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ARKANSAS UNDERFLOW.

Another Man Has a "Raising" Patent.

NEW IRRIGATION SCHEME.

Will be Launched in This Country by a Man From Indiana.

An Indiana man claims to have invented a "system" by which the underflow of the Arkansas river can be brought to the surface and used for irrigation. The inventor might be able to get some valuable pointers by interviewing the old settlers in Dodge City where some mighty expensive experiments have been made. In spite of the failure there are still people here who have faith in the scheme of bringing the undercurrent to the surface and the Indiana man's operations will naturally be of much interest here.

Regarding this man and his patent a Wichita paper says:

Mr. M. R. Turner of Decatur, Ind., is in the city and conferring with business men and capitalists regarding a stock company which he wishes to organize for irrigation purposes in the western part of the state. Mr. Turner has secured a patent on a scheme which will utilize the underflow of the Arkansas river to irrigate the arid lands along the river.

As is well known, the Arkansas river has very little water in its bed at the present time, but for miles on each side of the river, at a depth of from six to twelve feet water known to be river water is found, and this underflow has a current which is noticeable and nearly as strong as that of the river itself. This current and water, the supply of which is inexhaustible, Mr. Turner proposes to use in turning the arid lands of the western part of the state into a veritable garden.

"The average fall of the river in the western part of the state is from twelve to fourteen feet per mile. At Wichita the fall is given as six feet per mile. According to the patents Mr. Turner will sink a large shaft for a considerable distance under the surface of the underflow. This is to have a large body of water for use. A few feet below the surface a pipe will lead from this well. This pipe is to be at least two miles long, and at this distance the water will be brought to the surface and is ready to spread over the land. If the well was twelve feet deep the water could be delivered at the surface when one mile from the well, but the patentees think it would be best to carry the water two miles and the fall in this distance would be enough to overcome all friction and the pipe would run full all of the time. This will do away with pumps and also irrigating ditches.

"Mr. Turner is trying to organize a company in this city to build the first line in the west. He stated last night that he had offers of some capital from eastern parties when a company was organized here and some of the stock taken by local parties. He believes that the system would work best if the pipe line was three miles long before the water is brought to the surface, as this would give it a good pressure and it could be used for higher ground than at the outlet of the pipe. Laterals can be run in all directions and an entire farm covered with pipes at no very great expense. The estimated cost of the system is \$7,000. Wrought iron pipe is to be used, which is inexpensive.

Some experiments have been made with a system to use the underflow and the natural incline of the country, but they have proved only partially successful. Those who have examined the plans for this concern believe that it will be a success from the fact that the pipe will act as a siphon and there will be no leakage of water while reaching the lower level.

Judge B. F. Milton went to Wichita to day and while there will decide upon an offer of an appointment which if accepted will necessitate his locating in that place. Judge Milton and family have many friends here who would deeply regret their removal from Dodge City.

F. A. Sturgeon and W. A. Sturgeon have bought the buildings on Front street occupied by the Sturgeon grocery, the Gingham cigar factory and the Peterson tailor shop.

IN SHORT GRASS LAND.

The old fashioned coon hunt is the favorite sport at Bison, Rush county.

The only worry in Southwestern Kansas now is over the possible shortage of harvest hands.

This spring a regular tree planting campaign is being carried on all over the short grass country.

The post office and general store of O. H. Wierick at Ray near Larned was robbed Tuesday night.

Moede has a young lady whose first name is "Darling," and several others who are often called that by the young men of that town.

Helen D. Nation is the name used by one of the Cimarron Jacksonian's country correspondents, and Ellis Garten has put his compositors under bond to prevent them from spelling out the middle name.

A Finney county young man is having lots of trouble over rusting a three dollar check, when he could have made more money with less trouble raising sugar beets or alfalfa.

Victor Murdock, the Seventh district's next congressman has been shaking hands in the short grass country this week. He is just as popular in the west end of the district as he is in the eastern counties.

COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS.

How They are Controlled and Managed--Other Facts About Them.

There seem to be some wrong ideas in parts of Ford county regarding the management and control of a county high school, some thinking that such a school if established in Dodge City would be under the same management as the city schools. The following explains the law in regard to the management of county high schools:

The school is managed by a board of trustees consisting of six elected for that purpose and the county superintendent ex officio president of the board. The commissioners appoint these to hold till the first regular election, but more than two cannot be appointed from the same township or city. The trustees recommend the levy to be made for the expense of running the school but they can not levy more than three mills for current expenses in any year. All pupils of the county who have passed the common school examination or the one given for entrance by the school shall be entitled to attend without paying tuition. Pupils may attend from other counties when the school is not crowded by paying a tuition fee determined by the board of trustees. Three courses must be maintained: one a collegiate course, graduates from which shall be entitled to enter the State University or State Agricultural college without examination; another a normal course which entitles the graduate to a second grade teacher's certificate or to enter the first year of the professional work at the State Normal school; and the third, a general course suited to those who expect to stop when they have completed the high school course.

The band will probably begin the first week in May giving one street concert a week--if the people want them. A number of prominent people have requested the band to give these concerts and have volunteered a liberal subscription toward the band's expenses for the season. If as many more as have volunteered support for the concerts desire them there will be no trouble in having the concerts. The band is in shape to begin the concerts at any time and could play a splendid program next week if necessary. From the start made it is very probable that Dodge City will again become noted for having an exceptionally fine band. The band however will not feel like urging any one to support it. The concerts will depend wholly upon the ready willingness of the people to support them, and if this willingness is not shown, there will be no concerts. Two or three prominent citizens have stated that there will be no trouble about arranging for the summer concerts, so it is reasonably certain that there will be an open air concert once a week during the season.

The ladies of the Civic Improvement club have called another meeting, to be held at the Christian church on next Saturday afternoon. They are planning to furnish receptacles for trash on the business streets and hope to stimulate the present tendency of the town toward cleanliness. They will also continue the work planned and started last year, of beautifying the park, and of encouraging the planting of flowers all over town. The ladies have some important matters to consider at the next meeting and desire the attendance of all members of the club.

The Phoenix club is preparing for their annual banquet on April 28. The club will then be in its new quarters and the occasion will include a "house warming" at the new hall. The main part of the program will be dancing at the hall and a banquet served at the Harvey House.

There will be preaching at the Baptist church tonight and Friday night by Rev. Sell of Garden City.

GEO. WATSON BADLY HURT.

Brought to Dodge City at Noon Today.

HAD BEEN IN A RUNAWAY.

Not Able When Brought to Town to tell How Accident Happened.

George Watson, the well known banker of Kinsley, was picked up east of town and brought to Dr. Crumline's office at noon today.

He was found by the side of the road badly bruised. His teeth had been knocked out, evidently by a fall and it was thought that one of his cheek bones was broken. The full extent of his injuries could not be determined.

It is supposed that Mr. Watson had been driving and had had a runaway, but he was unable when found to give any account of it.

His injuries are very painful but so far as learned will not prove more serious than stated above.

Some of the old settlers in Dodge City say that a part of an early day burial ground was never moved and that there are human bones underlying some of the well kept lawns, unsuspected by the owners of the property in one of the best residence portions of the city. This does not refer to the Boot Hill district, and the location of the old burial ground is perhaps not known to many who live here now. Still fewer know that only a part of the bodies laid to rest there were moved after that part of town was platted. In years to come when this part of the town's history is lost entirely, it is quite possible that in excavating, these bodies may be found, and the suspicion raised that a former occupant of the property had followed the "Bender family" method of robbing people and planting them in the back yard. Two very nice residences in this town have been built on lots which were a part of the old burial ground. Some of the bodies buried on these lots were removed. Other graves were merely leveled down to give the impression that the bodies had been removed. If there are any superstitious people in that part of town it would be a mighty easy place to get a ghost story started.

MURDOCK HERE TOMORROW.

Republican Nominee For Congress Will Visit In Dodge City.

Those who desire to meet Victor Murdock, the Republican nominee for congress, will have an opportunity tomorrow. Mr. Murdock is attending the irrigation convention at Garden City today. He will arrive in Dodge City on No. 2 tomorrow morning and will remain here all day.

Mr. Murdock is not making many speeches, but merely visiting all parts of the district and meeting as many of the people as possible.

Danger of Colds and Grip.

The greatest danger from colds and grip is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for these diseases we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. It will cure a cold or an attack of the grip in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all druggists.

\$1.00 Per Bushel.

Genuine Red River Seed Potatoes at L. MARTIN'S. Either Early Ohio or Triumphs.

For Sale.

House of eight rooms. Good barn, Shade and fruit trees. Cheap for cash or easy terms. Apply to Mrs. EMILY SUMMERSBY, Fifth Ave. 14

Girl Waiter Wanted.

Good dining room girl wanted to wait table at Dodge House. Will pay right kind of girl \$3.50 to \$4 per week. ERNEST HENDRICKS.

CLOTHING! CLOTHING!

Just drop into the Bargain Store. We want to see you; we want to talk to you good hard facts about CLOTHING. Our spring stock is now complete, and one of the largest to select from in the South west.

To make the thing interesting we have tipped over a pile of about four hundred Men's and Boy's Suits at a price that will interest the natives of the Short Grass Country.

The Bargain Store

Fitzgerald & Locke, - - Dodge City, Kans.

The Hutchinson water company which used to be managed about as badly as the Dodge City company is, has made a big change for the better, and finds that it is making a third more money by using its patrons decently. This year the Hutchinson company has reduced the rates on water and is offering a cash prize for the best kept lawn. Service has been improved in every way and the number of patrons has almost doubled. If the owners of the Dodge City water-works would take the trouble to look over the situation here they would probably see where they are both losing money and making enemies of their patrons.

The local editor of the Kinsley Mercury claims to have discovered a practical woman in that town, and to prove it, repeats her story that to her the most interesting things in the newspapers are the advertising columns. "Long ago," said she, "I quit buying of those who did not advertise. It always seems to me that the merchant who advertises invites me to trade with him, while the one who does not advertise impresses me with the idea that he doesn't care enough for my trade to ask for it. Then, too, I have found that the merchant who advertises has fresher goods for the reason, I suppose, he sells more."

Famous Scotch Entertainers.

Those who have heard the charming entertainments of Garvin Spence and Flora Macdonald, the famous Scotch entertainers, speak of them in the highest terms. They will be heard by a large audience at Gluck's opera house here on Monday evening April 20. Remember the date and do not miss the opportunity of hearing them.

Sandy Bottom.

In the play of "Sandy Bottom" are many situations to gladden the spectator, cause a laugh, and, to bring to the eyes tears of sympathetic pity. This strong and varied play will be given at Gluck's opera house on Wednesday April 22, and none who attend will regret the time thus spent. It is a play for young and old, and it affords entertainment for all classes of people. Its human story deals with emotion common to all and never fails to move the spectator.

It is said that Judge Madison has ruled that existing school leases which have not been signed by the commissioners and the county treasurer and county superintendent, as the law provides, are of no force or effect. In the past leases have only been signed by the county commissioners, due, no doubt to the form of blanks in use, which make no provision for the signature of the treasurer and superintendent. The announcement created a flurry in this county and the board wrestled with the question for some time this week. Their decision will be found in the proceedings published elsewhere. In Kiowa county the county clerk refused to accept the filing of a settler who wanted to establish a residence upon a piece of school land, holding that it was held under lease and was therefore not subject to settlement. The matter was brought to the attention of Judge Madison who, so we are informed, held that the lease was invalid because it had not been properly signed.--Cimarron Jacksonian.

Mail order houses are flooding the country with attractive literature. The people of Kansas will buy lots of goods this spring and they are going to buy these goods where they think they can get the best bargain. If the mail order man gets in the best argument there is little doubt where the goods will be bought. The merchant who waits for customers "because everybody knows he's in business" will lose out. People are looking for bargains and people read. The best way to hold local trade is to tell the local trade what you have to sell and how you sell it.--Abilene Chronicle.

Lease of 160 Acres.

I will lease my land, 160 acres north of the town site of Dodge City for a period of 3 years with option for further time. Same to be fenced by lessee. State amount you are willing to give per year. Rent payable annually in advance on Nov. 1st. Address CORNELIUS GARDNER, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Mrs. Lewis for President.

The Seventh District has an opportunity to add another star to its crown by presenting the name of Mrs. Cora G. Lewis of Kinsley, for the Presidency of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which will meet in convention at Wichita, May 5 to 8.

The Seventh District is entitled to about 100 votes, if each club, will send its share of delegates. With this array of votes solidly for Mrs. Lewis, and with the support sure to be forthcoming from the state at large, it should be easy to win this honor for the Seventh District and bestow a deserved recognition on one of the most brilliant women in the state.

Mrs. Lewis is a lady of charming personality and wide culture. She has had much experience both as a member and presiding officer of various clubs. As an evidence of her ability and popularity she has twice been President of the Woman's State Press Association. Mrs. Lewis is recognized in her home town, as one of the leaders of society and no social function there is regarded as complete without her. In fact no one else could be better qualified for the Presidency of the Federation, than Mrs. Lewis.

We do not publish this at the request of Mrs. Lewis' friends nor is she aware of this effort on the part of the Argus, to help place her at the head of the Federation.

We trust that the newspaper "boys" of the Big Seventh especially, as well as the rest of the state, will give Mrs. Lewis their support and assist in securing this position for the Seventh and to honor one of Kansas' most worthy daughters, who is well known for her newspaper work as well as her abundant qualifications in other lines.--Macksville Argus.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express thanks for the earnest sympathy and kindness shown us by the lodge organizations and other friends in our time of sorrow in the loss of our beloved husband and son, Clarence Averill.

Mrs. M. N. AVERILL,
Mrs. S. J. AVERILL.

\$1.50 Per Hundred.

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