

Death of Swan Compton.

W. T. S. Compton, a member of this year's graduating class at the Western State Normal School, died in a hospital at Kansas City this Friday morning between three and four o'clock; the funeral services and interment will be at LaPorte, Texas.

This was the sad news that was received by wire here this Friday morning. Swan graduated last year from the two-year course at the Normal and was this year completing his third year. About two months ago he was afflicted with an abscess in one of his ears and he was taken at once to Kansas City, where a considerable portion of his scalp was removed and the abscess taken out. He improved rapidly and was considered out of danger and his sister, Mrs. E. B. Matthew of this city, returned to Hays. A couple weeks ago his condition grew worse and he was again subjected to a serious operation. Since the second operation his condition has grown steadily worse and all hopes for his recovery were abandoned last week. Spinal meningitis set in on Wednesday and this resulted in his death about 3:30 yesterday morning.

Swan came here three years ago and was a student one year at the State Agricultural College. He has always made his home with his sister, Mrs. E. B. Matthew, since coming to Hays from his former home at LaPorte, Texas. He was very highly regarded by all who knew him and his exceptional courtesy and polite manners won him friends wherever he went. He has been employed as clerk in the post-office for the past year in connection with his school work. Swan was 22 years of age, the bright prospects of a young manhood were all before him. Mr. E. B. Matthew went to Kansas City Wednesday night and was with his wife at the bedside at the time of Swan's death.

Yocemento Cement Plant.

When last year president I. M. Yost and treasurer J. H. Ward talked "Cement Works at Hog Back," lots of our people scoffed. But when the commercial clubs of Kansas City and Salina were here, both parties accompanied by many of our citizens inspected the works, saw the immense machinery in full operation, saw thousands of tons of rock out and broken up, ready to be rolled down into the steel choppers, grinders and bakers, and they swelled with pride and were surprised to think that way out here on the prairie, out there at those long neglected hills of old "Hog Back" in Ellis county was a \$900,000 cement works, ready to turn out and help fill the great demand for the building material of the Romans and of America to-day.

The visitors could hardly realize the immense iron rolls, the big engines burning oil, the building full of the best machinery, the big electric light plant and they were loud in their praise of what they saw in actual operation, for the whole machinery, except the grinders was in full motion. In a few days the cement will be manufactured ready for market, the first batch to be used in building Yost's steel and cement mill and elevator at Hays. It was naturally a proud day for Mr. Yost, Mr. Ward, their friends and our citizens to show these outside business men what could be done out here in the hills of Western Kansas.

Knights of Columbus.

Sunday was a great day in Hays for the young Catholics. About fifty members of the order of The Knights of Columbus from Salina and other eastern cities came here and organized the society here, No. 1325, St. Joseph Council.

In the morning the visitors were escorted to our Catholic church and were surprised and pleased with the splendid church and its school and sisters' home. In the afternoon the society was organized in the Essex Club building, loaned them for the occasion, and the visiting team showed some splendid initiation work. In the evening a feast was set at the Windsor hotel and was much enjoyed. They afterwards returned to the hall and an evening of speaking and sociability followed, closing at a late hour.

After the feast the following program was rendered:
Toastmaster—Wm. Grabbe.
Welcome—Rev. Cassian.
Response—J. W. Gibbons.
Catholicity in Western Kansas—B. M. Dreiling.

I Now Got a Home—M. H. Mulroy.
Hays City—John Schlyer.
From the Outside In—J. F. Jordan.
Why Not Dance—T. J. Coughlin.
Knights of Columbus—P. J. Monaghan.

Our Council—H. J. Penny.
Song—W. H. Jordan.
Following are the officers of the order:

Spiritual director, Rev. Fr. Cassian Hart, O. M., Captain; grand knight, John Schlyer; deputy grand knight, Wm. Grabbe; chancellor, Jos. Jacobs; recorder, P. J. Roth; financial secretary, W. M. Stanton; treasurer, B. M. Dreiling; lecturer, J. F. Jordan; advocate, J. M. Shaefer; warden, J. A. Basgall; inside guard, Simon Frank; outside guard, George Zeigler; trustee, 3 years, J. B. Basgall; trustee, 2 years, W. T. Cox; trustee, 1 year, H. J. Penny; physician, J. U. Catudal.

St. John's Lose Three Games.

St. John's lost the second game of baseball to the Normal here last Friday afternoon by a score of 7 to 5. An Abilene pitcher and a Cedar Rapids second-baseman, both of whom were imported by St. John's for the occasion, were fast and aided the cadets to hold the Normals down. A home run by Claude Bice which brought in four runs, was the chief feature of the game. Mike Merrill of Ellis umpired the game and gave entire satisfaction to both teams.

On Saturday St. John's went to Wakeeney where they were defeated 2 to 0 by the fast team of that little city. The cadets returned to Salina Saturday night and will soon concede that "the husky farmer boys" can play baseball if they can't play football or basketball.

The greatest of Shakespeare's plays, Hamlet, at the Normal Friday evening, May 29. 28-1f

On Thursday the Cement mill at Yocemento commenced to grind out cement for commercial purposes and the great machinery turned it out sacked ready for market without a hitch and now it has become an established manufacturing industry of Ellis county.

Saturday, May 30 Decoration Day.

At 10 a. m. sharp the procession will form at the G. A. R. Hall and march to the cemetery to decorate the graves. All civic or local societies are cordially invited to join and especially the school children.

Bring your flowers to the Hall by 9:30 a. m.

Program for Public Service at the G. A. Hall at 2 p. m.

Reading of orders By Adjutant
Salute the Dead By Post
Welcome address Post Commander
Music By the choir
Holy Scripture By Post Commander
The Navy By S. V. C.
The Army By J. V. C.
Proclamation of Peace By O. D.
The Nation and its Dead By Chaplain
Music By choir
Address Judge Geo. A. Huron
National Ode "America"
Benediction By Chaplain

Ellis Has Grammar School Commencement.

The annual commencement exercises of the Ellis High School will take place next Thursday evening and a good program has been prepared. There are seven graduates, four girls and three boys. The High School faculty at Ellis consists of B. E. Ford, Superintendent; M. Ethel Hoar, Principal and Margaret U. Cave of this city, Assistant. Miss Cave is a graduate of the Western Normal School.

The writer is also in receipt of an invitation to the commencement exercises of the graduating class of the Eighth Grade of the Public Schools. This will take place Friday, May 29 and a lengthy program has been prepared by the pupils. There are thirteen common school graduates.

Dolly Varden Chocolates at HARKNESS'. .10, .35 and .65. 28-1f

Catholic Federation.

The annual state meeting of the Catholic Federated Societies met this week in Hays, with delegates present from the clubs all over the state.

At the last annual meeting in Leavenworth several cities asked the honor of the meeting, Kansas City, Kansas being in the lead. Delegate John Schlyer presented the invitation of Hays asking that they come to the growing, middle west and all withdrew in favor of Hays. Delegates came in by every train, filling our hotels and private residences. Tuesday the Ellis county societies met here and greeted the visitors and an interesting morning session was held in the church. In the afternoon all joined in a parade through our streets and in the evening a business session was held, continuing with several meetings on Wednesday and closing with an eloquent address in the G. A. R. Hall in the evening.

Our business houses and residences were decorated with flags in honor of the state visitors, who seemed much pleased with our pretty little city and its improvements.

The next state convention will be at Kansas City, Kansas. In the election of officers C. H. Herald of Seneca was elected president and Ellis county fared well in the election: 3rd Vice President, B. M. Dreiling; Corresponding and Financial Sect'y, Anthony Kuhn; State Organizer, Rev. Fr. Francis; Delegate to National Convention at Boston, Mass., J. M. Schaefer, president of the Ellis county Federation.

A jury in the district court at Topeka on Tuesday decided that the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company were responsible and held to the state of Kansas for the \$139,000 deposited by State Treasurer Kelly in the First National Bank of Topeka and was lost when the bank failed a couple years ago.

"HAMLET"

Normal, Friday Eve, May 29

Seats on sale Monday, May 25, 2 p. m.,
Red Cross Pharmacy.

Admission 50c.

Be Courteous.

Nothing pays better, nothing shows your proper "bringing up," better or makes you stand better in a community among your neighbors than being courteous to everybody. The following extract is only too true and would pay well for all to follow:

"The principle that underlies courteous treatment of others is simply doing unto others as you would they should do unto you.

In a highly complex and technical business there are many things that you, with your training and daily experience, understand with perfect familiarity, but which the public do not understand; therefore do not assume that the public should comprehend them without asking questions, but when they make inquiry of you give them the courtesy of a reply just as full and clear as you can make it, and without any suggestion of superiority born of a greater knowledge.

Words are only one means of expression and manner is quite as important; therefore remember that a kindly and gracious manner is not only the sign and mark of a self-respecting man, but is to your words what oil is to machinery in making them more effectively to their purpose.

True courtesy is no respecter of persons. It remembers that "a man's a man for a' that," and gives the civil word and the helping hand quite as readily to the ill-clad stranger as to an official of a company.

Courtesy is not only something the public has a right to expect of you, but it pays.

It pays in the friends you make personally.

It pays in minimizing the friction of your life.

It pays in the personal satisfaction resulting from having done the right and kindly thing by your "neighbor."

Ice Cream, pure and delicious, Sodas and Sundaes at HARKNESS' 28-1f
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Howard of Illinois are here on a visit to their daughter Mrs. John Gatewood.

The Union Pacific railroad has pensioned Henry Christler for life at \$50 a month. He has served the company longer than any man in their service, has been an engineer that they could be proud of and depend upon and is the first employee on this branch of their road that has been pensioned.

The members of Fidelity Lodge No. 194, I. O. O. F. and all Odd Fellows are requested to meet at their hall May 30 at 10 a. m. sharp, for the purpose of taking part in the Decoration Day services by marching to the cemetery with the G. A. R. L. G. BELL, Sect'y. 28-1f

Out at the State Normal the new grand piano was placed on the stage of the auditorium on Friday. The coloring work is completed and the scaffolding taken down. The commencement exercises will be held in that room Monday morning June 1, but as the electric lighting is not in, the play of Hamlet will be given in the gymnasium building.

The railroad company started this week laying the pavement at their crossings on Chestnut, Fort and Ash streets. They are to be brick sidewalks with heavy planks for the wagon crossings. The little strip of ground between the platform and the track on east side of depot is to be parked and sown to grass and there will be no more driving in there for freight or baggage.

Under the new primary election law it will be necessary for candidates for township offices to file certificates of nomination in the same manner as candidates for other offices; but it is not unlikely that this will be overlooked in some cases, because the offices are not so important that men apt to seek for them with great zeal. This is particularly true as to justices and constables. Still, those offices are necessary, and it is to be hoped that somebody will attend to this matter and see that candidates are properly nominated in every township. A nomination must contain the names of not less than three percent, and not more than ten percent, of the party votes in the precinct. —Ex.

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 Dribblings.

Soda Water of Quality at HARKNESS'. 28-1f

The first crop of alfalfa is ready to cut and has made a splendid growth. Mrs. Grace Hubbard and Mrs. Annie Scott are expected here soon on a visit. Ladies will do well to attend the closing out sale of millinery at MISS MARKEY. 27-2t

Cement sidewalks have lately been laid for three blocks on north Oak street.

The scholars of the High School enjoyed a picnic in the public park Thursday evening.

Miss Neva Bell has the position of stenographer at Yost's office during the summer months.

W. J. Bellman and W. T. Morris of Hays were here on business Monday.—Wakeeney Independent.

Contracts were given out by Yost this week for the building of an elevator at once at Yocemento.

J. B. McAfee, father of Mrs. D. C. Nellis, formerly of this city, died at his home in Topeka on Wednesday.

Hamlet is the first tragedy attempted by the students of the Normal. See how they handle it Friday evening May 29. 28-1t

Fred Haffamier and George King are arranging to visit Chicago next month during the National Republican Convention.

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Johnson, nee Pearl Davis, left for a visit to friends in Kansas City and Sheldon, Mo.

Normal students are leaving for their homes on every train and county school teachers are beginning to arrive for the summer term.

Rev. Burk of Burlington, Iowa, addressed the Catholics in the G. A. R. Hall Tuesday evening. His lecture was very largely attended.

Next Friday evening May 29 a dance complimentary to Miss Carolyn Edendfield of Illinois, will be given at Howard Baker's, in Buckeye township.

Our citizens are generally disappointed that the railroad company did not put in cement crossing instead of again using plank. It would have conformed to the rest of the city crossings.

The gables are up on the Catholic school building and the roof is being put on. The building looms up as the highest on the hill, with three full stories and large attic room. This is an important improvement to our city.

Peter Carroll, an uncle of Mrs. J. H. Middlekauff of this city, was in Hays this week to attend the Catholic Federation. He is said to have constructed one of the first store buildings ever built in Hays. His home is now in Leavenworth.

Joe Frank, father of J. J. Frank, went out to the Smokey Hill stone quarries on Thursday to bring in a load of rock for the church and word came about noon that he had died there suddenly from heart disease. He was about sixty years old and has lived here many years.

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