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## The Presbytery

Ministers of Larned District Meet in Liberal.

The autumn meeting of Larned Presbytery was held in the Presbyterian church of Liberal, Kansas on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 19th and 20th of September of this week.

Tuesday evening the retiring Moderator, Rev. C. Kirkpatrick of Spearville delivered the opening sermon and called Presbytery to order. Stated Clerk Rev. Wm. Westwood, D. D. of Great Bend, together with thirty other delegates being present.

On Wednesday evening Rev. J. M. Leonard of Pratt gave an exceedingly interesting talk on Foreign Missions, replete with ideas of the broader vision of the future, and showing a familiarity with his subject indicating that he had made a study of it, and especially so as to the great empire of China. Also on the same evening, Rev. Underwood of Hutchinson gave a talk on the Home Mission field, showing our duty to the "greater" west, that is looming up on our horizon, and as he progressed with his subject, it was apparent to all, that the matter lay very close to his hearts work for the Master.

A feature of the visit of this splendid body of men to our town was the holding of open air meetings on the streets of our town, both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Enthusiasm for the broader work for humanity, the desire to help on with anything that would make for good, was a pervading idea with all, and the honor Liberal received at their hands and and hearts will have an influence that will only be known in its fullest extent when the final summing up of all things shall be had. There will then be unexpected blessings come to many of them who have thus "given the cup of cold water" as it were, in His name.

During the session a resolution was adopted, uttering a very strong protest addressed to President Taft, in behalf of the 3300 members, and the more than 10,000 constituents of Larned Presbytery, against the action of Secretary Wilson in the capacity of presiding officer over the Brewer's International Convention at Chicago.

It is unnecessary to offer comment upon this action, as it will be applauded by the churches, of whatever denomination all over this country and by all classes who are standing for clean conditions for American manhood.

Larned Presbytery has the privilege this year of supplying the Moderator for the Synod that convenes at Topeka in October and Rev. Allen Davis of Garden City was recommended for this honor, and the delegates from this Presbytery, consisting of Rev. J. M. Leonard, Rev. C. Kirkpatrick, Rev. J. E. Wolever, Rev. R. C. Fleming, and Rev. C. W. Kellogg were instructed to present Rev. Davis to the Synod, and secure his election. In this connection we wish to mention the honor shown to Rev. C. W. Kellogg of Liberal, in selecting him as an alternate delegate to the Synod.

There were present at the Presbytery, thirty-one delegates, and two ladies; the ladies being Mrs. W. L. Roberts, also Mrs. J. M. Leonard of Pratt.

Those attending, with their addresses, are:

Rev. J. M. Leonard, and Elder D. J. Strife of Pratt; Rev. L. C. McIntyre, Arlington; Rev. J. L. Kell, Ness City; Rev. W. B. Leonard and Elder R. M. Kirk, Coldwater; Rev. F. F. Thomas, Rev. Wm. Westwood, Great Bend; Rev. T. L. Underwood and Elder J. M. Steward, Hutchinson; Rev. C. Kirkpatrick, Spearville; Rev. W. L. Roberts, Rev. C. W. Kellogg and Elder G. W. Elliott, Liberal; Rev. J. E. Wolever, Medicine Lodge; Rev. L. Shibly and Elder James Denkle, Bucklin; Rev. Posey and Elder Geo. Getty, Syracuse; Rev. John C. Berger and Elder; B. L. Glenn, Dodge City; Rev. H. A. Kossack, Ellinwood; Rev. John S. Blaney and Elder F. P. Hettlinger, Hutchinson; Elder H. A. Rink, Mulberry; Rev. Allen S. Davis, Garden City; Rev. J. M. McArthur, Cimarron; Rev. E. H. Sperow and Elder Moses Black, Meade; Rev. R. C. Fleming and Elder E. W. Martin, Larned.

A resolution was adopted, thanking the church, and the citizens of Liberal for their hospitality and kindness.

This was responded to, upon request, by G. M. Glenn, as follows:

Mr. Moderator: It would be impossible that a body of men, engaged in any good work, should meet in this

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community without leaving a strong impression thereon; and it would seem that this impression would be emphasized because the work is for the Master and for humanity.

You will leave us an inspiration, which we hope will, as time goes on, more and more appreciated by us.

We thank you for the honor you have shown our church, our Pastor, our homes, our city and our people. Should Liberal again be so fortunate as to be selected for your meeting place, we want you to know that there cannot come a time when you will not be welcomed. Gentlemen, we thank you.

The Presbyterian Church of Liberal desires to thank the ministers and the many others of other denominations here for their kindly assistance in helping to care for the delegates and for their attendance upon the meetings.

## The Owl Club

During the past week the shower baths at the Owl club have been installed, and the gymnasium will soon be completely equipped for the use of the members and their out of town friends. The showers will be the first installed in Liberal, and will be a valuable asset to the club. A number of new chairs for the reading room were brought in last week, and that feature of the club is now nearly all fitted for the use of the members. If the cool weather continues, it is probable that there will be another dance next week, though the committee has declined to yet make any formal announcement of the affair. As a meeting place for the young men of the town, it looks as though the Owl club would fill a long felt want in Liberal, and it should prove a good thing for those who belong, as well as being a pretty nice thing for the town.

Mrs. J. P. McWilliams returned Wednesday from a visit with friends at Dalhart.

Q. P. Holland, who lives on Route 2, was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday. He, with his brother and father, will put out a good big running acreage of wheat this year. L. R. Holland is still in Ford county, running a threshing machine engine. He will return the first of October and help with the seeding. The boys had a little bad luck this year with their wheat, but they believe we have as few reverses here as anywhere, and have decided to stay and help make this the best wheat county in the state.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid will hold a Rummage sale on Saturday Sept. 30, at Farmer Bros., (formerly Wards) store. Hats, Shoes and Clothing will be sold at low prices, according to value of goods. A good place to get goods material to make over for the children if we can't fit you out right.

The Liberal Auto Supply Co. has received a demonstrator of the new 1912 E-M-F. touring car. It is certainly a beauty, and has been out on a few drives this week, in everyone of which it has shown again the superiority of the Studabaker built cars.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bolin went to Dalhart Monday night to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffith. He is quite ill, and will probably be taken to a sanitarium in New Mexico in the near future.

Postmaster and Mrs. J. N. Evans are at Siloam Springs this week on a vacation trip. They will return by way of Hutchinson and attended the big fair.

Mrs. J. A. Black left for Hutchinson Thursday morning to attend the state fair and visit friends and relatives at Hutchinson.

We are expecting to attend to the ordinance of baptism at the Baptist church Sunday, the 24th, at 8:30 p. m. J. H. Agee, pastor.

J. F. Funk, who is one of the directors of the State Fair association at Hutchinson, left this morning to attend the fair.

The pool and billiard hall belonging to Arley Athey has been moved from the Craig building on West Second St.

D. D. Land and E. J. Thayer went to Hutchinson this morning on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Kemper Funk, who has been in Texas visiting an uncle, returned this morning on No. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Stouffer left on No. 4, Tuesday morning to attend the Fair at Hutchinson.

The Gardner boys who live in Steyens county were marketing their broomcorn here this week. They raised one of the biggest crops in the district this year, the total being about 17 tons. They have sold the entire crop at a good figure and believe that there is a good profit in the crop that made Liberal famous. Next season they will again have a big crop to put in.

## Announcement

After October first, Mrs. J. F. Funk will take pupils on the piano and organ. She is a teacher of twelve years experience and has taught some here. Call at residence or phone 134.

## Notice

Hunters will please take notice to not shoot on my place. All trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. 9 222-3t Chester W. Black

The new piano is a fine addition to the equipment of the High School and greatly facilitates the work in music.

## STATE FAIR

Fraternal Orders Boost Attendance.

Mr. J. F. Funk, of this city received the following letter:

Dear Sir: Every indication points to the fact that there will be an unprecedented attendance at our State Fair and Semi Centennial Exposition on Monday and Tuesday, September 25th and 26th, 1911, being called Governor's Day and President's Day.

On the latter date, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the cornerstone of our Municipality Building will be laid by Brother William Howard Taft, President of the United States, under the auspices of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Kansas.

In order to extend every possible courtesy and assistance to the brethren of your community that may attend this ceremony, Reno Lodge No. 140, A. F. & A. M. of this city has arranged to keep open house, from 5 o'clock in the afternoon and during the night on both these dates, for the purpose of affording a resting place for all brethren who will take advantage of our invitation.

At this time, there will be served a buffet lunch. We would be very glad indeed to be able to offer more extended entertainment but you will readily realize that owing to the many thousands of visitors that we will have, lack of room will make it impossible to do more.

We would be glad to have you give this information the largest possible publicity and assure the brethren in your community that if they will call at the lodge room during their visit here we will endeavor to extend to them every possible courtesy. It might be advisable to have your local paper make a note of the statements herein made.

Assuring you of our high

personal regard, we are  
Fraternally yours,  
C. A. CONKLING, Chairman,  
JAY C. BIGGER, Secretary.

## DISTRICT COURT

Adjourns After a Short Regular Session.

District Court Adjourns  
The recent term of the district court wound up work Tuesday morning, and took a recess, which is just about the same as an adjournment except that it makes it possible to convene court at any time necessary, without going through a lot of red tape. Judge Thompson and Albert Jones left Tuesday about noon for Garden City. The docket was fairly light this week and is now pretty nearly cleaned up.

The case of the state vs. W. H. Baker came to trial Monday. This case was peculiar in that the complaining witness had been arrested a few days before and had plead guilty to playing poker with Baker. Baker was arrested as a result of the inquisition by the county attorney. After several minutes the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. This is the first gambling case which has not resulted in conviction since the first of the year.

The Stickler case was postponed, owing to the death of Congressman E. H. Madison, who is a brother of Tom Madison, attorney for defendant. This will probably come to trial in December.

In the case of Smith vs. Edmonds, the plaintiff was awarded damages of \$100 and the costs were assessed to the defendant.

The case of Paul Light vs. E. Burch was decided for the plaintiff, the jury giving Mr. Light a verdict for \$104 and costs.

The case of Barker vs. Schneider was tried, the jury giving the plaintiff \$1,271.

The case of Daediger Bros., a liquor firm of Kansas City, against J. T. Dalton for the collection of an alleged amount due was decided in favor of the defendant, thus sustaining the decision rendered in the court of Justice D. C. Woods.

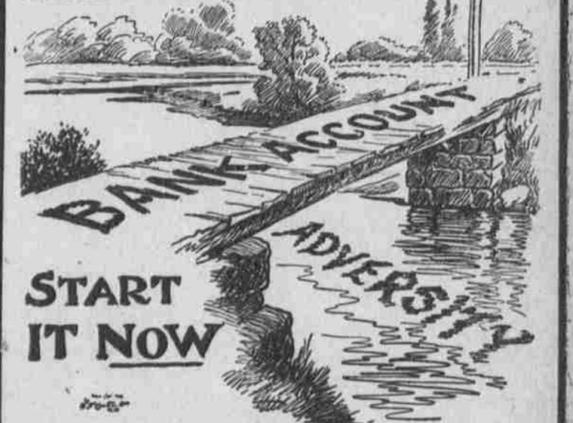
Mildred Lowry was granted a divorce from James Lowry on the ground of abandonment and was given custody of the minor children, Dixie and Irene.

A number of other cases were brought up and decided, and the above is a partial list only, being those of most interest to the public.

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