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Important Announcement.

As has been stated the Postal Department has made a new ruling that newspapers will not be allowed to keep subscribers on their lists who are in arrears more than a certain length of time. We have been given until April first to collect all subscriptions and now we make this appeal and know that you, if you are in arrears, will settle your account at once. Most of our subscribers are as good as gold but a trifle negligent and since this request is very urgent we feel that they will give heed to this matter. You can easily ascertain how much you are in arrears by referring to the address label on your wrapper if your paper comes in a single wrapper, or in the upper left hand corner of the paper opposite your name, if it comes folded. This gives the number of the month and the year to which the subscription was last paid. Do not become offended if you receive statements; they are reminders, and this is simply a business proposition.

St. John's too Fast.

St. John's Military Academy of Salina proved altogether too fast for the Normal basketball team as was twice demonstrated in the Normal Gymnasium Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The Normal boys did their best and played good ball, but the cadets were too speedy in their passes for the town boys. Willig, St. John's center, had a bounce to him like a rubber ball and though not so tall as Kingsley, he managed to get high up in the air. The first half of the second game belonged to the Normal by a score of 15 to 12 but in the second half the final score was 47 to 22 in their favor. The first game resulted 45 to 24 also in favor of the visitors. Good crowds were present at both games and the athletic association more than cleared expenses. The following is the line-up:

St. John's	position	Normal
Murlin	forward	L. Bice
Meyer	"	Barnes
Willig	center	Kingsley
Miller	guard	C. Bice
Mitchell	"	Rutherford

Referee, 1st game, Johnson; Referee, 2nd game, Aston. Umpire, 1st game, Bice; umpire 2nd game, Kent. Return games will be played in Salina the fore part of February.

The following new names have been added to our subscription list this week: Thos. O'Laughlin, Hays; John Drehr, Liebenthal; Clement Unrein, Yocemento. The price is now \$1.00 a year to all comers and will remain at that price.

Two Changes in Business.

Two changes in business took place in Hays this week, which will be of considerable importance to the people who trade with the local merchants.

Lewis Johnson has purchased Jas. Carter's butcher shop and will take full possession the first of February. Mr. Carter will retire from business for a time in hopes of recovery from rheumatism with which he has been suffering much of late. He is one of Hays most progressive young business men and we regret to lose him and hope that he may again engage in business here when he recuperates. As fire-chief, Mr. Carter is responsible for much of the good training of the Hays fire department, which was very active a couple years ago. Mr. Carter is also a prominent lodge member, and should he decide to leave Hays, will be much missed in these circles.

Mr. Lewis Johnson who is to be the new proprietor of the butcher shop has been a farmer in Pleasant Hill Township is well known by all the citizens of Hays as an honest, hard-working man. He will, no doubt, make many new friends in his business here. He will move from his farm and will locate in the Adkin's property on east Juniata St., formerly occupied by Angie McLain. The FREE PRESS wishes Mr. Johnson success and assures Hays people that they will be treated courteously at his hands.

The second change in business took place on Wednesday of this week, when Alex E. Bissing bought out the interest of his brother Alois in the dry goods and clothing business of Bissing Bros. This firm is well-known all over the county, having been established 8 years, and having done a thriving business with the people of Hays and vicinity.

Alois Bissing, on account of poor health, will go the southern Nebraska next week, and he hopes to find a location there for a furniture business. While we wish Mr. Alois Bissing the best of success wherever he may engage in business, we think we voice the opinion of the community in saying we dislike to have him leave Hays. Here's hoping he may yet change his mind and remain in "a good town."

Mr. Alex E. Bissing the new proprietor of the dry goods store has become very well known in his partnership with the late firm of Bissing Bros. He is yet a young man and has that enterprise and push about his make-up that goes far in making a success of every undertaking. "Alex," as a window decorator and letter painter, has no equal in the county, as his show-windows testify. He is likewise a councilman of the city of Hays, a very useful citizen and a musician of no small ability. We prophesy continued success for him.

Local Wheat Market.

For the benefit of our large list of country subscribers we will publish each week the prices paid for wheat and corn at Hays. If our readers will keep tab on the trend of these prices they will be able to sell their grain much more profitably. These prices are furnished by I. M. Yost Milling Co:

Jan. 18-83-90
" 20-82-88
" 21-81-87
" 22-78-87
" 23-80-87
" 24-79-86
Corn 58c; Oats 60c.

Office Personalities.

The Blotter—Retentive; absorbs a great deal.

The Desk—Receptive, sympathetic; likes to be leaned on.

The Ink-Well—Extremely versatile; can write a wrong or wrong a write.

The Scissors—Sarcastic and Malicious; very cutting and ever willing to separate.

The Paste-Pot—Persistent, persevering; possesses the faculty of sticking to things.

The Pen—Enterprising, ambitious; ever waits for an opportunity to make its mark.

The Waste-Basket—Intemperate, aggressive; frequently gets full, and is fond of scraps.

The Writing-Paper—Quiet, diminutive; always remains stationary and can easily be covered.

The Calendar—Contemporaneous, but lazy; always up-to-date, but frequently takes a month off.

The Revolving-Chair—Retrospective, but philanthropic; goes backward, but is always ready to do a good turn.—Judge.

Former Hays Resident Dead.

Ellsworth, Jan. 18.—Mrs. A. F. Aller, wife of A. F. Aller, the Presbyterian minister here, died this morning of an abscess of the stomach. She was 50 years old. The funeral will be held from the Aller residence to-day at 2:30 o'clock and the body will be sent to Carrollton, Ohio, for burial.

Rev. Gunekel will have charge of the funeral services at the house.—Salina Journal.

Rev. and Mrs. Aller were formerly of this city and Rev. Aller was the Presbyterian pastor here for a number of years. He has many old friends in this community who extend to him their heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

ATTENTION LADIES!

Before you decide to patronize a mail-order house for the goods for your Spring costume, see what your Home Tailor can do for you. I have just received my Samples for SPRING and SUMMER; they are beautiful and it is a pleasure to show them, even if you don't buy. Men's cloth for Ladies' Suits becomes more popular every season. These goods are guaranteed strictly all wool and the prices are very reasonable. Each yard is at least 56 inches wide, and is therefor best adapted to the wide skirts which are now prevailing.

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Normal Notes

Rev. Wiest led the devotional exercises at chapel Tuesday morning.

Did you get an X or a Y or was it a Z?

Miss Charlotte Brown led the devotional part of the Y. W. C. A. program Tuesday and Miss McVey and Miss Picken made short addresses. After the meeting a social was held in honor of the ex-president Miss Picken who left Thursday morning for Emporia.

Frank Motz was obliged to be absent from school last week on account of illness.

The basket ball game between Normal and St. Johns Wednesday went 45 to 24 in favor of the visiting team. The first half was intensely interesting. Shorty did some more good work.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Robinson entertained several of their friends room last Friday evening. An enjoyable time is reported.

Normal defeated the Ellis team 61 to 7 Saturday evening at the "Gym."

Clara Childers left at the end of this term for her home in Emporia. Clara was very popular at the Western Normal and will be greatly missed.

Two members of the faculty put their wraps in the same closet one day this week, or at least the wraps were there at dismissal time.

Elsie Presson will enroll again next term.

"Happy" Sullivan, Neva Bell and Charlotte Brown were absent on account of sickness the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Victor Holm Dead.

Mrs. Victor Holm (nee Jessie Wolfe) died at her home in the northeast part of town at eight o'clock Thursday evening. She leaves, beside her own family, a husband and a baby girl one month old. An obituary will appear in these columns next week.

Presbyterian Church.

W. B. Brown, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "A Home Run."

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Subject: "The Work of our Denomination." Miss Stone, Leader.
Evening Service at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "The Smoothness of the Way."
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

We will be pleased to see you at any or all these services.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice at Hays, Kansas, Tuesday, Jan. 21st. When calling for same please say "Advertised."

Mrs. A. Walter,
Balt Younger,
Chas. Pierce,
C. M. Smith,
Mrs. Elizabeth Winter,
John Unrein,
Miss Mamie Spratling.
H. J. PENNEY, Postmaster.

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Lutheran Church.

C. F. WIEST, Pastor.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. The Lord's Supper will be administered at this hour. The offering will be for Synodical benevolence. Special Music.

1:30 p. m. Catechetical Class.
6:30 p. m. C. E. Society Prayer Meeting.

7:30 p. m. Public Worship. Subject: "Dead Flies." The Male Quartet will sing at the evening service.

Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting.

You are cordially invited to all these services.

We were glad to see a good attendance last Sunday morning and evening. Our only regret is that the steam heater was not odorless at its first public trial. Some persons were smoked out and had to leave before the morning service closed. The odor was scarcely noticeable in the evening. We have hopes that the plant has done its worst and will behave itself seemly hereafter.

Cows for Sale

A few cows for sale; some of them will be fresh soon. Also a dark red Durham Bull. See or Address 10-tx John Gerken Ellis Kans.

Society Notes

Miss Anna Hiss of Great Bend, sister of Louis Hiss of this city, and Mr. Geo. Black of Pueblo, Colorado were married last Monday at Hutchinson. Miss Hiss visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hiss a couple weeks last month.

The Saturday Afternoon Club of Hays will meet with Mrs. Emma B. Snyder Saturday Feb. 1st. Program will be rendered as follows:—

THE NOVEL

Collect
Roll Call
Reading of Minutes
The Novel and a Novelist—Mrs. C. A. Shively.
Miscellaneous Business

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Carrick celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary Thursday evening at their home north of the court house. The affair also celebrated the third birthday of their grandchild Anna Doris Havemann.

Mrs. H. W. Oshant entertained a number of guests at her home Wednesday evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church is entertaining the Endeavor of the Lutheran Church at the home of Miss Sophia Grace Dickinson this Friday evening. A public auction will furnish the principal amusement of the evening.

Mrs. A. P. Stainer entertained fifteen couples at 6:30 o'clock dinner last Tuesday evening. Cards afforded the game of the evening and Mrs. John Chittenden was awarded a beautiful centerpiece as a reward of merit. Mr. C. M. Wann carried off a deck of cards as a gentleman's award.

Mrs. Stainer is entertaining the same number of guests at 6:30 o'clock dinner this Friday evening. A word-building contest will be the game of the evening.



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