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FROM ELLSWORTH REPORTER.

What Ellsworth Editor says of St. Clair Matthews.

Late Sunday night persons going home found a man by the name of C. S. Matthews in the street on the east side of the Krebs home at Second street and Washington avenue. He was taken down to the Kolachny restaurant, where it was discovered by the physician who was called in that he was suffering from an overdose of morphine, or some drug of a similar nature. The physician administered restoratives and washed out his stomach, and then poured in a quantity of coffee. He then set John Newby and Yancey Carpenter to work walking the man up and down the street. They kept him going all night despite his objections and desire to lie down and go to sleep.

Matthews came to Ellsworth some time last Fall. Before coming here he was located in Hays City, where it is said he was pastor of a church. His insane desire for drink and "dope" soon became known to the people of Hays. It is said that they raised \$100 and gave it to Matthews to go to Kansas City and take the Keeley cure. Instead of going to Kansas City, however, he is said to have gone to Colorado, where he had a high old time as long as the money lasted.

He then came to Ellsworth. He lectured here a month or more ago in one of the churches; occupied the pulpit once or twice at other churches, and filled one of the pulpits in Kanopolis once.

Saturday last, it is said, his wife became so thoroughly disgusted with him that she gave him six dollars, money which she had made sewing, and told him to go and never come back to her. Sunday he was in Kanopolis, and came over from there Sunday night in a drunken condition. Later in the evening he made the remark that "some body would be dead before morning."

Tuesday Matthews was able to be around on the street. He endeavored to get some more "dope" but we are informed that he failed in this. The city marshal notified him during the afternoon that he had just two hours in which to get out of town. He left and went to Kanopolis, where he was arrested late in the evening, and placed in jail. Wednesday morning he went to an acquaintance in Kanopolis with a hard luck story about having missed his train; said that his wife had gone to Salina, and that he wanted enough money to join her. Upon telephoning to Ellsworth his Kanopolis acquaintance found that Matthew's wife was still in Ellsworth, and that she had no desire to be joined in Salina or any other place by her husband.

Such is the work of whiskey and "dope." The writer has met this man Matthews. He is well educated, a man of ability. Those who have heard him in public say he is an able speaker. His weakness is liquor and other stimulants. He is to be pitied as well as censured.

"One thing I like about THE FREE PRESS," said a subscriber to us the other day, "I always know where to find what I want."

Normal Notes

Mr. Butler of Russell County and Miss Elizabeth Schwaller of Hays enrolled this week.

The Y. W. C. A. had a chain meeting this week. The subject was: "Life is not thy Goal." Miss Stradal led the meeting and Miss Olive Westbrook sang a solo.

Mr. Christiansen and Mr. Hopper left Thursday morning for Wichita. They are the Normal delegates at the Y. M. C. A. convention at that place.

The Grippe still finds victims at the Normal among the students and faculty.

Those who did not attend the lecture Monday evening missed a rare treat.

The score of the Plainville-Normal basket ball game was 19 to 14 in favor of the former.

Next Tuesday at the regular meeting the Y. W. C. A. will observe the universal day of prayer. A day of prayer is observed by the college Y. W. C. A. all over the land.

Miss Mabel Rowilson was absent Wednesday on account of an attack of LaGrippe.

Mrs. Picken has been quite ill with the LaGrippe this week.

The 8th grade of the Model School—Wednesday, 3rd hour, Miss Palmer, LaGrippe, puzzle—find the 8th grade.

Miss Alpha McVey went to Graham County Tuesday evening.

Miss Sophia Dickinson entertained at dinner Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Morgan. It was a very "Happy" occasion.

Has Confidence in Hays

H. A. Cowan and step-son Harold Gill this week purchased the corner lot opposite their location in the Kreuger Bldg. The lot formerly belonged to the Kreuger estate, which is represented in this city by Miss Elsie McIntosh. Mr. Cowan will begin operations at once on the erection of a new building for his Butter, Egg and Poultry business on his newly-purchased lot. The building will be frame, and have a frontage of 25 feet on South Main St. It will extend back about 50 feet and will comprise an office room in the front of the building with ample store rooms in the rear for country produce.

Mr. Cowan has built up a large business in this city and he is well-liked by both the farmer and the towns-people. He has now on the road an egg-case machine, and he will soon be manufacturing his own egg cases. He has good faith in the future of Hays, as is shown by his latest move. Hays is the best and largest shipping point between Salina and Denver, both on exports and imports, and no doubt it will continue to increase in volume.

Mrs. Preston, mother of Mrs. Grouden, died at the home of Mrs. Grouden last Sunday of dropsy and asthma. She reached a ripe old age, having passed the three-score-and-ten mark. Of late years she has been in poor health. Undertaker Gus Havemann prepared the body for burial and it was shipped to Gorham where the remains were laid beside her husband. She leaves two daughters and two sons.

Baptists Call New Pastor.

At a called meeting of the members of the Baptist Church Sunday morning Frank Jennings of Ottawa was called as pastor for a term of six months; Frank will continue his school course at Ottawa and come to Bronson each second Sunday.

Rev. Goodman, the retiring pastor, expects to leave for Hays City about Wednesday of next week. Rev. Goodman and family are very generally loved by the people of the community and especially of his church. His work has been of that strong quiet sort that counts most in the long run. He has preached many excellent sermons while with the church and only words of commendation are heard of them.

He bade his flock farewell Sunday evening in a strong sermon characteristic of his scholarship and spirituality. The best wishes of the countless friends of the family go with them to their new field of labor.—Pilot, Bronson, Bourbon Co., Kansas.

Mr. Goodman arrived and preached his first sermon in our Baptist church last Sunday, and his audience was much pleased. He has a wife and three small children.

Holland Withdraws.

Topeka, Feb. 5.—George W. Holland of Russell is in Topeka, and announces that he has withdrawn from the race for the republican nomination for congress in the Sixth district.

He announced himself from the platform of the convention in Lincoln two years ago, just after he had been beaten for the nomination by W. A. Reeder. Holland had only a dozen votes, but he said he would get together a bigger bunch in two years.

However under the primary law, Mr. Holland felt that it would be better for him to withdraw.—Salina Journal.

February Weather.

Devoe, the weather prophet man, tells in his forecast for this month the following:

"February will enter with a cold wave over the whole country. 1st to 2nd, cold wave; 3rd to 4th, snow storm. On the 5th it will turn warm. 6th to 7th, mild and pleasant; 8th to 9th, cloudy with rain; 10th to 11th, cold wave; 12th to 13th, moderating. On the 14th a great storm will rage over the Missouri valley, and move southeastward. 15th to 16th, cloudy; 17th to 18th, rain turning to snow; 19th to 20th, cold wave; 21st to 22nd, cold squally. On the 23rd a storm will form over the Gulf of Mexico and move up the Atlantic coast. 24th to 25th, snow storm, followed by cold wave; 26th to 27th, cold and squally; 28th to 29th, clear and cold over northern states; storm forming over Texas."

So far he seems to be striking it about right.

Keeps us Hustlin'.

Never in the history of this paper have we enjoyed such a large job printing business. Work is coming in faster than we can turn it out and if it keeps up the pace we will either have to get a speedier press or more help.

Old Timer Passes Away.

The community was both surprised and grieved Thursday morning to hear that Simon Motz, one of the oldest settlers of Ellis County, died at his home on Gospel Hill from a sudden attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Motz came here in the days of old Fort Hays, when the country was yet inhabited by Indians and U. S. soldiers. For many years he conducted a prosperous mercantile business on South Main Street. He was elected state senator from this district in 1882 and served four years. He was married the same year to a daughter of A. S. Hall a wealthy hardware merchant of the city. For four years he was custodian of Fort Hays reservation and he served the government well in this capacity. Mr. Motz is a member of the Ellis County bar and has practised law here for the past twenty years. He also had a large local fire insurance business.

Mr. and Mrs. Motz and their son Frank, who is 23 years of age, were all taken sick simultaneously last week with the Grippe. Mr. Motz's illness soon developed into pneumonia and, though careful medical attention was given him, his old age prevented his recovery. The end came Thursday morning about 8 o'clock. Mr. Motz was seventy years of age. Mrs. Motz is still sick abed and Frank is scarcely able to be up, and the case is an extremely sad one. Mrs. Motz and Frank have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

The funeral services were held from the G. A. R. Hall Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Wiest of the Lutheran Church.

The hall was crowded with sympathizing friends, the G. A. R. members occupying the stage and conducting the services. Comrade Motz joined the army in 1861 and served until 1865.

A male quartette furnished appropriate music. Interment was made in the family lot under military orders of the Post.

On Thursday the court appointed a committee of attorneys on the death of Simon Motz, and they reported a very appropriate set of resolutions and put on the records of the court.

The court adjourned during the services, the Judge, attorneys and officers of the court attending the funeral in a body.

Wanted—A Flour Mill.

A car of flour was shipped in to a Hays merchant from Lindsay this week. While we have no doubt that Lindsay flour is A 1, it looks mighty bad for Hays City when we have to ship out wheat and then turn around and ship in flour. Every sack of flour costs two freight charges to the people who use it,—freight going out as wheat and again freight coming back as flour.

We want a flour mill and it bad. We are hoping that the time is not far distant when we can grind our own flour.

Do we Need More Walks?

The regular monthly meeting of the city council which was to have been held last evening was post-poned on account of a quorum not being present. It is understood that the council have been asked to put in some new walks in the north-east quarter of town and the matter will come up at the next meeting. With the present debts of the city it hardly seems advisable to go to added expense for more walks this year and we trust the council will lay this matter over and devote their attentions to more necessary measures.

High School Notes

The examinations were evidently too much for Rastus as he has not made his appearance since.

Report cards were handed out Tuesday morning.

Prof. Light is again able to resume his teaching.

The re-seating for the sixth month took place Wednesday morning.

The Sophmores have become so attached to Algebra that they have decided to take it two more weeks and will then take up Geometry.

The Normal second team has challenged our boys to a game of basket ball. Boys, will you accept this challenge?

Mrs. Peter Staab Sr. died in our city Friday morning after a long illness. They came to Ellis County and located in Catharine over twenty-five years ago. They moved to Hays, where her husband conducted a butcher shop. She leaves a husband and many children to mourn her loss.

Dependability

The Key Stone of any successful business is dependability. That is one of the good things that can be said of this store. It has been our effort at all times to be absolutely dependable.

When you buy anything at the drug store you depend more possibly on the reputation and judgment of the druggist who sells it than on any other purchase you make. It is a good thing to know that a store is absolutely dependable when you are in need of any drug goods at a critical time but its a better thing to know that

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Society Notes

Hays Lodge Entertains

The Hays Chapter Order Eastern Star received an official visit from the grand-matron Mrs. Elizabeth Reeder of this city on Monday. Margaret Chapter of Wakeeney was invited to be present at the occasion and eighteen members attended. An afternoon meeting was held in order that the visitors might return on the 7:30 train. Dinner was served at the Brunswick Hotel and supper in the Masonic banquet rooms. The following out-of-town guests were present: Mesdames Blair, Courtright, Nelson, Ellermeier, Gibson, Marshall, Hays, Burnham, Jones, Purcell, McCormick, Miss Stella Blair and Messrs. Courtright and Hays, all of Wakeeney; Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Borah of Grinnell; and Mrs. Owens and Miss Kirby of Collyer.

Mrs. Geo. Philip entertained at dinner Tuesday evening quite a number of her young friends.

The evening was spent with music, both old and new. The guests present were: Mesdames Shively, Bell, Bird, Matthew, Nick Schlyer, Light, Kent; Messrs. Shively, Bell, Matthew, Bird, Light, Nick Schlyer, Helder, Tredway, McLellan; Misses Andreas, Sutton, Nickles, Stone, Foster, Freese, Schwaller, Keller, Hopkins, Rowilson, Pestana, Shaffer, McIntosh.

Among the "Eastern Star" guests this week from Wakeeney was Mrs. John Nelson, who remained over Tuesday and visited with Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Rea.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reeder and Mrs. Geo. Griffith visited Ellsworth Thursday on Eastern Star work.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kohl entertained a number of friends at 6:30 dinner Thursday evening.

Miss Knollenberg of Quincy Ill. is the guest of Miss Gertrude Ward this week.

The Saturday Afternoon Club of Hays will meet with Mrs. Frank Fields Saturday Feb. 15th. Program will be rendered as follows:—

- THE CAXTONS:—Bulwer Lytton
- Collect
- Roll Call
- Reading of Minutes
- Book Talk. Mrs. G. P. Griffith
- Miscellaneous Business

Fred Schwaller and George Zeigler returned Tuesday evening from Kansas City where, (according to their own reports) they attended the Lumberman's Convention. They stopped off enroute at Waverly, Kansas to visit friends.

The democratic county central committee met here last Saturday and called their primaries for next Thursday, the 13th, and the convention in Hays on Saturday 15th, to elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention in Hutchinson to elect delegates to the National Convention at Denver.

Church Notes

Presbyterian Church.

W. B. BROWN, Pastor

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Service.
6:30 p. m. C. E. Service.
7:30 p. m. Evening Service. Subject: "The Very Worst Boy in Hays."
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.
You are cordially invited to all these services.

Baptist Church.

A. E. GOODMAN, Pastor.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Preaching Subject: "A Lesson in Profit and Loss."
6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U.
7:30 p. m. Preaching Service. Subject: "A Brave Woman's Resolve."
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Lutheran Church.

C. F. WIEST, Pastor.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Public Worship. Subject: "The Reserve Force in Missions."
3:00 p. m. Catechetical Class.
6:30 p. m. C. E. Prayer Meeting. Topic: "Ministering to Stangers and the Sick."
7:30 p. m. Public Worship. Subject: "The Heirs of Lincoln."
Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
You are cordially invited to all the services.

Mrs. Brown of Loveland, Colorado arrived Sunday morning for a visit with her mother Mrs. Kidwell.

WANTED AT ONCE—Good clean old rags at this office must be lint-les. Will pay 2c a lb. for limited quantity.

Work on the superintendent's cottage at the experiment Station is nearly finished. E. F. A. Clark is the contractor in charge of the work.

Tell that tenderfoot friend of yours that Gassman's Shoe Shop can fit 'em up in fine shape. We repair while you wait; please give us a trial. 12-1f

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Russell Record—H. H. Pierce and wife of Hays were in Russell to attend Mrs. Boyd's funeral Tuesday.....A. D. Goetschius and wife and Mrs. Shaw of Hays were among the number of out-of-town friends who attended the funeral of Mrs. L. H. Boyd last Tuesday afternoon.....Clarence Lester and son of Hays spent Sunday in Russell visiting father and grandfather, C. M. Lester.....Mrs. H. L. Pestana of Hays came down Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. L. H. Boyd.....Miss Goldie Fulton went to Hays Saturday to visit over Sunday at the home of H. H. Pierce and family and to attend the funeral of Mrs. Jessie Wolfe-Holm. She returned Monday morning.

SPRING OPENING

In announcing the arrival of my Spring line of Suitings, etc., I beg to thank the people of Hays for their generous patronage during my first six months amongst them.

BROWN STRIPES will be the prevailing style this Spring and I am showing them in large variety. My line is the most comprehensive in Colorings and Fabrics that I have ever had the pleasure of handling.

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