school gave one of their rousing yells.

Preceding the sermon, an especially beautiful violin duet was rendered by Mrs. Malloy and Miss Eyler.

Dr. Eklund stated that his text would not be a light one because high school people think. He chose Hebrew 13:13, "Let us therefore go forth unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." He said in part that when Jesus came 2000 years ago, the Jews were willing to accept him as a young prophet but not as a king. He came not with the pomp and gorgeousness accompanying a king, but came as the lowly Nazarine. Forty days he spent in the wilderness and there chose his Gethsemane. Two roads lay open to him as to you and me. He would not use his miraculous power for selfish gain or plaudits of the people. He could have worshipped the evil one and swung himself onto the throne of the Caesars but his choice was to suffer without the camp and bear the reproach of his own people an dof the world. If you choose selfishly the camp applauds, if to follow Jesus you will have to suffer; travel the road that leads to the cross.

The Jews wanted a king but not the one God sent them. They wanted bread and the glory of a kingdom, but of their own choosing. The cleavage between God and the camp is just as deep and far today as in the time of Jesus. Young people, what think ye of Jesus?

Mankind will never have bread and peace until we accept the King and bear the reproach outside the camp. The great men of earth have taken up the reproach of Jesus without the camp. What program have you for your life? The church of Jesus Christ was never meant for an amusement parlor. Jesus Christ does not invite you to an easy life. The world is being swept off its feet by smoking, dancing and amusements. He wants those who are willing to bear reproach without the camp. Christ will share your heart with no one. A life of compromise is a life of defeat. Give all. Not a hard life. If real you will have a smile that will never wear off.

They may call you narrow. Do you want to be broad and shallow? The love of Jesus takes in the whole world. I do not say those who smoke, dance and follow amusements are not Christians. Can they ask God to bless them in each of these?

Christianity is not rules, it is principle. Take the stand, "We will not compromise." Your associates will not think the less of you.

Business men could populate Heaven and empty hell if they would cut out the dirt. Oh, men! shall we come without the camp and bear reproach?

I appeal to no emotions but to your will. The world is calling. Jesus is calling. You cannot have both the world and Christ.

Peter Johnson and daughter, Lily, left Saturday morning, for Minneapolis, to visit his daughters, Lena and Sophia.

P. Caspar Harvey will leave Friday night, for Boston, where he will represent Kansas in the National meeting of the teachers of English.

Henry Fish, editor of the LaCrosse Chief, was a caller at the Free Press office, Monday afternoon. He had motored over to Hays to learn the results of the fire.

Frank McIvor, deputy fire marshal, was up from Topeka, Tuesday, to inquire into the causes of the fire at the Standard Oil station which occurred with such serious results Monday morning.

### Russell Reformer

C. E. Rarick was down from Hays, Wednesday.

C. L. Danner of Hays, was here last Thursday.

Mrs. W. E. Smith visited in Hays, last Wednesday.

C. E. Williams was down from Hays, Wednesday.

C. W. Miller of Hays, was a Russell visitor, Thursday.

John Weidle, formerly of the Gorham country, but now located near Hays, was in Russell, Friday.

Mrs. Robert Dickinson and son, Robert, and Mrs. E. Jantzen of Hays, visited here Thursday with M. H. Fox's.

Mrs. Myrtle Wilson went to Hays, Friday, to visit friends. From there she went to LaCrosse to visit. She returned to Russell, yesterday.

Alex Schueler, Jr., Jno. W. Hildebrand, Jacob Miller, C. Strecker and



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**BY WAY OF THE SAVINGS ACCOUNT ROUTE.**

No man has ever attained even moderate wealth without the aid of a bank account.

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Kenneth Moye of Hays, were Russell visitors, last Wednesday.

The young people and older ones too will experience the usual pleasant time at the Catholic Annual Fair Nov. 25th to 27th, inclusive. Don't forget the dates.

If you want good butter, call for Golden Belt Creamery Butter.

### Important Notice

People of Ellis County, who were injured and relatives of those who died as a result of the explosion last Monday, should take warning and not sign contracts with strangers. They may later regret it seriously when they find they have hastily signed away their claim for injuries and loss of property received in the disaster of last Monday. It might be well for people concerned to consult County or City officials before signing contracts or papers of any description.

**To the Patrons of the Hays Light Plant:**

The fuel situation throughout the country is extremely serious and it behooves us to make immediate preparations to meet it. So I am appealing to all light plant patrons especially motor users to cooperate with me to cope with the situation.

At the present time the peak load comes on at the power house between the hours of 5:30 and 7:30 p. m. This load is about 20% more than one boiler can handle, making it necessary to run additional boiler for about 4 hours, which means the approximate consumption of 250 gallons of fuel oil. Now, if all current users will lend their effort to conserve on current between these hours, the load can be kept down to where one boiler can handle it and a little conservation at this time may avert much more serious conditions later on.

We are well supplied with fuel at the present time and could go along very nicely for 30 days without relief but as there is no way of foretelling how long this fuel strike should last, it is well that we start conserving at once, for while the coal miners' strike does not directly effect the fuel oil business at this time, it will effect transportation and through the crippling of transportation make very serious delays in the transportation of fuel oil.

Numerous surrounding cities have already felt the fuel shortage, some very seriously and I feel with a little cooperation of all patrons at the present, will prevent us from being greatly inconvenienced during the winter.

J. C. Manning,  
City Manager.  
Dated November 19, 1919

**Telephone Office Renders Good Service**

A great deal of credit is due the telephone office for the efficient service which was rendered in the disaster of Monday morning. The first report sent out had about half the town killed and all this part of Kansas began to call in. Then the Hays folks and the Normal students began to call in to tell them all was well. This meant so much to so many people that the telephone office tried to serve all who had worries over the situation. This was in addition to trying to correct the rumors all over the state. The persons to whom credit is due are: Mrs. Nellie Addison, Velma Kyser, Sylvia Underhill, Flora Troth, Hildur Malmberg, Florence Geibler, Esther Geren, Winifred Bennett, Katie Roth, May Smith, Lillie Robinson, and Mrs. Carl.

## St. Joseph's Congregation

Cordially invites you to their

### ANNUAL FAIR

November 25, 26, 27, 1919

Supper will be served on Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:30 p. m. Dinner on Thanksgiving Day at 12 o'clock, noon.

All kinds of amusements provided