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NEW JAIL CERTAIN

County Commissioners have Seasured Site North of the Court House.

The county commissioners met in special session last Monday and Tuesday to consider the plans and site for the new county jail, made possible by a bill which passed the session of the state legislature. After a careful consideration, they selected the three lots just north of the court house as the site of the new jail, and purchased them from L. A. Etzold for \$300. This seems to be a good location for the new building, and the price paid was reasonable. P. H. Weathers a prominent architect of Kansas City was here to talk over plans for the new building. He has had a wide experience in this line of work, having built 42 court houses and a considerable number of jails. He is the contractor of public buildings in the state of Oklahoma, and planned the new penitentiary at McAllister which cost over \$2,000,000. He hopes to have the plans for the new jail completed before the April meeting of the board. This will also include a sheriff's residence. The total cost of the new building will not exceed \$10,000. The commissioners have hired Mr. Weathers to oversee the contracts and construction of the building. The bids will be advertised for in April, and it is hoped that the structure will be completed by the last of May. There will be no bonds issued for this improvement, as the work will be paid for in script. This system of paying for things as we go, is indeed a commendable one. The county is gradually reducing its indebtedness, and the recent improvements are all paid for.

J. F. Fuest, chairman of the board, and Sheriff Eidson went to Pratt Tuesday night to inspect the

new jail there in company with the architect, P. H. Weathers of Kansas City.

Gasoline Explosion.

Monday morning Mrs. Warren Farmer was cleaning some clothes and poured gasoline into the tub of hot water. In an instant gas formed in the room and exploded. She was painfully burned about the head and arms, and her hair was badly scorched. Her presence of mind saved a bad fire, which had started in the kitchen. A physician was called and dressed the wounds. She is improving now and will soon recover.

Jail Breaker Arrested.

Sheriff Williams of Coldwater, Kansas, came in Sunday night, and Monday morning arrested Herschel Risley who is wanted in Comanche county for breaking jail. The local officers assisted in the arrest, and Williams took his man back on No. 2 Monday. Sheriff Williams expressed great surprise at the progress and growth of the town here.

Broomcorn.

The broomcorn market was more active last week and 11 cars were shipped making a total of 663 cars for this season. The price was about the same, \$75 being the top for brush brought in. One sale of corn stored in the warehouse since last fall was made at \$90, this being choice corn.

A New Firm.

L. B. Gardner and F. B. Shinkle have leased the office formerly occupied by C. D. Gasaway, and will do a general real estate business. They have many friends in the community and no doubt make a success of their new business here.

Moore & Falls write fire and wind storm insurance in the best standard companies.

For Better Roads

Merchants Will Help Fix the Sand Roads Leading to Liberal.

Steps have been taken to have the manure hauled from Liberal to fix the sand roads leading to the town. Chas. Summers, who has charge of a fund contributed by the business men of the town, has decided to use \$10 of this fund for the purpose of having the city refuse hauled out and distributed along the sand roads. The details of how the fund will be handled have not yet been completed. It is thought, however, that twenty-five cents a load will be a good starter toward having it hauled farther from town. This means that \$10 will put forty loads of manure on the sand roads. If this plan proves successful other appropriations from the road fund will be made to complete the work. Overseers in road districts who want roads fixed this way should put in their application as soon as possible.

On to Richfield.

It has been frequently hinted the past week that the mail service to Hugoton would be extended to include Richfield, the county seat of Morton county. Tyrone is trying to have a route established from there to Richfield, by way of Hugoton. This would serve no more patrons than the present arrangements. The passenger service to and from Liberal makes it possible to make a lower bid on the contract than could be made if Tyrone was the starting point. It is desirable to have the route come in here, for it brings many travelers through Liberal. If it is necessary to petition the Department to keep it here, it is certain there will be plenty of signers.

Royal Neighbors Call.

A meeting of special interest to all Royal Neighbors will be held on Thursday evening, March 4th. Every member is urged to be present as important business will come up at this time. Refreshments will be served.

More About the Teachers' Review

The Teachers' Review course in the Seward County High School begins April 17 and will continue six weeks. As was stated in a previous issue, this course will be open to all teachers, those expecting to become teachers and all others of sufficient advancement to profit by the work offered.

The course of study for institutes this year will be the same as last year in all subjects except theory and practise, general history, literature, and agriculture. The new course of study will probably be ready by April 1, and will be used as the basis for all work offered in the course.

Every possible effort will be put forth to make this course meet the needs of the teachers. No tuition will be charged. Would it not be better to do some of the reviewing while the weather is pleasant than to leave it all for July? Do not fail to report subjects you would like to take. Address
Supt. F. O. Rindom,
Liberal, Kans.

Two negro men came up to the outskirts of a crowd where Senator Bailey was making a campaign speech. After listening to the speech for about ten minutes, one of them turned to his companion and asked: "Who am dat man, Samby?" "Ah don't know what his name am," Sambo replied, "but he certainly do recommen' hisself mos' highly."

An Irish Evening for the XX 500 Club.

The novel event of the social season in Liberal was the "Irish" evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yocum last Friday evening.

The XX 500 club has had many pleasant meetings the past winter and as the club year was drawing to a close and St. Patrick's Day so near the hostess planned something altogether new for her entertainment of the club.

As the Irish always do the unexpected so the evening was one of surprises. The dining room was transformed into a railroad lunch counter, the ceiling being prettily festooned with green and all the curtains decorated with the shamrock.

Promptly at seven o'clock the guests began to arrive each one "a wearing the green" old Ireland's pretty color. John George was the only guest who could boast of wearing the shamrock.

The gong soon sounded and supper was served to the guests who stood around the counter in true railroad style, and consisted of Boston baked beans, buns tied with green ribbons, Irish potatoes in salad form, devilled eggs, pie like our mothers used to make, doughnuts, pickles and coffee. During the repast the departure of trains was announced but the "spread" was so good that the guests decided to stay over and let the Garden City Gulf & Northern and Rock Island trains pull out without them.

After supper the guests repaired to the drawing room and a short literary program was given. Mrs. Todd gave a short history of St. Patrick followed by a few Irish stories. Each lady guest gave a witty little story that was "one on the girls" This afforded amusement and fun for all.

The host passed the clay pipes and Duke's Mixture to the gentlemen which created much merriment.

The Indian with his pipe of peace Has surely passed away
But the Irishman with his piece of pipe Will stay for many a day.

The ladies were each given a stick of candy.

A few games of 500 followed, Mr. Ault and Mrs. Stevesson being the best players of the club. The ladies' favor was a gold bon bon spoon and the gentlemen's favor an Irish den picture. The guest favors were awarded to Mrs. Woods, a green bon bon dish and Mr. C. C. Warner a green tie.

Green pine apple punch was served throughout the evening.

The hostess then read original puns that she had made on each guests name as "A deplorable trait in an old maid's disposition" Answer, Whims.

Mrs. Cason and Mrs. Clarence Eidson were the best guessers, Mrs. Cason guessing every one.

The game of trolly and more pie furnished great amusement and was a grand finale to the merry evening's entertainment which as one of the guests expressed it was excoomalousious begorra and then some. The invited guests were as follows:

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| Mr. James Ault | Mr. H. Hobbie |
| Mrs. Ault | Mrs. Hobbie |
| Mr. C. C. Warner | Mr. John Fraser |
| Mrs. Warner | Mrs. Fraser |
| Dr. E. V. Cason | Mr. A. K. Stouffer |
| Mrs. Cason | Mrs. Stouffer |
| Mr. J. A. Black | Mr. James Cavanaugh |
| Mrs. Black | Mrs. Cavanaugh |
| Mr. R. E. Summers | Mr. H. V. Tucker |
| Mrs. Summers | Mrs. Tucker |
| Mr. Chas. Taylor | Mr. O. M. Woods |
| Mrs. Taylor | Mrs. Woods |
| Mr. L. W. Stevesson | Mr. John Haughman |
| Mrs. Stevesson | Mrs. Haughman |
| Mr. C. W. Eldson | Mr. T. W. Gaw |
| Mrs. Eldson | Mrs. Gaw |
| Mr. F. G. Jones | Mr. Francis Cavanaugh |
| Mrs. Jones | Mrs. Cavanaugh |
| Mr. Frank McWilliams | Mrs. Mary E. Todd |
| Mrs. McWilliams | Mrs. Keating |
| Mr. J. E. George | Mrs. Decker |
| Mrs. George | Mrs. Walker |
| Mrs. Finley | Miss Nuta |
| Miss Hobbie | Miss Flood |
| Miss Kathryn Jordan | Mr. Bert Whims |
| Mr. Carl Eddy | Mr. Geo. Quinlan |
| Mr. Fred. Evans | Mr. Clyde Commons |
| Dr. Nichols | Mrs. Nichols |

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Liberal, Kansas

The Domestic Science Club.

Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 p. m. the Domestic Science Club was never more delightfully entertained. With Mrs. E. J. Thayer as hostess assisted by Miss Nutz of Ft. Scott. Needlework comprised the special feature, with the precious moments interspersed with that all important theme "Domestic Science", whose scepter has held sway for countless ages, and shall continue with undiminished luster until time is no more, which was discussed in most of its phases. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. Only club members were present.

The W. C. T. U. was pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Kirkpatrick last Friday afternoon the occasion being unusually interesting as those present were greeted by the presence of Mandy Stone who has just returned from a lecturing tour on Health, Home, Heredity and Hell.

A most delightful dinner was served in five courses at the popular Stevesson home on Monday evening to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. George, Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Gaw, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yocum, Mrs. Mary E. Todd and Mr. J. W. Baughman.

Miss Kathryn Jordan and Mrs. Hazel Decker left last Thursday with Mrs. Fred Keating for an extended visit with friends and relatives in the west. The objective point of their trip will be Tacoma, Washington.

The Episcopal service Sunday evening at the Craig Hall was well attended. This was the last service Archdeacon Wilcox of Salina will conduct here. He has been transferred to a new parish in Arkansas.

Why go to Florida or Texas to buy real estate, when you can make more money investing in Liberal Town Lots. Ellsaesser, Woods & Henry.

Mrs. Virginia Finley who has been visiting Mrs. F. G. Jones for the past month, returned last week to her home in Gage, Okla.

Ezra Shorb has sold his interest in the Star Lumber Co. to the other members of the firm.

The Mine Is Good

W. A. Custer and A. O. Edmonds returned the first of the week from Sonora, Mexico, where they were inspecting some mining property. Mr. Custer says he still believes the mine can be worked at a profit and that those who invested in it may yet have a good property.

Today is worth two tomorrows. Every day that you put off buying those town lots of Ellsaesser, Woods & Henry you are losing money.

Notice

I have sold my tailoring, cleaning and pressing business to Moon and Pierce and shall work for them making garments for them at my home. I have known Tommie Dodd who is to be their head manager in the tailoring department for 25 years. Among tailors who are the best judges, he is known as a first class practical tailor and a cutter and fitter rarely surpassed. I thank all of my old patrons for their liberal patronage and can refer them to Tommie Dodd as a first class tailor. Respt. WELLESLEY the tailor.

Remember that Ellsaesser, Woods & Henry's autos are always at your service to look at those town lots.

Geo. W. Yoho started Thursday evening to Liberal. He got to Cullison and while looking at the interesting things about town forgot it was train time. He then came over to Pratt and waited for the next train.—Pratt Union.

Mrs. W. C. Cook, of Liberal, Kansas, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ford at this place for the past month, returned home the first of the week.—Texhoma Times.

The Moon Sutorium has leased the building on Second St. now occupied by Roscoe Morrol and will move into their new quarters about April 1.

J. A. Gentzler and Jennie Gentzler left Saturday for a two weeks visit with friends and relatives at Arlington and Hutchinson.

Mr. P. H. Weathers, an architect of Kansas City met with the commissioners Monday to submit plans for the new jail.

PLATFORM CITIZENS PARTY

Whereas, The Citizens Party of Liberal, in convention assembled, duly authorized its Chairman, Secretary and Candidates for City offices to draft its platform and declaration of principles and,

Whereas, to restore a full share of confidence in the future importance of our City and insure a wise, economic, business administration during the ensuing term, the following platform and declaration of principles are adopted and humbly submitted to the consideration of every fair minded Citizen of Liberal.

First:—We believe in an aggressive and progressive Government, tempered at all times with reason and good judgment, for our City and pledge ourselves to its accomplishment.

Second:—We believe in the strict enforcement of all our City ordinances and Laws in general including the prohibitory and gambling laws and in view of making our City morally and physically clean in fact as well as in name we pledge our earnest efforts.

Third:—We believe a necessity exists for the betterment of our water system and will endeavor to make the supply sufficient for all domestic purposes as far as practical and protection from fire.

Fourth:—We believe that the existing system of street lights is wholly inadequate and favor an improved system.

Fifth:—We believe in and favor the extension of our system of sidewalks and street crossings to meet the requirements of the general public.

Sixth:—We believe that the finances of our City should be guarded with jealous care; that for every Dollar expended the City should get the value received and that a full statement of all receipts and disbursements be published Quarterly, and the proceedings of each Council meeting should be published.

Seventh:—We favor the enactment of new ordinances tending to promote the general welfare of all our people and favor other needed improvements not herein mentioned.

Eighth:—To the faithful performance of the foregoing platform and declaration of principles all the candidates of the Citizens ticket pledge their sacred honor as men and citizens of Liberal.

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| W. H. FEATHER, Chairman | R. T. NICHOLS |
| T. W. HUBBARD, Secretary | J. E. GEORGE |
| | P. A. CRAIG |
| | THOS. J. SMITH |
| | ABE K. STOUFER |
| | H. W. LANE |
| | CHAS. SUMMERS |

IF YOU CALL NO. 266, THE MOON SUITORIUM WILL CALL FOR AND DELIVER YOUR WORK