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### Man killed at Yocemento

Addy Lee, one of the head plasterers on the cement mill at Yocemento, fell 38 feet and was almost instantly killed, Tuesday at eleven o'clock a. m. The scaffolding on which he was working near the top story, broke, owing to a knotty board, and the man fell to the ground floor, breaking his ankle, two or three ribs and his spinal column. He never spoke after the fall and 51 minutes later he was pronounced dead. The body was brought to Hays on the plug at 1:30 p. m. and carefully embalmed by Undertaker Gus Haveman and sent to Kansas City on the first train. Mr. Lee was 47 years old, unmarried, and leaves two brothers and two sisters in Kansas City.

Coroner Dr. Catudal and County Attorney Shutts examined the witnesses to the accident and the broken board, but decided that it was not necessary to put the county to the expense of an inquest, as the matter was clearly an unavoidable accident.

Three negro employees at the cement works came in Tuesday night from Yocemento, looked at the body of the dead man and then took the first train east.

### State Gets the Money

Because Charles Jansen of Norton county, Kansas, died in Kansas without heirs, the school fund of Kansas is richer by \$1,593.22 than it was before his death. A check for that amount has been received by the State Treasurer and credited to the state school fund. Jansen, a farmer living in Norton county, died a few years ago and no heirs having turned up to claim the property, under the law of Kansas, the property all goes to the State School Fund and is invested in that fund.—Salina Journal.

### Unclaimed Letter List

The following letters remain unclaimed for at the Postoffice at Hays, Kansas, Tuesday, Sept. 3rd:  
C. M. Bigsby.  
Fred Gay.  
S. B. Tanner.  
Fred Ludlow.  
A. Tabler.  
Mrs. Jim Young.  
Arman Mayfields.  
B. F. Martin.  
J. H. Ware.  
Robert M. Whitley.  
Ross Walters.  
H. J. PENNEY, Postmaster.

### Church Notes

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

#### Methodist, Episcopal Church.

M. J. MUMFORD, Pastor.

Professor Light, the efficient Superintendent of the Sunday School, has returned from a two weeks vacation and taken hold of the work of the School with characteristic vigor and we shall see a substantial increase.

Mr. Irwin, the earnest Epworth League President, having removed to Iowa with his parents, the league has elected as President in his place Miss Alpha McVey, whose consecrated and intelligent efforts will do much to inspire a greater interest in all departments of the work of the League. The Epworth League is a closely compact organization, having for its purpose the training of a body of young people to be expert soldiers of Jesus Christ, actually engaged heart and soul, in the battle against sin and for the salvation of all within their reach.

Miss Keller has returned from her vacation of three weeks in eastern Kansas and will now have charge of her class regularly in the Sunday School, which is probably the largest and most inspiring class in this part of the state. The attendance reached over fifty at one time last year and is likely to reach seventy-five this year. Mr. James McVey has been doing excellent work with the class during Miss Keller's absence.

Miss Hopkins' class of bright young girls is glad to see her back from her summer vacation. They will try to do even better work with the Sunday School lessons than last year.

Hays Methodists have been particularly favored of late in having good things which are always gladly shared with the people of the city and surrounding country. Now comes another and one of the best things that ever came to this state. The Rev. A. G. Van-Haften will be here to speak in the Methodist Church a week from next Sunday. He is a native Hindu who would now be the Priest of a great Brahman temple in India had it not been for his conversion to Christianity. He is one of the most eloquent of speakers and has a most fascinating account to give of his land and its people. He speaks both morning and evening on Sunday, September 15th.

Here is a Good One to Use Every Day.

### Love in the Home Life.

WE ought not to fear to speak of our love at home. We should get all the tenderness possible into the daily household life. We should make the morning good-byes as we part at the breakfast table kindly enough for final farewells. Many go out in the morning who never come back at night; therefore we should part, even for a few hours, with kind words, with a lingering pressure of the hand, lest we may never look again in to each other's eyes. Tenderness in the home is not a childish weakness; it is one that should be indulged in and cultivated, for it will bring the sweetest returns.

We have careful words for the stranger,  
And smiles for the transient guest,  
But oft to our own the bitter tone,  
Though we love our own the best.

Ah, lips with the words impatient,  
Oh eyes with the look of scorn,  
'Twere a cruel fate were the night too late  
To undo the work of the morn.

FROM THE MARION RECORD.

### Excursion To Denver.

If you must associate unharmonious sounds grating to the ear, a car crowded and jammed full of mortals, with no opportunity to avoid any of the fumes that come from the spirit of corn and rye and that which makes Milwaukee famous, then this trip on Friday night was not an excursion—but a pleasant flight. After we reached Ellis, two empty coaches were added to our train and no more stops were made for passengers. During the night many made refreshing trips to "Slumberland". 5:45 a. m. mountain time is carrying Kansas through a country that cannot be called pleasing except in spots. We see a stream; no, it is not a stream, but the sand where it became lost. At a stop, the State Flower of Kansas is picked and converted into badges to indicate the state from which we hail.

"Oh, I see Pike's Peak" some one joyfully shouts, and sure enough it was. Lonely, majestic, awful, does the King of Mountains appear. To the northwest are seen a system of mountains bubbling up not unlike the clouds. Soon the snow caps here and there break the monotony, and the outline has a pleasing effect. We are rushed into Denver Union Depot and the great and massive "Welcome" arch greets us. Here for the present is "parting of the ways". Saturday some went to the parks, of which the city has many, some went to Pike's Peak and others went on the Moffat. The same was true on Sunday. And whether one saw the Loop or the Peak or winded up the Switzerland Trail, only grand sights and lovely views greeted the eyes. Often when one looks at the pictures prepared by the railroads one is led to believe that the mountains are tinted too much but they are not. After you have seen them you will have to admit that the pictures are not overdrawn. On the Switzerland Trail the passengers see three rainbows. That figure of promise is always lovely, but to see its base on earth is beyond description. Looking out through the windows of the car, we see little wells and mines like badger holes on the sides of the mountains, where countless "children of hope" in years past have sacrificed money, time, hope and oftentimes life itself to satisfy the longing for gold. Many of the holes and excavations are mere monuments to stranded optimism, frustrated plans and disappointed ambitions and a death that came too soon. The fate of the thousands did not hinder others from being "grubbed" time and time again and so they are working "They toil and hope till they fade away, And each of them knows where the hills are lined, And seamed and streaked by a wealth untold, And each is rich in his simple mind".

Did you see or have you heard of Lover's Leap? It is only a few miles from Boulder. It is a large pyramidal rock separated from the rest of the mountain, a mountain in itself. A mad and rushing stream laves three sides of this curio. Here the Indian legend says was enacted countless ages ago a climax to a love story rivaling in suspense and excitement any chronicled in ancient or modern lore. Who did the laundry work in Mr. Giant's family? The men did, of course. Did you not see those massive flatirons? They appeared as though they had been used and the ironer had placed them around the stove to get warm.

But wonders, marvels meet the Kansans wherever he goes in Colorado and he finds a pleasant change wherever he casts his eyes. And it is no wonder that those who can afford go thither as often as the opportunity offers. It would be a great blessing if the Union Pacific would run many flights, for it would give countless numbers a pleas-

ant outing among the Rockies.

The train home was run in two sections and those who were unlucky and lucky enough to board the second section had a pleasant journey to Hays. The "formerly from Colorado people," could easily be distinguished on Monday, but in spite of the jaded spirits they all say they will go again.

A SUBSCRIBER.

### Two Cent Rate.

On Thursday afternoon the state board of railroad commissioners at Topeka sent out an official order for the establishment of a flat 2-cent a mile passenger fare in the state of Kansas. The vexing question now is, whether the railroads will obey. It is thought that they will.

### State Firemen's Carnival.

The annual carnival of the city fire departments of the state was held in Ellsworth this week. It was largely attended, both by firemen and visitors, and the Parker shows, which held forth there, did an immense business with "young America." Ellsworth claims to have the best organized fire departments in the state.

### The Redskins are Winners.

The Haskell Indian baseball team of Lawrence, which is making its annual tour in this part of the state, is making easy game of the westerners. Wednesday afternoon they played Wakeeney defeating them 13 to 0. Thursday they defeated Russell on their home grounds by a score of 8 to 2. About twenty of the fans from Hays went down and saw the latter game.

### Two New Departments.

For the sole benefit of our subscribers we have added two new departments to THE FREE PRESS. They will both be found in this issue: we speak of "Notes from Meadowbrook Farm", which will be a matter of especial interest to our farm readers, and "Little Visits with Uncle By", whose genial good humor will cheer you all. These two new departments will be continued regularly for some time and we would like to hear from our rural patrons with their opinions on these items. In addition to this we will run each week the picture of a man who stands out as one of United States' noted men. If you are already a subscriber to THE FREE PRESS and your subscription is well paid up, tell your neighbors about us and urge them to fall in with the procession. Do it now!

### Times Have Changed.

A tramp was one day strolling through a wood that belonged to the Duke of Norfolk.

The duke happened to meet him and said:

"Do you know you are walking on my land?"

"Your land," said the tramp. "Well, I've no land of my own, so I am obliged to walk on somebody's. Where, though, did you get this land?"

"I got it from my ancestors," said the duke.

"And where did they get it from?" went on the tramp.

"From their ancestors," said the duke.

"And where did their ancestors get it from?"

"They fought for it."

"Come on, then," said the tramp, fiercely, as he pulled off his coat, "I'll fight you for it."

But the duke retreating hastily, declined to accept this fair offer.—Washington Star.

### Cement Walks are Growing

Awning posts have been removed and the new cement sidewalks completed from J. C. Farley's old store to the Citizen's Bank on North Chestnut and Mr. Wood and his men are now hard at work on the walk from the corner of Chestnut and North Main to Ryan's store. Awning posts should also be removed on north Main Street, as it greatly adds to the appearance of the street and business places. If, as we heard, the council did not order posts removed on North Main, they should pass a special ordinance at once.

### Official Notice

All persons, who have been notified to put in new sidewalks and have not put them in or contracted for said walk will take notice that if said walk is not in or contracted for on or before September 16th, 1907 and the street commissioner notified of such contract the city will proceed to advertise and let said walks to the lowest bidder for walks of the character called for by the city ordinance governing the same.

C. A. HARKNESS,  
City Clerk.

A monument to Wm. McKinley was dedicated to his memory at Buffalo on Wednesday.

Alex Bissing Jr. returned from Salina and spent the week visiting home folks. Alex has been clerking in Holtzmeister's store in Salina and he likes the city very much. He expects to return this Saturday morning and he will work as night clerk in the U. P. depot. Alex is an industrious young man and we wish him success.

Casper Middlekauff expects to return from Ellis the last of this week, and he will spend the remainder of his vacation hunting and fishing. Casper has been clerking in the drug store of Bell & Murden at Ellis. He will return to the state university this Fall and take up advanced chemistry.

Mrs. Fields, mother of Frank Fields, returned last Saturday from a six weeks' visit with her daughter at Mexico City, Mexico. She says that it rained nearly every day and she is no doubt glad to get back to the sunny plains of Kansas, where the rainfall stops long enough to let us do our chores.

Isaac Zeigler & Son are the only merchants, who have stocked up on Fall and Winter goods according to the columns of this paper. If other local merchants have received any goods lately they are wishing to keep the matter a secret from the reading and buying public. Watch Zeigler's store for bargains.

The handsomest show windows in our city are those of Bissing Bros. store. Alex Bissing is a natural artist in the window-decorating business and his window designs are always cleverly worked out. As a bystander said, when we were admiring the windows, a well-decorated show window is second only to newspaper space as an advertising value.

### Local Dribblings.

Mrs. J. D. Wolfe left Thursday evening for Lyndyle, Utah, to be with her husband who has now located there.

The auditors of the freight and express companies checked up accounts at this station on Thursday. Everything was found in first-class condition.

What about that Rocking chair and the Center Table Etc.? Brighten them up with Cres-O-Lac, anybody can apply it, for sale by

HENRY WOLF & SON

One of the most successful farmers in this vicinity is W. W. Bemis north of Catherine. His wheat averaged over 22 bushels to the acre this year.

Work started yesterday on the new cement walk in front of the Presbyterian church. Two men of the Baker Construction Co. of Oakley are doing the work.

The Butler girls, from LaCrosse are visiting this week at the home of Miss Rowilson. They are the daughters of John Butler, formerly a carpenter of Hays.

Charlie Miller returned Thursday night from Oklahoma and Texas, where he has been enjoying his summer vacation. He expects to return to St. John's Military Academy about the 17th.

Hardly a day passes but one or two autos pass through our city bound for eastern cities. Automobiles will soon insist on a state road through Kansas to Denver.

It is rumored that some fellows have been seen shooting prairie chickens in this vicinity. Remember, farmers, half the fine is yours for every hunter you catch killing out of season.

Mrs. Jessie Wheatcroft and her four children from Utica, Lane county, are now located in the Mrs. J. F. Taylor property in the northwest part of our city. Her children are attending the model district school at the State Normal.

The Trego County High School at Wakeeney is one of the largest in the west half of the state. This is only its third year as a county high school and the enrollment has reached 75. Prof. J. H. Niesley is principal and he has two assistants.

A late report comes to us that freight companies have made a raise of fifteen cents on their minimum rate. The rate is now 25 cents but when this new rate goes into effect the lowest price at which you can send a small freight package will be 40 cents.

Conrad Krueger of Freedom township is one of a small number of farmers who farm scientifically. The results of his work are evident. This week he threshed over 900 bushels from one field and the average yield was 45 bushels to the acre.

Miss Louise Hopkins, who spent the summer in St. Louis with her sisters, Mrs. Hal Johnson and Miss Bessie, arrived in Ellsworth last evening. She will accompany her sister, Miss Annie to Hays City, at which place Miss Annie will teach the coming winter.—Ellsworth Reporter.

## SCHOOL BOOKS

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

AND

### Secured the County Contract

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. Les. in Physiology & Hygiene	55	25
G. & B. Introductory to Physical Geography	88	40
Bogle's Comprehensive Book-keeping	44	20
Marsh's Elementary Algebra	55	25

C. A. HARKNESS

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