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WHY PATRONIZE THE TIMES.

We are thankful to the people of Ford county for the substantial manner in which they are manifesting their appreciation of our efforts to make the Times a paper for the home.

Our old subscribers have nearly all renewed their subscriptions, and paid up beyond our expectation, and nearly two hundred new subscribers have been added to our list, during the last five weeks.

Our patronage from the business men of Dodge City and Ford county has more than doubled in the last month. Our presses are being run to their utmost capacity, and yet we are more than a week behind in our job department.

In the Times we are trying to give our patrons by eight columns, the largest paper in the county. A paper adapted to the home. A paper that represents all the people giving the news from each neighborhood, and is alive to the best interests of our county.

The business men recognize the fact of our large and rapidly increasing circulation, and are seeking its columns through which to advertise their business.

Permit us to thank our correspondents for the interest they have taken in furnishing news from week to week, and writing up the important events of their neighborhood. Let the Times be the paper for the people, and see that your neighborhood is represented each week.

YOU WANT IT.

The special illustrated edition of the Times will be the largest and handsomest picture of our beautiful city and county which has ever been prepared.

The editor of the Globe says he is scoring a victory. "That he is putting in his best leg." We are glad he told us, for it could not be discerned with the naked eye.

DODGE WILL BOOM.

Why not have a boom in Dodge City? We have the natural advantages. We have railroads. We have a large population of prosperous citizens with vim and push.

The Globe man talks like a simpering idiot, or an old man in his dotage, this week. He is a little off or else he has no regards for the facts. The people know that in our issue of the 12th we announced our purpose to put out two illustrated editions, showing the advantages of Dodge City and Ford county.

The Globe, in its article stating that its special edition would be reproduced in thirteen different cities, places itself on record as the biggest falsifier in Kansas.

ANOTHER COLD WAVE.

The concentrated effort of the north was a great deal in giving some cold weather this winter. We get our cold weather in a lump, and we feel its effects more than the people of the north, for the reason that we are not accustomed to severe cold weather.

COMMUNICATED.

If the people of this county will devote a little more of their thought to the questions of actual and pressing public policy and less to the indiscriminate "kicking" against men and things, and chronic grumbling and fault finding from party or personal spite, there will be a great step taken towards a better state of things in our public stations.

One of the most pressing questions now before our people is the care of paupers who are a charge upon the county. It is a question, the magnitude of which, few of our taxpayers realize, and yet one which ought to be the most easily regulated, and upon the right solution of which incalculable good will be accomplished.

It is an easy and pleasant discharge of duty for our trustee to give an order from the county to an applicant for charity, it is a painful and thankless duty for him to carefully investigate each case, and refuse any aid except that which is absolutely necessary for the time being, and yet the former course leads to extortionate demands on the county, to loss of self-reliance by the applicant, and to gross injustice to those who, by stringent economy and hard work, endeavor to tide over a critical time in their affairs.

Why should they undergo privations and want, while their indolent and careless neighbors are supplied by the county in their every need? Such a state of things under the name of charity was formerly the only way known, until the rapidly with which it has encouraged laziness, lack of thrift and demoralized all the self-reliance and other noble qualities of a man, aroused the attention of earnest thinkers, who by their work and investigations have totally changed the methods of public charity in all our eastern cities.

We flatter ourselves that we are a generous people, but is it generosity to hand an applicant a quarter without the slightest indication on his part that misfortunes or necessities absolutely requires it? Does it not rather, nine times out of ten, encourage and foster a species of preying upon a credulous people, and thereby rob those whose foresight and caution have provided for the future, for the benefit of those who have not.

But to come down to the actual state of affairs in this city. We have first, a trustee who, upon his own judgment, issues orders upon our merchants for such necessities as the applicant demands. We have a city clerk who does the same. There is nothing to prevent the same person, on the same day, obtaining orders from both parties, as was frequently done during the last quarter.

Then there is nothing whatever to prevent the merchant from charging any price he sees fit, nor to prevent the applicant from indulging in any extravagance. The bills allowed by the county commissioners last week included flour at \$1.60 per bag, when \$1. would buy an excellent grade; \$1.50 per pair for shoes, when few independent people pay more than \$2.50 for a more serviceable article; 90cts. per pound for tea when 50cts. buys as good and so on through the entire list of bills, paupers obtaining a better class of goods and more of them than the average citizen would buy for himself and family.

Again, a family of three in 21 days are supplied with \$28 worth of groceries from one firm. What honest family in Dodge will spend that amount in that time? Once more, a family of 4 received \$176 of supplies for 3 months, besides large amounts from private charity. Are such things right? are they just? is it true generosity? In

addition to these amounts many of these same parties have been largely aided by the citizens' committee, by the charity organizations of the various churches and by private charity. Is there not woeful want in this? How can it be avoided? By thorough organization and the systematic provision for work.

We have, it is true, a county house in addition to the above named charities, but that is often over-crowded by the sick alone, and is totally inadequate for general use.

What then needs to be done? First and most important of all, now, before the spring opens, a county house should be built upon the county farm. One hundred and sixty acres of land are now owned by the county, and it is an imperative need to take immediate steps towards utilizing it. Every consideration of public policy and economy demands it. In view of past extravagance the present board will not dare to take such steps unless the people will wake up and call for it.

But there is another class of deserving poor who merely need occasional lifts over hard places. To meet such cases we must do what all other cities have done; organize ALL the charities into one central body, to whom all applicants must be referred. Then let the members of that central committee certify to the trustee such cases as they find to be in absolute need of the necessities of life—not merely short of tea, coffee, sugar, butter, eggs and canned fruit—and let the trustee issue an order for a specified amount of specified articles to such merchant as shall have been awarded a contract to furnish specified supplies at specified prices. It would be an easy matter to advertise for bids for county supplies of staple articles, and then the county would not be obliged to pay more than any other person.

As for anything else than absolute necessities, let that be a matter of private or church charity, through that same committee. Then cast off clothing would reach thankful recipients and special luxuries for the weak could easily be furnished. And by all means, if possible, let the recipient of public or private charity be required to render some service where possible, be it ever so little, so that self-respect be not entirely destroyed. Besides this let the committee keep a record of applicants for work, and the kind of work they can do, for those needing help to apply. In this way the county can honestly discharge its duties to the poor; private charity will be encouraged; honorable want will always be relieved; and yet begging will be discouraged, and we will not, as at present, put a premium on shiftlessness, and waste hundreds of dollars of money, and the festering sore upon the body politic, which is now draining its life, would be healed.

This is no fancy sketch, but the actual working plan of every city and county in the whole world where the people are alive to the times, to their own interests and to the public welfare. Shall Dodge City and Ford county alone be content with a primitive, haphazard method, that wastes alike the money and time of its most philanthropic men and women? It rests with the public spirited people of this city alone, to say.

The Times is busily engaged in preparing an illustrated edition, showing the wonderful growth and special business features of Dodge City and Ford county. The business men of the city are lending their hearty assistance to the undertaking, and we can safely assert that it will be the largest and best exposition of Dodge City and Ford county, which has ever been issued.

PUBLICATION NOTICE. Peter Smith, Plaintiff.

The State of Kansas, to the above named defendant: You will take notice that you have been sued in the District Court of the Sixteenth judicial district of the state of Kansas, sitting in and for Ford county, and you must answer or plead to the petition of the plaintiff filed therein, on or before the 7th day of March, 1888, or the same will be taken as true, and judgment will be entered against you in said court for seven hundred and eighty and 10/100 dollars, with interest thereon at 12 per cent per annum from the 4th day of Oct. 1887, and for costs of suit, on two certain promissory notes, copies of which are set out in the petition in said case.

PUBLICATION NOTICE. Oliver Marsh, Plaintiff.

You will take notice that you have been sued in the District Court of the 16th Judicial District of the State of Kansas, in and for Ford county, and you must answer or plead to the petition of plaintiff filed therein, on or before the 7th day of March, 1888, or the same will be taken as true, and judgment will be entered against you in said court for seven hundred and eighty and 10/100 dollars, with interest thereon at 12 per cent per annum from the 4th day of Oct. 1887, and for costs of suit, on two certain promissory notes, copies of which are set out in the petition in said case.

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