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### Salina Commercial Club.

On Tuesday evening the Salina Commercial Club, one hundred strong, in their special train, stopped at Ellis, had their supper and visited the merchants. They then came on to Hays, reaching here about nine o'clock and were met by our citizens and escorted to their places of business. Later they assembled at the Essex Club rooms and were treated to a lunch and music, and enjoyed a couple hours pleasure. Wednesday morning the train backed up to Yocemento and for an hour they were shown through the plant, which was in full operation and it interested them very much. They were surprised to find such an immense machinery plant located out here on the prairie. Many of our citizens accompanied them to the plant.

In the Salina Journal, in its account of the visit in this county, it publishes the picture of the Essex Club building and has this to say:—

"At Ellis everybody was at the depot including the Ellis band. Here the club took supper and it was a hearty welcome feature of the visit at the railroad town. The band gave a concert in the Union Pacific park for almost an hour while the train remained there. Ellis was delighted to see Salina and during the whole visit the depot platform was thronged with pretty women and happy men.

Ellis did the royal act in every respect and the reception proved to be one of the most pleasant of the trip. It was fully demonstrated that Ellis is full of people who know how to entertain.

The depot platform was a mass of humanity when the train arrived at Hays shortly before 9 o'clock. It was one of those whole-souled greetings that makes everybody happy. The Salina boys were tired and almost ready for bed, but if any of them entertained such an idea it was abandoned in short order. A quartette of mail voices rendered several songs and a few moments were most pleasantly spent at the depot. The Essex Club invited the visitors to the club rooms, where an hour was spent in speech making, eating and smoking. It was nearly midnight when the party disbanded, the Salina fellows feeling that they had spent one of the most pleasant evenings in Hays that they ever experienced.

Hays, May 13.—This morning the Salina Commercial Club train went to Yocemento. Last night as the train pulled in a hearty handshake of welcome was given each of the visitors. The merchants kept "open house" and there was a chance for buyer and seller to meet. One of the speakers expressed the feelings of those present in these words: "It is just like being at home in Salina to get to Hays, and I know Hays feels at home in Salina." The quartette, well, it is gone. The boys sang so well that Salina just took them along and hundreds of hearts were cheered along the road to Salina. Salina made a capture for keeps."

James Finley returned Monday evening from Greenfield, Ill., where he was called by the sickness of his sister. He is again at work in the depot.

### Memorial Day Proclamation.

Whereas, the beautiful ceremonies which annually occur recalls the noble sacrifices offered at the shrine of patriotism by soldiers who fell in the defense of our country, and

Whereas, the veterans who survived the conflict and have since passed into the great beyond, invites Memorial Day with new and more tender sympathies each succeeding year for the many heroic deeds performed and recorded in our history, imbedded in the hearts of a grateful people, and live in the immortality that blooms beyond the grave.

Therefore, I, HENRY SCHWALLER, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of HAYS, Kansas, I issue this, my Proclamation, requesting the citizens of Hays to close their respective places of business on May 30, 1908 between the hours of 9 and 11 a. m. and 2 and 4 p. m. and as many as feel disposed to do so, to join in decorating the graves of our dead, and attend the services conducted by the survivors of the Civil War at the G. A. R. Hall.

I furthermore especially request of all who feel no special interest in observing Decoration Day as contemplated by law setting same apart as a national holiday, to refrain from engaging in any diversion for recreation during the time the graves are being decorated or services in the Post room are being held.

Done this 15th day of May, A. D. 1908 at the City of Hays, Kansas.  
HENRY SCHWALLER, Mayor.

### A Handsome Souvenir.

Wilson Echo: We have received from J. Freese, manager of the Hays Free Press, a handsomely gotten up "Souvenir of Hays City and Ellis County." It contains sixty-two excellent illustrations, forty-nine of Hays City, eight of Ellis and five of Yocements. The latter is a new town half-way between Hays City and Ellis. As the seat of an immense cement plant which will be in operation soon, it is expected to develop into a city of no small note.

The souvenir is a credit to Mr. Freese in all respects and will doubtless have a large circulation as the price is only 25 cents, and it will be sent post-paid for that amount.

### Model District School.

To Parents of Hays: The Model District School will close Friday, May 22, for a vacation of a week and a day. It will re-open June 2 for summer term of nine weeks. The daily sessions, however, WILL BE ONLY FROM 9 TO 12 O'CLOCK.

This will be an excellent opportunity for light summer work for some children who may be a trifle behind in their regular grade work and whose parents would desire them to have an opportunity to do some work without overworking.

During the summer term the school will be in charge of Miss Keller, Miss Stone going away for special work in Domestic Science.

As but a limited number of children can be accommodated, parents are urged to make application to the undersigned at once. W. S. PICKEN, Principal Western State Normal School.

### Normal Defeats St. John's.

The Normal baseball team defeated St. John's Military Academy on home grounds Thursday afternoon by a score of 5 to 0. The local team played brilliant ball and had things coming their way from the first inning in which they made two runs. Bear, the Normal slant artist, was too much for the wiry little cadets and their best batters Aston, Miller and others were allowed to fan the air three times. The special features of the game were an infield bunt caught on the fly by Harry Brown the Normal third-sack man and his double play to Bice on first; a phenomenal one-hand catch by Vernon Bice on second, which was also followed by a double play; a home run by Vernon Bice in the sixth inning set the spectators wild and Vernon was given a rousing cheer.

A foul ball decision as the home plate caused considerable rag-chewing on the part of the cadets and they ran in two scores while the ball was under discussion. Umpire Wann settled the matter however by declaring the ball foul and sending the base runners back. Although Mr. Wann made his decisions as correctly as possible he always gave the visitors the benefit of a doubt and their wrangling over the foul ball decision was hardly justifiable.

The following was the line-up for Thursday's game:

ST. JOHN'S	POSITION	NORMAL
Aston	c	Bice
Johnson	p	Bear
Miller	1st	Bice
Healy	2nd	Bice
Weyer	3rd	Brown
Murlin	ss	Rutherford
Eddy	lf	Goetz
Willig	cf	Bice
Smith	rf	Ryunon

Substitutes: St. Johns, Reed and Everest. Umpire C. M. Wann. Time 4:15.

Acting against positive orders from the head of the Academy at Salina, St. John's will pitch Eddy, a hired

twirler from Abilene, in to-day's game. Eddy played left field yesterday and didn't show us much, but St. John's is looking to him for some fast pitching to-day. St. John's however does not play fast enough ball for the teachers and it is hard to foresee a victory for them. Vernon Bice will pitch for Normal; although not Bear's equal in the box, he will probably be able to hold the cadets down to scattered hits.

### High School Commencement.

The annual commencement exercises of the Hays High School will be held in the Trinity Lutheran church next Friday evening, May 22. Charles M. Harger, editor of the Abilene Reflector and instructor in Journalism at Kansas University, will deliver an address on "The West a School." James Roscoe Baumer and Miss Eva Campbell are the graduates from the four-year course this year. The exercises will begin at 8 p. m.

### The Motto is Restored.

Washington, May, 12.—The Senate committee on finance voted unanimously to-day to report the bill already passed by the House providing for the permanent restoration of the words "In God We Trust" to gold and silver coins of the United States. The motto was directed to be omitted from the coins by order of the President.

### The Saturday Afternoon Club.

The Saturday Afternoon Club of Hays will meet with Mrs. Etta L. Ward Saturday, May 23rd. Program will be rendered as follows:—  
Collect  
Roll Call  
Reading of Minutes  
Club History—Mrs. Etta L. Ward  
Miscellaneous Business

Don't forget the exchange in Nickle's store Saturday p. m.

## SOONER or LATER

You will find out that the best way to get clothing is to get them from a  
**TAILOR**  
and the BEST PLACE in town is opposite the First National Bank.

### A. M. McKIE

PHONE NO. 90

THE HAYS TAILOR

### LOCAL NEWS.

Work on the Yost elevator excavation progresses rapidly.  
Trainmaster Richards of Ellis was in town Tuesday evening.  
Some hail fell in the county Sunday evening but did little damage.

Photographer Voss took a picture of the Normal baseball club this week.

Mrs. George Wilson returned to her home near Grinnell Wednesday evening.

Miss Maggie Farley went to Kansas City Thursday to visit with her sister.

Mrs. Kent, mother of H. L. Kent of the Normal faculty, is here on a visit.

We will close out our entire line of millinery beginning May 18. MISS MARKEY.

Ralph Burton is to deliver the Decoration Day address this year at Plainville.

The street commissioner has given south Fort street a good grading, much improving that street.

George and Stanley Philip spent the week in Lawrence and Kansas City visiting friends.

Dr. Loutzenhiser and wife have moved to the Miss Sutton cottage on west Second street.

Mrs. G. M. Cox and daughter Mrs. George Wilson visited in the east end of the county Tuesday.

Rev. W. B. Brown of Hays will preach the memorial sermon at Fairport, May 24.—Russell Record.

A precipitation of .22 of an inch was registered at the State Experiment Station Wednesday afternoon.

The graduating class of the State Normal were photographed as a group by Mrs. Wheatcroft on Wednesday.

A gentleman from Marquette, Levi Broman, is putting the electric light wires in the new Catholic school building.

Hail storms are becoming frequent. Insure your wheat with W. J. MADDEN and protect yourself from loss of your crops by hail.

Farmer John Stutzman, in nineteen years living here, never saw wheat fields looking finer and only a hail can prevent a fair crop. That's good news.

M. J. Bell, one of Hays' enterprising painters, says he has worked for a month ahead. Much building and improving is going on in Hays this spring.

Wednesday's Salina Journal contained a lengthy write-up of the Salina Commercial Club's visit to this city with a half-tone cut of the Essex building.

Willard Myers came down from Wakeeney last week and is working at the freight depot. He expects to go to California soon to work for F. S. Toothaker, formerly of this city.

On Thursday morning a son R. W. Battin with wife and children, and his married daughter with her husband and children arrived from Ohio and will make Ellis county their home hereafter.

Plans are in the hands of the carpenters for a lovely two story \$3000 cottage to be built this summer by Prof. Shively on his lots on the corner of Normal avenue and Pine street. It will have all the modern improvements.

Mrs. O. K. Baker and daughter arrived Wednesday and are guests at the Hotel Brunswick. Mrs. Baker is the wife of O. K. Baker, chief engineer in charge of the cement plant at Yocemento. They will make their home in the former Sweeney place on Gospel Hill.

The soldiers' widows were made happy this week. Their new pension vouchers came for a \$12 month instead of \$8 and their checks included the back pay since the law went into effect.

A Russian family arrived here Sunday and will locate near Munjor. They went from Russia to Canada but did not like that cold country, so came to Ellis county where the Russians are happy and satisfied.

The Ellis County Normal Institute is to commence in our High School building Monday morning May 25, and continue to June 18, with Prof. Ford as conductor and Prof. Light and Mr. Christiansen as instructors. Already many teachers are coming to town to engage their boarding places and it promises to be well attended.

**GERMAN PLAY**  
"Die Lügnerin"  
**Normal**  
**Saturday eve, May 23**  
Admission 15c.

**Unequaled Opportunity for Homeseekers.**  
80,000 Acres to be thrown open June 1st, 1908, in the Salmon River Tract, near Twin Falls, Idaho. This land offers an unequalled opportunity for homeseekers to secure farms at a low price in a rich and fertile country. Special Homeseekers Rates for this occasion. Tickets on sale May 26th, via Union Pacific. Inquire of A. W. NOBLE, Agent.

Ladies will do well to attend the closing out sale of millinery at MISS MARKEY. 27-2t

**Eye and Ear Doctor.**  
Dr. M. Jay Brown, the eye and ear specialist from Salina, will be at the Brunswick Hotel Monday May 18th. 25-3t

**Hall Insurance.**  
In standard company. See E. D. Jantzen or Frank Motz. 26-2t

**Cement Sidewalks.**  
S. W. Wood notifies us that he will be in Hays about June 1 to make contracts for laying cement sidewalks and other cement work. 26-4t

**Notice!**  
CLEAN YOUR ALLEYS, TAKE OUT HOGS.  
Notice is hereby given that all alleys within the limits of the city of Hays must be cleaned of all manure, trash, ashes or other rubbish by the occupants or owners of property contiguous thereto. And all swine or hogs now within said limits must be removed on or before the 10th day of May 1908.

A compliance with this notice will not only improve the sanitary condition of the city, but will save trouble for those refusing to comply therewith.  
By order of J. U. CATUDAL,  
County Health Officer.  
CHARLES RUPP,  
City Marshall.

### Church Notes

**Presbyterian Church.**  
W. B. BROWN, Pastor  
There will be no preaching service in the morning at the Presbyterian church for the next three Sundays. All other services as usual.

**Lutheran Church.**  
C. F. WIEST, Pastor.  
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.  
11:00 a. m. High School Baccalaureate Services. Subject: "Divers and Waiters."

7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor Prayer Meeting. Topic: Being a Christian—at the ballot-box.

8:00 p. m. Public Worship. Subject: "The Girdle."

7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Mid-week Prayer Meeting.

You are cordially invited to all the services.

**Episcopal Services.**  
Rev. Reed of Salina will conduct Episcopal services in the G. A. R. Hall Sunday morning May 17, commencing at eleven o'clock. All are cordially invited to the services.

**Baptist Church.**  
Miss Aldis who preached so acceptably in the Baptist church last Sunday night to a large audience has consented to supply the pulpit again on next Sunday night, May 17. This will be the last time Miss Aldis will be with us in her visit to this country.

**Methodist Church.**  
A. N. SMITH, Pastor.  
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.  
Junior League 3:00 p. m.  
Epworth League 7:00 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting (Wed.) 8:00 p. m.

## SUMMER HEALTHINESS

Health or ill-health is subject to more different influences in the summer than in any other time.

When the hot weather comes in full force, there will be need of the usual summer medicines—perhaps in a hurry.

Remember that we have them—of first quality and rightly prepared. Curatives of the greatest value.

We also have all the best toilet articles and preparations to care for the skin during the trying hot season. Freckle and tan lotions, tooth and hair preparations, perspiration removers and toilet powders.

**C. A. Harbness**  
Druggist