

Hays Highly Honored.

Secretary Taft. Speaks Here—The Only Place between Abilene and Ellis.

This city is much indebted to C. W. Miller for securing a short speech from Secretary of War, Wm. H. Taft, who is also the most promising candidate in the republican presidential field for 1908. The prolonged blowing of Yost's Mill whistle Monday evening announced that the train was approaching and a large crowd soon gathered at the station crossing to see "our next president", as the hand bills read. C. W. Miller, who rode up with the secretary from Bunker Hill, introduced him and for five short minutes he spoke to the people on subjects which bore only slightly on politics. He spoke of Roosevelt's administration and commended it as a model one; he spoke of the admission of Oklahoma as a state (a republican one); of Kansas as a staunch republican state; of our great possibilities as a state and of the wonderful productiveness of Western Kansas. He left a very favorable impression with all who heard him and should he receive the republican nomination for president, he will receive a large vote in this community. Sec. Taft did not ride in a private car as was expected but had a private compartment in the Pullman. He is bound for the Philippines on an official mission as Secretary of War. He is accompanied by his private secretary, Robert H. Murray of the Philadelphia North American and Robert L. Dunn of Collier's Weekly. Mr. Dunn is the official photographer detailed for the trip and he will make pictures through the entire trip. From Manila the party will go to Delny, Port Arthur, over the battlefields of the Russo-Japanese war and thence via the Trans-Siberian railway to Moscow. The ship on which Taft sails, the Minnesota, has been equipped with wireless telegraphy for the benefit of the secretary and the newspaper men. The ship sails from Seattle, Washington Sept. 10th.

Taft at Ellis.

At Ellis Secretary Taft was met by mayor Griffith and the council and was escorted to a platform, where he made a fifteen minute talk on railroad matters that pleased the big crowd. He congratulated Congress on passing the car-coupling act and demanded the passage of more such safety laws for protection of railroad workers. He favored labor unions as the only recourse of laboring men to meet united capital in all corporations. He favored arbitration and regretted strike as an injury to the business interests of the entire country.

He's Happy Now.

Dr. Albert P. Talbot of Ellis and Miss Edna Phillips of Ellsworth were married at the home of the bride Wednesday afternoon, Rev. A. T. Orr officiating. The wedding was a very quiet affair and the bride and groom took the evening train west to Colorado, where they will spend a short honeymoon. The groom has been a resident of Ellis for the past couple years and he has an excellent dental practice. The bride is one of Ellsworth's popular young ladies. The many Hays friends extend congratulations.

The latest designs in box and tablet stationery at Harkness'.

School Announcement.

The public school of Hays will open on Tuesday, September 3rd—Monday being "Labor Day." It is desired that, in all cases where the pupil's standing is known, all necessary books be secured before the opening of school, as delay may result at the book stores and thus time will be lost in the classes. In all cases of enrollment from other schools, new pupils, etc. do not buy books until classified by the superintendent. For such classification, call at the office in the high school rooms between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 o'clock Tuesday morning.

In all exchanges, please note that only books of the last adoption, in good condition and with both covers will be exchanged for similar books of the present adoption.

I would respectfully call the attention of parents and guardians to the clause in the school laws of Kansas, which makes it compulsory on the part of such parents or guardians to maintain all children under their charge between the ages of seven and fourteen (inclusive), in the public school of their district during the time such school is in session. This means nine full months in Hays, and any parent or guardian failing to comply with this law, not only breaks the law, but denies the child his American birthright and robs the state of a fully developed citizen. Captains of war and kings of despotism were the architects of the past. We build to-day in the thoughts of men in their struggle toward right and duty.

Much of the building has been floored, and all the rooms have been thoroughly cleaned and renovated. "Live" drinking fountains and city water will soon be installed. New walks, curbing and parking have added to the appearance of the grounds, while several hundred books of reference and fiction will be added to the library. Please remember there will be no tuition this year the people of Hays decided at the annual meeting to extend this little courtesy to their less favored rural neighbors.

Now young man and young woman, you who have time and your 8th grade diploma, let me urge you to enter high school and thus begin your life work. Three or four years of "digging" will open your eyes to the great opportunities of the twentieth century, and there is no other school in the American system that can do this for you as can the high school. Don't be deceived. Some schools teach more, but others teach more thoroughly: We will put you within the doors of the State University, and they will usher you, fully equipped, into the great arena of Life.

Faithfully yours,
LEE R. LIGHT, Supt. Schools.

Couldn't Live without Air.

An immense centipede, measuring six inches in length, was presented to this office by Miss Annie Feitz last week. It was tightly corked up in a quart bottle and left without food or air for four days at the end of which time it was noticed that the centipede was being slowly overcome, either from the lack of air, water or food. At the end of the fifth day the hideous monster was dead. It was the largest of the species we had ever seen and surpassed many of the specimens which are preserved in alcohol by zoologists.

All state normal and public school books will be found at Spratt's Drug Store.

A Sermon from Life.

Chas. S. Matthews lectured to a large audience in the Baptist church last Sunday evening. His sermon, as previously announced, was: "A Storm at Noon", in which he treated the story of his own life from his birth to the present time.

Following is the story as he told it: When a young man, a preacher in South Carolina, Mr. Matthews was taken seriously sick with typhoid fever. He was unable to sleep or rest at all and lay at the point of death. His doctors prescribed morphine as a last remedy. By taking this Mr. Matthews' life was sustained and he was able to sleep for a short while. He lay in this critical condition for six months continuing the use of morphine as the only means of keeping alive. The narcotic by its constant use displaced all the nerve cells of the body and when the patient recovered he was unable to dispense with its use. He continued with his preaching and lecturing as the only visible means of support, and was deemed one of the strongest local preachers in the south. His highest aim was to accumulate enough money to effect a permanent cure. However, knowing that sooner or later the morphine habit would overcome him, he came north and west to the sunny plains of Kansas and located at Hays, where he hoped to regain his health. Constant use of morphine had formed a system which absolutely demanded the narcotic, and two months ago he was sent to Kansas City for treatment. He maintains that when he left this sanitarium he was a cured man as far as the morphine habit was concerned, though his system was not yet restored to its former state of health. He then went on and told the story of his trip to Colorado, about which numerous stories have been circulated, most of which Mr. Matthews brands as false and exaggerated.

In concluding he said he would make his home at Hays and would travel around over the state delivering lectures in the smaller towns.

Mr. Matthews certainly deserves, and to a large extent has, the pity and the aid of our community.

Hays will be Represented.

Mrs. C. W. Reeder, who is Grand Matron of the Eastern Star Lodge, left Thursday for Wichita to visit the Mason's Home which is located there.

From thence she will go, in official capacity, to Milwaukee to attend the General Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star. She expects to be gone about two weeks.

Alfalfa Pays.

E. R. Cole has a field of alfalfa just west of Frank Havemann's residence, that has surpassed all previous records. The fourth crop has just been cut for this year and Mr. Cole has 54 large shocks from a single acre.

Kansas is not Illiterate.

In a table recently compiled by the Commissioner of Education of New York, Kansas ranks third of all the states for the least per centage of illiteracy. Iowa and Nebraska are tied for first place, each having 23 illiterates for each 1000 population. Kansas comes next with 29, and Louisiana foots the list with every third person an illiterate. By an "illiterate" is meant a person who is at least ten years old and is unable to read or write any language.

Cemetery Association Notice.

Complaint is being made from several sources that our cemetery is being allowed to run to weeds and is not receiving the proper care. Our cemetery should be a matter of civic pride, as well as good streets, walks, etc., and the Association will do well to investigate these complaints at once.

Farmers feel much elated over the result of their threshing. Almost every farmer has found that the actual yield of his fields has turned out considerably better than was anticipated. After the long drouth in June the almost universal report over Kansas was: "no wheat crop in 1907."

SENATOR ROBERT M. LAFOLLE

The Wisconsin Statesman "Among Those Present" in the Race for the Presidential Nomination.



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Church Notes

[All the Churches of Hays are cordially invited to contribute regularly to this column.]

Methodist Episcopal Church.

M. J. MUMFORD, Pastor.

The good effects of the Epworth League Convention linger with us. The prayer meeting is more largely attended and other indications of spiritual uplift are manifest.

The Methodist people believe in keeping the Sabbath and it is believed that none of them will be found in the Sunday excursion to Denver. They do not hesitate to ride on Sunday trains in cases of necessity, but do not regard a pleasure excursion in the light of an absolute necessity.

Those of the brethren who have obeyed the injunction to "bring all the tithes into the storehouse" find that God does indeed "open the windows of heaven and pour them out a blessing." It always pays better to work God's plan than to try to tinker up a plan of our own.

The Union services last Sunday evening were well attended and a good sermon was preached to an appreciative congregation by the Rev. W. B. Brown pastor of the Presbyterian church. The union services the coming Sunday evening will be held at the Presbyterian church and the sermon will be by the Rev. C. F. Wiest, pastor of the Lutheran church. This will end the series of union services for this summer. After next Sunday each of the churches will have services at their respective places of worship both morning and evening each Sabbath.

This is the time of the year when the people of God are beginning to think of and plan for a general campaign for winning the people of the world to the Savior. Some of the best literature ever put into the hands of any people has been received by the pastor and is now being studied by some of the workers that they may know how to "be workmen that need not be ashamed." More and more it becomes evident that God desires earnestness in his workers and has so arranged the laws of the spiritual world that expertness counts for just as much there as in the world of matter.

SCHOOL BOOKS

Having purchased the Book and Stationery Business of J. C. Farley

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for the sale of the adopted State Text Books, I am now in position to furnish anything in that line. Call and get a card giving prices.

Headquarters for all kinds School Supplies

Herewith we give a list of books which will be sold on exchange for second hand books. Cut out this list and bring with you when you come:

	retail price	ex. pr.
Rathbun's Graded Speller	11	5
Silver, Burdett's First Reader	11	5
Silver, Burdett's Second Reader	19	8
Silver, Burdett's Third Reader	26	11
Silver, Burdett's Fourth Reader	33	15
Silver, Burdett's Fifth Reader	44	20
Myers-Brooks Elementary Arithmetic	28	12
Myers-Brooks Grammar School Arithmetic	39	17
Our Government (James & Stanford's)	44	20
S. & S. Lessons in English, Book 1	22	10
King's Primary Geography	33	15
King's Grammar School Geography	83	37
K's G. Lea, in Physiology & Hygiene	25	25
G. & B. Introductory to Physical Geography	88	40
Bogle's Comprehensive Book-keeping	44	20
Marsh's Elementary Algebra	55	25

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To Normal Students:

AS during the past year, this office will be headquarters for Typewriting and Penmanship Paper. Prices will remain the same, notwithstanding the advanced cost of paper.

- FOR TYPEWRITER:
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 - Best quality, letterhead size, per 100 35c
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- Medium quality, per 100 sheets 10c
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